

## Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church

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## Sunday Morning Schedule

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 a.m.

(NO 8:30 service on March 25)

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Non-Traditional Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Children's Church: 11:10 a.m.

# March 2018



## Pastor's Corner

I hope your Lenten journey is going well. Many Christians observe Lent by giving up something. Some people may try to give up something they like, such as chocolate, while others try to fix bad habits during the Lenten season. However, I want to try to observe this season a bit differently. Instead of giving up something, I would like to focus on adding more good things (habits) to my life during this meaningful time.

I am trying to see each person as an individual who is an image of God, not as an image of a race, gender, culture, religion, or political party. Our society is divided by those images and sometimes we are not good at seeing each other's heart and value as a person. In the Bible, Jesus often uses tax collectors and Samaritans as His teaching elements to help the Jewish people get out of their own judgmental frame of mind against those groups of people. With the historical background, it is understandable that the Jewish people hated the tax collectors and Samaritans. The judgmental and hateful thoughts and actions were the natural reaction of those who had experienced or heard of the bad reputation of those groups of people. However, Jesus challenges them to take off their colored glasses, so that they can see the image of God in them. Jesus asks them to listen to the stories of those who were so-called sinners or enemies in the society. In the flood of divisive questions, Jesus encourages them to remember the most important teaching of the law: loving God and loving neighbors. During this Lenten season, I want to try to follow the teaching as I try to understand others including those who have different opinions than I do.

I also want to encourage you to participate in this journey. We have countless things to debate in our society. Having dialogue is good, but we don't have to spend our time and energy on hateful debating. During this Lenten season, try to understand someone who disagrees with you as an individual made in God's image. I pray for your meaningful Lenten journey.

Looking forward to seeing you in worship,  
Pastor Hyunjin Cho



Pastor Jin and the Congregational Care Team will bring **Holy Communion** between 2 pm - 4 pm to congregants who are unable to attend Sunday Morning Worship Service the first Sunday of each month. Please call the office, 785-246-1737, by 11:30 am the Friday before if you would like to receive communion. The next opportunities will be March 4 and April 1.

Remember your baptism when you see the fountain in the foyer. The fountain was purchased by Worship Committee. Trustees created the base to enhance the appearance and make it easier to move when necessary.



## Dementia Workshop March 3

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The Congregational Care Team is sponsoring a workshop on dementia

**March 3, 2018 10:00 to 11:30 am**

### **Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior**

**A workshop presented by Cindy Miller, Dementia Care Specialist  
Alzheimer's Association – Heart of America Chapter**

Behavior is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate. These behaviors present real challenges for caregivers to manage. She will help us learn how to decode behavior messages and learn ways to decrease the intensity of some of the most common behavioral challenges. There will be time for questions and discussion.

We welcome anyone who is interested and would like to learn about dementia behavior and how to meet the challenge of communicating with the individual who has dementia. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Pre-registration is recommended but not mandatory. You may call the church office 785-246-1737 to register.

<b>Signs of Alzheimer's/dementia</b>	<b>Typical age-related changes</b>
Poor judgment and decision-making	Making a bad decision once in a while
Inability to manage a budget	Missing a monthly payment
Losing track of the date or the season	Forgetting which day it is & remembering it later
Difficulty having a conversation	Sometimes forgetting which word to use
Misplacing things and being unable to retrace steps to find them	Losing things from time to time

Chart © the Alzheimer's Association. Printed with permission.

## Holy Week, Eagle Scout, and More

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**Happy Gatherings Groups** are groups of folks from our church that meet once a month for food, fellowship and fun. It is a great time to get to know one another outside of the church walls. If you would like to be part of a group, please sign up in the foyer. **Deadline to sign up is March 4!**

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### Friday, March 2 is World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is an international event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women and men in over 170 countries in prayer. One of the guiding principles for the International World Day of Prayer is "prayer is rooted in listening to God and to one another." You are encouraged to join others from around the world in this common day of prayer.

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### Holy Week

**March 25 is Palm Sunday.** We will have a combined Palm Sunday service at 11:00 that will include a parade of palms by the children and the cantata *God So Loved The World*.



**March 29, Maundy Thursday** observance of the Lord's supper is at 6:00 p.m. The program is titled, "Jesus and His 21st Century Disciples." A light meal, foot washing, and the service of communion will be included.



**April 1 is Easter Sunday!** Easter sunrise service at 6:45 a.m., Traditional worship service 8:30 a.m., and Non-Traditional worship service at 11:00 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served after the sunrise service.

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Daylight Savings Time Starts  
Sunday, March 11!! Don't forget  
to Spring Forward!

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NO 8:30 service on March 25,  
Palm Sunday! Plan to attend the  
combined service at 11:00 and  
enjoy the cantata!

John and April Bilby  
and Boy Scout Troop 193  
cordially invite you to attend  
the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for

**Noah Thomas Bilby**

Saturday, March 10, 2018  
2:00 p.m.

