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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

Soon it will be time for spring flowers, new calves, Palm Sunday and Easter!



Spring has almost sprung and that's always exciting. Spring also means Easter is just around the corner. The Easter Egg hunt will happen on Palm Sunday, March 24, a Maundy Thursday service will happen on March 28, and of course Easter Sunday will be celebrated on March 31. We provided everyone with a Lenten planner this year, and I hope you have been following the church Facebook page for daily reminders of something worshipful to do for others this Lent.



Instead of having a Good Friday service or the stations of the cross as we have done in the past, this year we are asking you all to consider Good Friday as a day of active prayer, perhaps following the suggestions on the Lenten planner and Facebook page. Active prayer means doing some act of love and kindness for someone else, either family or friends, neighbor or stranger.

Maybe you will do something as simple as opening a door for others as you are out and about. Maybe you will ask an elderly person if they need some help for an hour or so. Maybe you will clean out your closet and donate old clothing to a thrift store. Maybe you will send a card or a thank you note to someone who made a lasting impact on your life.

Whatever you choose to do on Good Friday, I hope you find a way to give thanks to God for the gift of life and the gift of love which was so generously poured out for you, by offering an act of kindness and service to someone else.

Blessings to all of you!

Pastor Marge

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

In Case of Inclement Weather:

If Seaman Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the church office is also closed. If our worship service is cancelled due to the weather, it will be listed on WIBW and KSNT.



On March 17, Fellowship Team will begin serving cookies and coffee, tea, and lemonade after worship service. Wear your green for fellowship time on March 17 - St. Patrick's Day!



Egg Hunt!

Everyone is invited to help with this year's Easter Egg Hunt by helping to fill plastic eggs with candy. Please take a bag or two of eggs from the display in the gathering area, fill with candy, and return them by March 17. Thank you.



The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, March 24, immediately following worship. Invite the children in your neighborhood, relatives and friends to join in this Easter tradition. Bring an empty basket to gather eggs!

Maundy Thursday, March 28: We will have a Tenebrae service at 6:30 p.m. A Tenebrae service is a somber service focusing on the suffering and death of Jesus.

Good Friday, March 29: You are invited to take this day for Active Prayer. See Pastor's letter on page 2 for more.

Easter Sunday, March 31: Sunrise Worship service will take place at 7:30 a.m. on the church lawn by the cross. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy experiencing the morning's first light as we celebrate our risen Lord. In the case of inclement weather, the service will be moved inside. We will also have our Worship service at 10 a.m.



We're going to do a New Church Directory!!



Photos will be taken April 15 and 16. Sign-up online at



www.UCDir.com, church code KS178 password photos, or contact the church office for assistance, 785-246-1737. See flyer on page 7.

Daylight Savings Time starts Sun, March 10 -- Spring Forward!!

Administrative Council meets **Wednesday, March 13,** 5:30 p.m. at the church. It is open to the congregation.

Happy Gatherings

Happy Gatherings groups are smaller groups that gather once a month or so for food and fellowship. Groups are kept to 6-10 members. Members take turns making plans. If your family, or you as an individual, are interested, the deadline to sign up is April 1. Groups will be assigned by April 5.

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

George Winsett Amos Harrison

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

March at PHUMC

[Online Calendar](#)

Mar. 7, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins

Mar. 8-9, Youth to Leadership Conference

Mar. 10, Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar. 12 & 26, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth
sewing group meets

Mar. 13, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg

Mar. 17, Wear Green - St. Patrick's Day

Enjoy refreshments following service

Mar. 20, Newsletter 'deadline'

Mar. 24, Palm Sunday

Egg Hunt following worship service

Mar. 28, 6:30p, Maundy Thursday service

Mar. 31, Easter!

7:30a, Sunrise Worship Service

10a, Easter Worship Service

Thank you to all who bought cookies and supported the youth!!

Michelle and the Youth

Thank you for the very thoughtful and pretty Valentine box.

Karen Smith

Thank you for the Valentines.

