



OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

KNOW THAT I AM GOD



Dear Church Family,

This popular saying comes from Psalm 46:10, *Be still, and know that I am God...*

This verse comes from a longer section of Scripture that proclaims the power and security of God. Being still is not just about physical stillness, but also about quieting our minds and hearts to truly know and experience the presence of God. In the stillness, we can center ourselves, listen to His voice, and deepen our connection with Him. It is through this stillness that we can find peace, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God's power and security. While the threat the psalmist faced is not mentioned specifically, it seems to relate to the pagan nations and a call for God to end the raging war.

Psalm 46 (NIV)

...God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

PYG completed their second semi-annual stream cleanup in April. A stream cleanup sounds like a nice leisurely stroll to pick up a few plastic water bottles. But, as you can see from the pictures, our stream is littered with some serious trash as well as some serious southern bugs and other obstacles. With the helping hands of 21 volunteers, we removed a cast iron sink, bicycle, and a tire adding to a total of 320.5 pounds of trash! Look for our sign coming soon to Harris Street Park where our stream adoption will be made official.

We had four adults and ten youth attend the Spring Youth Retreat at Look Up Lodge in Travelers Rest. The weather was amazing allowing us to spend lots of time in God's creation. Some even braved the chilly water! The girls beat the boys in wiffle ball, but the boys beat the girls to every meal. Students had fun enjoying the campus and spending time together playing games, team building, and studying scripture. We had four small group sessions. The series we studied was called "By Name." Youth learned how God created each of the billions of people just like he created all the stars and knows every single one intimately. We created string art to resemble how he knit



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Worshipping in Love



Growing in Love



Serving in Love

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Be still. Do we know how to be still? Do we know when to just be quiet in God's presence? Do we know how to stop frantic activity? For Gods people being still will involve looking to the Lord for help. Can we just Be Still?

Know that I am God. How do we know God? In the stillness of God's presence, we can find solace and peace. It is through being still that we can quiet our minds and open ourselves up to truly experiencing God's presence. By taking the time to be still, we can deepen our connection with Him and gain a deeper understanding of His word and will for our lives. WE know that God is all-knowing, present everywhere, and all-powerful, holy, faithful, infinite, and sovereign. Acknowledging God implies that we can trust Him and surrender to His place because He understands who we are.

When we are still and surrendered to God, we find peace even when the earth gives way, the mountains fall (verse 2), or the nations go into an uproar and kingdoms fall (verse 6). When life gets overwhelming and busyness takes precedence, remember Psalm 46:1, God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Run to Him, lay down your weapons and fall into His arms. Acknowledge that He is God and that He is exalted in all the earth. Be still and know that He is God.

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



TRUSTEES

Thank you! Our fundraiser was a huge success. A new fire control panel has already been purchased and installed. Our church now has the latest technology to protect us from fire.

The trustees and Greg Millett have already begun phase two of the fundraiser project. This phase includes putting plans in place to purchase and install the latest technology in Wi-Fi equipment.



This Wi-Fi equipment will allow us to protect our computer systems, place security cameras throughout the church, and install a keyless entry system for our office and narthex doors. We are also working to repair the link to the electronic sign out front.

We would also like to thank all those who helped during our Spring Church Clean Up. Remember, we are caretakers of God's house. Please help to keep it clean and tidy!

WORSHIP

New Member Welcome



Pat Cramer

Pat Cramer is originally from New York, moved to Arizona then Denver, Colorado. Pat moved to Berkshire in Baxter and found her way to PUMC about 6 months ago. She and husband, Paul, have been married for 54 years and have 4 grandchildren. Their daughter, son-in-law and youngest granddaughter live here in Fort Mill.

Pat likes to read, walk, hike, bike and is interested in locating a stable for horseback riding. Pat is already involved in the Disciple's Sunday School class and jumped in to serve at the Hugaroo event right after joining that morning! Please seek out Pat and give her a warm PUMC welcome!

Thank You

The Worship committee would like to thank everyone that contributed to making Easter a beautiful celebration! For decorating inside and outside, singing, playing an instrument, providing breakfast, volunteering for worship, greeting, ushering, acolytes, lay readers, communion assistants, soundboard, digital display video and live stream. There are so many ways to connect and contribute by sharing your God given gifts. Thank you!

