



## OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS ON THE HORIZON



Dear Church Family and Friends,

People have been asking, "What are you going to do after you retire?" God willing, I'm going to enjoy it. I am looking forward to spending time with our family, who all live in Greenville. I have missed the opportunities to just stop by for a visit or pick the little ones up from school/day care to go feed the ducks, have a picnic, or just go exploring. I look forward to creating opportunities for Toni and I to host Sunday night dinners with all of our children and grandchildren, connecting with them and observing the ways they connect with each other.

I'm looking forward to spending time in our yard (it needs a lot of work), getting to know our neighbors, making new friends and get reacquainted with others. Living in PUMC's parsonage has been a positive experience for us, thank you. But, we are looking forward to living in our own home, which will be a new chapter in our lives.

We will find a United Methodist church to attend, and I will make myself available to help young pastors. I know Toni is leading an online Lay Servant Ministry class: Leading Small Faith Forming Groups for the Rock Hill District this fall and continues her devotion on Facebook. We will lead an online Advent Study together and who knows, I may rekindle a daily devotion time on Facebook.

*continued on page 2*

## DISCIPLESHIP & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 4th, Pastor David lifted a prayer to God, asking Him to bless backpacks, our students, our educators, and support staff. The backpacks are soon filled with work to be done, completed assignments, books, snazzy new notebooks, and colorful pens and pencils. As our students carry their backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care from this congregation that surrounds them everyday. Each teacher and student was given a tag to attach to their bag to remind them that Philadelphia is praying for them and that God is always with them. May the teachers and administrators also be sustained. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and surrounds them with love and care as well. We also presented our 3rd graders with their own special Bible and prayed for their love of Jesus to grow with every page read. Have a blessed year everyone!

*continued on page 3*



Worshiping in Love



Growing in Love



Serving in Love

# OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

*continued from page 1*

What I know is that God has a plan for Toni and me. We seek to be and do ministry and missions together, to create opportunities for fellowship and relationship building, to create a safe space for children, grandchildren, and for anyone who may need a space to just be themselves. I hope that you will join us when you are in the upstate, or in an online study, devotion, prayer, or just for some conversation.

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



# WORSHIP COMMITTEE

## Salkehatchie Sunday

It was a blessing for those who served in the Salkehatchie Summer Service to be able to lead our worship service August 18<sup>th</sup>. Many of the youth and adults shared their experiences. We heard that they were hot, but always fed well. Some recalled the pleasure they received in helping make living conditions better for homeowners while others shared the surprising impact that the worship and small group sessions had on them. What a testament to our action statement to Serve in Love. Thank you for sharing! And thank you to those who prepared the delicious lunch allowing the Salkie families to break bread together.



**HOMECOMING**  
**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**



**ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM**  
**GUEST SPEAKER: REV BECKY SHIRLEY.**  
**COVERED DISH LUNCH**  
**FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**  
**BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THIS**  
**SPECIAL DAY OF WORSHIP**  
**AND FELLOWSHIP.**

## Volunteer Opportunities

Being a member of Philadelphia Church means we vow to faithfully participate in the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, that in everything God may be glorified. Sunday morning worship provides many service opportunities. No experience is required as we will train you. Just bring your time and a servant heart! More volunteers means we can rotate frequently so that no one is overwhelmed and all may contribute their time and talents to serve the Lord. Please contact Pam Brenwald, [pambrenwald@gmail.com](mailto:pambrenwald@gmail.com). Our greatest needs currently are sound and livestream operators and acolytes.



*Serving In Love: (above) As a part of their service on Church Council, Charlotte Burns and Cambell Cahaly (assisted by Adriana Lackey) hosted an acolyte training. (right) Caroline Burns serves as an acolyte and Jackson Inman and Jason Cahaly work Livestream and Overhead Slides. Let us show you how to plug in to Sunday service.*



# DISCIPLESHIP & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

continued from page 1

## The Voyage of the Dawn Treader Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00pm, starts Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

Ages 3 - 5th grade

Join us for a new six-week Bible study for kids based on a Narnia book by C.S. Lewis. We will head out on the high seas of Narnia from the Lone Islands to the World's End, learning about seeing the truth of God's Word. Nursery also provided.

A meal will be served every from 5:00-7:00pm for the whole family. Donations appreciated.

