

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church

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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

AUGUST 2023



Photos from UMW over the years. PHUMC has been very lucky to have so many wonderful ladies sharing their incredible gifts with the church.

Thank you all for the lovely birthday wishes! The cards, gift cards and good wishes were all much appreciated and treasured! Followed by a week of vacation, I am returning refreshed and renewed. There were elves at work in my office at the church while I was off, so please feel free to stop by to enjoy the freshly painted room! No, it wasn't painted KSU purple or Kansas City Chiefs red, and yet, it is still very much appreciated! Rumor has it that Dave and Kelly Neiman had something to do with the project and perhaps others who are presently unknown to me at this time also helped. I thank any and all who might have participated in that effort!



I hope that all of you were able or are planning to take a little time away this summer, whether you are planning a big trip or even a day trip somewhere different. Jesus was known to take some time away, to relax and enjoy a good meal with the disciples or by himself. Jesus knew how important it was to spend time with God, with friends, and with the people who needed him. He knew how important it was to care for himself, physically, socially and spiritually. And that's a pretty good model for us, as well. We each have to find our own formula for living, and my prayer is that you will be able to find blessings each and every day.

The start of a new school year is upon us and I hope all of us will be lifting a prayer for a good and productive year for students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators and school boards as a new year begins! How did the summer fly by so quickly? Blessings to all of you as we move forward!

Pastor Marge



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.



On August 13 we'll present **Bibles** to our 3rd graders and any 4th graders we missed. If your child is in 3rd or 4th grade and has not received a Bible from us, please let the church office know by August 7.

We are looking for volunteers to help organize our new library. Contact Deb in the office if you are interested.



Fellowship Team meeting: 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 8, at the church.

Administrative Council meeting: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 9. It is open to everyone.



It's August and that means **Back to School!** Be alert to kids walking to and from school, be prepared to stop for school buses, and pay attention to when school speed zones are in effect. First day of school in area schools ranges

from Tuesday, August 8 to Wednesday,

August 16. Be especially

careful the first several days of school as everyone gets used to new routines!



LOGAN ELEMENTARY

August 8, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Contact our church office if you can help!



Mission Committee has announced our annual KU/ KSU sock/underwear competition to benefit the Logan Community Resource Room. The competition will go through August.

If you support KU, bring socks.

If you support K-State, bring underwear.

Donations will be counted and the results will be shared. Will it be "Rock

Chalk Socks" or "EMWU (Every Man Wears Underwear)"? Check back next month to see!

COMPETITION TIME!



All sizes of underwear will be accepted but the most needed are:

Boys sizes XS (4/5), S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16), XL (18-20); Girls sizes 4, 6, 8, 14, 16, 18.

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

Rose Colhouer's sister Carl Myles

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

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!

Birthdays This Month

Ella Caudill	8/3	Kim Patton	8/12	Todd Domer	8/23
Barbara Slimmer	8/4	Evelyn Van Hove	8/16	Linda Smith	8/23
Santina Harrison	8/6	Marc Serrano	8/18	Bill Slimmer	8/25
Steve Noble	8/8	Jessica Herrick	8/19		
Emma Noble	8/9	Michael Smith	8/21		



Anniversaries This Month

Rodger & Morgan Fry	8/4	5 years
Marvin & Mary Smith	8/19	57 years
Kevin & Annie McDowell	8/31	21 years
Chris & Lee McManaman	8/31	

August at PHUMC

[Online Calendar](#)

Aug 3 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins
 Aug 8 & 22, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth
 Aug 8, 6p, Fellowship Team meeting
 Aug 9, 5:30p, Administrative Council meeting
 Aug 10, 6p, Youth Group

Aug 13, Blessing of the Backpacks
 Aug 13, Bible Presentations
 Aug 16, Newsletter 'deadline'
 Aug 20 & 27, 4p, Youth Group

Celebrate!

Celebrating the good stuff, large or small

- Daryl and Joy Jepson are great grandparents again! A girl, Noah Grace, was born July 6, 5 lb. 12 oz., 18 inches long.
- Morgan and Rodger Fry welcomed their new son, Camden Allan, on Thursday, July 13, 8 lb. 9 oz., 21" long. He was also welcomed by big brother, Barrett and big sister, Sutton. All are doing fine.
- Matt Mannell was named the 2023 Honorary 4-H King on Sunday, July 23. Congratulations!



