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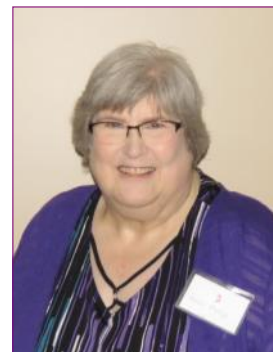
Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2023



Over the years PHUMC has been blessed to have so many wonderful men sharing their incredible gifts with the church.

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break! My calendar says it's coming up on September. What does September mean to you? To some, it means that school is back in session with lots of scholastic and extracurricular activities. To others, it means that new cars will soon be coming off the assembly lines. To farmers, it means that harvest time is very near. To others, it's time for fall sports. To TV fanatics, time for new and familiar shows to emerge. To pastors and church staff, it means the start of a new programming year and all the preparation that goes into that.



One thing we prepare for is our annual meeting, called a charge or church conference, when we reflect on the past year and give a full accounting to the congregation and to the district superintendent. We report things like our membership statistics - how many of us are there, how many baptisms we've done, new members received, average attendance, and sadly, the number of deaths of our members. We give a clear and accurate accounting of our budget for this year and prepare a new budget for the coming year. I'm a big believer in transparency, especially as it comes to financial matters. We try to be good stewards of the gifts you all offer and financial reports are prepared monthly and given to the administrative council. Any member can request one at any time.

Another important responsibility is nominating and electing our church leadership each year. When we join the church, we promise to support the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service. We all have talents to share and we want to involve as many folks as we can. Maybe you'd like to be on a committee, maybe you'd like to chair a committee or maybe you'd like to do something that does not involve going to a meeting. Our leadership changes every year, and most committees in the church have a three year limit on serving. There are other ways you can serve though. We always need help with phone calls, or organizing and sorting things, serving as liturgists, ushers, greeters, communion stewards. Maybe you like the "honey-do" type jobs and we usually have small projects waiting to be done. The list of ways to serve is endless, and if there is something you'd like to help with, please let me know!

May you have a blessed September!

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.

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 church office will be closed Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

Administrative Council meeting: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 13 It is open to everyone.



Everyone is invited to play Bingo
September 18, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Women United is our women's group. It is open to all women in the church. Women United invites you to meet at 6:30 p.m. September 18 at North IHOP. Questions, contact Deb in the office.

A vibrant graphic with a background of radiating orange and yellow lines. At the top, it says "Pleasant Hill UMC" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below that, "J.A.M." is written in very large, stylized, white letters with black outlines. Underneath "J.A.M.", the words "JESUS AND ME" are written in a smaller, bold, black font inside a white rectangular box. At the bottom, the word "sessions" is written in a large, bold, white font with a black outline. Below the graphic, there is a list of bullet points: "•in-person or on-line options for K-6th grade", "•Bible stories, crafts, monthly packets", and "•Contact the church office by **SEPT. 3** to sign up the kids and grandkids".

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J.A.M. Sessions

by Linda Smith

Have you heard about the new program starting at Pleasant Hill? It is called J.A.M. Sessions. This J.A.M. isn't something you'd have on toast, it stands for "Jesus And Me". Education and Worship teams are working together to provide a Christian education opportunity for kids who aren't able to attend Sunday School in person.

Starting September 10, J.A.M. Sessions will replace our current One Room Sunday School. There will still be in-person learning after children's time but J.A.M. Sessions will also be posted on our website, www.pleasanthillumc.org. Everyone signed up will receive a monthly packet containing the lessons that will be led by Miss Lauren. The curriculum follows the UMC liturgy and includes videos, puzzles, crafts, and daily discussion questions.

This gives kids who aren't able to come to church regularly due to other activities an opportunity to continue to grow their relationship with Jesus. It also gives kids who can attend a chance to hear more about what they heard at church. Everyone, no matter your age, can watch the online sessions. Who knows, maybe you'll hear something you didn't know before.

The first packets will be mailed in early September but it's never too late to sign up by calling Deb in the office, 785-246-1737, and letting her know you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or friend who would enjoy being a member of the J.A.M. Sessions.

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

Kevin McDowell	9/5	Tenley Walder	9/8	Brady Marteney	9/19
Carmen Sellens	9/6	Caleb Wilson	9/11	Deb Mannell	9/21
Mark Searles	9/7	Brinley Cochran	9/14	Orvina Tidball	9/24
Lindsey Smith	9/7	Karen Domer	9/14	Jolene Flowers	9/27
Ron Griffiths	9/8	Emily Patton	9/14	Sue Searles	9/28
Dennis Shepherd	9/8	Matt Walder	9/15	Kay Crowder	9/30



Anniversaries This Month

Marc & Jammie Serrano	9/13	
Denis & Val Warkentine	9/13	36 years
Matt & Pam Walder	9/20	15 years
WR & Janet Brecheisen	9/24	1 year

September at PHUMC [Online Calendar](#)

Sept 4, Labor Day, office closed
 Sept 7, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins
 Sept 10, J.A.M Sessions begin for K-6
 Sept 10, 17, 24, 4p, Youth Group
 Sept 12 & 26, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth

Sept 13, 5:30p, Administrative Council meeting
 Sept 18, 6:30p, Women United @ North IHOP
 Sept 20, Newsletter 'deadline'
 Sept 27, 6:30p, BINGO!

WE HAVE A WINNER.....

the USD 345 resource room and



KSU FANS!



1352 undies

KSU

vs.

