



OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD



Dear Friends;

It is that time of year, summer is over, school will soon be back in session, and we will begin to prepare for our annual Charge Conference. New members may wonder what is “Charge Conference”? In the Methodist Church it is a time for all of to look back at the previous year and celebrate our successes, evaluate our goals and prepare for the 2023 year ahead.

For me, Proverbs 4:25 becomes important. It is natural, to look at what is behind us, our past and maybe even our regrets. Regret is good if we can let it go and learn from it. But, when we hold on to the past, we lose sight of what God has put right in front of us, we lose sight of the possibilities, the Holy Spirit in us.

In the business of the world, we are called to stop and focus on a relationship with God existing in the present not the past or the future. This relationship prepares us to reach out to others and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

For me, it is vital for us to remember that while the world is changing around us, we’re called to keep our focus on what is before us.

To know there are people who are seeking relationship with Christ and with like minded Christians. There are opportunities for us to comfort the wounded, heal the broken, strengthen the weak, and in all things love one another the way Christ loves us.

“Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.” - Proverbs 4:25 (NIV)

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

David Taylor

Invite your friends and join us for a sermon series on *The Lord’s Prayer* beginning August 21st. Let’s work together to understand the meaning and power of its words and what we’re asking from God each time we pray it.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS

With the help of some very talented directors, we’re so excited to offer a variety of classes starting on September 7th! There are music choices for ages 3 to adult! Let’s make a joyful noise!

Sign up in the Narthex today or contact diane@pumcfortmill.org

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC SCHEDULE

Children & Youth:

- Cherub Choir (3 and 4 year olds) 6-6:30pm
- Joyful Noise (K-2nd) 4-4:30pm
- Youth Choir (3rd-8th) 4:30-5:30pm

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.

- Youth Chimes (3rd Grade & up) 5:45-6:30pm

- Ukulele Jam (youth through adult) 4-4:30pm

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 lead-in to playing guitar later.

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

This group is a training group to lead Youth Worship time or 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.

Adults:

- Jubilate Ringers (Handbells) 5-5:45pm
- CORE (praise band) 6-7pm
- Chancel Choir 7-8pm

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Worshiping in Love



Growing in Love



Serving in Love

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



SAVE THE DATE! - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 10AM-2PM

Featuring 40 vendors, live music, children's bounce activities and games, first responder vehicles and of course hot food and baked goods. 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. Log on to <https://PUMC.live> to see what's needed and to get involved. Please be in prayer for this outreach and volunteer!



TRUSTESS COMMITTEE

We've been checking some items off the PUMC "to do" list this summer. The TVs are up in the sanctuary and we're working the kinks out of using Pro-Presenter. Live streamers now get to see the slides from the sanctuary! Please be patient as our staff and volunteers work to give you the best audio and visual experience during worship.

The sanctuary lights have been replaced with LEDs saving \$800 a

year just on Sundays! And, outside lights illuminating the building have been replaced.

We ask all those who use the PUMC facilities to be mindful that we are all caretakers of God's house. Fall is a very busy time around our church, so we ask that you please pick up and clean up where and when you can and leave the room setups as you find them. Thank you!

UNITED WOMEN in FAITH (UWF)

The United Methodist Women has been an organization of the UMC since March 23, 1869, in Boston, Massachusetts. Two women, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker met with six Women of the Methodist Episcopal church to address the healthcare and educational needs of women in India. Their action led to the funding to send a teacher, Isabella Thoburn and a Doctor Clara Swain to India. Hence the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was born and has been known by several names over the space of time. This year the name United Methodist Women was changed to United Women in Faith. This organization, whatever name was given, has over the 150 years of its existence has been an advocate for changing the lives of women, children and youth throughout the local community and world.

You can become a part of this mission of women. Philadelphia has three circles you can be a part of or join us for our group activities like the Fall Festival Bake Sale or the district meeting in September.

- Friends in Christ Circle meets the 2nd Friday of each month at

10:00am, Marion Kettles mjkettles@hotmail.com , or Leslie Kelly stevekelly1951@gmail.com .

- JR Jones Circle, meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, Elaine McDonald emcd4505@gmail.com
- Ruth Adkins Circle, meets monthly, Cindi Cahaly cahaly@comporium.net

Our circles are open to women from all denominations. The name United Women in Faith was chosen so everyone would be welcomed and as a United unit we can share the Love of Christ.

50th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, 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.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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 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.



