



# Philadelphia United Methodist Church

Worshipping in Love ♥ Growing in Love ♥ Serving in Love

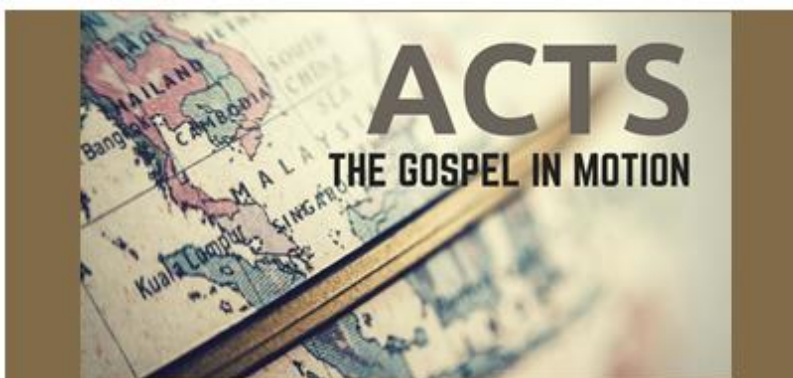
May 16, 2021

**Be Sure to Join Us In-Person at 10:00 am or Online for Worship**

9:00 Pre-recorded service on PUMC's Website (pumcfortmill.org)

10:00 Live Streaming on Facebook

11:00 Interactive Service on PUMC's Facebook Page



Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Sermon Title: *American Idols*

## 2021

**Do you know a Graduate?**  
Please let us know ASAP if you have a high school, college or advanced degree graduate for this academic year so that they may be recognized during worship service on May 23rd. Contact Cindi Cahaly at [cahaly@comporium.net](mailto:cahaly@comporium.net)



### **"Farewell Event" and "Love Offering" to be held for Pastor Becky and Richard**

Sunday, June 6th will be the last PUMC service officiated by Pastor Becky. A "Farewell Event" will also be held June 6th from 2pm to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall to give people a chance to express gratitude and say goodbye to Pastor Becky and Richard in person. Thank you Linda Honeycutt for leading this effort! Please consider giving to our "love offering" for Pastor Becky and Richard by donating online or by check with "love offering" in the memo section. Your consideration and generosity are greatly appreciated.

A Love Box will be located outside the sanctuary each Sunday until June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please place in this box any notes, cards, or small monetary gifts that you'd like to leave for Pastor Becky and Richard. There will also be a Memory Book that we'd love you to sign, before or during the event on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

In order to make it a safe and organized event, we ask the following:

- Families wishing to participate in the event should sign up by Sunday, May 31st.
- We will send out an RSVP through Mailchimp, as we do for Worship Services, Memorials, etc. You may also sign-up in the Narthex by scanning the QR code on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary during the next few weeks.
- Families with last names starting with (A – K) visit the church between 2pm to 3pm and families with last names starting with (L – Z) visit between 3pm to 4pm.
- Masks and social distancing will be required.
- Beverages, finger foods and dessert will be available.



### **Two Staff Positions Available at PUMC**

Philadelphia now has 2 open positions on our staff for Contemporary Worship Leader and Coordinator of Audio Visual Technology. If you are interested or know someone with experience in these areas, contact Jenifer Jay, SPRC Chairperson, ([jenejay5@gmail.com](mailto:jenejay5@gmail.com)).



### **Vacation Bible School 2021**

**August 2nd-5th, Monday-Thursday 9:30 - 11:45am**

Mark your calendars! Rocky Railway VBS 2021 is still on track for this year, where Jesus' power pulls us through.

### **Rocky Railway VBS 2021 Survey**

(Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-11:45am)

We want to hear from you. Scan the QR code to fill out



### **SC Annual Conference Convenes**

Laitly and Pastors from across the state will gather on-line, June 6th & 7th for the SC Annual Conference. Our elected lay members Jim Lowder, Maggie Justus, Bill Hildebrand and Kevin Hawver along with Pastor Becky Shirley will attend the sessions on Zoom. The Annual Conference hears reports of statewide ministries and approves budgetary support of these ministries for the upcoming year. Our Congregation joins other churches in paying its fair share of this budget (apportionments).



### **RISING 6TH GRADERS**

It was wonderful to have you as part of our Children's Ministry. As you continue your faith journey into middle school and the Youth Ministry, we want to give you something to take with you to your next pasture: Mini Shawn the Sheep. Parents, if you have a 5th Grader going into 6th this Fall, contact [nicolas@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:nicolas@pumcfortmill.org) to get him or her a Mini Shawn the Sheep. With it you will receive information about how to get your middle schooler involved with Youth ministries.

