



## OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

### GIVE THANKS



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Summer is going fast. It is difficult to believe that in four more weeks school will start. In 6 weeks Toni and I will be grandparents again, football season will kick off and before we know it, Fall Festival will be here. Whew, makes my head spin thinking of time traveling by so quickly.

But let's talk about summer so far. *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1NIV* At Philadelphia, I'm grateful for VBS with over 135 children, with countless adults and youth to make it possible for children in our community and church. Funny story, we met a couple at dinner one night and they asked what I did for a living; when I told them I was pastor of Philadelphia they identified it with VBS and how awesome the experience was for their children and how much their children

looked forward to Philadelphia's VBS every year. What a testament to this church's efforts. We pray that God will continue to work in the lives of every child and parent that has ever walked through our doors.

I'm also grateful that we had youth and adults attend Salkehatchie, a summer mission for youth, served meals at Bethel Men's Shelter and supported our men's and women's softball teams. We are having a busy summer and are looking forward to continuing to grow in

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### A STELLAR VBS



For four amazing days, PUMC was transformed into outer space where children celebrated God's greatness at Stellar Vacation Bible School. Children learned how to shine Jesus' light when life feels dark, when people don't get along, when good things happen, when people are sad, and when people need help. Praise be to God!

The blessing and miracle of Vacation Bible School is that it remains one of the most effective ways of discipling children. This was a fantastic Vacation Bible School! So many members of our church stepped up to help the week of VBS. Even more

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Worshiping in Love



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*Serving In Love: Pastor David sends forth some of our Salkehatchie attendees as they each take a week of their summer to work on rebuilding homes in near-by communities that are in need of repairs.*

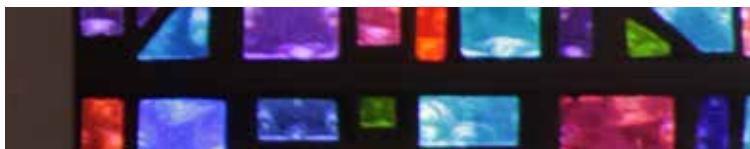
our mission and ministry opportunities.

So, what about the first part of your summer? What are you grateful for? I'd love for you to share your summer memories with me. Will you please send me an email, [david@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:david@pumcfortmill.org) or note and share with me what you are grateful for. How has God blessed you this summer? What are you looking forward to during the rest of summer?

I'll be looking for your email and notes.

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

David Taylor, Senior Pastor



## TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The Trustees have been busy making improvements to our church. For example, two electrical ovens have been installed in our kitchen, new wooden hallway room signs have been installed in the Sunday School wing, the Gaga ball pit has been repaired, a new water faucet and a sink drainage pipe have been installed in the K-2 Sunday School classroom, a new doorbell outside the west wing door has been installed, and a fence section hit by a car has been repaired. Best of all many of these improvements have been completed at no cost to the church thanks to the donation of materials and labor from our church members.

If something at the church needs to be fixed or replaced, please contact a Trustee, or call the church office 803-548-0102.

# LAY SERVANT MINISTRY

Lay Leader - Tom Goebel

Hey my friends - I hope you are enjoying these warm summer months. I wanted to let you know about an upcoming class sponsored by the Lay Servant Ministry that is designed to better equip lay local church leaders. The venue is Washington Street UMC in Columbia and the sessions are from 8:30 until 4:30 on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

The morning plenary sessions will focus on the Meaning of Grace, and the afternoon breakout sessions include Youth Basic, Discipleship Begins With Relationship, God's Mission... Our Journey, Living Our United Methodist Beliefs, Justice In Everyday Life, and Ministry With The Forgotten. The cost of the academy is \$25 and the deadline to register is July 28, 2023. There is a separate book that is required, and more information can be found at [www.umcsc.org/lsm/](http://www.umcsc.org/lsm/)

There are future classes scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at St. John UMC in Rock Hill. I will let you know when additional information becomes available.

I pray for you regularly, and I encourage you to also pray for each other. Remember, "The Best is yet to come!"