551 socks

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That's a lot!!! Thank you to everyone who donated!!

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

Bob Krogman Sandy Stewart

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



Above, Blessing of the Backpacks August 13. A lot of folks, kids and adults, brought their backpacks for blessing. 30 blessed tags were given out to be put on backpacks as reminders to their owners.



On August 20, Janet Brecheisen shared her beautiful voice with us as she sang "On Holy Ground" for Special Music.



On August 20, Alex, Eli and Maverick (not shown) were presented with Bibles.



Molly Katherine Rea was baptized on August 20. She is shown with her parents, Robbie & Rachel.

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!!





Helping out at the Logan Elementary Back to School Bash on August 8.

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.

We have plastic **Gift Cards** available in the church office for many retail and eating establishments, such as Amazon, Menard's, Wal-Mart, Sonic, Subway, Chili's/On The Border, Olive Garden/Longhorn, Dairy Queen, & many more. Visit the church office during the week to purchase.

Mary can order **eCards** for many establishments, such as Ace Hardware, Amazon, Applebee's, Baskin Robbins, Best Buy, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carter's, Ebay, Foot Locker, Home Depot, Hotels.com, IHOP, Lowe's, Pizza Hut, VUDU, Texas Roadhouse, several hotel chains and several cruise lines.

Contact Mary at
785-640-1286 to
order.



Have you signed up to get **Dillon's Community Rewards** sent to our church? Just go online to dillons.com/communityrewards. Search for Pleasant Hill UMC. Confirm your choice and start earning cash for PHUMC. The church will receive cash equal to 6% of all your purchases at Dillon's, excluding gas, at no added cost to you. Questions? Contact the church office.

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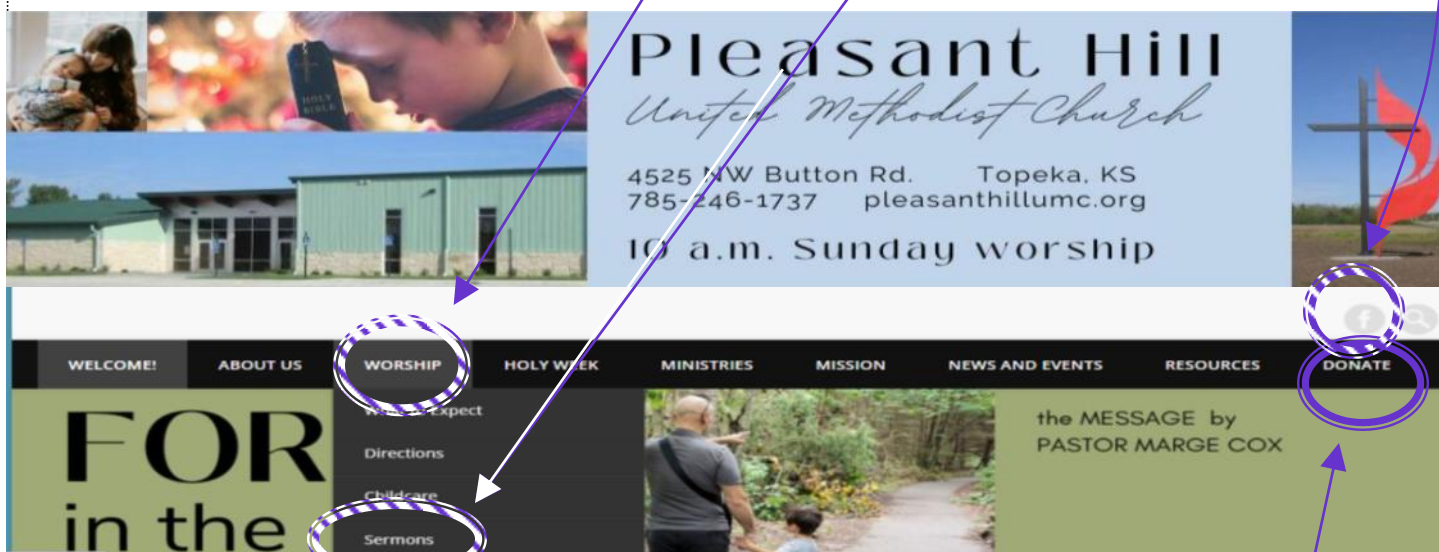
Please enter through the west door (by the office) on weekdays.

Pleasant Hill UMC Staff

Pastor:	Pastor Marge , pastor@pleasanthillumc.org
Office Administrator:	Deb , admin@pleasanthillumc.org or phumctopeka@yahoo.com
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Praise Band Coord. & Adult Bell Choir Dir.:	Kelly , praise@pleasanthillumc.org
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.

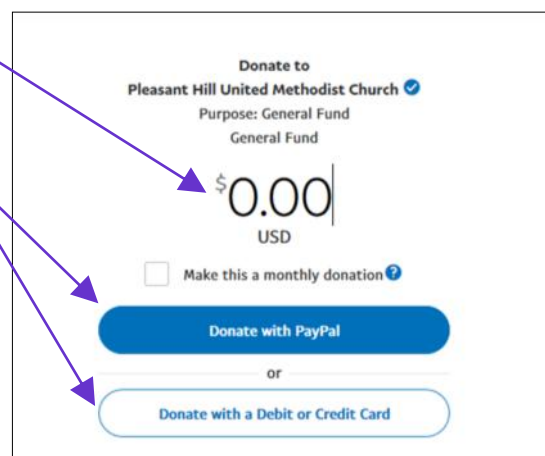
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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.