



## OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

### BE COURAGEOUS



Dear Church Family,

In a post COVID church, in times of uncertainty, we need to be courageous. We need to lift all that we do before God and allow God, through the power of His Holy Spirit to guide us in very bold and courageous ways. In a world where we live in the fear of uncertainty, in a time in which anxiousness seems to control our decisions, we must have courage, to follow God's way, for His people and His church.

Courage is an essential part of "living well", and it is an absolute requirement if one is going to follow Jesus in any meaningful sort of way, especially in times of hardship. Courage is referenced in Scripture nearly one hundred times.

Usually, courage is written as a command, to "take courage." Where do we find courage? Is there a courage account that we draw from? Is there a map that will show us where to find a chest full of courage? Is it like a pocketful of miracles or a shower of love, something readily available if only we had eyes to see?

Jesus is only known to have said the word courage one time in the Gospels. "I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" (John 16:33 NRSV) Jesus wants his followers to understand that courage is rooted in what he had already done. His words echo those of Moses, before his death in Deuteronomy 31.

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### SIGHTS OF HOLY WEEK



*Serving In Love: Thank you to everyone who helped plan and decorate our Holy Week services. From the special guest musicians on Palm Sunday to the Easter morning celebrations, we are blessed with talented members who help us immerse all our senses into each worship opportunity.*



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"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV). Moses wants us to know that courage is present when we remember that God goes with us. We need to know that where we go, God goes with us, better yet, when we go with God, we don't need to worry, have fear or anxiety. Courage is walking right beside us.

Beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we will begin a new six-week sermon series based on the book Courage, by Tom Berlin.

I pray that this series will offer us the "courage" we need to help us grow our faith, as we move into the future.

See you in the pews. Meet you at the altar.



Please prepare your heart for worship each week by reading these Scripture passages:

The Clarity of Courage	Acts 1:6-8
The Conviction of Courage	Luke 13:10-17
The Candor of Courage	Luke 7:36-50
The Hope of Courage	Luke 5:17-19
The Fortitude of Courage	Luke 9:1-6
The Love of Courage	Luke 15:11-13

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Evangelism partnered with UMM, UMW, and numerous congregational volunteers to host a community service event. We opened our church doors to the public in service; hosting a document shred truck and "The Big Red Bus" for blood donations. The event also included: sanctuary tours, live music (thanks to Renew worship leader Mark Gannon), a UMW bake sale, and UMM BBQ.

During the event, we collected 12 units of blood which is projected to help 36 local patients. Additionally, we collected approximately \$300 in cash donations and are grateful UMM donated another \$200 from their BBQ sales proceeds to help cover the cost of the Shred America truck.

Evangelism is excited to serve along with the church and UMM at the upcoming Fort Mill hosted SC Strawberry Festival May 6 & 7.

We are currently seeking volunteers who have a passion for hospitality. We need help with Sunday morning greeting at both services and making coffee before and after services. Please contact Jan Manning at [jmanring.jm@gmail.com](mailto:jmanring.jm@gmail.com) to join the hospitality crew!





# MISSIONS COMMITTEE

## Historic Paradise Community

PUMC mission volunteers assisted a new homeowner for the last Saturday morning workday until fall. The homeowner previously identified that he required assistance removing ivy from an entire side of his house. In addition, he requested replacing his front door and casing for security purposes.

A team of 7 volunteers cut, dug, and removed these vines. It was exciting to have a 10 year old participate, and begin to understand the joy obtained from giving to others.

The homeowner worked with us gathering additional tools he possessed and began sweeping his porch after vine removal. He was so proud of the improvement to his home. Although the homeowner gets around with an unbalanced



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walk, he is still proud to care for his own lawn. We were blessed to help him make his yard and home more manageable for upkeep

Enjoy the photographs depicting the rest of the story. A group of people will continue projects during the summer months; contact Dawn Edwards at [lendyloo@gmail.com](mailto:lendyloo@gmail.com) or 802-355-4224.

