

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church

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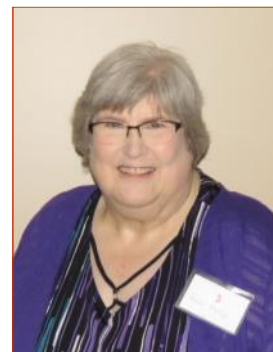
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**Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.**

# OCTOBER 2023



One of the most amazing ministries that happens through this congregation is the Congregational Care Team. They gather monthly to coordinate efforts but they truly are love in action. They work with the pastor to meet the pastoral care needs of the congregation, especially those who are ill, in or just home from the hospital, those experiencing the loss of a loved one, or those celebrating some of life's most joyous moments - weddings, new babies, graduations.



Because this is a yearlong ministry, we are always welcoming those who have a caring heart. That's a way of saying that all of you are welcome to come aboard and join us in our efforts. Some of you may be thinking, "I have no interest in going to a meeting!" That's okay, because there are so many ways to be involved! Allow me to mention just a few ways you might be involved. We need folks who will pray for the folks on our prayer list, or make phone calls to check on a home bound person maybe once a week. We are seeking folks who might be willing to take a meal to someone just home from the hospital or who has ongoing health issues, like cancer treatment for instance. Maybe you would be willing to drive someone to a doctor's appointment or home from the hospital. Perhaps you would be available to help me take communion to someone in a nursing home or assisted living. Maybe you'd prefer to send cards from home, or make cards for us to send. If any of these things appeal to you, please let Mary Smith, Deb in the office, or me know, since we do try to coordinate our efforts.

And please let us know of any pastoral care needs you might have, for we do want to be there for you. It would be a blessing to increase our group of ambassadors for Christ in providing care to our congregation. This truly is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ. It doesn't take a great amount of time from your busy schedules and the rewards are so fulfilling for all of us.

Blessings to all of you,  
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.



**Administrative Council meeting:** 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 11. It is open to everyone.

Kansas Avenue UMC **United Women of Faith** invites you to attend the United Women of Faith meeting at Kansas Avenue UMC, 1029 N. Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS 66608, on Thursday, October 5, at 9:30 a.m. Reverend Jenny Collins, District Superintendent of the Topeka & Flint Hills District of the Great Plains of the United Methodist Church will be the guest speaker at the meeting. Please let Judy Glasgow, 785-608-9878, know if you plan to attend.

You are invited to attend an informational meeting about Bell Choir, 6 p.m. Thursday, October 19 in the sanctuary.

Interested in bell choir? Attend and see how much fun it is!



**Women United** is our women's group. It is open to all women in our church. Women United invites you to meet at 6 p.m. October 23 at Tequila's North.

Nine women and Camden Fry attended the September meeting. We enjoyed good fellowship! Questions, contact Deb in the office.

**Trunk or Treat** will be **October 31** from **5-6:30 p.m.** in the church parking lot. It will be open to the public. You are invited to bring decorated trunks to the parking lot at 4:45 p.m. If you can't attend but would like to help, candy donations are welcome! Please drop donations off on Sunday mornings or to the office by 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 31.

**Don't forget, Trunk or Treat is also a competition** for the best-decorated trunk - so get your decorating ideas ready! What theme or design will win the traveling trophy this year?? Will it be yours?? Decorated trunks need to be in the parking lot and set up by 4:45 p.m.



At right, last year, Joy Chapman and her daughter Kate Hamilton won the traveling trophy for the best-decorated trunk!



A "**Honey Do** jar" is available in the foyer where you can note tasks around the church that would make our church more functional/inviting. We will post the ideas on our "Honey Do" bulletin board and look for volunteers to complete those tasks.

Deb will put out an **updated directory** in October. If you have any changes to your listing, please let Deb-in-the-office know!

**Looking Ahead:**  
Our **Annual Conference** is set for November 5 at Topeka First UMC.

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 Feleay	10/2	Harry Worden	10/7	Ayla Talley	10/21
Ashlyn Marteney	10/2	Rodger Fry	10/8	Pam Walder	10/21
Oscar Serrano	10/3	Peggy Wilson	10/8	Alex Wilson	10/21
Linda Reed	10/4	Monica Newell	10/12	Marty Ransdell	10/23
Gene Schoettlin	10/4	Matt Mannell	10/13	DeAnne Mauk	10/24
Lee McManaman	10/6	Aurel Marney	10/16	Morgan Fry	10/30
Everett Mauk	10/7	Marsha Morris	10/20	Monique Saulsbury	10/31



### Anniversaries This Month

Lewis & Debbie Taylor	10/10	
Dennis & Kim Smerchek	10/17	30 years
Cory & Jolene Flowers	10/21	17 years
Michael & Angie Smith	10/28	23 years

*Dear Church Family,*

*Nick & I want to tell you how grateful we are for the prayers, calls, visits and food for the last several months.*

*We feel so blessed to be a part of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.*

*God Bless You All,  
Love, Nick and Karen Nicolay*

Congregational Care encourages you to attend the **Caregiver Conference** sponsored by Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging, at Trinity Presbyterian Church on November 8, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information, including registration, see the flyers in the foyer or bulletins the end of October.

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

Children are invited to  
**J.A.M. Sessions (Jesus And Me)**  
during worship service.

Following Children's Time, they meet in the room just west of the kitchen.



On September 24, Deesie Jackson joined our church. Welcome!