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church

Reception following ceremony



## Cantata, Palm Sunday Egg Hunt, Pets

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*Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Presents:*

### *God So Loved the World*

Don't miss the Easter Cantata **God So Loved the World** on Palm Sunday, March 25, at a combined 11:00 a.m. service! Songs and narration center around the famous scripture: John 3:16.

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March 25, Palm Sunday at 9:45, children are invited to attend a story, lesson in giving to Rescue Mission children, and an Easter Egg Hunt. Children should bring their own basket.

The Education Committee would like to include a lesson in giving for the **Palm Sunday Egg Hunt**. We would like to try something different this year by having "special eggs" as part of the hunt. With these special eggs, children will win toothbrushes, sidewalk chalk, and/or bubbles that they will be encouraged to donate for Easter Baskets for children at the Rescue Mission. There are currently 39 children staying at the mission. In order to make that possible, we are asking for donations of these items and for parents to discuss with their children the importance of giving!



We will be accepting individually-wrapped candy that will fit in eggs, as well as toothbrushes, sidewalk chalk, and bubbles until Sunday, March 18th. Please put in the tub in foyer. Thank you!!

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#### Meet Heisey!

Heisey is a 7 year old Silky Terrier and is a member of the Warkentine family. Because Denis and Val collect elegant depression glassware, Heisey was named after a glass manufacturing company. Heisey's favorite pastimes include monitoring the neighborhood from the window, taking walks, and napping on available laps. When her owners travel and can't take Heisey with them, she loves visiting her 'step-family', Ron and Linda Griffiths!

**Calling all pet-owners!** If you are willing to share photos of your pets, I will print them in the newsletter as space permits. Please submit a photo and tell me the pet's name, breed/type, age, your name, and anything else you'd like to share. Since this is an on-going piece there is no deadline so just submit as you have time. *Deb*

## Passings, Thanks, Lite Bite, and More

**On to Eternal Life:** Members of our extended church family who passed on to Eternal Life in the past month:

Melvin Schreiner    Earl Castleberry    Shirley Sherretts    Wayne Knight    Eula Osburn

Even though we know they are gone to a better place, we still miss them here with us.

*On behalf of the entire Domer Family, we want to thank you all for the cards, prayers, and food that was provided during the time of the recent loss of our Mother and Grandmother. We are blessed to have an amazing church family.*

*Gary & Betty Domer*

*Thank you. Your gift has meant the world to me. The generosity of the people in your church knows no bounds. Thank you once again.*

*Doug Nicolay*

*Thank you for all the prayers and cards while I was in the hospital.*

*Sharon Miller*

*I would like to thank everyone who brought in cereal for the Fellowship & Faith food pantry. We were able to put a box of cereal in every sack that went out this past week. There is always a need for items for the pantry and we are very grateful for your continued support.*

*Thanks again.*

*Bruce Lanning*

*Thanks again for remembering me when my second sister passed on January 7, 2018, only two months after losing my first sister on November 8, 2017. The cards you sent had such beautiful verses in them and I shed lots of tears. Some were tears of sadness but others were tears of joy because of such caring and compassionate friends here at PHUMC. Thanks again for your prayers, cards, and other ways you reached out to me.*

*Blessings to all of you.*

*Kay Jones-Ray*

*The youth appreciate the \$260 in donations received for the Valentine Cookies on February 11! Thank you!*

Don't forget to pick up a new "**Christmas Jar 2018**" sticker from the table in the foyer. Keep saving your change!

Education Committee would like to up-cycle your empty **oatmeal containers** into a craft during Vacation Bible School. Containers will be collected until June 10th.



### Lite Bite

**Wednesday, March 14,**

5:15 p.m. Sign-up by 11 a.m. March 12. Menu: Pulled-Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, & Dessert. Free Will Offering. All proceeds go to TNO's Operation Backpack. This is a chance to gather for food and fellowship. Everyone is invited and welcome!

## Church Tees, Capital Campaign Update



### Get Your Church T-Shirt!

Youth will be selling t-shirts starting Sunday, March 4. Proceeds will go to the mission trip. Shirts are \$20 each for S, M, L, XL \$23 each for 2X and larger. Support the youth mission trip and wear a shirt that shows your church pride!



Above, the front, above right, the back. At right, the print close-up from the front and back. The shirts are dark blue.

15 youth and 3 adults are going on a mission trip mid-July to Cortez, Colorado.



### Capital Campaign Update

Dear Pleasant Hill Family:

We have completed our first year of giving towards our three-year capital campaign to pay down our building mortgage. I want to take this opportunity to let everyone know how we are doing.

To kick off the campaign we had 62 pledges totaling \$302,696. At the end of our first year we have received \$103,857 towards that goal. That represents 34.31% of goal so we are on track although first year givings typically hit in the 40% range. Of the original 62 pledges, 97% (60 households) have contributed to date. Six households (10%) have paid their pledge in full. 73% of pledging household are on schedule (YEA!) and 15% are behind but have given. Only 3% of pledges have not yet started to give towards their pledge. We have also received \$48,930 from donors who did not pledge but have or are giving!

