



OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

THANKFUL FOR PAUL'S ADVICE



Dear Church Family,

This Thanksgiving 2021, as you gather around with family and friends, remember these words of Paul:

1 Thessalonians 5:11-20. (NLT)

¹¹ So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. ¹² Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. ¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other. ¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people. ¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Do not scoff at prophecies, but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.

Paul's final advice to every Christian is filled with action words; encourage each other, build each other up, honor, respect, wholehearted love, live peacefully, urge, encourage, tender care, be patient, forgiveness, do good, be joyful, never stop praying, and be thankful in all circumstances. How will we use Paul's advice to grow spiritually, to give hope, and reach out to others in thankfulness?

My wife, Toni shares gratitude each weekday morning during her devotion on FB and YouTube. One of her favorite authors is Diana Butler Bass, who wrote *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* (HarperOne, 2018). In 2016, Diana Butler Bass wrote "Thanksgiving Prayer" and yet it sounds like she could have written it in 2021. I want to share this prayer with you as a gift during this season. Let us remember to practice gratitude and thankfulness throughout the year.

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A TASTE OF THE SOUTH: PUMC STYLE



Heavy rain fell on the church just 15 hours before outdoor set up for the Fall Festival was to begin. "What will we do?" questions began to swirl. It was with the confidence that God was working through our congregation to reach the community, that prep work inside the church continued and men set up a large tent and began to fire up the grills for BBQ to slow roast. Prayers were answered as the rain sub-sided overnight and gave way to a beautiful fall day by day-break. God blessed us with perfect weather, and we pray that our efforts to spread His light throughout this community were pleasing to Him. "A Taste of the South" – signals to our visitors some things they might expect at our event, homemade baked goods, BBQ, sweet tea, handmade items, tractors, and southern hospitality. Across the front lawn, a tractor took smiling children



and parents on a hayride. Laughter coming from the bounce houses was contagious and joyful. Friends and families enjoyed shopping, taking pictures on a tractor, watching how ice cream "used to be made", interacted with first responders and danced to bluegrass music. Our prayer as a church is that through our festival and all its activities, visitors and volunteers might feel God's presence and understand that there is something unique that happens to people when they submit their lives to be vehicles for God's glory. Thank you to everyone that prayed for, participated in, visited, and supported this year's festival!

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Worshiping in Love



Growing in Love



Serving in Love

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Thanksgiving Prayer by Diana Butler Bass | (2016)

God, there are days we do not feel grateful. When we are anxious or angry. When we feel alone. When we do not understand what is happening in the world or with our neighbors. When the news is bleak, confusing. God, we struggle to feel grateful.

But this Thanksgiving, we choose gratitude.

We choose to accept life as a gift from you, and as a gift from the unfolding work of all creation.

We choose to be grateful for the earth from which our food comes; for the water that gives life; and for the air we all breathe.

We choose to thank our ancestors, those who came before us, grateful for their stories and struggles, and we receive their wisdom as a continuing gift for today.

We choose to see our families and friends with new eyes, appreciating and accepting them for who they are. We are thankful for our homes, whether humble or grand.

We will be grateful for our neighbors, no matter how they voted, whatever our differences, or how much we feel hurt or misunderstood by them.

We choose to see the whole planet as our shared commons, the stage of the future of humankind and creation.

God, this Thanksgiving, we do not give thanks. We choose it. We will make this choice of thanks with courageous hearts, knowing that it is humbling to say "thank you." We choose to see your sacred generosity, aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude. That we all are guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose grace, free and unmerited love, the giftedness of life everywhere. In this choosing, and in the making, we will pass gratitude onto the world.

Thus, with you, and with all those gathered at this table, we pledge to make thanks. We ask you to strengthen us in this resolve. Here, now, and into the future. Around our family table. Around the table of our nation. Around the table of the earth.

