



OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

UNBIND YOUR HEART



Dear Church Family,

In the summer of 2016, I took a 40-day sabbatical to study, be in devotion and prayer. This was an intentional time for self-care and spiritual direction to reignite my purpose in ministry and my relationship with Christ.

Following the 2016 UMC General Conference and prior to the General Conference 2024, the United Methodist Church began exploring ways to be more inclusive, accepting and loving to all people. I struggled with the changes being proposed, and my heart was growing hard because I was not willing, nor ready, at that time, to accept the purposed changes. I sought a way for God to unbind my heart. I entered into 40 days of prayer, fasting, listening, and faith sharing. Each morning began with scripture, a reading, action, and journaling. It was a very transforming time in my life and ministry.

I kept a journal during my sabbatical, and I recently discovered it tucked away on a shelf. One journal entry began with the scripture, 1 John 3:14-24. My devotion for that day was entitled “A Gift of Christ’s Love.” I’d like to share some excerpts from that reading.

“Sit quietly and ask the Spirit of Christ to be with you. Rest in Christ for a minute or two. When you feel ready to be open to the Word of God, read this beautiful portion from the first letter of John. ‘Love is the sign of the Christian. Being in Christ means that the love of Christ lives in us. When we know Christ’s love, the Spirit will prompt us in words and acts of love.’

Read the scripture again, ponder the words in your heart. Ask Christ, is there someone whom you would like me to give something to show your love? A name of a face may appear to as you pray.”

It did. It happened. I saw the person I needed to show love to. It was me. I did not love myself as Christ loves me. All this anger and bitterness about something that I had no control over was binding my heart and keeping me from opening myself to the leading of the Holy Spirit. WOW! I was sure it would be someone else or something else, but it wasn’t... it was me. As my 40 days progressed, my heart

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MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

On April 28th our children’s choirs performed their spring concert at both worship services. Joyful Noize, Philly Chimes, and Beginner Bells, had been practicing since January for this program. Under the leadership of Rebecca Pollack and Mollie Moon, Joyful Noize and Philly Chimes members provided narration for the spoken portion of the program, as well as musical selections that reinforced the narration. They sang such songs as ‘I Will Call Upon the Lord’, ‘Hosanna’, and ‘He is the Way’ accompanied by pianist Phil Brigman. Philly Chimes also played ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’, among others. Additionally, Beginner Bells, led by David Hodges, ‘chimed in’ with ‘God Made Me’ and ‘Amazing Grace’. Overall, it was a wonderful service led by our talented children. We are blessed with gifted children that are willing to share their talents at PUMC. The children’s choirs will resume practicing the week after Labor Day.

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Worshipping in Love



Growing in Love



Serving in Love


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and spirit became open. I could feel my heart unbinding, making room for the love of Christ who loves me just as I am and asks me to love others just the way they are. The discernment process for me was a prayerful discovery, that honors the plan of God's will in my life and ministry.

As PUMC enters a time of discernment for disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, I pray you will prayerfully discover the plans for God's will in your life and for PUMC. I pray the love of Christ will unbind your heart and fill you with his unconditional love.

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



TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

- Fundraiser Update—Greg Millett and trustees have measured the amount of Cat6 ethernet cable needed for the Wi-Fi security project. Once the cable is received, trustees will lay out the cable in the ceiling throughout the church. At the same time, Cat6 outdoor rated cable will be laid for our outdoor sign.
- On May 9th, the York County Fire Marshal inspected our church. Items noted by the fire marshal that need to be addressed include:
 - Repair emergency lights in Sanctuary.
 - Repair fire door exit in fellowship hall.
 - Erect an address sign on highway 160.
- The trustees have already begun work on fixing these items.
- Please remember, if you are the last one to leave the church check to see that all the lights have been turned off and all the doors have been locked. Thank you.

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Children's Music Members

Joyful Noize: Caroline Burns, James Hodges, Kate Inman, Isabele Lowdermilk, Clementine Powers, Ophelia Powers, Maggie Redden

Philly Chimes: Caroline Burns, Nathan Graver, James Hodges, Victoria Miller, Amelia Moon, Clementine Powers, Zoe Redden

Instrumentalists: Charlotte Burns/flute, Juliana Moon/clarinet

Beginner Bells – Ophelia Powers, Maggie Redden, Jeremy Thrasher



Philadelphia United Methodist Church 

Fourth Sundays

Coffee/Tea with Pastor David

Welcome New Members

June 30

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

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

“Sound of Hope - The Story of Possum Trot”

Some members attended a prescreening this movie hosted by Defend the Fatherless. Premiering on July 4th, this emotional movie follows Donna and Reverend Martin as they ignite a fire in the hearts of their rural church to embrace 77 kids in the foster system that nobody else would take. Be sure to see this movie for a deeper appreciation of the foster system and the trials of foster children and adoptive/foster families.