## Bethel Men's Night Shelter

### Service Opportunity, Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

In support of homelessness, the Mission Committee is providing an opportunity to feed 50+ Rock Hill homeless men and support staff at the Bethel Men's Night Shelter located at 1232 Curtis St. (off Dave Lyle Blvd). We will need assistance in providing and preparing dinner items, preparing items for transport to the shelter and serving the dinner. Please visit the Coffee Connections Room to provide your email address so you will be included in the Dinner SignUp Genius or reach out to Eugenia Taylor at [taylorj@comporium.net](mailto:taylorj@comporium.net). We continue to collect breakfast items to be packaged for the men leaving the shelter the next morning. A collection box is in the Coffee Connections Room for breakfast items including easy to eat breakfast bars (similar to NutraGrain - not crunchy or sticky), fruit cups and small bottled waters.



Please bring your Fort Mill Care Center donations to the shopping cart in the Coffee Connections Room.

## TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

*I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High. Psalm 7:17 (NIV)*

Through generous donations from three families in our church, the sanctuary will receive three new televisions. These televisions will be used to display announcements, special events, lyrics to hymns, etc. We are grateful for this donation and are looking forward to enhancing our church services with these additional screens. Hope to see you soon at one of our two services!

## UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

If you're looking for fellowship, service opportunities and Christian support, we hope that you'll come to one or more of the following events and meet other brothers in Christ. Contact Bill Ray with questions or to volunteer, [billnoneray@yahoo.com](mailto:billnoneray@yahoo.com)

**Shred-it Day BBQ.** Thank you!! UMM slow roasted pulled pork BBQ for the Shred-It day. We were honored to be a part of this spring event which added to the PUMC goal of outreach to the community. About 20 individuals helped with everything starting with putting the pork butts on the cooker the night before, pulling and preparing the BBQ, making up the meals, serving the customers, and cleanup after. Thank you so much everyone who pitched in on this great event.

### Strawberry Festival, May 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

The SC Strawberry Festival is back after a two year hiatus. The UMM will be back again with our food vendor booth. We're selling our world-famous pork chop sandwich plus corn on the cob. This year we will add a fried fish sandwich, deep fried pork skins and for dessert: a Krispy Kreme donut strawberry shortcake. Contact Will Cotton [wmcotton1@bellsouth.net](mailto:wmcotton1@bellsouth.net).

### Knights Baseball, Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm



Bring the family out for a night of baseball. We have secured a nice block of seats on the 3rd base line just above the dugout. The Charlotte Knights are a White Sox farm team. This year's team comes with many good prospects. The game is against Norfolk, traditional rival. Truist Field is a great place to watch a ballgame. Cost is \$21. Contact Bill Ray, [billnoneray@yahoo.com](mailto:billnoneray@yahoo.com).

### Men in the Mirror Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30am, Fellowship Hall

Topic: *I know You care but what can we do?* With His death and resurrection, Jesus restored us and provided us the Holy Spirit to guide and help us change our lives and the world!

This is not a class, but a topic discussion each meeting where men provide spiritual growth and support to one another. Coffee and breakfast biscuits are provided.

Contact Jim Price [theprices@comporium.net](mailto:theprices@comporium.net).



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

### Baskets & Baked Goods

The various circles of the UMW created Easter baskets for PUMC shut-ins, a FM grandmother who has taken in her grandchildren, and a foster child at the Children's Attention Home. We also gave exam goodie bags for the students of the Winthrop Wesley Foundation and took them dinner.

A big Thank You to all bakers who contributed their time and talents to make the bake sale at the Shred Day a success. We were blessed to do our part to welcome visitors to PUMC. Money raised will be used to help support the Ukraine, Children's Attention Home, and other local, state and national missions of the United Women in Faith.

PUMC UMW has three different circles (groups) that meet to work on service projects, support each other and enjoy christian fellowship. Please contact Pam Brenwald, Membership Chair, for more information, [pambrenwald@gmail.com](mailto:pambrenwald@gmail.com).

### Girls' Got Game Night

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

### Fellowship Hall

Bring you friend, sister, mom or daughter and join us for a fun night of games, food and laughter! BBQ dinner, \$10, \$5 under 12.





# PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

In March, the youth created craft bags for the after school program hosted by the Historical Paradise Foundation. In the photographs to the left, you can see children enjoying their Easter craft. We look forward to doing more craft bags to be used in summer camps.



