

# Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church

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**Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.**

# JUNE 2023



This week I've been working on recertification of my Safe Gatherings standing. Safe Gatherings is a program adopted by many church organizations in the United States, including many United Methodist churches and our own Great Plains Annual Conference. The program is designed to educate everyone who works with children, youth, senior citizens and developmentally challenged folks about how we should do everything in our power to keep them safe physically, mentally and emotionally. We want our church to be a safe place for everyone. Because our Great Plains Annual Conference adopted this policy, it applies to every church in the conference. You can see that Pleasant Hill abides by the policy by the stickers on the doors or by requesting a copy of that policy from the office.



I was part of the original design team to create the policy more than 20 years ago. It continues to be updated and streamlined every year. I encourage everyone who works with vulnerable populations (children, youth, senior adults, developmentally challenged folks) to become certified in Safe Gatherings.

It involves an online learning session designed in segments so you don't have to do it all at once. The class itself only takes a couple of hours. You get references from a couple of people you know well (other than a spouse or family member), take the class, and there is a minimal charge that will be reimbursed by our church. The class includes a KBI background check (don't worry about that traffic ticket from 50 years ago). It is similar to background checks you might take if you were to be a scout leader or teacher. Most of all, it is critically important that we do everything we can to keep anyone who walks through our doors safe and free from abuse or harassment of any kind.

Will you please get Safe Gatherings certified so we can show everyone our commitment to keeping people safe? I hope you will.

Grace and peace be with you all,

Pastor Marge

If you have been visiting and would like to **join our church**, please talk to Pastor Marge after service or contact the office during the week.

The Congregational Care Team will bring **Holy Communion** after morning worship on the first Sunday of each month to congregants who are unable to attend Sunday morning worship service. Please call the office by 11:30 a.m. the Friday before if you would like to receive communion.

## Outdoor Worship and Potluck Picnic

Praying this message finds our PHUMC Family well. Please join us at our upcoming outdoor service and potluck picnic. As you all know, our church community is built upon fellowship and togetherness. And what better way to celebrate this than by sharing a meal together? The potluck will take place on Sunday, June 11, immediately following the worship service. We ask that everyone bring a dish to share and a lawn chair too. This is a great opportunity to show off your cooking skills and share your favorite recipes with others... Hope to see you all there and look forward to the delicious feast that awaits us. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.



Be assured we'll have the event rain or shine... if it rains we'll just move inside =)

Blessings,  
Shawn Herrick

### Education Recognition Sunday is

June 4. We will honor those connected with our church who are graduating from Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School/Junior High, High School, or higher. Be sure to attend to hear what our kids and grandkids are doing!

### Vacation Bible School June 12-16



There is still time to register: online (follow the QR code at right) or on the paper forms in the foyer!



Are you musically inclined?? Praise Band will be taking several Sundays off this summer. We'd love to have **special music** those days – solos, duets, larger groups, instrumentals – contact the office if you would like to provide music!

**Administrative Council** meeting is 5:30 p.m. **Tuesday**, June 6. It is open to everyone. Minutes are available in the foyer.

### June at PHUMC [Online Calendar](#)

June 1, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins	June 11, Outdoor Worship & Potluck Picnic
June 4, Education Recognition Sunday	June 12-16, Vacation Bible School
June 6 & 27, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth	June 18, Father's Day
June 6, 5:30p, Administrative Council meeting	June 18-24, Youth Mission Trip
June 7-10, Great Plains Annual Conference (NE)	June 21, Newsletter 'deadline'

## Celebrate!

Celebrating the good stuff, large or small

- Stockton Marshall Neiman was born the evening of May 29. He was 8 lb. 1 oz. Stockton and family are doing well.

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

Rachel Landavazo      Larry Jones

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

Hello Church!!!!

We are excited for our trip, thank you so much for your financial support and prayers. The theme for our St. Louis mission trip is "You Are Here". You are here to love the Lord your God and to love your neighbor. There will be 6 youth and 2 adults attending this year's trip, a small but mighty group.

We will leave on June 18th and return late on the 23rd. Our week will be filled with working at a local Food Bank, assisting with a Kid's Club and helping a needy family in the community.



We will attend worship services each night and have our own "church time" to recount the day.

The Youth Works organization will be taking us to Union Station and the Arch for activities. We will also attend a community picnic on Wednesday evening. For more information about our week, see the bulletin board in the foyer.

Please add us to your prayers for our week-long service.

### Salute to Veterans



For Veterans Day we will have a display about veterans in or connected with our congregation. If you are a veteran or have family who are, please submit photos and information to the office. (If you submitted photos and information in the past, don't worry, we still have them.)

Photos taken while in uniform are not required. If you prefer (or cannot find a photo taken while in uniform), you are welcome to submit a photo taken while in civilian clothes.

Please provide photo, name, birth date, death date if applicable, service dates, war in which served if applicable, and connection to our congregation. Photos and information can be turned in to the office or emailed to [phumctopeka@yahoo.com](mailto:phumctopeka@yahoo.com). Physical photos will be scanned and returned.