We choose thanks. Amen

As we remember Thanksgivings of the past let us also remember to be thankful for today, amidst the challenges and uncertainty we are experiencing. Be thankful, be grateful, offer grace as a daily practice.

As you do that this season, I hope to see you in the pews, or meet you at the altar.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 7th, we light candles for the saints we have loved and lost in the past year, and come together for comfort and healing as we boldly proclaim together the promise of the resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church Holiday Decorating

Join us Monday, November 22nd and/or Tuesday, November 23rd as we enjoy the tradition of decorating our sanctuary and church for the Advent season. Not only are the decorations beautiful, but many have important significance in the celebration of Advent and Christmas. If you are available to help, please let Dawn Matchinske know, dmatchinske@gmail.com.

Service Volunteers

We are so thankful for our PUMC community! We desire to offer services where God is glorified, and in that desire to honor Him each week, we are continuing to build a team to lead and welcome our congregation into worship. Please prayerfully consider participating in one of our volunteer capacities. Youth are welcome to participate in these volunteer opportunities as well.

- Lay Reader
- Usher
- Greeter
- Acolyte (3rd - 12th grade)
- Video
- Soundboard
- Live Stream
- Coffee Prep
- Greeter
- Welcome Desk

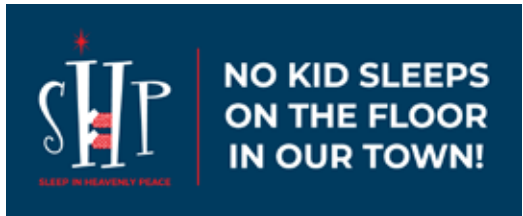


Serving in Love

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MISSIONS COMMITTEE

On a brisk late October morning, approximately 60 volunteers from PUMC, Fort Mill High School ROTC, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace shared fellowship and teamwork, building 20 beds to be assembled into 10 bunks for children in the surrounding area. Volunteers cut, drilled, sanded, assembled the headboards, and mattress base, prior to branding. A shout out to the Disciples Sunday School class for their donation of pillows and sheets. As you can see by these photos, God's joy filled the hearts of all those present that day. If you know of a family in need of beds for their children, have them apply on the Sleep in Heavenly peace website.



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MISSIONS COMMITTEE

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Historic Paradise Community

Serving Saturdays

PUMC reaches the needs of the Historic Paradise community in multiple ways. Those who like to do "hands on" work may work on projects the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am-12pm. A willing heart to serve in love is all required. Please register in the Coffee Connection Room, on the following Sign Up Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DAFA92BA0F58-serving> or contact Dawn Edwards 802-355-4224 or lendyloo@gmail.com. If we know our volunteer commitment each month, it helps us to better plan specific projects each of the Saturdays.



Classroom Ready

PUMC has donated 1,387 3 ring 2 pocket plastic folders with 413 remaining to fulfill the need for this school year! A special shout out to a couple large donors. Please place your folders in the Coffee Connections Room. Check Wal-mart clearance aisles or here's a great deal on a case of 48 at Office Depot! <https://www.officedepot.com/a/products/9515909/Office-Depot-Brand-School-Grade-3/>



Foundation for Fort Mill Schools Classroom Ready, a nonprofit serving the Fort Mill student community, provided over \$40,000 in school supplies to students in all 17 schools last year. These supplies support disadvantaged students with equal supplies towards academic success.

Coat Drive - October 24th -November 28th



Please donate new or gently used coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and scarves in the Coffee Connections Room. All donations go to Renew Our Community (ROC). ROC delivers help, hope and peace to those in need, no matter what their hardship might be. ROC Central is a hub for service providers, churches and non-profit partners throughout York County, all helping to bringing relief to our broken. From crisis assistance (food, clothing, shelter, utilities) to life renewal (jobs, sobriety, health care, education, transportation, housing, relationship with God), ROC Central is a ministry dedicated to building community and renewing lives.