On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 18 youth and families served at Samaritan's Feet in Charlotte. We sorted small, rubber shoes that had come in an large unexpected shipment. These shoes will eventually be headed to Trinidad. In an act of humility and service that Jesus demonstrated, the volunteers of Samaritan's Feet wash the feet of those receiving their shoes. 1.5 billion people are infected with foot-borne diseases that could be prevented with shoes and shoes are the fifth most needed item by students in the U.S. Samaritan's Feet serves both domestically and internationally. The solution is shoes.

We're planning for a fun summer of activities like pool parties, service projects and the Whitewater Center.



## LIFE GROUPS

### Senior Friends - May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am

Those 65+ are invited to join us for lunch at the home of Caroline Helms. We're having a guest speaker from Montessori RENEW Adult Daycare in Fort Mill. Contact Caroline, [cdhelms1@yahoo.com](mailto:cdhelms1@yahoo.com) with questions.

### Single Ladies Lunch Bunch - May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am

Meet in the church fellowship hall parking lot to carpool to the Garden Cafe in York for lunch and fellowship. If you would like to join us, please contact Donna Schaefer at [nordon50@aol.com](mailto:nordon50@aol.com).

## Youth Sunday & Graduation Celebration Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00am

Join us for a very special Sunday as our youth assist Pastor David with the service and we recognize our high school and college graduates. There will be a congregational covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service. Contact Cindi Cahaly at [cahaly@comporium.net](mailto:cahaly@comporium.net).





# STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (SPRT)

## Welcome Diane!

The SPRT is very excited to have Diane Carrouth join PUMC as the Director of Music Ministries. Diane Carrouth graduated from Grace Christian University in Grand Rapids, Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in Religious Education and a Minor in Church Music. She has worked as a Music Director in many places, including serving as the Worship Ministry Director of Concord Christian Church and Memorial United Methodist Church in Charlotte. She formerly worked with youth and children in different capacities, such as the Creative Arts Teacher at Backcreek Christian Academy, a Certified Kindermusik Instructor, and she spent her early years as a Social Worker at Wedgewood Christian Youth and Family Services. Diane



currently teaches private music lessons in piano and strings to kids in Fort Mill and Rock Hill. An accomplished pianist and cellist, she regularly performs publicly with her husband Sean Carrouth in a duo called Rumor Mill. Diane is a seasoned wedding professional and spent 6 years providing cello to a group with a harp and a guitar for weddings and events. Diane enjoys being creative in a variety of ways and has built a pottery studio in her home which is called Front Porch Pottery Fort Mill. She also enjoys gardening and floral arranging. Diane and Sean live near Main Street in Fort Mill and enjoy spending time with their children and their pets. Diane is so excited to serve the wonderful community of Philadelphia United Methodist Church and bring her unique skills to our Music Ministry! Please join us in giving her a warm welcome.

PUMC is also still searching for our Director of Youth Ministries! Please help us spread the word! Contact Molli Moon, SPRT Chair, with any questions, [mmoon06@gmail.com](mailto:mmoon06@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

### MONUMENTAL VBS 2022 - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

June 20<sup>th</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30-11:45am

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Monumental VBS is coming to Philadelphia UMC. Register today to participate and volunteer: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/f45be0>



### MAY 2022 RIGHTNOW MEDIA SPOTLIGHT:

#### To Tear Down an Idol

Christians often talk about idolatry, but what exactly is it? Are idols golden statues, worldly pursuits, or something deeper? This 4-part course with Dr. David Powlison, counselor and faculty member at the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation, gives psychological insight into idolatry and encourages Christians to rely on God's mercy and aid in the midst of it.



If you don't already have your free access to RightNow Media, contact [Nicolas@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:Nicolas@pumcfortmill.org).

### Clang Bucketeers Wanted!

Clang Bucket Sunday is held every first Sunday at the beginning of the 11:00am service. If your child or grandchild would like to pass the Clang Buckets for Children's Missions on the first Sunday of a month in 2022, you can sign up here [Bucketeer Schedule 2022](#) or scan the QR code.



## NURTURE COMMITTEE

Hospital/Rehab Visits- We need people to visit our members in the hospital or rehab facilities. Please contact: Frances Brookhart [fbrookhart@hotmail.com](mailto:fbrookhart@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

Meal Ministry – provides a meal for those in need (new baby, illness, hospital, etc.). We need people willing to provide a meal a few times a year. Please contact Eve Chapman [evechapman0306@gmail.com](mailto:evechapman0306@gmail.com) if you are interested.