On September 17, Laynee, Nik, and Ayla Talley (above from left) were baptized. They and Elizabeth Zwiebel (on right side) joined our church. Welcome!

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

Joy Cervantes      Larry Peterson

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

### World Communion Sunday

by Linda Smith

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday, which began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933.

It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers. World Wide Communion symbolizes the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasizes that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We observe communion to commemorate a past event, to anticipate a future event, and to participate in the celebration of life between the two.

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation for World Communion Sunday.



While mowing on September 9, Glen Smith was treated to the sight of a hot air balloon landing in the church yard! Thank you to Glen for the pics and for mowing!





**Celebrate!**

Celebrating the good stuff, large or small

- Sam Feleay and Kinzie Holmes were married on September 23. Congrats!

**J.A.M. Sessions**

Below, Lauren sorting J.A.M. Session packet materials for mailing. At right, the start of the first J.A.M. Session.

Materials are mailed for a month at a time. Parents can opt-in or opt-out their kids from the mailings at any time. Want to opt-in your kids or grandkids? Call the office, 785-246-1737, and let us know!



A couple dozen folks showed up for Bingo Night on September 27, including designated callers

Marvin Smith and Kevin Feleay (above left.)

It was a fun time - even for those who didn't win.

**October at PHUMC**[Online Calendar](#)

Oct 1, World Communion Sunday

Oct 1, Blessing of the Blankets

Oct 1, 8, 15 & 22 4p, Youth Group

Oct 5, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins

Oct 11, 5:30p, Administrative Council meeting

Oct 18, Newsletter 'deadline'

Oct 19, 6p, Bell Choir Informational meeting

Oct 23, 6:30p, Women United @ Tequila's North

Oct 31, 5-6:30p, Trunk or Treat

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](http://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](mailto: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.

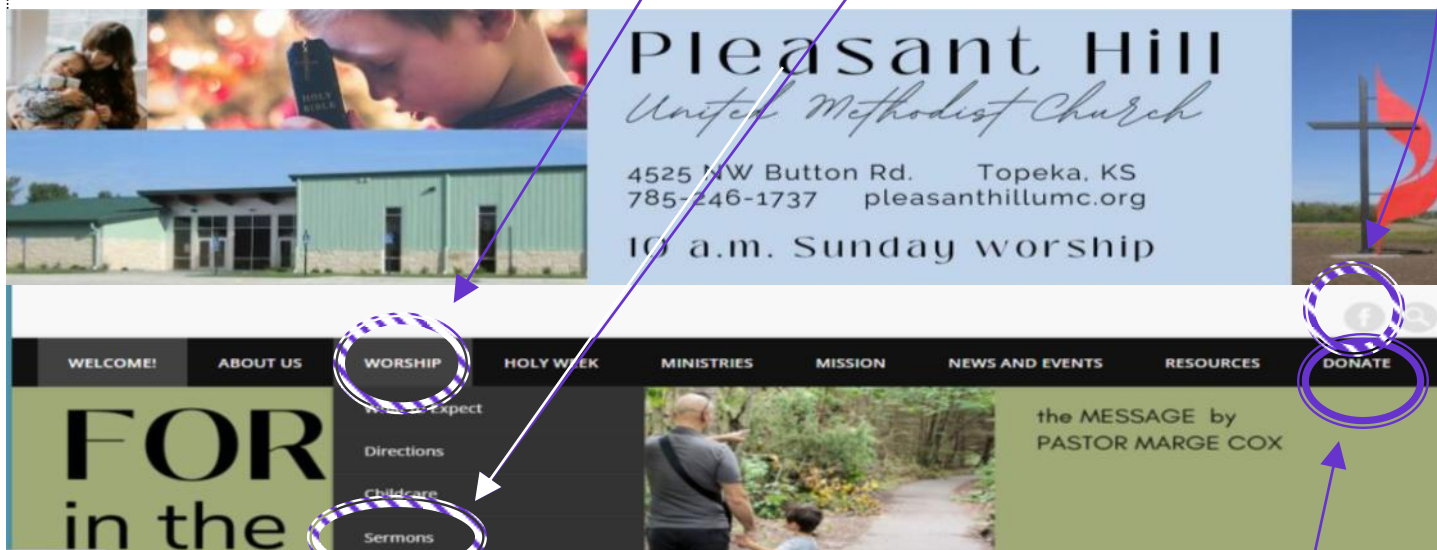
Please enter through the west door (by the office) on weekdays.

### Pleasant Hill UMC Staff

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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.

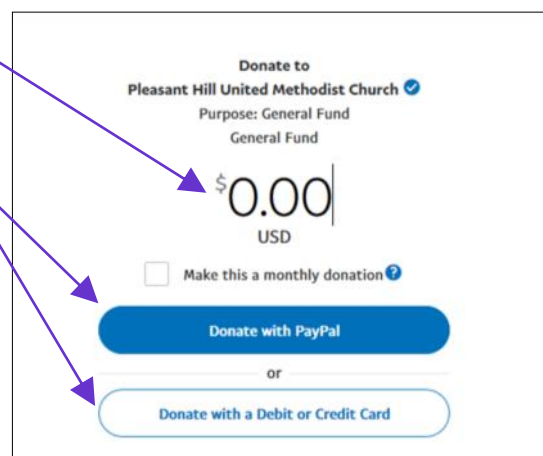
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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.