Berniece Chadwell



Our "Soup-er Bowl" Food Drive was an amazing success. The USD 345 community food boxes to needy families will be a bit fuller this month because of your soup and cracker contributions. Thanks!!

Pleasant Hill UMC was also part of a bigger food drive. On Super Bowl Sunday, Kansas City Chiefs UMC conferences teamed up against San Francisco 49er conferences for a friendly competition to fill food pantries. Team KC donated 168,253 lbs of food. Compare that to 32,945 from Team San Francisco. That's no typo. We clobbered the competition, friends!



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!

<u>Birthdays This Month</u>					
Fred Patton	3/3	Sam Martin	3/12	Bryce Cochran	3/21
Jason Marteney	3/4	Chris McManaman	3/12	Billie Dupree	3/22
John Holt	3/7	Gary Slimmer	3/15	Beverly Newell	3/23
Alan Shaffer	3/11	Pete Deppe	3/17	Eli Wilson	3/28
Mary Smith	3/11	Pleasant Hill UMC	3/20	Jeanetta Boughn	3/30
Jillian Walder	3/11	(143 years!)			



<u>Anniversaries This Month</u>		
Pete & Dee Deppe	3/15	68 years
Harry & Elaine Worden	3/16	32 years



Because of your generous donations at Christmas, we sent half of our gifts to Alpha Christian at Christmas time. They will receive the other half of our donations

just in time for Spring. Remember that this year they requested "experiences" for their gifts for the kids. So for spring, we sent them gift cards for bowling and the GreatLife facility as well as some Wal-Mart gift cards for grocery items. Jeff Mulpas, their director, has been working with our team to determine the perfect experiences for their kids that are enjoyable and age-appropriate.

Library UPDATE

Be sure to check out the PHUMC library for Lenten treasures. In addition to some Bible devotions and children's stories, we have a new collection. Pastor Marge has donated several books to our library. We've cleverly named this body of work the "Pastor Marge Collection." Look for the sign. It's located right under all the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" selections.



Pleasant Hill UMC Staff

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Anyone for a Cooking Group?

Matt Mannell would like to find out if there is interest in starting a cooking group to gather in the church kitchen and cook/bake together. Matt loves all sorts of cooking and baking and makes the sourdough communion loaves. Although most of his cooking is focused on heart-healthy, diabetic-friendly dishes, he still loves to cook desserts and more decadent food for his family. He thought there might be others in the church who would like to share their favorite dishes with the group by cooking them together in the church kitchen. Food is a traditional fellowship activity in the church and this would be a way to share your cooking interests with other members of the church family. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer, or you can contact Deb in the office and let her know.



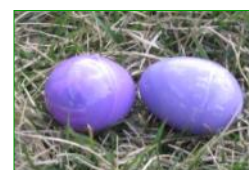
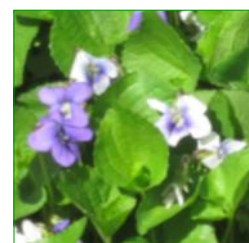
We have plastic **Gift Cards** available in the church office for many retail and eating establishments. Most are \$25 face value, some are \$10 face value, a few \$100 face value. Visit the church office during the week to purchase.

You purchase the card at face value, \$10, \$25, etc., and our church earns a small percentage of the face value of each card sold from the card retailer. Not only do they make nice gifts, but they are an easy way to keep personal information safe while shopping.

Olenna Marie Harrison, above at left, was baptized on February 11. She is shown with her parents, Tailor and Santana, and her big sister, Atlas.



Ash Wednesday service was held Wednesday, February 14.



We are blessed with wonderful music!! Thank you to all involved!!



On February 25, the Adult Bell Choir performed "Come To The Table" medley for prelude.



Praise Band sings two songs each Sunday to enhance our worship service.



John Wilson leads our two hymns each week. This really helps those of us who are not as familiar with some of the hymns.

Mary Smith plays the organ each week: not only hymns but (usually) prelude, offertory, "Give Thanks", and postlude. On Communion Sundays she also plays the Gloria Patri and the Communion hymn.