See you soon.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Now is the time to celebrate the new school year! All students are invited to bring their backpacks on Sunday, August 20th 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](mailto:nicolas@pumcfortmill.org)

# WORSHIP COMMITTEE

## LAY LEADERS SHARE MESSAGE

We are blessed to have lay persons willing to share their faith with us from the pulpit. Thank you to Don, Lisa, Carie and Phil for filling in while Pastor David was out for his back surgery and away on vacation. April 16<sup>th</sup>, Don Brenwald shared the message, "The Greatest Commandment" from the book of John. April 30<sup>th</sup>, Lisa Gold shared from Colossians the message titled, "Your Purpose". June 18<sup>th</sup>, Carie Lowdermilk shared from Roman's the message, "Walking in His Footsteps". June 25<sup>th</sup>, Phil Brigman shared from the book of Ruth & Micah the message. "You, the Evangelist".



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed for both 9:00am and 11:00am services. With Greg's help, our AV Specialist, running the live stream, projector, and sound are easier than ever. We also are in critical need of acolytes at 11:00am. This is a special element of worship available to our elementary aged worshipers. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pam Brenwald, [pambrenwald@gmail.com](mailto:pambrenwald@gmail.com).



*Serving In Love: The Moons are one of our family teams serving on Sunday mornings. We'd love to show your family how you can serve together to share the worship experience with others!*



*Worshipping In Love: Thank you to everyone who has shared their musical talent with us this summer giving the choir some time off.*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ron and Nancy Bourgeois moved from Texas to Baxter in 2016 when Ron retired from medical sales. Nancy enjoyed time in the educational system before her retirement. They really enjoy just hanging out, golfing for Ron and Nancy loves to exercise. They do not have family in the area but are looking forward to becoming a part of our PUMC family. Please take a moment to welcome Ron and Nancy when you see them.



## THANK YOU

The Burns Family would like to thank everyone for their love and support in the birth of Marshall David Burns II.

Marshall has doubled his birth weight in two months. Thanks be to God!

*Proud parents Marshall and Amanda with big sisters Charlotte and Caroline.*



## STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

### TEAM (SPRT)



Thank you Erik Gommer for continuing to work with the youth as we searched for a new Youth Director. Erik has been helping lead Sunday School and a Bible study on Sunday evenings over the summer. There is one more meeting in the series on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We also extend thanks to Cindi Cahaly and Phil Brigman for their continued efforts to work with and support PUMC youth at Sunday School as well.



## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### FORT MILL CARE CENTER

The FMCC is a non-profit that strives to improve the lives of clients by providing assistance with food, fuel, power, heat, and medicine. PUMC supports the Care Center throughout the year with donations left in the cart in the Coffee Connections Room. Items that we need the most are Cereal, Grits, Canned meat, Canned Stews and Chili, Spaghetti Sauce. Snacks: chips, crackers, nuts, popcorn, granola bars, Meals in a box like Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper, and Tuna Helper.



*Serving In Love: An overflowing cart of food and toiletry items, 175 pounds, mostly from VBS participation, were delivered to the Fort Mill Care Center in June.*

## ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** PUMC Fall Festival "A Taste of the South". Please give prayerful consideration to how you can use your talents to help with this year's Fall Festival. Our thanks to Jan Manning, who has agreed to be in charge of volunteers. She will be reaching out to the PUMC members soon. If you have questions or comments about the upcoming festival, we have a dedicated email address: [PUMCfallfestival@gmail.com](mailto:PUMCfallfestival@gmail.com)

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.



# 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.

We have 3 teams that serve meals in the event of a death of a member of our church. We would love to have more people join the teams that do this. Members of the teams do the following: set up food and tables, serve food, make food, and clean up. (You can choose which one you would like to do) Since we have 3 teams, each team will only need to serve a few times a year. If you would like to assist in this important ministry, please contact Jean McDade, [jmcdade@comporium.net](mailto:jmcdade@comporium.net), or Joelyn Shugart, [shugart@comporium.net](mailto:shugart@comporium.net), to sign up.

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 not meet in August. We will resume in September. To be included on our email list, please contact Donna Schaefer at [nordon50@aol.com](mailto:nordon50@aol.com).

