



## OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

### MORE THAN YOU EXPECT



Dear Friends,

Recently, Toni and I purchased a trundle bed for our home in Greenville. It allows us to have extra beds for when all the grandchildren spend the night. It also gives us the most bang for our bucks. While searching for the beds, we also searched for the right kind of mattresses for them. The lady at the mattress store suggested 'memory foam' mattresses. Not fully aware of the concept of memory foam, we ordered two and had them delivered.

Imagine our surprise when the delivery guy pulls out two boxes about three feet long and 8 inches wide. "Wait," I told the guy, "we ordered mattresses, what's in the boxes?" Upon opening the boxes and carefully cutting the wrapping from around the mattresses, we were amazed at how something so big, could fit into such a small package. Not only that, we are amazed at how comfortable they are, especially for children, not for me.

As we continue our sermon series on "The Lord's Prayer", I continue to be amazed at how much there is to learn and understand as we unpack the prayer line by line. It reminds me of the memory foam mattresses, after you unpack them and let them unfold, they expand into more than expected. I pray as we continue this study that we will have a better understanding about how to pray, how the Lord's Prayer helps us become the followers Christ has called us to be and to pray as he taught us saying;

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS

Classes start on September 7<sup>th</sup>! There are music choices for ages 3 to adult so everyone can make a joyful noise!

**NEW**

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC SCHEDULE

#### Children & Youth:

- Cherub Choir (3 & 4 year olds) 5:30 - 6:00pm
- Joyful Noize (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) 4 - 4:30pm (supervised activity until 5pm)
- Youth Chimes (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up) 4:30 - 5:00pm
- Praise & Worship for Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) 5:15 - 6:00pm

An introductory workshop designed to teach young and aspiring musicians and singers how to worship God in a manner that is both personal and congregational.

#### Youth & Adults:

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

An instrument is required but experience is not! We'll have a fun time learning basic chords and playing songs.

- Jubilate Ringers (handbells) 5 - 5:45pm
- CORE (praise band) 5:45 - 6:45pm
- Chancel Choir 7 - 8:00pm



There are also Life Group activities on Wednesday evenings.

Please find details for those on page 2.



Worshiping in Love



Growing in Love



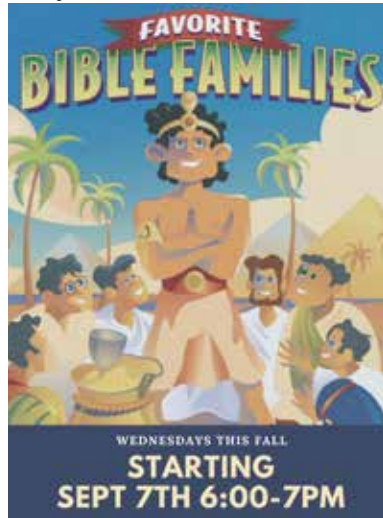
Serving in Love

# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

## LIFE GROUPS

In conjunction with the new Wednesday night music opportunities, we're starting several Life Groups giving everyone a chance to grow spiritually and develop relationships with other followers of Christ. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, believed that small groups provided a context in which seekers could receive support, accountability, and encouragement. We aim to create such an environment here at PUMC. If you have any questions about these or other Life Group opportunities, contact Nic Gold, [nicolas@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:nicolas@pumcfortmill.org).

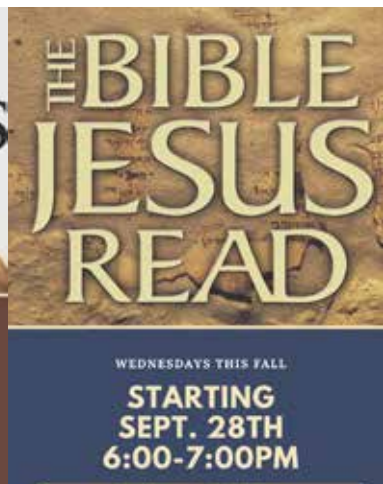
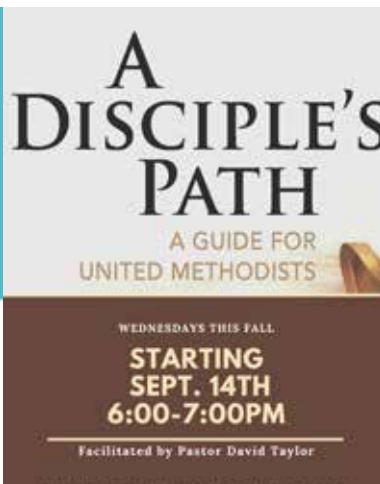
### Early Childhood



### Older Elementary



### Early Childhood



## ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-2PM**

It's time again to begin working on the Fall Festival. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our friends and neighbors who don't have a Church family, but we need all of our members to get involved. We have created a special Progressive Web App for this purpose. Please go to <https://www.PUMC.live> and spend a few minutes looking at all the service jobs available for this year's Festival. You can add this app to your phone by taking a photo of this QR code or the one on your computer

screen. Then, after you find the volunteer job you want for the Festival, please use the sign-up form in the app to register.