**Father's Day is fast approaching. Need gift ideas?  
How about a gift card for the man who has everything?**

We have plastic gift cards available in the church office for many retail and eating establishments . With options such as Amazon, Home Depot, Menard's, Wal-Mart, Casey's, Sonic, Subway, Chipotle, Taco Bell, Longhorn, Red Lobster, Chili's, & many more, you are sure to find one your man would appreciate. We will have them available in the foyer after church or visit the church office during the week to purchase.



Plan now for our July Diaper Showers for the Harrison and Fry families as they welcome their new babies!



On Memorial Day Sunday we lifted those members who passed away in the past year.



On Mother's Day Bell Choir performed "By Streams of Living Water", their final performance this season. They will be back this fall.

Don't see bells in the photo? That's because they're playing MelodyChimes!

**Easter Season Survey Results**

As promised, here are the results of the Easter Season survey. Thank you to everyone who completed the Easter Season survey. The data collected will be used to plan next year's activities.

**Lenten Breakfast and Devotions (18 responses)**

50% Attended                      58% It Enhanced Easter Experience      50% Would Attend in the Future

**Attend Children's Church During Lenten Season (5 responses)**

20% It Enhanced Easter Experience      25% Would Attend Children's Church Activities in Future

**Which Palm Sunday Activities Should We Continue in the Future? (18 responses)**

100% Egg Venture Egg Hunt

80% VBS Registration

80% Congregation Stuffing Eggs

73% Postcard Invites to Children

67% Eggs Sent Home to Invite Friends

53% Photo Booth

53% Easter Bunny

**Facebook Holy Week Devotions (18 responses)**

79% Read on Facebook      93% It Enhanced Easter Experience      81% Would Participate in Future

**Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service (18 responses)**

81% Attended                      67% It Enhanced Easter Experience      75% Would Attend in the Future

**Stations of the Cross (18 responses)**

50% Attended                      75% It Enhanced Easter Experience      79% Would Attend in the Future

**Easter Sunrise Service (18 responses)**

67% Attended                      85% It Enhanced Easter Experience      70% Would Attend in the Future

**Easter 10 O'clock Service (18 responses)**

56% Attended                      90% It Enhanced Easter Experience      87% Would Attend in the Future

**Holy Humor Sunday (18 responses)**

72% Attended                      93% It Enhanced Easter Experience      90% Would Attend in the Future

**Some of the comments included:**

Didn't know Holy Week devotions existed, otherwise I would have participated.

Enjoyed live plants by the altar.

I would like an evening bible study or book study rather than the morning devotions and breakfast.

Maundy Thursday service was very meaningful and well done.

Holy Humor Sunday was very joyful and meaningful.

If you have questions or would like to discuss the survey further, please contact Linda Smith.

If the office does not have your birthday and anniversary dates, or if you are unsure whether the office has the information, please send to phumctopeka@yahoo.com. Thanks!

<b><u>Birthdays This Month</u></b>					
John Rea	6/4	Sam Feleay	6/14	Alex Amory	6/23
Bruce Lanning	6/9	Camille Schoettlin	6/14	Dorothy Holt	6/26
Tara Herrick	6/11	Karen Nicolay	6/16		
Dee Deppe	6/13	Kyle Cochran	6/22		

<b><u>Anniversaries This Month</u></b>		
Jim & Sharon Miller	6/1	55 years
Daryl & Joy Jepson	6/2	50 years
Todd & Marilyn Domer	6/4	
Ken & Orvina Tidball	6/4	62 years
Dick & Beverly Newell	6/5	63 years
John & Lori Rea	6/6	36 years
Fred & Kim Patton	6/7	26 years
Gene & Camille Schoettlin	6/14	39 years
Mike Gillgannon & Marty Ransdell	6/16	6 years
Kenny & Monique Saulsbury	6/17	23 years
Aaron and DeAnne Mauk	6/18	12 years
Zack & Annika Wilson	6/21	20 years
Jay & Hazel Van Hove	6/26	14 years
Matt & Deb Mannell	6/29	33 years



**Father's Day** is celebrated on the third Sunday in June, which is June 18 this year. What is a Christian Dad? by Linda Smith

- Many people can wear the "Dad Hat." Besides the obvious person, he may be a step-dad, grand-dad, uncle-dad, brother-dad, neighbor-dad, teacher-dad, or friend-dad.
- "Dad" raises kids in the way of the Lord. He may be the first guide and teacher the children come across in life. He teaches them what is right and wrong, and the difference between good and bad.
- "Dad" is always there to offer the kids guidance and support as they learn how to navigate this world. "Dad" creates time to be with the children and balances work and personal life.
- "Dad" is filled with love, compassion, patience, and caring.
- "Dad" never gives up on the kids and family. He stays strong and stands firm in his beliefs and knows that the heavenly Father is always with him every step of the way.
- "Dad" keeps the family in his prayers. He remembers prayers work miracles; they can move a mountain and change any situation in life.

Thank you to all those wearing the "Dad Hat".





