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OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS CHRIST LIVES IN ALL



Dear Church Family,

It has been an amazing year for Toni and me at Philadelphia UMC. We are so grateful for your love, care, and faithfulness to Christ, one another, and the community in which we serve. We have listened to you, planned with you, and together we are growing in love, serving in love and worshipping in love. Thank you for your time, for sharing your gifts and leadership this year. You are faithful servants.

We have witnessed the Holy Spirit take control of the mission and ministries of Philadelphia UMC. WE are amazed to see how God is working to re-shape and strengthen us in this post pandemic church.

As I write this letter I am reminded of Paul's letter to Philemon. Philemon had a slave, Onesimus, who stole from him and ran away. Philemon could have easily punished his slave. Paul works to reintroduce Philemon to Onesimus as a brother/

friend, not as a slave.

As Paul reminds Philemon, he also reminds us, Christ is all that matters and he lives in us all. "Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all." (Colossians 3:11 NIV)

As we continue in missions and ministry together, may we remember that in Christ all things are possible. May we always find something for which we are grateful and may we always remain in love with all of God's people.

See you in the pews, meet you at the altar,

PUMC VBS IS A MONUMENTAL SUCCESS



Serving In Love: For four amazing days, PUMC was transformed into the Monument Valley where 156 children celebrated God's greatness at Monumental Vacation Bible School. Children learned that God loves you no matter what, is with you always, is in charge, and is stronger than anything. \$701 was raised to ensure clean water for families in Africa, toys were donated for Levine Children's Hospital, and 26 children made first-time commitments to Jesus Christ. Praise be to God!

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Worshiping in Love

Growing in Love

PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)



Many youth gave up sleeping in for a week of their summer break to serve during VBS. They were instrumental as actors, in presenting the Bible focus each day, leading everyone in worship songs, serving as crew leaders and assistants, and assisting station leaders. Thank you to all who served!

We have several events planned for the rest of the summer. Please email <u>youth@</u> <u>pumcfortmill.org</u> as soon as possible to sign up for any of these events: 7/10 Pool



Party, 7/19 Serve at Bright Side Ranch, 7/25 Serve at Bethel Men's Shelter, 8/1 White Water Center, 8/14 Back to School Bash and Promotion Sunday on the lake. If you have a rising 6th grader, please let us know. We will be sending out information in August about joining the Philly Youth Group.



UNITED WOMEN in FAITH (UWF)

UMW is now United Women in Faith! The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth. The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from



United Women in Faith

The United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join. Check us out at <u>uwfaith.org</u>.

Wallace Family Life Center Collection

Please consider donating new backpacks and school supplies for the students at Wallace Family Life Center in Bennettsville, SC. Drop off purchases in the Coffee Connections Room through August 7th. Bennettsville is a poor, rural community and the Center works to provide educational, recreational and religious programs for the community as well as help with food and other supplies. The Center is a specialized Christian ministry of the UWF SC Conference. If it's more convenient, financial donations are certainly welcome as well. Contact Linda Honeycutt with any questions honey6239@comporium.net.

50th Anniversary Celebration - September 24th from 9am-12pm

Join us as we recognize and celebrate 50 years of United Methodist women at work. We are honored to host the Rock Hill District's 50th Annual Meeting at Philadelphia UMC. Everyone is invited to join us for this unique opportunity to see God's work in SC across the last fifty years. Although collaborative works were happening prior to 1972, "The Plan of Merger" called for representative leadership of both black and white in the SC Conference and the merging of all Methodist work. Mrs. Connie Byrneside, the first SC Conference United Methodist Women's President wrote, "My prayer for the years ahead is that we unite our minds in understanding, and our hearts in ever deeper devotion and commitment, and that our joy in service might become a convincing expression of our goal to achieve greater oneness with the Church universal." Let us today, fifty years later, renew our commitment and those ideas of unity and love for all of those in South Carolina and beyond.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS

I'm so excited to be able to offer music for all ages this fall at PUMC! With the help of the very talented directors listed below, we're able to offer a variety of classes starting on September 7th! There are music choices for ages 3 to adult! Hope you will join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC SCHEDULE

Fellowship Hall:

- Joyful Noize (K-2nd) 4 4:30pm: Rebecca Pollack & Phil Brigham
- Jubilate Ringers (Adult Handbells) 5-5:45pm: Molli Moon
- Youth Chimes (3rd Grade & up) 5:45-6:30pm: Molli Moon

Disciples Classroom:

• Ukulele Jam (youth through adult) 4-4:30pm: Mark Gannon This class does require an instrument. Let us know if you need help getting one! No experience required! We'll have a fun time learning basic chords and playing songs together. It's a great leadin to playing guitar later.

