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# APRIL 2024

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



The Parade of Palms on  
Palm Sunday!  
See inside for more photos  
of Palm Sunday, including  
the Egg Hunt!



Blessings to all of you this Easter season. This beautiful and often changing weather is certainly a reminder of the resurrection, the season of spring and the glory of creation!



April will bring us many exciting events in the life of this church. The photos for the new pictorial directory will be taken April 15 and 16. We are glad to present this opportunity for all of you. Yes, you will be asked if you want to purchase additional photos beyond the free 8x10 and if you don't want to do that, just tell them "no". But we do hope you all will be sure to sign up. You may do that in person on Sundays, or by contacting Deb in the church office. She will get you fixed up!

Also this month, you will have an opportunity to meet Bishop Wilson as he tours the Topeka and Flint Hills districts. There are selected locations and you can choose the time and location that works best for you. Here's the schedule:

- Sunday, April 7, worship at Wamego UMC at 10:00 am, and later that day at Blue Rapids UMC at 3pm. At 7pm that night, he will be at College Avenue UMC. Each session will be about 1-1/2 hours.
- Monday, April 8, 10am Council Grove UMC, 2:30 pm Eureka UMC, 6:30pm Emporia First UMC
- Tuesday, April 9, 10am Countryside UMC, 12pm Lunch at Café Quetzal (buy your own beverage or lunch), 3pm Atchison UMC, 6pm at Holton First UMC

These sessions are for clergy and lay folks as well. I hope you will be able to come say hello and welcome him!

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.

Ha Ha Ha

What's next? **Holy Humor Sunday!** April 7, the Sunday after Easter, is a day to celebrate that God had the last laugh when He overturned death and the devil lost. We will celebrate with laughter and silliness. You are invited to dress funny, such as in mismatched items or a costume, if you so choose.

Ha Ha Ha

### Women's Group

There will be two fellowship opportunities in April for our Women's group. The invitation is for all women in the church. We hope you are able to make at least one gathering.

- Tuesday, April 9, 6 p.m. at Norseman Company Eatery, 830 N Kansas Ave in NOTO.
- Saturday, April 27, 1 p.m. at The Pennant, 915 S. Kansas Ave.

If you have questions or if you need transportation, please contact Deb in office.

**Administrative Council** meets **Wednesday**, April 10, 5:30 p.m. at the church. It is open to the congregation.

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



Photos will be taken April 15 and 16. Sign-up online at [www.UCDir.com](http://www.UCDir.com), church code KS178 password photos, or contact the church office for



assistance, 785-246-1737. We want our new directory to be complete so, please, see if there is a time you can have photos taken! Each family received a free 8x10 of their directory photo. More photos can be purchased if you choose. If you can't make it April 15 or 16, contact Deb to see if there are other locations/dates that will work for you.

Happy Gatherings

Happy Gatherings groups are smaller groups that gather once a month or so for food and fellowship. The deadline to sign up is April 1. If you missed the deadline and wish you had signed up, contact Shawn Herrick or let Deb in the office know and Shawn will get you in a group.



### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for our VBS July 22 - July 26th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The theme is Camp Firelight: A summer camp adventure with God. The Camp Firelight Vision is Trusting God to Be with Us in Every Situation. The first planning session will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. Watch for more details.

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

Jim Wright

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

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

Apr 1, Happy Gatherings Sign-up deadline

Apr 4, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins

Apr 7, Holy Humor Sunday

Apr 9 & 23, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth  
sewing group meets

Apr 9, 6p, Women’s Grp @ Norseman Eatery

Apr 10, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg

Apr 15-16, Directory Photo Sessions

Apr 17, Newsletter ‘deadline’

Apr 27, 1p, Women’s Group at The Pennant

Fellowship Team has begun serving refreshments after service.  
Be sure to stay after service to visit and try some goodies! Yum!

On Maundy Thursday, March 28, we had a Tenebrae service with communion. Several scriptures were read that tell the story of the suffering and death of Jesus. After each section of the story, a candle was extinguished and the lights were dimmed until the candles were out and the sanctuary was dimly lit. 23 attended the service.



Emily, Madison and Michelle attended an overnight youth conference in Des Moines, IYL '24. We came away fueled with the Spirit and great ideas for our “small but mighty” group!!

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>					
Lucille Daugherty	4/4	Mary Colton	4/12	Maverick Van Hove	4/22
Annie McDowell	4/5	Marilyn Domer	4/12	Jessica Wilson	4/23
Erin Herrick	4/6	Dean Steward	4/13	Ian Law	4/30
Brian Eastman	4/10	Lauren Feleay	4/17		
Andrew Patton	4/11	Annika Wilson	4/19		

	<b><u>Anniversaries This Month</u></b>		
	Ray & Billie Dupree	4/5	
	Sam & Danette Martin	4/12	38 years
	Nick & Karen Nicolay	4/19	43 years
	Jahnnie & Cathy Brake	4/20	39 years
	Kevin & Angie Feleay	4/22	29 years
	Alan & Linda Shaffer	4/25	37 years
	Glen & Linda Smith	4/26	16 years

**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.

**A New Team!**

Hey PHUMC, Sam Feleay here. A few months ago I found out that it has been almost 18 years since we had a team designated to draw people into the church. I put together a wonderful team of Daryl and Joy Jepson, Morgan Fry, Caleb Wilson, Linda Smith, Pastor Marge, and myself. After our first meeting of discussing and brainstorming, we are excited to get the ball moving on some of the plans we have. It involves being more proactive about preparations for new people walking in our doors, plans to draw new people in our doors, and ministries we can organize. We talked about promoting JAM sessions and VBS more and publicizing our Mission works more.