Looking ahead: The church office will be closed Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

*Dear Pleasant Hill UMC,
Thank you guys for the \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card!
I can't wait to find something new to read this
summer! Thanks again!*

AJ Grutsch

*It may have been something simple to
you... But it meant everything to me.
Thank you for the scholarship.*

Dalton Johnson

Pleasant Hill Family,

*We are so grateful for the support that everyone has provided us over the past many years.
Most recently the amazing gifts of diapers and wipes for Camden is very much appreciated.
It was so great to hear Michelle speak on Sunday about her commitment to the Youth and
that commitment clearly extends to the entire Church when it comes to all of the kids. Thank
you again for the gifts, and more importantly for supporting our family. We are so grateful
for the opportunity we have to grow here with you all.*

Rodger and Morgan Fry

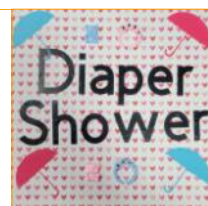


Dear Pleasant Hill family,

*We are so grateful for the diapers, wipes, and
receiving blankets for Olenna. Thank you for
your wonderful support!*

Harrison Family

Congregational Care hosted a
successful Diaper Shower in July. At
left is what went to each family.
Thank you to all who donated!



Right, Gary Slimmer delivered a \$900 Home Depot ecard to Alpha Christian
Children's Home on July 29. The funds came from the Harvest of Blessings.

*I want to thank the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church for your
generous gift of a Home Depot Gift Card to help with the remodel project
going on at Alpha Christian Children's Home!!*

*Your gift will help us finish the house and then put it back into
ministry in the near future.*

*The most likely place we will use your gift is finishing all of the
electrical and dry wall work needing done in the laundry room of the house.*

Again, thank you so much. Without friends like you, our ministry could not exist!!!

*Please join us in prayer as we are looking for new house parents to open this house back up
again to ministry after the remodel is complete.*

In Christ Jesus,

Jeff Mulpas, Director of Development, Alpha Christian Children's Home



What is #BeUMC?

By Linda Smith, PHUMC Lay Representative

From the Great Plains Conference website: www.greatplainsumc.org/beumc

#BeUMC honors the core values that connect the people of The United Methodist Church. No matter the challenges we face, God is with us, and we continue to have opportunities to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! The campaign calls us to embrace our Wesleyan heritage and envision a promising future. Every day offers a chance to live into our mission and to strive to #BeUMC — to be the church our communities so desperately need. This grassroots effort, built upon powerful stories of congregations and people living their faith, celebrates what draws us to The United Methodist Church and what we aspire to be.

Financial Update

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Jan-June
General Fund Received	\$10,454	\$24,724	\$12,992	\$14,273	\$10,740	\$8,989	\$82,173
General Fund Spent	12,645	8,392	10,509	15,183	9,268	11,182	\$67,179

Received Jan-June 2023

General Fund (Electronic Giving)	\$20,086
General Fund (in Offering Plate or Mailed)	\$61,632

Thank you to all
our faithful and generous donors!

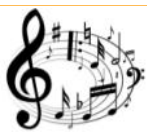
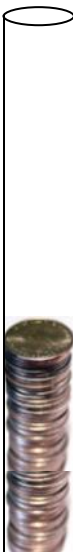
Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. – Robert Louis Stevenson

Quarter Tube

Have you noticed a tube in the foyer filling with quarters?

All money put in the tube is used to support the Youth program.

Thank you for any donation you make!!



Praise Band will be taking several Sundays off this summer. We'd love to have **special music** those days – contact the office if you would like to provide music!

Sutton Fry was baptized on July 9. She is shown with her parents, Morgan and Rodger, and her big brother, Barrett.



July 30 was a day of celebration!!!! The youth and their sponsors gave the service around the St. Louis mission trip. We were told about the places they served and the faith and fellowship they experienced. The youth appreciate all of the financial and spiritual support they receive from the church. YAY GOD FOR PLEASANT HILL UMC! (lots of snaps!)



At left, the group that went on the mission trip, six youth and two sponsors.

Below left, Maddie gave Children's Time.



Below, sermon time began with Shawn sharing her memories and impressions of the trip, followed by the youth sharing. Michelle finished sermon time talking about this trip and the previous youth mission trips. At bottom, after the service the youth served lunch to the congregation as a thank you for helping them go on the mission trip: a delicious baked potato bar with a variety of toppings.