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** (**J**esus **A**nd **M**e) during worship service. Following Children's Time, they meet in the room just west of the kitchen.

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 choose to make!!



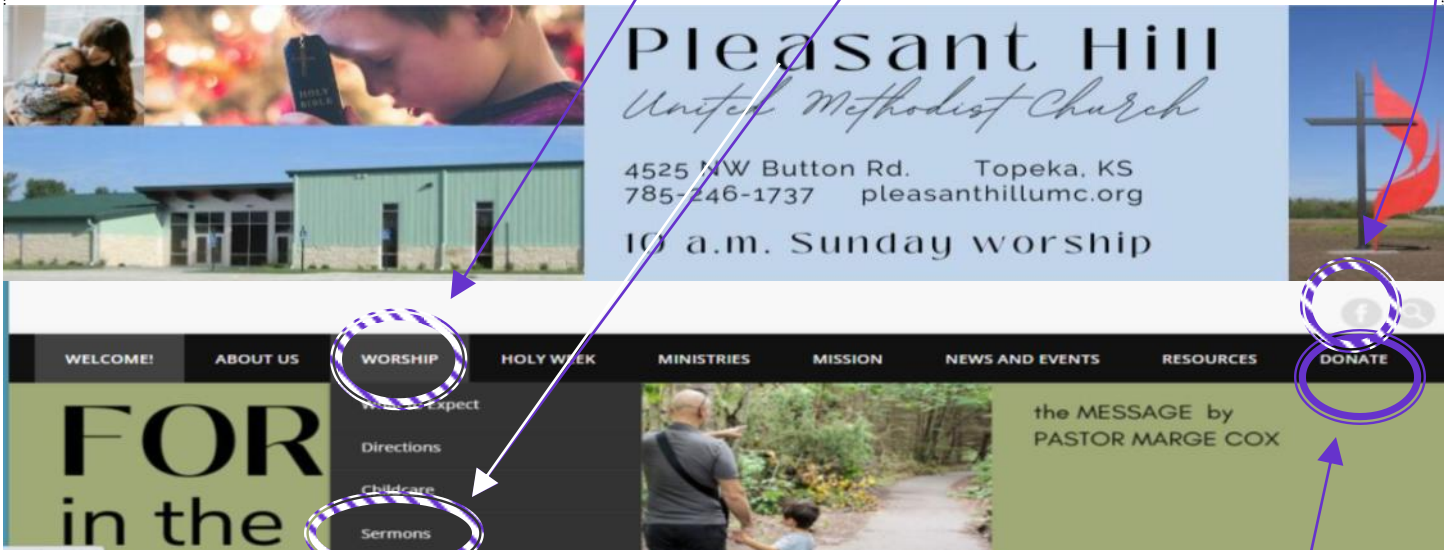
We ask for donations of money or items for a lot of reasons and sometimes we ask pretty often. It can be overwhelming if you don't know one important fact:

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.

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.

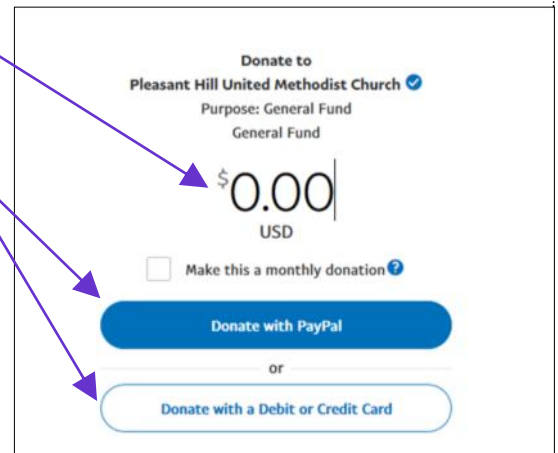
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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!

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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.

Dear Church *family,*
It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.** If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!** You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Directory Photos will be taken April 15-16. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on "photography appointment scheduling login" on the right side, enter KS178 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment, please call the church office, 785-246-1737.

If your information is not correct in our February directory update, please let the office know!