## Ephesians Bible Study

Tuesday or Wednesday, 6:15-7:00pm

Young Adult - Adults

The book of Ephesians is the universal letter of Paul. It is his standard speech about the gospel story and how we should live out our story because of the gospel. We will offer TWO separate, six-week classes on the book of Ephesians, using the N.T. Wright, For Everyone Bible Study Guide on Ephesians. You can purchase the guide from the church for \$8 or find your copy online.

## Wednesday Night Dinner

5:00 - 7:00pm, starting Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a family meal every Wednesday for 6 weeks. It's the perfect way to catch up with friends or get to know someone you might have only passed in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

We are asking for groups or families to assist in providing the meals each week. We just need 3 more commitments!! The meal doesn't need to be complicated, we just appreciate having dinner planned on a busy weeknight. The sign-up schedule is here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ADAA23A2F58-wednesday>

If you have questions or want to sign up for any of these activities, please contact Nic Gold, [nicolas@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:nicolas@pumcfortmill.org).



Growing In Love: (above) We had a great time of fellowship at our Blessing of the Tailgates! Thanks Evan for grilling burgers. No matter who we each pull for on Saturday, we're all on God's team everyday.



Growing In Love: (above) Shawn was able to go on several vacations this summer and the children took very good care of him. He surprised Emerson & Charlie Turner on their vacation to Hilton Head. Charlotte, Caroline and Marshall David Burns took him camping in the Smoky Mountains. He also enjoyed trips with the Isabelle Lowdermilk and Carter and Reagan Keefe. Miss Reagan said that Shawn was well-behaved and did not have to sit in time-out even once. Very good, Shawn.

**tRunkR  
otreat**

Sunday, October 27th  
5:00-6:30pm

# PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

PYG is BACK! We had our Kickoff Lake Party hosted by the Cahaly family and enjoyed tubing and swimming. It was great to have so many youth together again catching up after the summer. PYG is meeting at our regularly scheduled time each Sunday from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying how to create rhythms in our life by making space for our relationship with God. Our middle school room also got a little makeover so come check it out and hang out with us on Sundays!

In Youth Sunday School, we are working through the book of Matthew. Each week, we are reading through two chapters during class and walking through the historical context as well as how it applies to our lives today. Matthew is an excellent scripture resource for apologetics with youth. It helps them answer questions regarding Jesus being the true Son of God.

Youth will have two different mission opportunities during the month of September. On **September 18<sup>th</sup>**, Mission Wednesday will meet from 6:15-7:15pm in the high school room to assist the Worship Committee by making worship bags for PUMC's home

bound to feel more involved with at home worship. On **September 8<sup>th</sup>** from 4-7pm, youth will have their semi-annual stream clean up. This activity is open to anyone in the church that would like to participate. Just contact [jessica@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:jessica@pumcfortmill.org) for more information.

Students would love to connect with more of the congregation. You do not need to be a parent to share your gifts with the youth! We are growing with 27 students involved and need volunteers to support them. If you would like to find out how you can get plugged in and be blessed by these bright, young members of the congregation, please reach out to Jessica any Sunday, scan the QR code, or send her an email!

## VOLUNTEER

AS AN ADULT LEADER  
OR TO  
BRING A MEAL TO PYG



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP



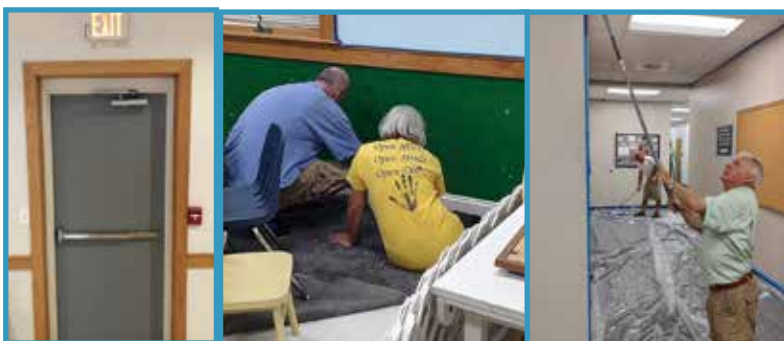
## DISCERNMENT TEAM

At our August 11th meeting, we had just received some changes to the Discernment Process from Conference Trustees with the most significant being that we will not be able to vote until the first quarter of 2025. The Discernment Team and Church Council met jointly and after much examination of our options, including conducting a straw vote or some type of survey, it was concluded to continue with the Discernment Process as voted by Church Council in May.