**Worshipping
in Love**

MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS

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This month, Pastor David is doing a series on the Lord' Prayer, starting on August 21st. Our goal is to bring the theme of our Sermon to all aspects of our ministries, including the music, and the children and youth messages. Pay attention to the songs the choir is performing when we start this series as the anthems compliment the theme. Here are the anthems and their respective scripture:

- August 14th "The Lord's Prayer" Matthew 6:9-13
- August 21st "It is Well with my Soul" Matthew 6:9-10
- August 28th "I Need Thee Every Hour" Matthew 6:9-11
- September 4th "Father, Forgive" Matthew 6:9-12; 14-15
- September 11th "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Matthew 6:13
- September 19th "My Tribute" Matthew 6:9-13

It is our hope that we deeply understand who God is and what the Lord's Prayer is about during this special series.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Big Red Bus Blood Drive

Sunday, August 21st, 8:30am - 12:30pm

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, amandalpburns@gmail.com with questions.

Back to School, Back to Church!

As families start to settle into "back to school routines", the church also gets back to more weekly programs such as music, youth and other life groups as talked about in this newsletter. Don't forget to invite your friends to our Sunday services or one of these ministries. "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Chris, Kelly, Lucas and Anna Kmeic

We moved to Fort Mill from Trophy Club, TX (a suburb of Dallas and Fort Worth) in July 2018. We are currently in the Forest Grove community. Anna and Lucas are entering 6th grade at Pleasant Knoll Middle School. Anna is a competitive gymnast and Lucas enjoys playing soccer and BMX. As a family we enjoy getting out in nature and when it's nice like to go hiking at the local forest preserves and state parks. When we have a free weekend, we like to go camping. We are a family of readers, and all have our own hobbies we enjoy doing as well. We attend the 9am service and Sunday school afterwards. Thank you all for welcoming us to the PUMC family.

**HOMECOMING
SEPTEMBER 18TH
BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THIS
SPECIAL DAY OF WORSHIP**



PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

July was an exciting month. We have started getting to know our new youth director, Jonathan and can't wait for all the ways in which he will help us grow in our relationship to God and each other.

We cooled off at a pool party at the Miller's and served at both Bright Side Youth Ranch and Bethel Men's Shelter. At Bright Side, we cleaned the horse pastures and gave the horses a "spa day". Bright Side founder, Tia, gave us a demonstration on how they use horses to help children and youth cope with circumstances in their lives. She explained that they allow the horses to choose their relationships and when the kids are patient, the horses choose to be in relationship with them. Horses lean in to their relationships and put their full trust in their handlers. This is the type of relationship God wants to have with us. He wants us to choose Him, lean into Him, and put our full trust in Him. It was awesome to see how Bright Side is using God's creatures to nurture youth in crisis.

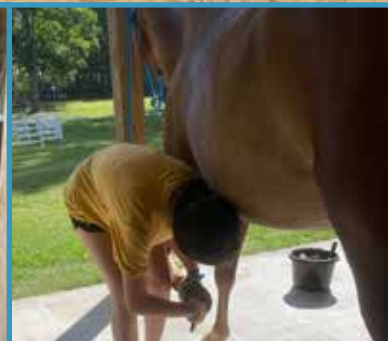
We helped distribute clothing and toiletries to the guests of the Bethel Men's Night Shelter in Rock Hill. Every night, Bethel opens their doors to homeless men in the area and provides them with a meal, shower facilities, a safe warm place to sleep, a bagged breakfast and essentials they might need. It was a joy to be able to serve at these two facilities and we hope to partner more with them in the future.

We're going back to school on a high note! On August 14th, ALL youth rising 6th -12th graders are invited to join us at our Back to School Bash day on the lake. Parents must contact Jonathan if your child will be attending.

Starting Sunday, August 21st from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, the Philly Youth Group program begins anew. Middle and High School Youth will meet at the church to have food, games, fellowship, and devotion. We will also be having a short parent meeting at 6:45pm to talk fall PYG plans, and to get release forms filled out. Parents, please plan to attend! Adult volunteers will be needed to provide meals and to chaperone during the Fall 2022 Youth Program. Any questions or interest, Contact Jonathan at youth@pumcfortmill.org or 704-421-5049.



Serving in Love



NURTURE COMMITTEE

SENIOR FRIENDS

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

Tuesday, August 9th, 10:30am

We know you all have talent and would love for you to share. Sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a story, comedy. Individuals and groups are welcome. We'll share a covered dish meal after the show.

Tuesday, September 13th, 10:30am

If you or someone you know does quilting, crocheting/knitting, sewing, glass work, writing, painting, woodwork, etc., we will have tables available to display these talents. This is not a sales venue, but you may have contact information available. Covered Dish Meal to follow the show.

SINGLE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH

We're taking August off, but will meet again on the Saturday, September 17th.



Growing In Love: Led by Ben Himes and accompanied by Jerry Burdick, seniors rejoiced in singing the old hymns. A wonderful rendition of "The Old Rugged Cross" was performed by Diane Carrouth on the cello and Jerry Burdick on the piano.

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.