Graduation Celebration

Thank you to everyone who took time to congratulate our graduates either in person or by giving them a card. Kate Caulder and James Mitchell were able to celebrate with us in person. Please hold all these young persons in your prayers:

Kate Caulder
Erik Gommer
Jamie Petrella
James Mitchell &
Camryn Clark.



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

We will collect for Wallace Family Life Center in Bennettsville until July 15th.
Please leave donations in the Coffee Connections Room.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (SPRT)

Staff Spotlight: David Hodges - Director of Music Ministries

David joined our staff in October 2022. He leads rehearsals for the Adult Chancel Choir and Handbells, and the children's Beginner Bells. You can find him at the office Monday -Thursday preparing for the week's music rehearsals, as well as Sunday's 11am service. All six musical groups (Chancel Choir, CORE, Handbells, Beginner Bells, and children's choirs: Joyful Noize and Philly Chimes) rehearse on Wednesday nights and David coordinates times and rehearsal spaces for them. He also coordinates with other staff and children's choir volunteers to ensure our children can present their musical offerings during worship on a regular basis. In their occasional absence, he assists by leading rehearsals. One of David's most treasured duties is selecting music for worship. David says: "It's a delicate and prayerful process picking out the music each week. I put a lot of thought and prayer into it, and the Holy Spirit leads."



Some of his other duties include ordering music and supplies for musical groups, overseeing the music budget, ensuring proper tuning and care for our pianos and organ, setting up tables and instruments for handbells, and making myriads of photocopies for rehearsals. A new duty for David involves creating lyric slides each week for congregational singing. David says this was a learning curve for him, but with Nic's help, he picked it up pretty quickly. David also attends worship committee meetings, as well as church council meetings.

David is a graduate of USC (BM) and Winthrop (MM). He met his wife, Carrie, at Winthrop. Carrie, an elementary music teacher, has been a welcome addition to the adult choir, as she is able to move between singing soprano and alto. She also accompanies on flute quite often. David and Carrie have two sons, Johnathan (14) and James (10). Johnathan plays football and James is a budding musician, playing piano and participating in our children's choirs. Additionally, David performs on trumpet with the Union Symphony in Monroe, NC and the Catawba River Winds community band. He loves Gamecock football, and follows the Atlanta Braves. He also teaches private trumpet lessons around Rock Hill and Fort Mill. Thank you David for your beautiful contribution of music to PUMC!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

York County Habitat Faith Build

On May 4th, eleven volunteers started putting siding on a new home for a working family in Clover, SC. We had just gotten in a groove of how to attach the siding when the rain came. Unfortunately, we were forced to stop work as it was turning into a deluge, but don't despair! We have a **rain makeup day on Saturday, June 8th**. Easy, peasy work - we will be painting the interior of the home. Sixteen and seventeen-year-olds are allowed with a parent or guardian. Can't commit the entire day? That's OK, we have half day shifts. Please join us as we fellowship and serve together. You can sign up in the Coffee Connections Room, speak to Eugenia Taylor or follow this link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AAAA62FA20-49273555-may42024>).

Bethel Men's Shelter

Although the numbers of men at the shelter are dropping to summer levels, on May the 20th, Elaine McDonald, Ella Boyd and Paul Cappers were kept busy pulling donations and running them down the stairs to fulfill the men's needs. It is always heartwarming to see the relief on the men's faces when items are available to meet their needs.

Mark your calendar for **Monday, July 22nd**! We will be working in the Donation Center and serving our "summer fruit and vegetable meal". We are starting to collect fruit cups, breakfast bars (the soft kind like NutraGrain) and bottle waters along with the packages of restaurant utensils and devotionals for the breakfast bags. Additionally, the shelter can always use new men's underwear and socks, and gently used tennis shoes, work pants, shorts, and shirts. Please place all donated items in the Coffee Connection's Room. A signup genius will be available in early July - watch for a link in the bulletin and newsletter.



UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

Men in the Mirror

Saturday, June 15th, 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.

UMM Meeting

**Thursday, June 13th, 7:00pm,
Fellowship Hall**

Join us for an update on upcoming events, dinner, and small devotion led by Jeremy Inman. Use the QR code to sign up or email Jeremy Inman at jinman0425@hotmail.com



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.



CHILDREN & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Scuba VBS - June 24th-22nd from 9:30-11:45am

Please pray for VBS. Thank God for all those who have and will play a part in making it a reality. Pray that through all the fun, the children will feel the love of Jesus and get to know Him better. Pray that the volunteers and leaders will have enough energy to get through the week and that they are open to how God is going to work through them. And if you are able, you are welcome to come for even just one day and help be the hands and feet of Jesus!



Shawn's Summer

Wherever you go this summer, you can take Shawn the Sheep with you. Shawn is taking time off for Summer 2024 and wants to vacation with YOU! Anyone going to Paris for the Olympics? How about the beach? Shawn loves to admire God's creation in the waves and sand. How about your grandparent's house? Invite Shawn on your trip, snap a pic of you and Shawn having fun, and then submit that pic and a favorite bible verse when you return. Contact nicolas@pumcfortmill.org to schedule a week or weekend trip.



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NURTURE COMMITTEE

We have had a busy month! Meals have been delivered to Lavenia McCall as she recovers and to new parents, Ryan and Kaylin Staub, as they welcomed Ethan James Staub. He was born on his daddy's birthday! A rose bud vase was placed on the alter in Ethan's honor. A new ministry starting this summer is recognizing our rising kindergartners with a personalized tote on the "Blessing of the Backpacks" Sunday. We are excited to let our children know they are loved by and prayed for by their church family. Please let us know if you have a rising kindergartner.

We're excited to bring our young adult ministry back under Nurture and "restart" Philly Friends 18:23 in January 2025 with information about the program, how to be a mentor and more. Holly Johnson will spearhead this ministry.

Our Prayer Shawls Ministry is on track with four shawls presented. Thank you to Kristin Gommer for continuing to make new prayer shawls. We are exploring the possibility of meeting as a group to crochet/knit prayer shawls to replenish our supply. Join our ministry efforts! Contact Beverly Burgess, beverly65@comporium.net

LIFE GROUPS



Senior Friends

June 11th, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall

All those 65+ are invited to attend a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. In April, about 25 senior friends enjoyed delicious food and a beautiful spring day at their annual picnic at Caroline Helms' house. (pictures left)

Single Ladies' Lunch Bunch

Saturday, June 17th, 11:30am

Are you a single lady of any age? Do you like to eat lunch? Do you love to laugh with others? Then join us at Rock Hill Diner for good southern cooking and even better fellowship. Contact Donna Schaefer at nordon50@aol.com or 704-604-2210.

PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

PYG concluded the school year on May 19th. We started the day with Youth Sunday which also happened to be Pentecost Sunday. Youth served in all aspects of the service including having the chance to serve communion. This year they were even in charge of decorating the altar along with creating the flower arrangements for the sanctuary. It was wonderful to see how every single student put their gifts to use for worship. They did an impressive job and I am so proud of each of them! I pray they continue to serve in future services.

Later that day, we went to T-Wrecks Smash Room in Rock Hill. It was the perfect way to let off some steam as students finish up end of year testing. Youth were broken up into small groups and got the chance to choose their weapon of choice such as a bat or golf club. Then they smashed ceramics, glasses, and even end tables!

During the month of June, PYG will focus on using their gifts to help the children's ministry in preparation for VBS. After the final day of VBS, we will celebrate with a pool party! Summer quiet down for PYG. With so many people traveling and taking a break, we will continue to have smaller, casual gatherings and service opportunities. A few of our youth are serving a week in ministry at Salkehatchie camps, so please be in prayer for their safety

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YOUTH SUNDAY



Serving In Love: Front Row (L-R) James Mitchell, Victoria Miller, Matthew Graver, Evan Clark, Lucas Kmiec, Charlotte Burns, Emmy Miller Back Row (L-R) Landon Parrish, Anna Kmiec, Cambell Cahaly, Adriana Lackey, Avery Miller, David Lackey, Dakota Gold. Not pictured: Anna Holmes



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Finally, I'd like to thank all of the PYG volunteers. Hours upon hours of serving in small groups, driving crazy kids, overnight retreats, keeping the hangry teens fed, opening your homes, and financially supporting us. I hope you find it as rewarding as I do. Thank you for being more than a congregation but family for youth to look up to, spiritually connect with, and aid in developing their faith. We are all so grateful and I hope you'll continue to support PYG into the next school year.