# WORSHIP COMMITTEE

If you are interested in serving in any capacity listed below, please contact Dawn Matchinske, [dmatchinske@gmail.com](mailto:dmatchinske@gmail.com) or Pam Brenwald, [pambrenwald@gmail.com](mailto:pambrenwald@gmail.com).

## Volunteers

Help is needed for all aspects of Sunday morning worship. From acolytes to ushers, to people to run our live stream and sound, these are special ways to serve God and your fellow worshippers. Training will be provided. Please consider giving a Sunday each month to serving at a worship service.

## Creative Team

Join us September 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm in the library as the Worship Team begins planning for the rest of the year. The Advent season is especially important and requires many hands. If you have a passion for worship and want to be a part of creating visuals that enhance our services, please join us!

## Flowers

The Worship Committee would like to thank Caroline Helms for the beautiful flowers that she places in the sanctuary to enhance our worship experience. Caroline grows these flowers in her home garden and arranges them for us to enjoy. We are thankful for her green thumb and for the flowers that God grows in her garden. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please sign up on the Flower Calendar located in the hall outside the church office. Every week is an occasion to celebrate God's goodness and glory by sharing the beauty He creates.



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# HOMECOMING - ONE SERVICE SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

10:30 am - Special Music  
11:00 am - Worship

Guest speaker Rev. Woody Wiggins

Covered dish lunch following the service. Don't miss this special day where we welcome home all our PUMC family.



*Serving In Love: We celebrate and thank God for families serving together to create a worship experience for everyone.*

*Worshipping In Love: For the annual Blessing of the Backpacks, students, teachers, and parents gathered at the chancel steps with their backpacks. Pastor David asked God to cover anyone involved in education with grace, patience, safety, and wisdom this school year. He also asked the congregation to be in deliberate prayer whenever passing through a school zone.*



*Growing In Love: Mr. Nic presented several 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with a "big kid" Bible along with a guide to reading their new Bibles. They are invited to bring these Bibles each week to Sunday school and Children's Church.*

# MISSIONS COMMITTEE

## Bethel Men's Night Shelter

Our next opportunity to serve at the Bethel Men's Night Shelter will be on **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Volunteers will be 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 [taylorj@comporium.net](mailto:taylorj@comporium.net). You will also find a list of items needed by the shelter including breakfast bag items, clothing and other needs. Link to Sign Up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AAAA62FA20-bethel2>



General Donations (any casual clothing - gently used or new unless noted):

- ankle socks
- sports shorts (knit, long length shorts – medium to 3XL)
- book bags
- tennis shoes (size 8 – 13)
- boxers or briefs (medium to 3XL) – new only
- standard twin sheet set – any color is OK
- fleece or other lightweight twin-size blanket (no quilts)
- standard size pillow – new only



# NURTURE COMMITTEE

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Anyone who has an interest in knitting, crocheting, or crafting is invited to attend our gathering on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 - 11:30am in the PUMC church parlor. We welcome current crafters, along with those who would like to learn.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides homemade shawls to community members with an expressed need due to a life-change event such as illness or loss. Anyone from PUMC may request a shawl to give or to receive. While our group primarily works on shawls individually, we are coming together now for a time of sharing and blessing of shawls. Please bring any current projects.

Contact Kristin Gommer at [akek1999@hotmail.com](mailto:akek1999@hotmail.com) or 803-487-2440 for more information.

## Classroom Ready

Thanks to you, we're over halfway to our goal of 1,800-3 prong two pocket plastic folders! Only 850 more to help fulfill the need for school supplies in Fort Mill. Now is the best time to buy at \$.50 or less. Drop off your contribution in the Coffee Connections Room. Foundation for Fort Mill Schools Classroom Ready, serves the Fort Mill student community, providing over \$40,000 in school supplies to students in 17 schools. Supplies support disadvantaged students with equal access to academic success. In the past year the need has risen dramatically.



## The Children's Attention Home

On August 19th, we loved on a precious 17-year-old girl as every child deserves on their birthday. PUMC provided her birthday wishes of blue crocs, a Nike outfit, roses on her birthday cake and cookies and cream ice cream. Decorations of blue and red were hung. Small acts of kindness like this go a long way to making children feel heard and loved. Funds identified by congregational contributions to missions were invested in this young woman.



# PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

The Youth Group was able to enjoy a lot of fun and fellowship over the course of the last month.