• Cherub Choir (3 and 4 year olds) 6-6:30pm: Melissa Cotton

Sanctuary:

Youth Choir (3rd-8th) 4:30-5:30pm: Mark Gannon

& Diane Carrouth

We're open to form this group around the interest of the children involved, but this will be a fun performance group that will perform throughout the year.

Pre- CORE Worship (6th – 12th) 5:30-6pm: Mark Gannon

& Diane Carrouth

This group is a training group to lead Youth Worship timer participate in CORE during the RENEW service. Mark and Diane will individually coach kids in singing ensemble, playing keyboard, bass, percussion, guitar or incorporating an instrument of their choice into a worship set each week.

- CORE (adults) 6-7pm: Mark Gannon
- Chancel Choir (adults) 7-8pm: Diane Carrouth

We hope these times work for everyone, but there is a possibility of moving certain things to another day/time if there is an overwhelming amount of people who cannot participate due to time restrictions. Please feel free to give me feedback and ask guestions: diane@pumcfortmill.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Clayton and Shelley Daniels, Isabelle (8), Abigail (7) and Elias (2)

Moving most recently from Raleigh, NC, the Daniels are SC natives and met in college at Winthrop University. They currently live in the Palisades. Clayton enjoys gardening and fishing, Shelley just opened her own commercial interior design company in June and of course 3 children keep them very busy. Isabelle is on a swim team and plays piano while Abigail enjoys dance.

They like attending the 11am service. Please take a moment to welcome the Daniels when you see them.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We are continually working with the Trustees to enhance our worship experience both in the sanctuary and for those who watch remotely. Volunteers are needed for both 9:00am and 11:00am services. You will be placed on a rotating schedule and training sessions will be offered in August. If you are interested in serving in either capacity listed below, please contact Dawn Matchinske, dmatchinske@gmail.com or Diane Carrouth, diane@pumcfortmill.org

LIVE STREAM VOLUNTEERS

Not everyone has the ability to attend services on Sundays for various reasons...work, travel, homebound, illness, etc. Our Live Stream church services help people stay connected to the church community. It also allows those who are not able to watch at the designated Worshiping service time to watch throughout the week and nourish their spirit.



We have taken numerous steps to make the live stream process simple and easy to use. It is no longer a complicated set-up, but instead is an easy-to-use system that simply requires a "driver" for the different views.

DIGITAL DISPLAY VOLUNTEERS

We are close to having our televisions up in replacement of our former projectors! This new digital display will be used to display hymns and song lyrics to make it easier to praise God together in one voice. The message of our sermons can be punctuated with imagery and excerpts from the Bible. Announcements will also show before and after the service, providing an additional way for the congregation to be involved in the life of the church. We will be using a new program which will simplify the process and allow the volunteer to easily maneuver through the slides during service.



EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Evangelism is excited to partner with Pastor David in a new hospitality opportunity! Each Sunday, after each service, visitors and interested persons will be invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary for a brief meet and greet to learn more about PUMC and/ or Methodism. If you are willing to speak to people about PUMC and can participate for 15-20 minutes any given Sunday, contact Jan Manring: <u>jmanring.jm@gmail.com</u> or text 614-975-4859.

Big Red Bus Blood Drive -August 21st

Register to donate:

https://donor.oneblood. org/donor/schedules/ drive_schedule/1169700.