Pentacost Sunday / Youth Sunday

On May 19th, we will be led by our youth to observe Pentecost and recognize our 2024 Graduates. We encourage everyone to wear red on the 19th as a visual reminder of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Taken from Discipleship Ministries, Pentecost: "Another high holy day of the Christian calendar. Called by many the birthday of the church, Pentecost represents passing of the mantle of sorts- from the incarnate Christ to the ever-present Spirit, the reminder of the God with, the sustainer, the teacher, the strengthener. Pentecost is a day of celebration for all that God has done and is doing within the life of the church."

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a]as the Spirit enabled them. ~ Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

Red is the color of Spirit and flame. In a sea of red on Pentecost Sunday, let us remember the gift of the Holy Spirit and all that God has done and is doing within the life of His church.

PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

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us each in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). We also adopted a star and named it "Philadelphia" so we can remember this special time together whenever we look to the skies and talk to God.

I am so excited to share the multitude of gifts possessed by our youth during Youth Sunday on May 19th at the 11am service! Please plan to join us to support and be enriched by our youth and their love of God. That Sunday will mark the end of our regular PYG meetings, but we will go out with a bang! Youth group will go to T-Wrecks Smash Room in Rock Hill to release some exam stress and celebrate a great year! RSVP on the BAND app and be on the lookout for summer meetups coming out in May!



Certificate

The star with the coordinates
12 15 47.0 +57 1 57.36
has been registered in the
International Space Registry on
April 21st, 2024

The star gets the name:
Philadelphia
Registration Number:
CX44133US



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Philadelphia
High-proper-motion star

Registration Date	21.04.2024
Registered By	www.star-naming.com
Registry Number	CX44133US
Magnitude	3.32
Distance	80.51 light years
Spectral Type	A2Ve
RA/Dec	12h 16m 39.7s +54° 53' 58.7"
Alt/Az	83° 25' 29.7" +68° 22' 19.3"
Visibility	Always visible tonight

CHILDREN & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

VBS Volunteers

We need you! We have almost 120 children signed up and ready to learn about the love of Jesus Christ, but we cannot have a successful VBS without YOU!

If you can only serve on one day..we need you!

If you can only help decorate the week prior...we need you!

If you're 13, if you're 83....we need you!

Get the idea? Please contact Nic Gold and sign up today to serve the children of our community. nicolas@pumcfortmill.org,

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, 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.



DONATE ITEMS FOR VBS

CONTACT NICOLAS@PUMCFORTMILL.ORG

- ◆ Pool Noodles
- ◆ Packing peanuts
- ◆ Scuba gear (will be returned)
- ◆ Small canoe (will be returned)
- ◆ Heat gun (will be returned)
- ◆ Shower caps (single-colored)



VOLUNTEERS... VBS TRAINING SESSIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 @ 12PM
OR
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 @ 9AM

RSVP NICOLAS@PUMCFORTMILL.ORG



REGISTRATION

Vacation Bible School 2024
June 24-27 - 9:30am-11:45

Mother's Day Photos May 5th Deadline

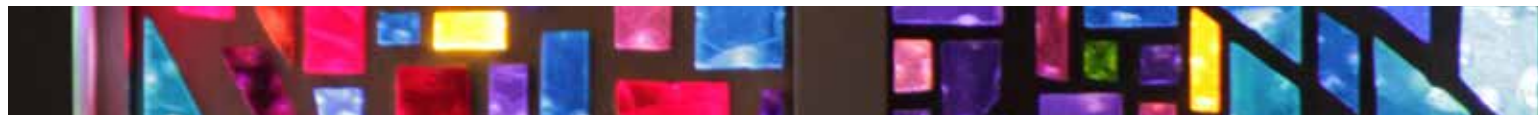
Please submit a photo with your mother to be recognized on Mother's Day to Nicolase@pumcfortmill.org.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you to the congregation for supporting the Fire Safety and Church Security fundraiser! Church Council, Trustees and Finance/Stewardship moved forward with the fundraising initiative thanks to the valuable feedback received from a limited survey of contributors to PUMC conducted in late 2023. The survey assessed church purpose, communication, motivations for giving and priorities that might be supported. The response rate was 70% with respondents split between 9am and 11am worship attendees. The survey indicated the following:

- PUMC's primary responsibility in supporting its memberships spiritual growth is facilitating effective Worship/Prayer followed by Christian Education
- This newsletter remains a critical source of information for our congregation
- All respondents indicated commitment or scriptural guidance as a primary motivator for giving and overwhelming selected Food Security followed by Shelter missions as a primary community need
- And, about 2/3's of respondents indicated a willingness to support capital giving outside of tithes and offerings provided the purpose and intent is clearly communicated or identified as a critical need of PUMC

Thank you for those who provided this feedback which greatly assisted Council and the committees of the Church in shaping its areas of focus for 2024 in light of the available resources.