Men's Fellowship Dinner

Tuesday, Aug 9th, 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a delicious homecooked meal of smothered pork chops, rice and gravy, mac and cheese, butter beans, cole slaw, cherry cobbler with ice cream. Wondering about the retreat? We'll provide a preview of the activities. Plan to join us and invite a friend!

Men in the Mirror

Saturday, August 20th, 7:30am Fellowship Hall

Will Cotton is facilitating our discussion this month. Not a class, but a topic discussion. This group is friendly and easy to join. Coffee and breakfast biscuits provided. Contact Will Cotton at 704-977-2587.



Men's Retreat 2022 - September 9th-11th

Rock Solid Men - Strong Foundations

Sponsored by the UMM, we are excited to offer a fall retreat again this year. Sessions will be conducted by Rev. David Taylor, Jim Price, and other men that you know. Held at beautiful Asbury Hills near Caesar's Head Park in Cleveland, SC, we will charter a bus that departs PUMC Friday around 5:00pm and returns Sunday around 4:00pm. Comments from participants last year: "fellowship with a holy purpose", "I felt Gods spirit with us", "moving", "Asbury Hills is an awesome place". Join this group for a weekend of fellowship, support, and renewal. You do not have to be a member of this church to attend! We encourage you to use this event as outreach to reach those who may not have the love of Christ in their lives or those who seem lost and need fellow men in Christ to lift them up and show them the love of Christ. Signup in the Narthex today! Want more information? Use this QR for up to date information and to sign up. You may also contact Jim Price, 803-371-0157.



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Bethel Men's Night Shelter

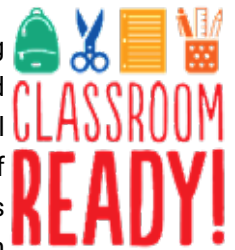
Support from Philadelphia for the July 25th Bethel Men's Night Shelter mission was overwhelming. Over 20 large bags of clothing and personal items were donated by PUMC members. The men enjoyed a sloppy joe dinner prepared by volunteers. Fifteen individuals - most first-time volunteers including youth - met at Bethel to serve the meal, sort donations, fulfill requests for clothing and personal care items and fellowship with the men and staff. Leftovers from the meal were frozen for use by Bethel at a future date and the date came quickly as those leftovers were served on August 2nd. Mrs. Doris Coltharp was honored when leftovers from funeral meal were donated to feed the men on Sunday, July the 30th. Given the shelter is open every night of the year; any meal and clothing / personal item donations we provide is greatly appreciated!

Continue to watch the bulletin for upcoming dates to prepare and serve food and assist in the donation center. You may also sign up in the Coffee Connections Room to be on our email list. We are investigating additional opportunities to serve with Bethel UMC Church through their programs. Learn more about Bethel's Shelters - both the Men's Night Shelter and the Community Day Shelter - by visiting bethelshelters.org/services.



School Folder Drive

PUMC is committed to donate 1,800 -3 prong 2 pocket plastic folders to help fulfill the need for school supplies in Fort Mill. Back to school sales are the best time to buy. Please drop off your contribution in the Coffee Connections Room. Walmart sells them for \$.50 each and here is an Office Depot deal on 48. officedepot.com/a/products/3869748/Office-Depot-Brand-2-Pocket-School/



The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools Classroom Ready, serves the Fort Mill student community, providing school supplies to students and teacher grants in all 17 Fort Mill schools. These supplies support disadvantaged students with equal supplies towards academic success.

Special Donations

Your mission contributions are being spent assisting children in need and the homeless. Missions has purchased 20 twin fleece blankets and 20 new pillows in preparation for the upcoming fall and winter shelter needs at Bethel Men's Shelter.

The Children's Attention Home is foster home in Rock Hill with up to 30 children. We adopted a 17 year old young woman named Damikah. Her birthday wish was for a pair of blue crocs and a Nike outfit. In addition, we will purchase a birthday cake and all the party decorations to provide a memorable day for this young woman. Thank you for helping fulfill the needs of God's children.



FORT MILL CARE CENTER AUGUST PANTRY NEEDS

SPAGHETTI SAUCE
BUTTER/MARGARINE

CHEESE

GRITS

CEREAL

SNACKS

GREEN BEANS & CORN

**THIS SUMMER HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY
DRAINING ON THE CENTER SO
ANY FOOD/HYGIENE/CLEANING
PRODUCTS ARE APPRECIATED**

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Move Up Sunday - August 21st

Now is the time to celebrate the new school year! All students are invited to bring their backpacks on Sunday, August 21st at the worship services as we present a special blessing for God's love and protection. All students are invited to go to their current grade level Sunday School Class at 10:00am. This is also the Sunday we present Bibles to our rising Third Graders during the worship services. If your child or grandchild enters third grade this year and would like to be presented with a Bible during Wee Worship time, please contact nicolas@pumcfortmill.org



Shawn's Summer Vacation

Shawn had a wonderful summer full of adventure! He went to Wisconsin with the Gravers, the Great Smokey Mountains with the Burns, and the beach with the Lowdermilks. The kids took great care of Shawn by brushing his teeth and reading to him everyday. He played cards and games with the families, went on boat rides, bike rides and hiking. He really appreciated being able to travel so much this summer.