So, what does that mean? Well, it means the Discernment Team is together again with a couple of small changes. Marshall Burns has decided not to continue on the team but is still a member of Trustees who will be critical in helping us meet the requests of the Conference. Tom Goebel has resigned as chair but is still on the team. He also still serves as our church Lay Leader. I, Cindi Cahaly, will assume the responsibilities as chair. The Team has begun the work of gathering the Conference requirements so

## TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The new fire exit door has been installed in the fellowship hall. Now the door is easy to open in case of an emergency. With the installation of the door, all items in the fire marshal's inspection report have been completed!! Thanks to many folks stepping in to help, the entire hallway and all classrooms in the Sunday school wing have a fresh coat of paint. Jessica Inman painted and decorated the two youth rooms. The talented Dawn Matchinske has already begun painting the murals on the hallways. Make plans to walk through and check out the new inviting areas for our children. On Saturday, September 7th, we will start pulling cable for the Wi-Fi and Church Security project. We are grateful for the cooler weather as bids and assessments to replace the broken AC unit in office wing are still being conducted. Payments for this repair will come from the Capital Endowment specifically for these types of unforeseen repairs. Thank you to everyone willing to lend a hand with labor around the church. Anything that we can do ourselves helps save the church money.



that we can request as date as soon as possible in 2025. The new Timeline for Separation is on our website under the Discernment tab. There will be further financial expenses for things like a licensed appraisal of the parsonage, but regular church budget monies will not be used. Only funds designated for Discernment will be used.

What does this mean for you? It means you can lean in to the missions and ministries of the church. Join the Bible study starting this week, join the youth on the stream clean or serve them dinner one Sunday. Decorate a car and welcome the community to Trunk R Treat. Pick up some toys for Operation Christmas Child. And of course, there are weekly volunteer opportunities at both of our services and children's Sunday school classes. I know the uncertainty is hard, but we know that Jesus walks with us and who knows, maybe by the time the vote rolls around, we'll be more united than ever. Never underestimate how God will use these circumstances for the betterment of His kingdom.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

### Men in the Mirror

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30am, Fellowship Hall**

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." -Proverbs 27:17. At our August meeting, Jeremy Inman led a discussion "Not Just Coincidence". We looked at the Hebrew alpha-numeric alphabet with Rabbi Jason Sobel. Bring a friend and join us every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning for biscuits, coffee, fellowship, and biblical discussion.

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS

Beginning Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm, the choir will start working on its Christmas Cantata, *Christmas Canticles*. Anyone who would like to sing with the choir for the cantata is welcome to come to rehearsal. The cantata will take place during the 11am worship on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Come and experience the Christmas story told through music!



## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### Epworth Children's Home

We received a Thank You from Epworth Children's Home Foster Care and the teen supported by your donations; "being able to purchase clothing that fit gave me my dignity back". Thanks to the Disciples Sunday School Class, Logos Sunday School Class, United Women in Faith, Friends in Christ Circle and those who donate to the Mission Team fund. We were able to respond quickly to assist a first time foster parent and help the teen's transition during this emotional time.

### Hugaroo



As a reminder, Hugaroo Tag and Bag team meets in the PUMC Fellowship Hall one Saturday a month to prep stuffed animals for children in crisis who need a hug. Prepping the

animals is an easy sit-down work for all ages. Consider signing up as Sunday School classes, other church groups or families at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4fabaa22a5fb6-hugaroo1#/>

### Fort Mill Care Center

Thank you for your generous donations to the Fort Mill Care Center. Through August the 12<sup>th</sup> we have donated 740 pounds of food and other household essentials!

## BABIES! BABIES!

It's such a blessing to have these children and their parents worship with us! Thank you Katherine Schmidt and Beth Frintner, our staff nursery workers, who love and care for the youngest of God's children each week and at special services. And thank you to our volunteers who provide an extra set of hands, hugs, and laps! If you are able to serve our children from birth to 5th grade in any capacity, contact Nic, [nicolas@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:nicolas@pumcfortmill.org). We are always looking for shepherds for the next generation.



## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE



Join Evangelism as we share the light of Christ at the Annual Catawba Fest.

Sign up to help or contact Amanda Burns for more info



## NURTURE COMMITTEE

Our team has continued to care for others during the hot summer months. Frances blessed two prayer shawls this month, one for Mickey Taylor, Pastor David's daughter in law, who passed away shortly after receiving it. Our condolences to her family. And Susan Link who is in a rehabilitation facility was very pleased to have received a prayer shawl! Linda continues to send cards: birthdays, encouragement, get well and sympathy. Eve organized a reception for the McDade visitation. Our condolences to Jean and John on the unexpected loss of their daughter, Jody.

Our next Nurture meeting will be on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 11am service. Please join us! There's always room at the table!



## Senior Friends

### Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall Oldies Show Live!

Covered dish (bring your favs) and enjoy a special entertainment by Jack Smith. He'll take us on a musical walk down memory lane featuring songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Selections will include songs from The Righteous Brothers, The Platters, Dion & The Belmont's, Roy Orbison, Elvis and others. Jack was a professional musician, a nightclub entertainer and recording artist. He was the lead vocalist with several Rock & Roll and Motown regional bands in the 1960's. He's had starring roles in musical theatre and was the youngest Radio DJ in the USA when he was only 13 years old. He's been a member of church choirs for the last 45 years and spent ten years as a member of the Grace Notes Gospel Quartet.

## Single Ladies Lunch Bunch

### Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30am

All single ladies invited for food and fellowship at Donato's on Gold Hill Rd. To be included on our email list, please contact Donna Schaefer at [nordon50@aol.com](mailto:nordon50@aol.com).

*Growing In Love: (left) 42 seniors enjoyed a morning of old-time hymn singing led by Ben Himes with Clara Baker at the piano! It was wonderful to sing the hymns that we grew up singing in church. Lunch was provided by Donato's. Thanks to Jan Manring for arranging! Her family owns the one that recently opened on Gold Hill Rd., so be sure to check them out the next time you want great pizza!*

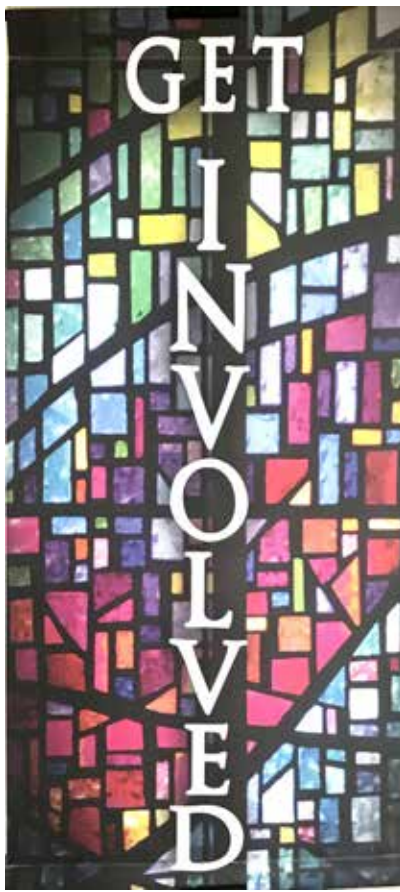
## UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH (UWF)

### Serving for Foster Families

At their meeting in August, the Ruth Adkins Circle made pans of chicken enchilada freezer meals and homemade cookie dough for foster families. It's one of their favorite fellowship and mission projects. Having a homecooked meal available to a family who just got a call that they are receiving siblings can be a life saver and

studies have shown that children's anxiety levels lower at the smell of freshly baked cookies. Meals are given to Defend the Fatherless (DTF), located in FM. DTF offers support to foster, adoptive and kinship families in York County. They offer programming that supports families throughout their entire journey of caring for a child in crisis including supplies like beds, car seats and clothing, mental health scholarships, events where foster parents and children can build relationships as a family, respite events for adults, and meals. If you would like to get involved with our UWF or any of the circles (small groups), contact Elaine McDonald, [emcd4505@gmail.com](mailto:emcd4505@gmail.com).