LIFEGROUPS

We have several different LifeGroups available to help you meet fellow Christians with similar interests to enrich and challenge you on your spiritual journey. Contact Nic Gold, nicolas@pumc-fortmill.org for LifeGroup information.

Single Ladies Lunch Bunch Saturday, May 18th at 11:30am

ALL single ladies are invited to join us at Empire Pizza (1504 Carolina Place, Fort Mill) . 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!!

NURTURE COMMITTEE

Frances visited with three of our Golden Angels and presented each of them with a prayer shawl. She also visited with Bill Hildebrand at Hospice House and presented him with one of the handmade crosses just before he passed away.

Care meals have been taken to Lavinia McCall and now Ryan and Kaylin Staub and their new baby boy, Ethan James.

Our Bereavement ministry prepared and served a meal for the family of Bill Hildebrand.

We are a "doing" committee so please let us know how we can serve you! Blessings, Beverly Burgess, beverly65@comporium.net

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

Men in the Mirror

Saturday, May 18th, 7:30am, Fellowship Hall

All men and guests are welcome to 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.

Men in the Mirror

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A time of spiritual renewal for men

UMM Meeting

We met on Tuesday April 16th and had an update on upcoming events, dinner, and small devotion led by Jeremy Inman. Next dinner will be in June. More to come.

Golf Tournament

Join the PUMC United Methodist Men for a fundraising golf tournament around the end of October at Fort Mill Golf Club. More info to come as we get closer, but we are trying to get a headcount on who would be interested.

Please use the QR code to sign up. \$400 per team. Your team doesn't have to come from PUMC and if you don't have a team, we'll help pair you with one. Contact Lance Holmes with any questions. (704) 661-2475, holmlan12@gmail.com.



Senior Friends

Tuesday, May 21th at 11:30am

Please note day change! Bring a covered dish for our annual picnic at the home of Caroline Helms (2210 Gold Hill Road) If it rains, we will meet at the church.

Church League Softball

Season starts June 3rd. Men (must be 16) contact Evan Lackey, evanlackey2@gmail.com and women (must be 14) contact Pam Brenwald, pambrenwald@gmail.com.



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Palmetto Women's Center

Baby Bottle Lenten Mission was a huge success! (pictures right)

For weeks Baby Bottles were in the Narthex. Our congregation saved change to fill them in the hopes of helping a mother keep and take care of her baby through the mission of the Palmetto Women's Center (PWC) in Rock Hill. When change was scarce, folks put paper money and checks into the bottles. You were so generous that \$2,575 was donated in the name of Jesus!!!

Eugenia Taylor and Lynne Tobias presented a check to the PWC director. The staff was thrilled. Thanks to you, the donation covers the cost of caring for two mothers and their babies for two years! Maternity care, parent education, baby needs in addition to counseling and help attaining education for future jobs is available thanks to you!

PWC has just opened Palmetto Maternity Home where a woman can reside with her baby for one year. Thank you all for your participation in this mission. You have made a difference.



Hugaroo

"Man, this is good pizza. Aww, this animal is so cute! Oh no, this little guy needs to go to the hospital; it has a hole in it. We need more animals!" Just a few of the comments heard while prepping 546 animals for children who are experiencing a life-threatening illness, traumatic event or are at risk. Our 40 volunteers of all ages cut off tags, checked animals for holes/open seams, tied on Hugaroo tags, and bagged the completed animals. The children and youth added stickers and wrote heartwarming notes on the Hugaroo tags. These bags of squishy love and comfort will be taken to places like children's hospitals and police departments. Thanks to those who donated 60 stuffed animals and all the volunteers that made this successful. What a blessed afternoon!

Bethel Men's Shelter Donation Center

Monday, May 20th, 6-7pm

We need individuals of all ages to pull donations, separate and shelf new donations and runners to deliver donations to the men. This is a great family service or parent/child. Please sign up in the Coffee Connections Room or speak to Eugenia Taylor.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

April Actions

About 40 women, children and youth attended the Garden Party hosted by the JR Jones Circle. We enjoyed a delicious dinner with desserts. Our garden knowledge was tested in a couple of fun games and lots of door prizes were given out. It was a special evening of fellowship.

