



OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

THOMAS “THE CURIOUS”



Dear Church Family,

In a couple of weeks, United Methodists from around the world will arrive in Charlotte, North Carolina, to begin discussing the future of our denomination. Many petitions and resolutions will be discussed and voted on. We have no idea what the outcome may be, but I find hope in this passage of scripture from John 10:16:

‘I have many other sheep that are not in my sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.’

Sisters and brothers, regardless of what is decided during the General Conference, I know that Philadelphia will continue to be a church which is about making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We will continue to worship, grow, and serve in love, and we will stand united as one flock that continues to follow our one shepherd.

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

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Emotions of excitement, reflection, perhaps guilt, mourning, sadness, celebration and appreciation are all felt during Holy Week. We started on Palm Sunday excited over Jesus’ return to Jerusalem. The parade of children waving palm branches reminded us of what it might have been like as people lined the streets to see Jesus.

On Maundy Thursday, a dramatic interpretation through word and song helped us feel the emotions of each disciple during the Last Supper in the Upper Room. Each disciple wondering, “Is it I?” who will betray Jesus. Each of us is a betrayer at some point in our lives, but participating in the sacrament of Holy Communion reminded us how Jesus poured out his body and blood so that we might be cleansed of our sins.

Our Good Friday service was a traditional tenebrae service where darkness increased by gradually extinguishing candles to symbolize the coming darkness of Jesus’ death. We left with heavy hearts, but thankfully, we know that the good news of God’s great gift was to be revealed shortly.

The sunrise service is always peaceful and reverent as one stands in God’s creation to celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection. Both of the other morning services were filled with joyful music, smiles, laughter and the praise of our Lord and Savior. We pray that you found our services moving and relevant in your life. May you live each day as Easter people. Confident in the promises of a risen savior.



HE IS RISEN – HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

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Worshipping in Love



Growing in Love



Serving in Love

HOLY WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA UMC

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUMC received \$130,000 in gifts to the General and Building Funds in February and March which represents an increase in support of \$44,000 as compared to a year ago. In March, contributions from the congregation increased to the highest level received by PUMC since 2019. Thank you for continuing to support and invest in the missions and ministries of PUMC!

In addition to General and Building Fund gifts, PUMC received over \$30,000 in contributions to specific missions like the Sunday Schools, Missions and the Fire Safety and Church Security Fundraiser. Thank you for supporting these important initiatives for PUMC!

Expenses of \$93,000 during February and March were \$3,000

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (SPRT)

SPRT's second staff spotlight is Denise Watson, our Office Manager. She has been at PUMC since 1993 and we appreciate her dedication! You can see her in action in the office Monday - Thursday, 9 am to 12:30 pm. Denise



warmly greets every person who calls or enters the church, whether they have a question or just need someone to listen. Daily responsibilities include answering the phones, maintaining the church calendar and room reservation requests which she posts outside the Fellowship Hall. She compiles the church bulletin each week and mails it, newsletters, and the Upper Room to home-bound church members. Denise maintains membership and attendance records, completes facility agreements to send

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Scuba VBS Training Sessions

Sunday, June 9th from 12pm-1pm

Saturday, June 15th from 9am-10am

A pizza & salad lunch will be served on Sunday and a continental breakfast on Saturday. Please let Nic Gold, nicolas@pumcfort-mill.org, know which training session you will attend. You will receive an overview of this year's VBS, learn your station or crew designation, pick up your station leader or crew leader guide, learn VBS and Safe Sanctuary policies, and (if needed) purchase your volunteer shirt (\$5). If you don't have a VBS shirt from previous years, please give Nic your size ASAP.