There are a lot of lost people out there who are looking for something and, being disciples of Christ, we can use what God has given us and show them hope. There is now a team in the works to fill this church so that we have a reason to keep expanding and keep growing disciples in Christ. Please talk to any of us with ideas or recommendations on how to get more people through the doors of the church. Thank you.



**Palm Sunday** was a big day at Pleasant Hill! We had 97 in attendance! The kids brought in the palm procession during "Hosannah, Loud Hosannah" and adults joined them. After twice around the sanctuary, they took the palms to the front where Chloe and Michelle put them in vases. See more photos of the parade on the cover.



With 14 kids in JAM Session on Palm Sunday, they were split into two rooms! (Normally JAM Session has 7 kids in attendance.)

After the service it was time for the Egg Hunt! Due to the weather it was held inside.



The kids didn't care that the Egg Hunt was held inside. They had a blast! After hunting, they emptied the eggs and enjoyed their goodies! Thank you to everyone who helped with the hunt in any way! There were at least 22 kids who enjoyed it!



**Easter** was even bigger at Pleasant Hill with 22 at Sunrise service and 112 at the 10 a.m. service! Sunrise service included an Easter devotion by Sam Feleay. At the 10 a.m. service, Bell Choir played "The Peace of Christ" on melodychimes for prelude and Praise Band sang two new songs: "Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood" and "Man on the Middle Cross".

A special offering for Piecing Love & Warmth was taken on Easter and totaled \$1,089! Thank you to all who donated!



On March 21, the unpaved part of the parking lot received a layer of crushed asphalt.

On March 23, over a dozen people gathered to clean up the building and grounds for Palm Sunday and Easter. Honey Do items in the building were completed. Foyer windows were cleaned inside and out. Outside, the playground, Memorial Garden, and the north patio were cleaned up, the ditches were cleaned up and the parking lot was swept off. Thank you to everyone who helped!



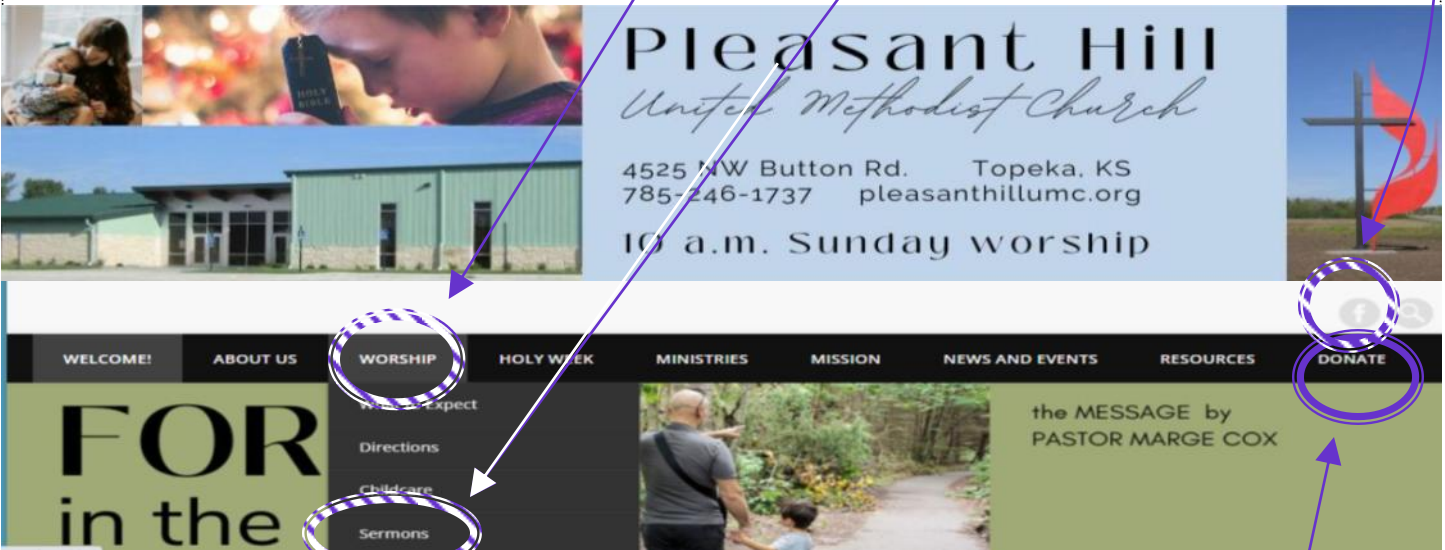
As stated on a different page, in the photo above, there are eggs hidden in Christine's sleeves and Camden's shirt collar. Were you able to spot the other 20 eggs visible in the photo? All 20 eggs are circled. Whether you found them or not, be assured the kids did!

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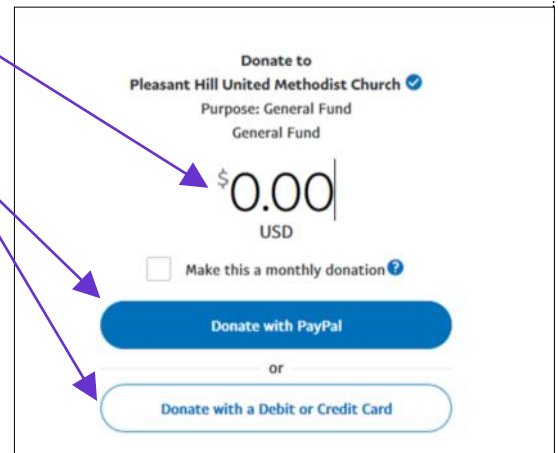
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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



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