We also provided dinner for the students at Winthrop Wesley this month. College students are always appreciative of a free, homecooked meal of meat, veggies, salad and dessert.



Operation Christmas Child

It's never too early to shop! Some folks are shopping the "Amazon return stores" while others are hitting the clearance sections. Look at this coloring book haul! (right) 308 to be exact at 75% off the week after Easter. We'll need crayons for each of these. I heard a shoebox receipt speak of how much she treasured a coloring book and crayons from her box when she was 12 years old. School supplies will be on sale soon, so shop early! Our goal is 350 boxes this year. We can't wait to see God's blessings multiply.



UNDIES SUNDIES in May

Let's jump in and meet an essential need for children coming into foster care! Join in the mission of James 1:27. We will be collecting NEW, KIDS underwear and pajamas in children's sizes to distribute at the York County Foster Closet in the month of May!

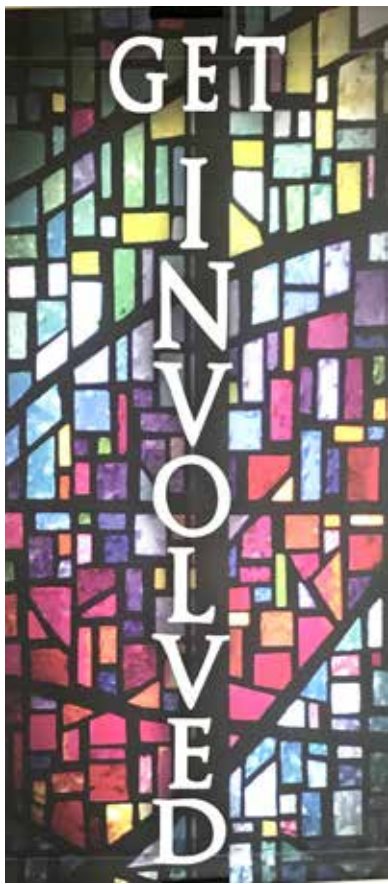


York County Foster Closet

Help us jump in and meet an essential need for children coming into foster care! Honor National Foster Care Month by donating NEW underwear, sports bras, and pajamas in children's sizes to distribute at the York County Foster Closet, a local outreach through Defend the Fatherless. Foster families can shop at no cost for essential items when a new foster child enters their home. Please bring to Coffee Connections Room by May 26th.



GRADUATION CELEBRATION
MAY 19TH - NOON
PERSONALLY CONGRATULATE OUR
GRADUATES AT THE CUPCAKE RECEPTION
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.



MAY - MONTH AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Time
Sat, May 4	Habitat for Humanity	8:00am - 3:00pm
Sun, May 12	Epworth Children's Home Special Offering	9:00am & 11:00am
Sat, May 18	Men In the Mirror	7:30am
Sat, May 18	Single Ladies Lunch (Empire Pizza)	11:30am
Sun, May 19	Youth Sunday	11:00am
Sun, May 19	Graduate Cupcake Reception	12:00pm
Sun, May 19	PYG @ T-wrecks	3:30pm
Mon, May 20	Bethel Donation Center Work	6:00 - 7:00pm
Mon, May 20	Church Council	6:30pm
Tue, May 21	Senior Friends Picnic (C. Helm's home)	11:30am
Tue, May 21	JR Jones Women's Circle	6:30pm
Sun, May 26	Clang Buckets	9:00am & 11:00am
Sun, May 26	Coffee & Conversation with Pastor David	10:15 - 10:45am
Every Wednesday	CORE - praise band	5:30pm
Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir	7:15pm

Philadelphia United Methodist Church 

Fourth Sundays

Coffee/Tea with Pastor David

Welcome New Members

May 26

Please join Pastor David 10:15-10:45 in his office.
David@pumcfortmill.org

The Adventures of LEGO Shawn the Sheep



Scan the QR Code to Watch

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

April 28, 2024

\$12,412 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$645,406, we received \$6,557 this week

\$199,568 has been received towards the General and Building Funds

\$180,969 has been spent from the General and Building Funds

\$65,695 Cash Available to Support Church Expenses, Missions & Ministries

\$747,459 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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