During calendar year 2017 we paid down the debt on our building by \$97,269.61 which left a mortgage balance of \$381,222.34 as of January 1, 2018.

Together we are working to pay off our building in order that we continue to grow our ministry and expand our footprint in northern Shawnee County.

In His love,  
Daryl Jepson, Capital Campaign Chair

## Calendaring, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Here are highlights from the church calendar this month. For the full calendar, please go to the [calendar on the website](#).

Mar 1: 8:30a, Breakfast at Perkins 6p, Pack Operation Backpack (offsite) Choir Rehearsals	Mar 16: Game Night
Mar 2: World Day of Prayer	Mar 19: 4:45p, Serve at Rescue Mission
Mar 3: 10a, Dementia workshop Youth to Snow Creek	Mar 24: 10a, Spring Cleaning at PHUMC 3:45p, Serve at Rescue Mission
Mar 10: 2p, Eagle Scout Ceremony	Mar 25: Palm Sunday NO 8:30 Service 9:45a, Egg Hunt 11a, Easter Cantata
Mar 11: Daylight Savings Time Begins - - Spring Forward!	Mar 29: Maundy Thursday 6p, Maundy Thursday service
Mar 14: 5:15p, Lite Bite 5:45p, Finance meeting 6:30p, Administrative Council meeting	Easter is April 1 - also April Fools' Day!

If the office does not have your birthdays and anniversary dates, or you are unsure if the office has the information, please send to [admin@pleasanthillumc.org](mailto:admin@pleasanthillumc.org). Thanks!

### **Birthdays This Month**

Audrey Etzel 3/1	Tymber Neblett 3/11	Pete Deppe 3/17
Fred Patton 3/3	Jamie Sexton 3/11	Owen Boyles 3/19
Jason Marteney 3/4	Alan Shaffer 3/11	Pleasant Hill UMC 3/20 (137 years!)
Rebecca Unruh 3/4	Mary Smith 3/11	Bryce Cochran 3/21
Andrew Gower 3/5	Jillian Walder 3/11	Billie Dupree 3/22
Cara Etzel 3/7	Samuel Martin 3/12	Beverly Newell 3/23
John Holt 3/7	Chris McManaman 3/12	Barry Boyles 3/24
Shelly Pittman 3/8	Kearstin Lester 3/13	Paula Martens 3/26
John Dowd 3/10	Jim Wright (Barbara's husband) 3/13	Eli Wilson 3/28
Lois Rill 3/10	Grace Cho 3/14	Jeanetta Boughn 3/30
Kiersten Harris 3/11	Gary Slimmer 3/15	

### **Anniversaries This Month**

Pete & Dee Deppe 3/15	62 years
Harry & Elaine Worden 3/16	26 years
Andrew & Michelle Gower 3/19	13 years
Brent & Rebecca Unruh 3/22	21 years
Bob & Susie Forman 3/26	35 years





## Rescue Mission, Operation Backpack, Mortgage, Staff



We would love your help serving meals at the **Topeka Rescue Mission**, 600 N. Kansas Ave., on the 3rd Monday and the 4th Saturday each month.

Serving starts at 4:45 p.m. on Mondays and 3:45 p.m. on Saturdays and takes about 2 hours. If you can serve, please sign up in the foyer or call the office. When you go to serve, please sign in under our church name with the pin 1737. Thanks!

### **March 19 Rescue Mission Servers (4:45 pm):**

Steve & Dee Sanner, Darian Sanner

### **March 24 Rescue Mission Servers (3:45 pm):**

Williams Family (3)



Topeka North  
Outreach

Volunteers are invited to the old Indian Creek School, NE 43rd and Indian Creek Road, at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month through June to help pack food sacks for TNO's **Operation Backpack**. No special skills needed. Operation Backpack provides a sack of kid-friendly single-serve food to 600 local school-kids-in-need to take home on Friday so the kids know they will have access to food over the weekend.

Month of January			
Bldg Fund Receipts	Bldg Fund Paid Out	Mortgage Principal Paid	Mortgage Balance at month end
\$6,844	\$6,043	\$4,288	\$376,934

We ask for donations of money or items for a lot of reasons and sometimes we ask pretty often. It can be overwhelming if you don't know one important fact:

***We don't expect you to give to everything!***

We make you aware of lots of opportunities through-out the year; you decide which ones touch your heart and what support you choose to give.

### **Office Info**

The office is open Monday - Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m. Church phone number: 246-1737  
Please enter through the west door (in the education wing) weekdays.

#### Newsletter

Deadline is the third Wednesday of the month. Items submitted after that may wait until the next newsletter.

#### Pleasant Hill UMC Staff

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