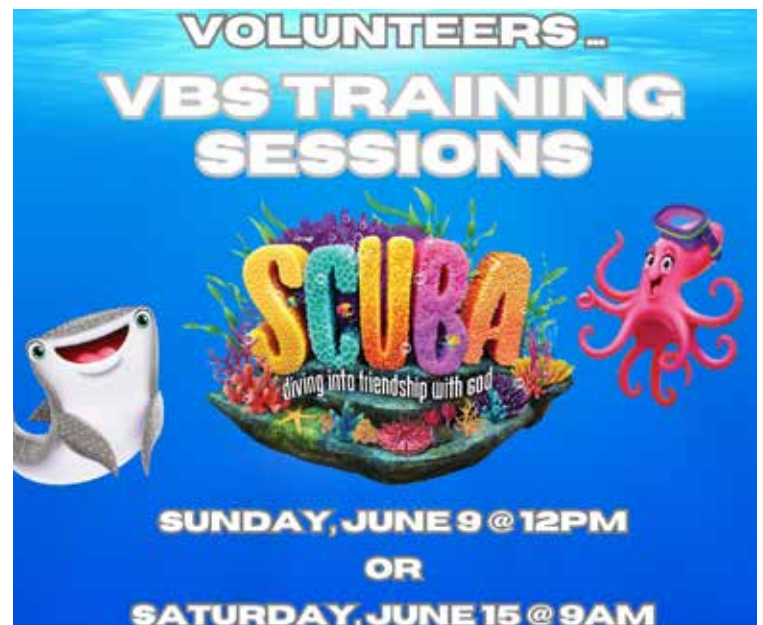


under budget as staff and ministry leaders continue to prudently management expenses and donate significant time and talents. Contributions from the congregation supported our Safe Sanctuary programs to protect Children and vulnerable Adults, preliminary VBS expenses (yes, three months in advance), Children's Sunday School materials, Youth programs, renewal of church software licenses as well as staffing and the maintenance and upkeep of our facilities.

Outside of financial gifts, the church receives hundreds of hours of volunteer time each month – for example, the typical worship service requires 8 hours of volunteer time for greeters, ushers, sound, slides, and livestream! Plus, volunteers support our music offering, lay readers, acolytes, and communion assistants. Thank you for your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure to PUMC!

to Trustees, and completes the membership and finance parts of the charge and annual reports. She also orders kitchen, office and building supplies. She loves being here at Philadelphia UMC!

Outside of Philadelphia, Denise is kept busy by her family. She has one son and three daughters. Her oldest is Tara, who has a Master's degree in Psychology, and stays at home in Columbia with her three children, Kaylee, Claire, and Jase. Her son Shaun, a Rock Hill police officer, has two children, Sawyer and Hadley. Next is Tiffany, who worked as a teacher, and now stays at home in Tega Cay with her two children, Braiden and Isabella. Her youngest, Courtney, works for the disability board in Rock Hill and has a daughter named Brynley. Denise's cup is filled by time with her grandbabies playing board and card games, and traveling to local parks, Mr. Putty's and Carowinds. Denise also enjoys watching her two grand dogs. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting and playing the piano.



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NURTURE COMMITTEE

In March, Senior Friends had a great time with the Copy Cats performing for their St. Patrick's Day. Check out the pictures below. There were about 100 in attendance to enjoy corned beef, cabbage, mashed potatoes and soda bread. April will be a meal with Doug Chapman sharing some history of PUMC and Fort Mill. Caroline Helms is scheduled to host at her house in May.

The Caring Meals Ministry coordinated meals in March for Shirley Bright and Lavinia McCall. Our Golden Angels (Sunshine Ministry) was blessed with cards, homemade cookies and care bags prepared our youth! Thank you, Jessica, for teaching our youth how to care for others.



Ladies' Garden Party Thursday, April 18th at 5:30am

Mothers, daughters, sisters & friends are invited for a fun evening of food, games and photo booth. \$5 tickets available until 4/14. Hosted by the United Women in Faith.



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Children's Attention Home

Thanks to your generous, designated gifts to the Mission Fund, the Mission Team provided a \$400 sponsorship to the Children's Attention Home for their teens to enjoy a trip to Carowinds over spring break. This was a wonderful opportunity for the teens to "just have fun" and enjoy an activity many of us take for granted. For nearly 50 years, the Children's Attention Home's objective has been to provide a temporary care shelter in which a child can experience a loving care, individualized attention, and compassionate support until a permanent home can be found. For more information attentionhome.org



New Ministries! We're excited to revive our Student Ministry where we encourage and support our young people after graduating high school. We expect to begin with "exam boxes" for our current students and will keep you informed as we develop the ministry. Karla will head up a new Rising Kindergarten Ministry where children who are entering kindergarten will be recognized during the "blessing of the backpacks" service.

Kristin Gommer will continue to lead our Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Kristin, akek1999@hotmail.com or talk to Beverly.

Thank you team for preparing a delicious breakfast after our beautiful Sunrise Service. Blessings, Beverly Burgess

Single Ladies Lunch Bunch Saturday, April 20th at 11:30am

ALL single ladies are invited to join us at Blue Smokehouse, 1500 Fort Mill Parkway. Contact: Donna Schaefer, nordon50@aol.com If you are a Single Lady (of any age) and haven't joined us before, what are you waiting for? We'd love to have you!!

Habitat for Humanity House Build Saturday, May 4th, 8am - 3pm

Join us to help a working family build a home of their own through Habitat for Humanity of York County. Again this year, your donations allowed us to contribute \$2,500 towards the home build. Now we need your helping hands! Look for the signup sheet in the Coffee Connexions Room. Full and 1/2 day shifts are available. 16-17 year old youth are allowed with a volunteering guardian. This is an fulfilling hands on project and we need about 12 volunteers. All materials and lunch provided. Please reach out to a Mission Team Member or Eugenia Taylor with any questions. taylorj@comporium.net



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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Growing In Love: We had an exciting month learning about God through the story of Prince Caspian.

Our children's choir performed at Palm Sunday and we had lots of visitors for Easter Game Day.