## Ways We Are Continuing to Serve in Love



### TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING!

We ask everyone to help support the children who call Epworth their home. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by selecting Epworth, if giving online; denote "Epworth" on the "For" line of checks; or use one of the pink envelopes located at the reservation tables in the Narthex.



### Blood Drive May 23rd, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Help us save lives!  
A bus will be near the Fellowship Hall.  
Open this link to make an appointment

[https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1062338](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1062338)

One Blood will be offering a car sunshade (perfect for keeping that steering wheel cool this summer) and a \$10 eGift card.

**Thank you to everyone** for sharing the love of Christ at our Shred Event! We welcomed many new faces on Saturday and saw familiar friends as well. It certainly felt like the Holy Spirit was among us as Becky writes about in the newsletter. Thanks be to God!



### Community Outreach

We are collecting items for the Fort Mill Care Center. **Fort Mill Care Center** can use Jelly, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Juice, Macaroni and Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Toothpaste, and Individually wrapped toothbrushes (not multipacks). Bring items with you to worship and place in shopping cart located on the walkway.

If you have donations and would like for someone to come by and do porch pick-up to deliver to Fort Mill Care Center, contact

Jim & Pat Broome at 704.763.8344 or [pfbroome@comporium.net](mailto:pfbroome@comporium.net) or

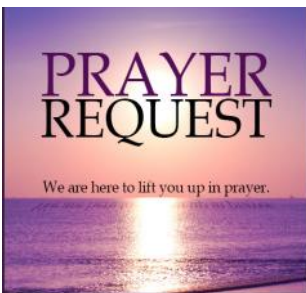
Ron & Linda Jacoby at 301.964.5073 or [barklin@aol.com](mailto:barklin@aol.com).

**Christian Sympathy** is extended to the family of Jesse Jay, in the loss of his mother who passed away on May 11th. Please be in prayer for this family that they may feel God's peace as they grieve.

### Prayer Requests This Week

Alex Austin, Homer Bethea, Doris Bevil, Thelma Butler, Doris Coltharp, Eunice Faulkenbury, Helen & Jesse Ford, Gene Hoover, Holly Johnson, Debra Lowder, June Masek, Julia McCall, Polly Merritt, Lollie Rea, Carolyn Ressler, Lois Ryder, Tom Smythe, Alice Sumner, Dorothy Young

To Submit prayer requests, contact Eve Chapman at [prayer@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:prayer@pumcfortmill.org) or 803.207.2391



### REMINDER: New Mailing Address for PUMC

PLEASE NOTE: If you are currently mailing your contribution or having it mailed from your bank institution, please use our new mailing address. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 803.548.0102.

Philadelphia United Methodist Church  
2764 Pleasant Road Suite A PMB 11804  
Fort Mill, SC 29708

### Weekly Stewardship Report

|                                     | Last Week | Year to Date as of<br>May 9th |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| General & Building Fund Giving Goal | \$ 14,072 | \$ 267,373                    |
| Gifts Received towards Goal         | 10,098    | 212,212                       |
| Other Special Gifts Received        | 1,176     | 7,238                         |

### Statement of Financial Position Year to Date - Through April 2021

|                                      |                   |    |           |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----|-----------|
| General & Building Fund Cash Balance | January 1st, 2021 | \$ | 123,038   |
| plus General Fund Contributions      |                   |    | 188,980   |
| plus Building Fund Contributions     |                   |    | 4,932     |
| minus Expenses                       |                   |    | 128,584   |
| minus Loan Payments                  |                   |    | 40,498    |
| General & Building Fund Cash Balance | April 30th        | \$ | 147,868   |
| Building & Parsonage Loan Balances   |                   | \$ | 1,058,631 |

Thank you for your generous support of the Missions and Ministries at PUMC!

**Ways to GIVE to PUMC:** 1) Visit us at <https://pumcfortmill.org/give/>.

2) **Text to Give** - Text 844-281-2004 with the amount you want to donate.

3) Download the **GivePlus** app to make one-time or recurring contributions.

4) **Mail checks to our NEW secure mailbox address. Please DO NOT mail checks to PUMC's physical address.**

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Questions about giving options, please contact PUMC's Finance Associate, Stefanie Hill, at [Stefanie@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:Stefanie@pumcfortmill.org).

### For More Information Contact :

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\*Church Council Members are listed on the board located outside the church office

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