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DONATE ITEMS FOR VBS

CONTACT NICOLAS@PUMCFORTMILL.ORG

- ◆ Pool Noodles
- ◆ Shower poufs
- ◆ Wide, blue painter's tape
- ◆ Cardboard boxes (med. & large)
- ◆ Thin plastic party bowls
- ◆ Shower caps (single-colored)

Scan the QR code to donate to VBS



VBS WORKSHOPS

June 8 - 9:30am-12:30pm
June 15 - 10:30am-1:00pm
Fellowship Hall

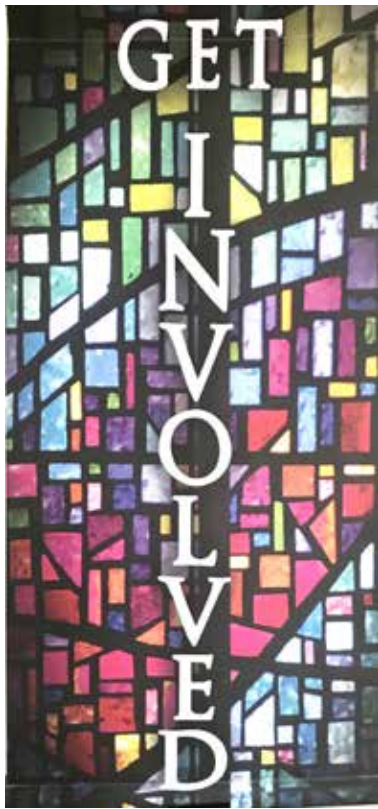
Help us with crafts and decorations.
Sit-down jobs available.



VOLUNTEERS... VBS TRAINING SESSIONS



SUNDAY, JUNE 9 @ 12PM
OR
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 @ 9AM
RSVP NICOLAS@PUMCFORTMILL.ORG



JUNE - MONTH AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Jun 4	Children's Clang Buckets	9:00am & 11:00am
Sat, Jun 8	Habitat For Humanity	8:00am - 3:00pm
Sat, Jun 8	VBS Workshop	9:30am - 12:30pm
Sun, Jun 9	VBS Training Session	12:00 - 1:00pm
Tue, Jun 11	Senior Friends	11:30am
Thur, Jun 13	UMM Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	7:00pm
Sat, Jun 15	Men In the Mirror	7:30am
Sun, Jun 15	VBS Training Session	9:00 - 10:00am
Sat, Jun 15	VBS Workshop	10:30am - 1:00pm
Sat, Jun 15	Single Ladies Lunch (Rock Hill Diner)	11:30am
Mon - Thur, Jun 24-27	Vacation Bible School	9:30 - 11:45am
Sun, Jun 30	Coffee & Conversation with Pastor David	10:15 - 10:45am
Every Wednesday	CORE - praise band	5:30pm
Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir	7:15pm

DISCERNMENT TEAM

The Church Council met on Wednesday, May 29th to lift up names for a team to help the congregation through a period of discernment. The discernment will center around the changes made to the UMC Book of Discipline and Social Principles at the General Conference held early May. Those persons nominated are being contacted and the team will be announced next week. The timeframe for the discernment period was also decided as June 15th - Aug 15th. This was chosen so that we could go into our fall mission and ministries and our council nominations for 2025 knowing this congregations' viewpoint. Among other tasks, the team will develop a Q&A process to help answer your questions and gather information to be presented at church wide meetings this summer. We understand summer is a time for fun, family, and vacations, but we ask you to be engaged. Please make all meetings that you can, read all emails from the council and team, do your own research and take special time each day to pray for our church and the members of this team.

If you did not receive the PUMC Church Council Announcement on May 23rd, please contact Cindi Cahaly, cahaly@comporium.net to be sure you receive all correspondence. Please pray for guidance, patience and grace for our church and this team.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

May 26, 2024

\$12,412 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$645,406, we received \$5,172 this week

\$242,311 has been received towards the General and Building Funds

\$230,876 has been spent from the General and Building Funds

\$58,541 Cash Available to Support Church Expenses, Missions & Ministries

\$741,175 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?

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