## SEPTEMBER - MONTH AT A GLANCE

| Date            | Event                                    | Time            |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Sun, Sept 8     | Epworth Children's Home Special Offering | 9:00 & 11:00 AM |
| Sun, Sept 8     | PYG Stream Clean                         | 4:00 - 7:00 PM  |
| Tue, Sept 10    | Senior Friends                           | 11:30 AM        |
| Tue, Sept 10    | Adult Ephesians Bible Study              | 6:15 - 7:00 PM  |
| Wed, Sept 11    | Children's Bible Study                   | 6:15 - 7:00 PM  |
| Wed, Sept 11    | Adult Ephesians Bible Study              | 6:15 - 7:00 PM  |
| Sun, Sept 15    | Homecoming - ONE Service                 | 11:00 AM        |
| Sat, Sept 21    | Men In The Mirror                        | 7:30 AM         |
| Sat, Sept 21    | Single Ladies' Lunch Bunch (Donato's)    | 11:30 AM        |
| Every Wednesday | Joyful Noize (K - 5th grade)             | 4:15 - 5:00 PM  |
| Every Wednesday | Philly Chimes (3rd grade and up)         | 5:15 - 6:00 PM  |
| Every Wednesday | Beginner Bells (K - 2nd grade)           | 5:15 - 6:00 PM  |
| Every Sunday    | PYG                                      | 5:00 - 6:30 PM  |
| Every Wednesday | CORE - praise band                       | 5:30 - 7:00 PM  |
| Every Wednesday | Adult Jubilate Ringers                   | 6:15 - 7:00 PM  |
| Every Wednesday | Chancel Choir                            | 7:15 - 8:15 PM  |

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you to those who remain faithful in financial giving to PUMC. Unfortunately, we have come upon unprecedented dips in giving over this summer. While we had a small increase in July, August finished with giving at less than \$30,000 vs expenses of over \$53,000. We ended August \$18,000 in the General Fund with an \$8,800 mortgage payment due on September 1st. Labor Day weekend is historically light and giving was only \$4,753. Our bare minimum expenditures each month (mortgage, payroll, utilities) are \$10,000 weekly. Giving has fallen woefully short the last three months. The finance committee has made the tough choice to use endowment funds to cover our mortgage. While this ensures we can meet payroll and mortgage in September, the capital endowment will have less than \$20,000 to support future building expenses. Options are being discussed to liquidate assets but this process could take months. If you have stopped or slowed your giving for any reason, we ask that you reconsider and even "make up" for any giving you may have missed this summer. There are no other monies at our disposal to be able to maintain current

operations. Please be in prayer for our church. We know that through Christ all things are possible and know He can provide a way for us at this time

|   |
|---|
| <b>STEWARDSHIP &amp; FINANCIAL REPORT</b>   |
| <b>August 25, 2024</b>  |
| \$12,412 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$645,406, we received \$3,719 this week  |
| \$372,063 has been received towards the General and Building Funds  |
| \$385,575 has been spent from the General and Building Funds  |
| \$32,516 Cash Available to Support Church Expenses, Missions & Ministries   |
| \$722,034 Loan balance for Building   |
| <b>Ways to Give</b>   |
| Cash & Checks accepted every Sunday during Offering!<br>Visit us at <a href="http://www.pumcfortmill.org/give/">www.pumcfortmill.org/give/</a><br>Via Zelle App - <a href="mailto:gifts@pumcfortmill.org">gifts@pumcfortmill.org</a><br>Transfer Stocks, Bonds, Brokerage Assets<br><u>Mail or Drop-off your gift during regular office hours</u> |

### Mailing Address

2764 Pleasant Road  
Suite A, PMB 11804  
Fort Mill, SC 29708

1691 Hwy. 160 West  
Fort Mill, SC 29708

### Contact

803-548-0102  
Office Hrs: Mon - Thurs  
9am - 12:30pm  
[info@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:info@pumcfortmill.org)  
[www.pumcfortmill.org](http://www.pumcfortmill.org)

### Staff

Senior Pastor - Rev. David Taylor  
Director of Music Ministries - David Hodges  
Contemporary Worship Leader - Mark Gannon  
Director of Discipleship & Children's Ministry - Nic Gold  
Director of Youth Ministries - Jessica Inman  
Office Manager - Denise Watson  
Financial Associate - Madison Dacasin  
Media/Audio Visual Specialist - Greg Millett