Let's fill all those spots and help save lives!. We understand that not everyone is able to give blood, but if you can, it only takes 30-45 minutes to make a lifesaving contribution.Contact Amanda Burns, <u>amandalpburns@gmail.com</u> with questions.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE Bethel Men's Night Shelter

Our next opportunity to serve at the Bethel Men's Night Shelter will be on Monday, July the 25th. Volunteers are needed to donate, prepare, and serve dinner as well as sort donations



and bag items requested by the men. Please visit the Coffee Connections Room or reach out to Eugenia Taylor at <u>taylorj@</u> <u>comporium.net</u> to serve. A Signup Genius will be emailed for you to sign up for specific jobs. Guests are allowed to ask for needed items while staying at the shelter. Below is a list of items needed. Please bring donations to the Coffee Connections Room.

Donation Needs

small bottled waters sport shorts (size L-3XL) tennis shoes (size 8-13) boxers or briefs (size L-3XL) lightweight twin blanket ankle socks book bags twin sheets standard pillow

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (SPRT)

The SPRT has remained very busy supporting our church as we work to fill open roles and support our staff at PUMC! We are very excited to announce that we have filled the open Director of Youth (Student) Ministries - he begins officially on July 11th! More on this announcement in coming weeks but we are VERY excited about the future of our Youth Ministry program! Please continue to pray that this person will be a blessing on our Youth, our church and our community - and that we will be a blessing on him as he begins his ministry at PUMC! We do continue to seek someone to fulfill our need for Communications and Audio-Visual. THANK YOU to all who have volunteered many hours to help us bridge the gap - your dedication to our church, our congregation and our mission during this time hasn't gone unnoticed and we appreciate you! God is good!

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



SAVE THE DATE! PUMC Fall Festival "A Taste of the South" is Saturday, October 8th from 10am-2pm. It seems crazy to talk about a Fall Festival when it's the middle of summer, but to have a successful event, planning and preparation have already started. PUMC offers over 30 vendors, live music, children's activities, first responder vehicles, prayer opportunity, and of course, UMM BBQ and UWF baked goods. Please be in prayer for this outreach and volunteer! We need YOU to help make this our best festival yet. It's a unique opportunity to bring families to our doors and show them the love of God ever present here at Philadelphia. Contact Jack Smith, swissjack95@gmail.com, to get involved!



NURTURE COMMITTEE

BEREAVMENT MEALS

The Nurture Committee is a group of dedicated people committed to caring for the members of our congregation. We send cards, visit those who are unable to attend church services or are hospitalized, share joys and concerns through the prayer chain, and offer support in times of death.

One of the ways we support our members is by providing a bereavement meal or refreshments for the family before or after a funeral service. The Nurture Committee relies on many hands to assist during a funeral; therefore, we are asking the congregation to consider helping in one of two ways: either by signing up to provide food or make a financial donation.

To know when there is a a need to provide food, please contact Joelyn Shugart at shugart@comporium.net. You would not have to help at every funeral but can participate at your convenience.

If you would like to help financially, simply drop a check into the offering plate at any service – memo noting the "Bereavement Meals" fund. Individuals, families and Sunday school groups can give towards this fund. Thank you for helping the Nurture Committee deepen our mission by caring and supporting one another, especially in times of need.



SINGLE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The Single Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at The Fish Market on Saturday, July 16^{th,} at 11:30. To be included on our email list, please contact Donna Schaefer at <u>nordon50@aol.com</u> or 704-604-2210.

SENIOR FRIENDS

Contact Caroline Helms at 239-565-0301 or cdhelms1@yahoo.com to get involved!

Tuesday, July 12th, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Join us for an "old time hymn sing" led by Ben Himes and Jerry Burdick. Requests will be taken. Sub sandwiches will be served afterwards.

Tuesday, August 9th,10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Talent Show! Do you sing? dance? play a musical instrument? perform magic? Whatever your talent, share it with us! Covered dish lunch after the show.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

If you're looking for fellowship, service opportunities and Christian support, we hope that you'll come to an event and meet other brothers in Christ. We're working to expand our appeal to men of all generations and are open to your feedback.

Men's Fellowship Dinner Tuesday July 12th, 6:30pm Fellowship Hall

After a great fish fry in June, Jimmy is in the kitchen again! You don't want to miss southern chicken and dumplings, green beans, corn on the cob, cole slaw, rolls, apple pie and ice cream. Preview of the upcoming Retreat.