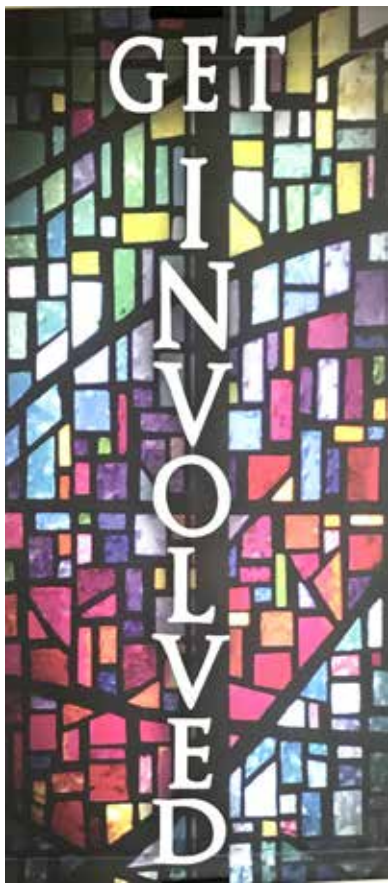
PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

PYG had so much fun in March! We were able to watch PYG member, Avery Miller in a Narrowway production called the 4th Cross. It was an impactful story and Avery did a beautiful job! Mission Wednesday youth baked chocolate chip cookies and then during Sunday School added them to care packages for 10 local shut ins. Evangelism came out to support PYG during the Baxter St. Patrick's Day Festival parking lot fundraiser. We served leprechaun lemonade while we collected \$398 in donations for our upcoming youth retreat! PYG concluded our month with a last supper including serving each other communion and a foot washing. After dinner, youth went into the community to surprise kids by hiding eggs in the yard and inviting families to Holy Week services. I think everyone enjoyed all the opportunities to have immersive experiences to learn about the story of Easter!



During the month of April, PYG will have their youth retreat at LookUp Lodge in Traveler's Rest, South Carolina 4/19-4/21. Our semiannual Adopt-A-Stream clean up is from 4-7pm on 4/14. We need chaperones too! If you'd like to join us please RSVP on the BAND app or contact Jessica Inman jessica@pumcfortmill.org.





APRIL - MONTH AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Time
Tue, April 9	Senior Friends Luncheon	11:30am
Sun, April 14	Adopt-a-Stream Cleanup	4:00 - 7:00pm
Tue, April 16	United Methodist Men Dinner	7:00pm
Thur, April 18	Women's Garden Party	5:30pm
Sat, April 20	Men In the Mirror	7:30am
Sat, April 20	Single Ladies Lunch (Blue Smokehouse)	11:30am
Fri - Sun, April 19-21	Philly Youth Group Spring Retreat	
Sat, April 27	Church Spring Cleaning Workday	9:00am - 12:00pm
Sun, April 28	Children's Choir Concerts	9:00 & 11:00am
Sun, April 28	Coffee & Conversation with Pastor David	10:15 - 10:45am
Sat, May 4	Habitat for Humanity Build	8:00am - 3:00pm
Every Wednesday	Joyful Noize	4:30 - 5:15pm
Every Wednesday	Beginner Bells or Philly Chimes	5:15 - 6:00pm
Every Wednesday	CORE - praise band	5:30pm
Every Wednesday	Jubilate Ringers - Adult Handbells	6:00pm
Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir	7:15pm

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

Men in the Mirror

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

Join us every 3rd Saturday morning, in the Fellowship Hall, for biscuits, coffee, fellowship, and biblical discussion. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." -Proverbs 27:17.

UMM Meeting

Tuesday, April 16th, 7:30am, Fellowship Hall

All UMM & visitors are welcome to join us for dinner and a devotion. If you plan on attending, please use the QR code to sign up.



Thanks to the men who cooked and served delicious hamburgers and hotdogs for the Wednesday night Bible study on 3/13/24.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

April 28th from 10:15-10:45 am, newer members/visitors can join Pastor David in the Pastor's office for a time of fellowship, learn more about the church and ways to engage. Please email Pastor David at david@pumcfortmill.org to join.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

March 31, 2024

\$12,412 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$645,406, we received \$10,619 this week

\$162,967 has been received towards the General and Building Funds

\$151,283 has been spent from the General and Building Funds

\$58,773 Cash Available to Support Church Expenses, Missions & Ministries

\$753,885 Loan balance for Building

Ways to Give

Cash & Checks accepted every Sunday during Offering!

Visit us at www.pumcfortmill.org/give/

Via Zelle App - gifts@pumcfortmill.org

Transfer Stocks, Bonds, Brokerage Assets

Mail or Drop-off your gift during regular office hours.

Have questions about giving?

Please contact PUMC's part-time Financial Associate, Mayra Leon at accounting@pumcfortmill.org

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