We had a blast at the White Water Center on August 1<sup>st</sup>, participating in activities such as rafting, zip lining, and high ropes challenges. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the start of the school year with a party at the Lackey's Lake House. At the party, we went tubing and jumped off a dock that was two stories high. It was a scary and awesome all at the same time!

The Reboot of the Philly Youth Group got off to a fantastic start on the 28<sup>th</sup> with 20 youth attending. The delicious dinner was provided by the Logos Sunday school class. One of the games we enjoyed playing that night is called "Human Battleship." And, through our church-wide study on "The Lord's Prayer," we gained insight into the love that God has for his children.

It's never too late to get involved with PYG. Most Sundays, we meet 5:30-7pm for dinner, fellowship, games, and devotion. On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm - 4pm, we're going off-campus bowling at Bowl n' Bounce in Lake Wylie. If you want to participate, you must sign up before September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jonathan at [youth@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:youth@pumcfortmill.org) or 704-421-5049 to sign up or learn more about PYG.

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has been supporting us. We are looking forward to the awesome things God has in store for the PYG in the future.



# NURTURE COMMITTEE

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## Senior Friends Craft Show

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**

Bring your 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. Contact Caroline Helms at 239-565-0301 or [cdhelms1@yahoo.com](mailto:cdhelms1@yahoo.com) to get involved!

## Single Ladies' Lunch Bunch

**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am**

Meet at Town Tavern FM on Hwy 160. Come meet fellow sisters in Christ! Contact Donna Schaefer at [nordon50@aol.com](mailto:nordon50@aol.com).

## Prayer Chain

Thank you to Eve Chapman for her many years maintaining the prayer chain. Please contact Jean McDade with prayer requests and to be added to the chain. [jmcdade@comporium.net](mailto:jmcdade@comporium.net).



*Growing In Love: The Senior Friends hosted a talent show in August. You can always count on an afternoon of fun, laughter, and good food. We appreciate everyone who shared their talents to entertain us You're all stars in our eyes!*

# UNITED METHODIST MEN

**Men's Retreat 2022 - September 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>**

## LAST CALL TO REGISTER

We are excited to offer a fall retreat again this year. Sessions will be conducted by Rev.

David Taylor, Jim Price, Will Cotton, Jason Cahaly and others. Held at



beautiful Asbury Hills, we will charter a bus that departs PUMC Friday around 5:00pm and returns Sunday around 4:00pm. Registration is all-inclusive. Join this group for a weekend of fellowship, support, and renewal. You are encouraged to invite men you know 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.

Use this QR for up-to-date information and to sign up. You can also register in the Narthex on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, but that is the last day. Please contact Jim Price, 803-371-0157 if you have any questions whatsoever.



We also ask the congregation to be in prayer for us over the retreat weekend.

# CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Thank you to everyone who prayed for, watched, and otherwise supported the PUMC men's and women's softball teams. It is truly a blessing to represent this church and shine God's light in the community while playing a sport we love. The women brought home 1st Place in the league tournament while the men finished 3rd out of 23 teams! Congratulations!



# UNITED WOMEN in FAITH (UWF)

## 50th Anniversary - September 24th, 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.

### Wallace Family Life Center - Thank you note

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to travel to the Wallace Family Life Center to deliver the back-to-school supplies for your unit. It is the support throughout the year which allows us to provide valuable services to children and adults in the Wallace and surrounding area who utilize the after-school, summer camp, youth garden club, adult education, adult bible study class, mental health, CDL certification, medication assistance and mentoring programs. Please know, without your support these programs could not be offered. The center is also a safe haven for children who are residents at a local transit shelter.

Thank you again for your very generous gift to the center which has enriched so many lives young and old over the years and as we here at the center continue to work hard to meet the ever-increasing and at times critical needs of the families in the Wallace community all because of you, your unit and church members! God bless you!

Inspire! ;) Rev. Robin D. Miles



### Defend the Fatherless

The ladies of the Ruth Adkins Circle used their monthly meeting to make freezer meals for foster families. Defend the Fatherless is a local organization that "aims to build community within our local foster and adoptive families while we care for their physical, emotional, educational, financial and spiritual needs." These meals will help make busy nights a little easier for foster families.



## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE



*Serving In Love: God loves a cheerful giver and our blood donors were all smiles on the Big Red Bus. We collected 13 units of blood that are already being used to save lives! The bus will be back in November!*

## STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (SPRT)

### Welcome Jonathan

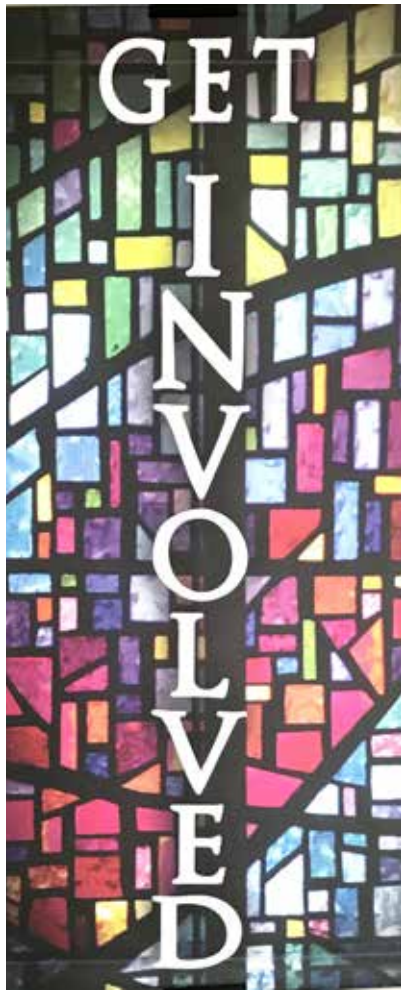
In July, Jonathan Johnson joined the PUMC Family! We are so excited! Jonathan is our Director of Student (Youth) Ministries and is already off to a strong start! Jonathan has lived in the Fort Mill Area for 15 years now. He attends school full-time at Belhaven University online as a Master of Arts student in the field of Theological Studies. In his free time, he loves to skateboard, watch marvel movies, and spend time with his dog. He is VERY excited to be a part of the PUMC family! If you haven't met Jonathan yet, I highly encourage you to take a moment and do so!



My name is Molli Moon and on behalf of the SPRT, we want to continue the open lines of communication with you – our fellow church members and friends in Christ!

Unfortunately, Diane Carrouth has decided to step down as Director of Music Ministries; therefore, SPRT will resume the search for Director of Music Ministries. We continue searching for the ideal persons for: Director of Communication Ministries, Media/Audio-Visual Specialist, and Nursery Worker. If you would please be so kind as to spread the word of our need to your network (personal and professional) we would appreciate it! The best candidate is usually always a referral!

As a side note, THANK YOU to everyone that's helping (or has helped) cover certain roles/responsibilities/duties during these times of transition. Our church family is always one to jump in when needed and we cannot thank you enough! **Thanks everyone!**



## SEPTEMBER - MONTH AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Sept 4	Children's Clang Buckets	11:00am
Wed, Sept 7	New Music Schedule Begins	4:30 - 7:00pm
Wed, Sept 7	Children & Family Life Groups Begin	6:00 - 7:00pm
Thur, Sept 8	A Bead and a Prayer *parsonage	6:00 - 7:00pm
Fri, Sept 9	Friends In Christ Circle	10:00am
Fri - Sun, Sept 9-11	Men's Retreat *Asbury Hills	
Sun, Sept 11	Epworth Giving Sunday	9:00am & 11:00am
Tue, Sept 13	Sr. Friends Craft Show	10:30am
Wed, Sept 14	Adult Life Group - <i>A Disciples Path</i>	6:00 - 7:00pm
Sat, Sept 17	Prayer Shawl Interest Meeting	10:00 - 11:30am
Sat, Sept 17	Single Ladies' Lunch Bunch *Town Tavern FM	11:30am
Sun, Sept 18	Homecoming	10:30am
Tue, Sept 20	JR Jones Circle *Sonny's BBQ RH	5:30pm
Sat, Sept 24	Women's 50th District Celebration	9:00am - 12:00pm
Sun, Sept 25	PYG *Bounce N Bowl	2:00 - 4:00pm
Mon, Sept 26	Bethel Mens' Night Shelter	5:00 - 8:00pm
Wed, Sept 28	Adult Life Group - <i>The Bible Jesus Read</i>	6:00 - 7:00pm

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial support for the missions and ministries at PUMC continues to improve year over year as the congregation returns from summer vacations to more regular schedules with school, work, and fall activities. In July 2022, giving was \$38,540 as compared to \$31,251 a year ago. While giving remains almost \$8,000 per month below pre-pandemic levels and below the need required to fully support expenses, we celebrate that giving in 2022 has exceeded 2021 in 4 of the last 5 months, loose plate offering is up and attendance in worship and small groups is growing. Thank you for your continued support.

All too often we, as a Christian community, equate Stewardship with the request for financial contributions and management of those funds. While financial support is critical to the success of any organization, God calls us to be good Stewards of all of the physical and spiritual gifts bestowed upon us. We nurture those gifts through prayer, worship, service and financial contributions.

In October, PUMC will embark on a study and renewal of our commitment to be faithful Stewards. More information will follow as the Finance and Stewardship Committee work closely with Pastor David on the selection and preparation of that study over the coming month.

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](mailto:colleen@pumcfortmill.org).

### STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

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

\$366,500 has been received as of 8/28/22 towards the General Budget and Building Funds. \$128,268 short of goal YTD.

\$956,936 Loan balance for Building and Parsonage

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