Angel Tree

We are excited to be able to bring the joy of Christmas to local families again this year through our Angel Tree. The tree will go up on November 28th with gift card and monetary angels only. All of the gift angels will be on a Sign Up Genius like last year. The link will be emailed using the newsletter list, there will be a QR code that you can scan with a smart phone or you can contact Linda Honeycutt, 803-548-6239 if you're unable to access the list. Presents are due on December 19th by 11am worship. Please wrap and don't forget the angel tag with name, age and family number. The tag is very important to ensure all the children receive their gifts and blank ones can be picked up at the tree.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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Finding Jesus

Join us as we seek to find Jesus this Advent season. Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus will be moving around our Sanctuary,



and we invite you and your family to find them each week. When you find the Holy Family, please leave them where you find them because others will be searching too. Be ready to talk to Pastor David about the family at Wee Worship. As you search, we pray that you will find faithful-

ness like Joseph and Mary and welcome Jesus into your home and heart as we prepare to celebrate His birth.

PHILLY CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX

Our handcrafted mailbox will be in the Narthex beginning November 28th. Christmas cards are a wonderful way to spread cheer throughout the congregation. To honor our King's birth, think about adding people you don't know as well to your list. Call the church office to obtain a directory.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. - Hebrews 13:2 (NIV)

PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

The youth have been focused on building and strengthening relationships in October! We enjoyed one last trip to our favorite summer treat spot: Pelican's SnoBalls and had a night of Pelican's with the Pastor (and Toni!). We had so much fun spending time together and getting to know Pastor David! During PYG we've been playing games that allow us to work together as teams and of course have a little competition!

On October 17th, we embraced the fall spirit by having our annual pumpkin carving night! The youth enjoyed showing their creativity while getting into the Halloween spirit! Several youth participated in Trunk-R-Treat with their families and had fabulous costumes!

Our youth director, Maggie Justus, has enjoyed going to the youth's sporting and school events! If your youth has an event coming up, please let her know so she can come and support them!

In November, we are looking forward to the Pancake Packing Party on the 13th and Pastor David will host a listening session for youth and youth parents on Sunday the 14th starting at 4:00 pm!

Parents and Volunteers: there are still plenty of spots available to sign up to volunteer this year! We are always looking for teachers, assistants, and volunteers to provide snack for PYG. If you feel called to serve the youth in another way please feel free to email me! There is a place for everyone!

For more information about youth activities or to be added to the youth email list, email Maggie at maggie@pumcfortmill.org.



PYG and Seekers Crossover Advent Event December 5th, 9:45am

Join us for an exciting Advent experience! Beginning December 5th, the youth will crossover with the Seekers Sunday school class to study, *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*, by Matt Rawle. In this study, we will explore the faith themes in the Christmas



Classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. We will be looking at this familiar classic through the lens of faith and look for ways in which Christ speaks to us through our culture. And to show you there are no Grinches around here, we'll even have snacks fit for a Whoville feast to get you in the holiday spirit.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



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CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Trunk R Treat

A great big thank you for all those who participated in and helped with Trunk R Treat, including the trunk decorators, the candy donators, the hot dog preppers, picture taker, and all those who helped set-up and take-down. We all helped, and God gave us beautiful weather and a great turnout. Families from our church and community came out in their costumes and with their candy buckets, strolling thru the church grounds looking at the 16 decorated trunks, eating the 300 hotdogs, and taking away mountains of candy. At the same time, our community met our church members and staff. We praised each other's costumes, talked candy, laughed, and spoke about our worship services, Sunday School classes, and choirs. Thank you and God's blessings on you all. If you couldn't make it this year, hope you enjoy the pictures and can join us next year!