*Growing In Love: Senior Friends enjoy a beautiful morning at Glencarin Gardens and then a picnic at Cherry Park. Those 65+ years young are invited to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.*

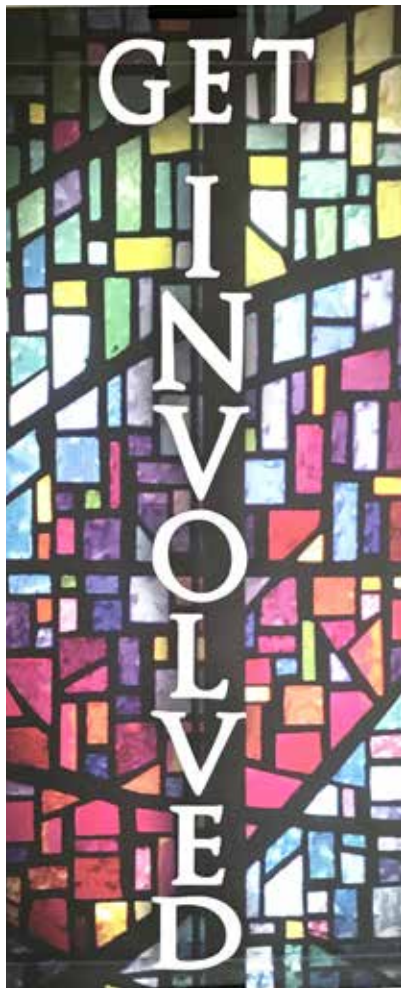




*He Is Risen! Praise Be To God!*







## MAY - MONTH AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Time
Sun, May 1	Children's Clang Buckets	11:00am
Fri, May 6, 20, 27	Ladies' Bible Study	9:45 - 11:00am
Fri, May 6 & Sat, May 7	SC Strawberry Festival	
Sun, May 8	Mother's Day	
Tue, May 10	Senior Friends @ Caroline Helms'	11:30am
Thu, May 12	Girls' Got Game Night	5:30pm
Tue, May 17	Knight's Baseball - Family Event	6:30pm
Sat, May 21	Men In the Mirror	7:30am
Sat, May 21	Single Ladies Lunch Bunch	10:30am
Sun, May 22	Graduation Celebration & Youth Sunday	11:00 am
Sun, May 22	Church Council	1:30pm
Mon, May 23	Bethel Men's Night Shelter-serve dinner	5:00pm
Fri, May 6, 20, 27	Ladies' Bible Study	9:45 - 11:00am
Every Wednesday	Youth Handchimes	4:30 - 5:15pm
Every Wednesday	CORE - praise band	5:00pm
Every Wednesday	Handbells	6:00pm
Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir	7:00pm
Sun, May 1, 15 & 22	Philly Youth Group	5:00 - 6:30pm

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUMC is an important part of our community, and our individual faith lives. All the services, activities, missions, and events are made possible by the generous donations of our members and visitors. Some of the recent upgrades that you have read about through this newsletter and prior versions include items like new cameras for better online worship, a new sound system, and new production software. New screens are in the works, as well as a new employee to enhance the music during all services. PUMC would also like to continue to grow and attract new members with teenage children, and to do so, the SPRT committee is looking for a youth director. Communications is an integral part of any organization and our church council also sees the need for a paid Director of Communications. All these investments in technology and staff are wonderful ways to improve our services, attract new members and help free members to engage in the PUMC Mission: "To make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by Worshiping in Love, Growing in Love and Serving in Love". Each committee and staff member submits a budget annually with the amount of money they think is needed to cover their various ministries. Currently, our giving allows us to fund about 80% of that budget. Knowing that God takes what we cheerfully give and multiplies it to His good works, just imagine what He could do through PUMC if we were able to fully fund the budget?

Contact our Financial Assistant, Colleen Demmy, [colleen@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:colleen@pumcfortmill.org) if you have any questions about giving.

### STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT


\$14,552 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$756,710

\$192,113 has been received as of 5/1/22 towards the General Budget and Building Funds. \$8,429 short of goal YTD.

\$984,498 Loan balance for Building and Parsonage

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#### Staff

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