A bunch of people showed up on May 26 to help put flowers on the graves in the **Methodist Home Section** of Mount Hope Cemetery! When finished, every headstone had a flower and the few headstones obscured by dirt were cleaned. Thank you to everyone who helped!



**Adult Sunday School** is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. in room 201 (SW corner of the sanctuary.)

Children are invited to **One Room Sunday School** during worship service. Following Children's Time, they meet in the room just west of the kitchen.



Fellowship Team sponsored a Progressive Dinner on May 6 with appetizers at the church, a variety of salads with and without meat at the Lanning home, and desserts at the church. Thank you to all who provided food! It was a fun time and good fellowship!



Cover: VBS photos from previous years

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The office is open Monday - Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Please enter through the west door (by the office) on weekdays.

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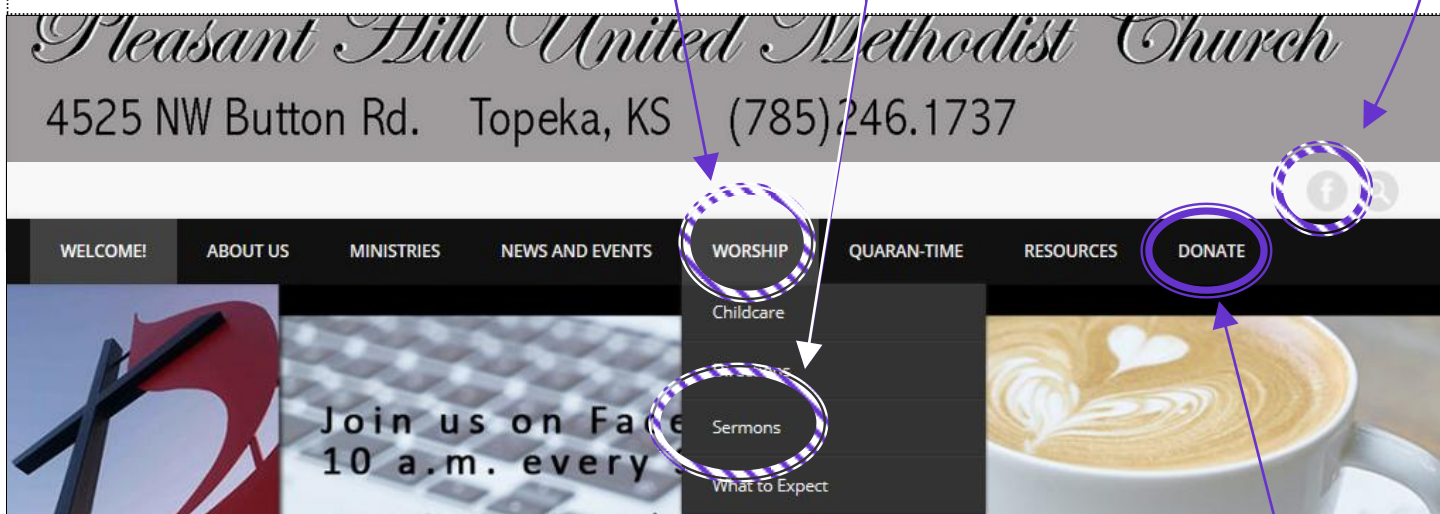
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**Mary S and Marty R**

A Facebook account is not necessary to **watch the Sunday morning service online**. Simply go to our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/](http://www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/) and click on the video. On our website, [www.pleasanthillumc.org](http://www.pleasanthillumc.org), a link to our Facebook page can be found here.

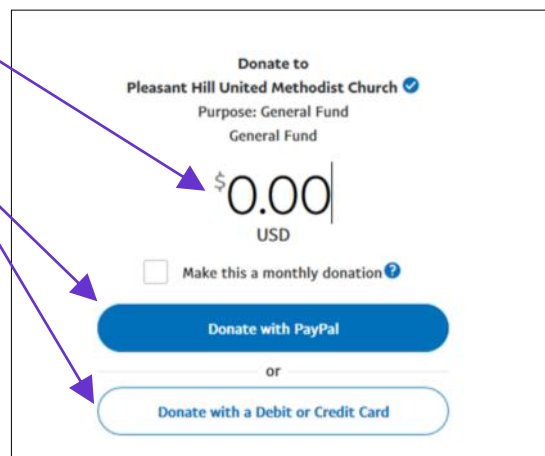
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch. Also on the Sermons page is a link to our **Audio Archive**, where all recent **audio files** of scriptures and sermons are available for listening.



To donate through **PayPal**, go to our website, [www.pleasanthillumc.org](http://www.pleasanthillumc.org), and click on "Donate". This will bring up a page with a donate button for General Fund (shown below left). Click on the 'donate' button on this page and it will bring up a PayPal page such as is shown below.



Enter the amount here and choose the option you want from the buttons at the bottom of the page.



If you are interested in giving by **automatic withdrawals**, please ask Deb in the office for an EFT form.

You are always welcome to **drop off** or **mail** donations to the church:

Pleasant Hill UMC, 4525 NW Button Rd., Topeka, KS 66618.

**We are always grateful for our generous donors!**

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.