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.

We have plastic gift cards available in the church office for many retail and eating establishments, such as Amazon, Menard's, Target, Wal-Mart, Walgreen's, McDonald's, Sonic, Starbucks, Subway, Chipotle, Taco Bell, Chili's, & many more. Visit the church office during the week to purchase.



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.



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. Physical photos will be scanned and returned.

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

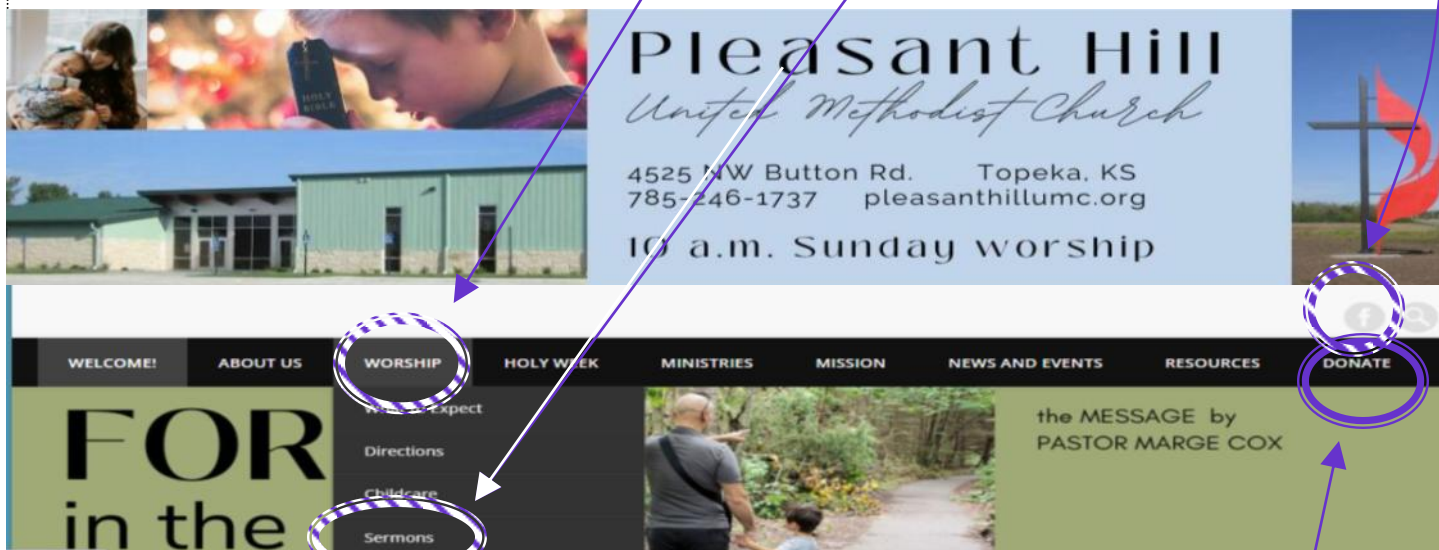
Please enter through the west door (by the office) on weekdays.

Pleasant Hill UMC Staff

Pastor:	Pastor Marge , pastor@pleasanthillumc.org
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Organists:	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/ and click on the video. On our website, www.pleasanthillumc.org, a link to our Facebook page can be found here.

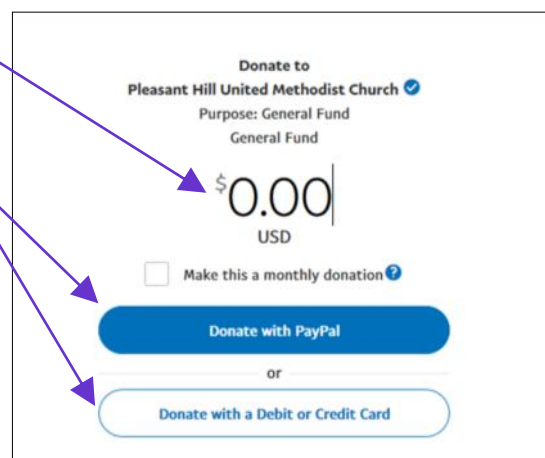
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



To donate through **PayPal**, go to our website, 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.