## SENIOR FRIENDS

**Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall**

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate with an old timey hymn sing. Contact Caroline Helms at 239-565-0301 or [cdhelms1@yahoo.com](mailto:cdhelms1@yahoo.com) to get involved!



## UNITED METHODIST MEN & UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

If you're looking for fellowship, service opportunities and Christian support, we hope that you'll come to an event and meet other brothers and sister in Christ. Both of our groups are active in the church and community. Men contact Bill Ray, [billnoneray@yahoo.com](mailto:billnoneray@yahoo.com). Women contact Elaine McDonald, [emcd4505@gmail.com](mailto:emcd4505@gmail.com).



**Save the Date!**  
**Men's Retreat 2023**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**

Men of all ages are welcome to attend. We'll spend a weekend at the beautiful Asbury Hills UMC Retreat Center. Please feel free to invite friends and family outside of PUMC for this weekend of fellowship, learning, growth, support.



*Growing In Love: Ladies enjoy dinner together to wish Judy and Leo Smith well in their move to Ohio to be with family. Judy was faithful to UWF serving as the treasurer for many years.*



# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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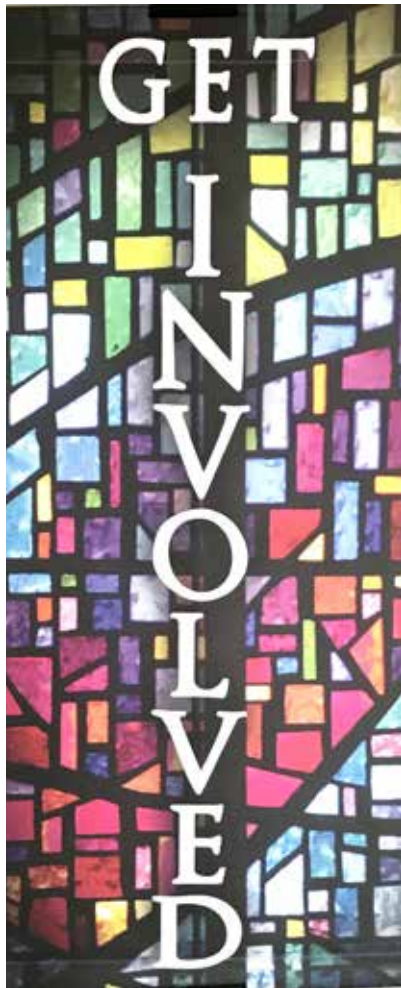
helped in the weeks prior with their time, talents, and resources. In terms of donations for VBS, this year was by far the biggest outpouring of generosity that we've ever seen. VBS isn't just a Children's Ministry event; it is a church-wide event that allows us to do Christ's work in our community. God used VBS to transform the lives of 141 children and their families to make disciples for the transformation of the world. At the same time, these children brought over \$400 to support La Limyè ministry's mission to help

the orphan girls of Haiti. Additionally, our VBS families brought various canned goods to help the Fort Mill Care Center helping to feed children over the summer. Thank you all for participating in this kingdom work. To God be the glory!

Mark your calendars for **Scuba VBS: June 24-27, 2024.**







## AUGUST - MONTH AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Aug 6	Children's Clang Buckets	9:00 & 11:00am
Sun, Aug 6	Philly Youth Group	5:30 - 7:00pm
Tue, Aug 8	Senior Friends	10:30am
Sun, Aug 20	Blessing of the Backpacks	9:00 & 11:00am
Sun, Aug 20	Bible Presentation - rising 3rd grade	9:00 & 11:00am
Sun, Aug 20	Move Up Sunday	10:00am
Sun, Aug 20	Church Council	1:30pm
Every Wednesday	CORE - praise band	5:30pm
Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir practice	7:15pm



Growing in Love



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## 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, Mayra Leon, [accounting@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:accounting@pumcfortmill.org) if you have any questions about giving.

### STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

\$14,110 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$733,741

\$327,232 has been received as of 7/16/22 towards the General Budget and Building Funds.

\$803,503 Loan balance for Building

### METHODS TO GIVE TO PHILADELPHIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



GivePlus Text:

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



Mobile App Giving:

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



Online Giving:

Visit [pumcfortmill.org](http://pumcfortmill.org) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring

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