Safe Sanctuary Training

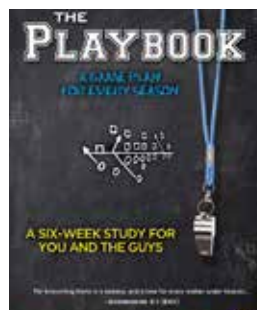


Training sessions will be held on Sunday, November 14th from 4:00-5:00pm and Sunday, November 21st from 4:00-5:00pm. Snacks will be served. If you haven't attended a Safe Sanctuary training in the past year and work with children, youth, or at-risk adults at PUMC or at PUMC events and ministries please make plans to come to a session. Contact Nicolas Gold, nicolas@pumcfortmill.org, with questions and an RSVP.

LIFEGROUPS

The Playbook

The follow-up to the recent Men's Retreat is here! Whether you are in or entering a season of building, rebuilding, reflection, crisis, or success, The Playbook will guide you in your game plan to victory. This six-week group meets Thursday, November 11th & 18th from 6:30-7:30pm in the church Parlor (Room 104). If you went on Men's Retreat, or even if you were unable to attend, you'll be glad you joined us. Group facilitators: Will Cotton and Don Brenwald. Questions? Contact Nicolas Gold nicolas@pumcfortmill.org



The Single Ladies Lunch Bunch

The Single Ladies Lunch Bunch will be gathering at The Front Porch, 3072 Lancaster Hwy., Richburg, SC on Saturday, November 13th at 11:30am to enjoy good food and fellowship. We will meet at the church at 11am for those who would like to carpool.

Start your day at the Annual Pancake Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child beginning at 9am at the church. Pack a few shoeboxes for children to know God's love and then join in the carpool to lunch.

Senior Friends

We will meet at 11:30am at The Little Cafe, 725 S Cherry Road in Rock Hill on Nov. 9th. All those 55+ are welcome to come and enjoy fellowship and meet new friends.



Growing in Love



Growing In Love: Always a good time! In October, Senior Friends enjoyed lunch in the Fellowship Hall and Doug Chapman gave an interesting and informative talk on the history of Philadelphia United Methodist Church. Doug has attended Philadelphia since 1958 and the church historian for 13 years. Our prayers are with Doug as he recovers from a hip replacement.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

Operation Christmas Child

Through small, basic gifts in a shoebox, children all over the world are bathed in the love of Jesus Christ and the door is open for them to learn and accept Him as their savior. Suggestions of item donations are: markers, coloring books, scissors, soccer ball (with manual air pump), toys, games, dolls, stuffed animals, sewing kits, fishing kits, tools, clothes. Drop off donations in the Coffee Connections Room. We also have an Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ZQ4SI7CY7N8B?ref=wl_share If you prefer, monetary donations are always needed! Cash donations pay for "wow" items for the boxes and help with shipping (\$9/box). Designate monetary donations to Ruth Adkins Circle..

Harvest Dinner

November 18th, 6:00pm



All ladies and young ladies are invited to join us as we offer praises of thanksgiving to our Lord at our Annual Harvest Dinner. Turkey and ham will be provide. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Toni Taylor will be our guest speaker for the evening. If you haven't met Toni yet, you're in for a real treat. This is a great opportunity to get to know women of the church in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere. Childcare is provided.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

"A Taste of the South" – this is our Fall Festival marquee that signals to our neighbors a very special day at PUMC. That phrase brings to their mind all the events from the many vendors, the children's attractions, the bluegrass band, the bake sale, the grilled chicken, pulled pork, and Fair Food. As PUMC members, it brings to our mind that the reason for the event is outreach, and the joy we receive from the fun and fellowship of presenting it. The walkup sales for UMM BBQ were more than twice previous years; a pretty good barometer of success. So the men are celebrating a success, but true success is measured by outreach and the men's contribution to this overall PUMC evangelistic mission.



Pancake Packing Party for OCC

November 13th, 9-11am

All are welcome to pack boxes on the 13th. Our goal is to pack 200 boxes!! Invite your friends and neighbors for a fantastic family service project. We'll have rooms set up for each age group and you can enjoy a yummy pancake breakfast (donations go towards shipping the boxes) and pray over your boxes in the Fellowship Hall. For any questions or if you'd like to volunteer on the 13th, please contact Cindi Cahaly, cahaly@comporium.net.



Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU from the UMW for all the support for the bake sale at the Fall Festival. We had a wonderful day meeting our friends and neighbors and sharing your delicious baked goods. In December, we will be able to support several local missions including The Children's Attention Home, Safe Passage, Pilgrim's Inn, Epworth Foster Care and others that focus on women, children and youth. We could not have done it without the support of everyone who contributed their time, talent and service to make this goal possible. Blessings to All, Marie Thompson, Pres, UMW.



Men's Fellowship Dinner

Tuesday, November 9th, 7:00pm

Men in the Mirror

Saturday, November 20th, 7:30am

Discussion time. Coffee and biscuits.

Both events in Fellowship Hall.

Come grow with us!



Serving In Love: The UMM pulled pork starts cooking the day before Fall Festival and goes through the night while the BBQ chicken starts cooking in the middle of the night. Over 20 individuals were at work on various tasks throughout the week and day of the festival to make the delicious food served. Jim Price provided the overall direction for the hot foods at the festival and we appreciate his leadership.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (SPRT)



We are very excited to have Mark Gannon join us as Contemporary Worship Leader, leading our 8:30am RENEW Service! As we all get the opportunity to meet and welcome Mark, the SPRT wanted to take a moment to learn a bit more about Mark.

Mark was born on October 22nd and raised in Colorado Springs,

CO to Bernard and Wilma Gannon who were both high school English teachers. He is one of 5 children - 3 older brothers and a twin sister. Music has been in his life for as long as he can remember. His sister Laura, his brother Kevin and Mark all took piano lessons growing up and around age 11, he and his sister started to play the guitar. Growing up, he was involved heavily with theatre, sports, music and student council and was student body president of his high school.

Mark graduated with a BA in Music from the University of Northern Colorado where he studied voice. In college, he played in a rock/pop/folk duo called Acoustic Rock-it and then began playing solo

for many years. He and his wife Christy moved to Charlotte in 2003 and bought a home in Indian Land in 2013. They have been here ever since and absolutely love the South!! However, most of his favorite sports teams are from Colorado: Broncos, Avalanche, Nuggets, and Colorado Rockies (he still has season tickets with the Rockies and has since 1993). He usually gets back to Colorado a few times a year and gets to go to some Rockies games! He was fortunate enough to go to the MLB All-Star game at Coor's Field this year – such a highlight! Lastly, he really loves to fly fish (really any kind of fishing) but says he needs more practice. Don't we all!?

Mark is so happy to be at PUMC and absolutely loves singing and playing with the CORE! His goal as the Worship leader is to create an environment, surrounded by music, that invokes a spirit of closeness with all of us, God and his son Jesus Christ. Mark encourages you to provide him with any advice and/or suggestions that any member of the congregation might have in order to achieve that goal.

Welcome Mark!



LAY SERVANT MOMENT

Kristin Gommer - Lay Speaker

Recently my husband's father died in a very tragic manner. It is difficult to put to words the amount of hard, angry feelings that were left behind. There were decades of poor decisions and their resulting hurtful feelings. Suffice it to say that to any human understanding, my husband would be well within his rights to "stick it to" his father's widow and just finish the business of closing out his father's affairs and selling the house and letting her figure it out on her own.