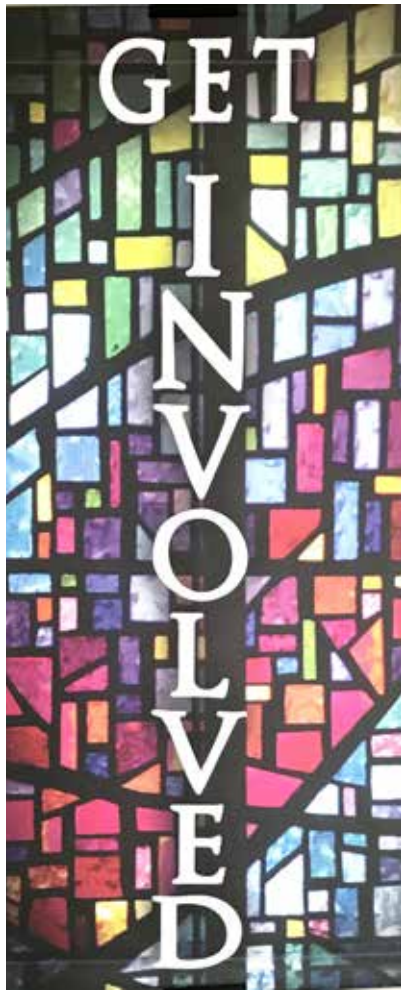
LAY LEADER MOMENT - Tom Goebel

Hello friends. What do you do when you're feeling despair or discouragement? King David experienced a lot of joy, but also plenty of hurt and despair. Do you know what he did to get through the difficult times? He spoke to his soul.

As we read in Psalm 42:11, David cried out "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God."

It's exactly what we should do as well. We must fight Satan's voice of condemnation by speaking words of hope to our soul. Remind ourselves of how much Jesus loves us, cares for us, and promises to be with us - no matter what. Don't allow the enemy's lies to discourage you. Speak to your soul about Jesus's grace and watch the devil's condemnation turn into the Father's joy.

Remember my friends, the Best is yet to come. See you soon.



AUGUST - MONTH AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Aug 6	Children's Clang Buckets	11:00am
Tue, Aug 9	Senior Friends	10:30am
Tue, Aug 9	Men's Softball - Doby Bridge Park	6:30pm
Tue, Aug 9	Men's Fellowship Dinner	7:00pm
Fri, Aug 12	Friends In Christ Circle	10:00am
Sun, Aug 14	PYG Back to School Bash - lake party	1:00 - 4:00pm
Tue, Aug 16	JR Jones Circle	6:30pm
Sat, Aug 20	Men In the Mirror	7:30am
Sun, Aug 21	Big Red Bus	8:30am-12:30pm
Sun, Aug 21	Blessing of the Backpacks	9:00 & 11:00am
Sun, Aug 21	Move Up Sunday	10:00am
Sun, Aug 21	Church Council	1:30pm
Sun, Aug 21	PYG Anew - youth + parent meeting	5:30 - 7:00pm
Wed, Aug 24	Ruth Adkins Circle - K. Miller home	6:30pm
Every Wednesday	CORE - praise band	6:00pm
Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir practice	7:00pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee continues to consider opportunities to better communicate PUMC's financial position based on feedback from the congregation. To that end, please take a moment to look at the Stewardship Report on the back of the bulletin and give us your thoughts.

While giving increased in May, post-pandemic travel increased significantly this summer resulting in lower attendance on Sunday mornings and a summer decline in giving. From January to June 2022 PUMC ,received \$289,476 in total contributions (\$1,146 more than 2021) as compared to expenses of \$305,375. PUMC does remain current on its apportionments to the SC Conference and loan balances have been reduced a further \$18,304 since December.

There are lots of opportunities to serve at PUMC through your prayers, witness and financial contributions which support Missions, Evangelism and Nurture Ministries as well as Children

and Youth programming. If you are on the fence about giving financially, any member of the Finance Committee would be happy to discuss what your gift might mean to specific ministry areas. You can consider beginning or increasing your financial contributions, giving monthly or supporting a specific ministry area. As always, Colleen Demmy, our Financial Associate, can help you with your giving and put you in touch with your finance committee, colleen@pumcfortmill.org.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT


\$14,552 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$756,726

\$327,860 has been received as of 7/31/22 towards the General Budget and Building Funds. \$108,700 short of goal YTD.

\$963,609 Loan balance for Building and Parsonage

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