Men in the Mirror Saturday July 16th, 7:30am Fellowship Hall

Topic: Am I Free to be Free? Not a class, but a topic discussion each meeting. No preparation required. This group is friendly and easy to join. Coffee and breakfast biscuits provided. Contact Jim Price: theprices@comporium.net.



Growing in Love

Save the Date PUMC Men's Retreat 2022

September 9th-11th- Asbury Hills UMC Retreat Center

Men of all ages are welcome to attend. Please feel free to invite friends and family outside of PUMC for this weekend of fellowship, learning, growth, support.

"I felt God's spirit with us from the moment we arrived and throughout the entire weekend. All the topic sessions were very moving: How God wants to use us in discipleship. How we can impact others in our families and in our church. The Asbury Hills retreat facility was beautiful, and the food and staff were wonderful." ~ Will Cotton (2021 Retreat)



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES Thank you to everyone who made Monumental VBS a success!

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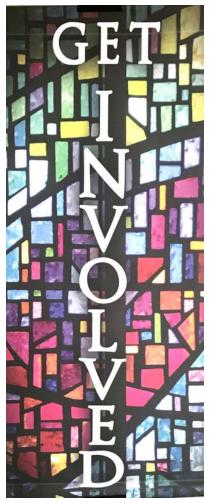
The blessing and miracle of Vacation Bible School is that it remains one of the most effective ways of discipling and engaging children and families for Christ. When public school teacher D.T. Miles of Hopedale, Illinois started a daily Bible school in 1894 to teach children during the summer, she couldn't have known the huge impact the Spirit of God would work through her desire to teach others about Jesus. In the near 130 years since, tens of millions of children and families have been positively affected, transformed, revived, and renewed with the Holy Spirit working though the volunteers, workers, tithers, and prayers in churches and communities all over the country.

Right here in our own Philadelphia Church, nearly 160 kids and their families were welcomed through our front doors. Of these children, 26 made first time commitments to Christ, wanting to know more about what God has done through his Son and Spirit. Because of the love, generosity, and service of the people of Philadelphia Church, God worked through the music, skits, Bible stories, games, experiments, crafts, and snacks to bring this mighty work about. This is a seed we all helped plant, which God will continue to cultivate over the lives of these children and their families, perhaps one blooming new generations of D.T. Mileses ready to the next great work for God's Kingdom.

We wouldn't be able to serve so many children if it weren't for your prayers, work to decorate and tear down, financial and other donations and of course on-site help during the week. Mark your calendars for Stellar VBS 2023, June 19th-22nd. God bless.







Date	Event	Time
Sun, Jul 3	Children's Clang Buckets	11:00am
Mon, Jun 5	Women's Softball	6:30 & 7:30pm
Thu, Jun 7	Women's & Men's Softball	6:30pm
Sun, Jul 10	PYG Pool Party	5:00 - 8:00pm
Mon, Jul 11	Men's & Women's Softball	7:30 & 8:30pm
Tue, Jul 12	Senior Friends	10:30am
Tue, Jul 12	Men's Fellowship Dinner	6:30pm
Thu, Jul 14	Men's & Women's Softball	7:30 & 8:30pm
Sat, Jul 16	Men In the Mirror	7:30am
Sat, Jul 16	Single Ladies Lunch Bunch - The Fish Market	11:30am
Mon, Jul 18	Men's Softball	7:30pm
Tue, Jul 19	PYG @ Bright Side Ranch	9:00am - 1:00pm
Thu, Jul 21	Men's Softball	7:30pm
Mon, Jul 25	Serving at Bethel Men's Night Shelter	5:00 - 8:00pm
Every Wednesday	CORE - praise band	6:00pm
Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir practice	7:00pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Please remember to continue giving during the summer months. We just finished VBS which is one of our largest outreach ministries. Not only does it take time and talent but also financial resources. We have several projects that are coming to completion including the mounting of new screens in the sanctuary and hiring of a Youth Director. All of these are made possible by your generous donations. Contact our Financial Associate, Colleen Demmy, <u>colleen@pumcfortmill.org_</u>if you have any questions about giving.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Contact

\$274,608 has been received as of 6/26/22 towards the General Budget and Building Funds. \$89,192 short of goal YTD.

\$977,110 Loan balance for Building and Parsonage

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METHODS TO GIVE TO PHILADELPHIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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