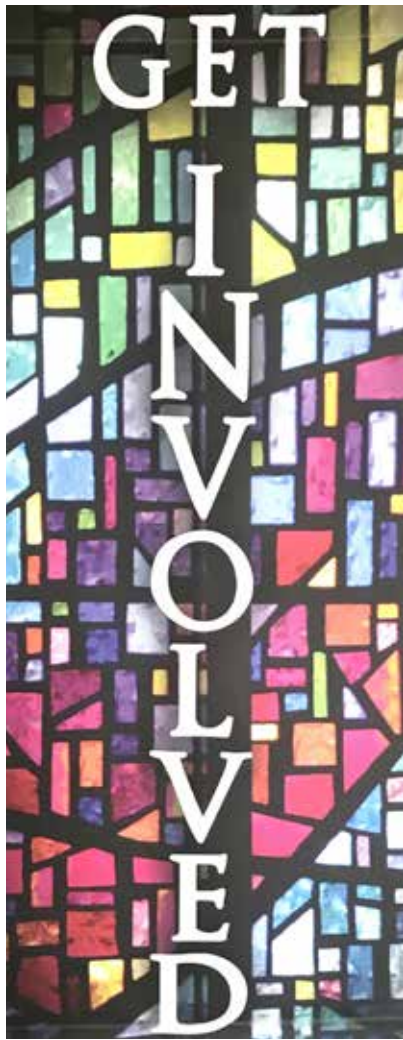


We were discussing just that. He said that he so wanted to just be able to finish the business end of things and close that door forever, but that he could not be that unkind to someone else. My husband went on to say that he just felt compelled to help out his father's wife now, even though she had never helped him out when he had needed it and she had not seemed to have been helping out her husband when he had needed it either. My husband went on to say that he believed that God wants us to help the people that really need help, and sometimes those are the people who deserve the least amount of help. My husband (who has repeatedly deferred to me about spiritual matters because he says he doesn't know anything, obviously that is not accurate) continued by proclaiming that helping someone, even when, or especially when, it is so

unbelievably hard is the essence of being Christ to people. He shared that even though she had never been loving to him, he could not be so unloving now. He phrased it so much better than I am. I wish I had taken notes. But the spirit of what he said perfectly conveys the Spirit that has been at work in him.

Philippians 2:13 (from the Amplified Bible) expresses this concept. "For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure." My husband was expressing that it is God who is giving him the strength and the power and the desire to do good in this situation. I know that God will continue to give my husband the strength and the energy that he needs to resolve the business end of things, and I also believe that the glory of God will show forth through my husband's example of loving in undeserving situations.





NOVEMBER - MONTH AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Time
Fri, November 5 & 19	Ladies' Bible Study	9:45am
Sun, November 7	All Saints Sunday	11:00am
Sun, November 7 & 21	Caregiver's Support Group	3:00 - 4:00pm
Tue, November 9	Senior Friends Lunch (off campus)	11:00am
Tue, November 9	United Methodist Men Dinner	7:00 - 8:00pm
Thu, November 11 & 18	The Playbook - men's study	6:30 - 7:30pm
Fri, November 12	Friends In Christ Women's Circle	10:00 - 11:00am
Sat, November 13	Pancake Packing Party	9:00 - 11:00am
Sat, November 13	Paradise Serving Saturday	9:00am - 12:00pm
Sat, November 13	Single Ladies Lunch Bunch (off campus)	11:30am - 1:00pm
Thur, November 18	Ladies' Harvest Dinner	6:30 - 8:30pm
Sat, November 20	Men In The Mirror	7:30am
Sun, November 21	Church Council	3:00 - 5:00pm
Mon, November 22	Christmas Decorating	10:00am
Tue, November 23	Christmas Decorating	10:00am
Every Wednesday	Youth Chimes	4:30 - 5:15pm
Every Wednesday	CORE - praise band	5:30 - 7:00pm
Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir	7:00pm
Every Sunday	PYG (Philly Youth Group)	5:00 - 7:00pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE

METHODS TO GIVE TO PHILADELPHIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Text 844-281-2004, with the amount you want to donate, to make one-time or recurring contributions.



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Search your app store for "GivePlus Church" and download the GivePlus app to make one-time or recurring contributions.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

\$14,072 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$731,757

\$456,403 has been received as of 10/31/21 towards the General and Building Funds


\$1,019,204 Loan balance for Building and Parsonage



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Visit pumcfortmill.org to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

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