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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.



Some of the outfits and fun at Trunk or Treat 2023



This weekend I attended a party for a childhood neighbor who reached the wonderful age of 100. His accomplishments in life are awe-inspiring and substantial. As a child, I knew him to be a loving and caring man, who loved his family, his work, his church, and his country. His family and ours were close, as we helped each other out with chores that were bigger than one person could handle... putting up a fence, trimming trees and so on. His children were the same age as my brothers and I, so the parents often sat out on the patio on hot summer nights as we kids played hide and seek or tag. There are lots of wonderful childhood memories that were rekindled. I wish children today could have had the kind of childhood we had back then, but the whole world has changed since those days.



The thing that hasn't changed since then is the need for us to work together, play together, worship together, and use our gifts to help one another. After all, God intended us to live in peace and harmony with one another, and to love one another. Not long ago, I came across a song that one of my favorite groups recorded and thought you might like reading the words. It's called "Did I Make a Difference" and it was sung by the Oak Ridge Boys:

I'm caught up in the push and shove, the daily grind, burning time, spinning wheels;
I wonder what I'm doing here day to day, year to year, standing still

Somewhere there's a teacher with a heart never quits
Staying after school to help some inner-city kids
A mother who's a volunteer, a Soldier in the fight
And I can't help but ask myself when I lay down at night

(Refrain:) Did I make a difference in somebody's life?

What hurts did I heal? What wrongs did I right?

Did I raise my voice in defense of the truth? Did I lend my hand to the destitute?

When my race is run, when my song is sung

Will I have to wonder, did I make a difference? Did I make a difference?

I've been working hard to make a living and forgetting what true living is

Taking more than giving; something's missing, Lord, how long can I go on like this?

There's a lonely old man down the street and I should be ashamed

I've never been to see him; I don't even know his name

There's kids without their supper in my own neighborhood

Will I look back someday and say that I did all I could? [Refrain]

Have a blessed month of May,

Pastor Marge

Administrative Council meets **Wednesday**, May 8, 5:30 p.m. at the church.
It is open to the congregation.

POSTPONED

Let's play **Bingo!!** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15
You are invited to bring white elephant items for prizes

POSTPONED

Before I finished the newsletter, Bingo was postponed due to the weather forecast. Check out Sunday announcements for rescheduled date.

Thank you to everyone who had photos taken for the **New Church Directory!**
Thank you to everyone who has submitted photos for the New Church Directory!
If you didn't get your photo taken and you haven't yet submitted a photo, please contact Deb in the office to see if it is still possible.



Angel Award Scholarship
application forms are available!
May 10 is the deadline to turn in the forms and letters of recommendation to the office.

See Deb for a form!



Our May donation items for the USD 345 Resource Center are **Peanut Butter** and **Jelly**.



Education Recognition Sunday is June 2



A celebration for 2024 graduates will be Sunday, June 2. If there is a member of your family graduating from Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School/Junior High, High School, Technical School, Trade School, or University that you would like to honor please submit the following information to the church office no later than May 22:

- ♦ their name;
- ♦ grade and school graduating from;
- ♦ recognitions, awards, scholarships or honors;
- ♦ their plans for the summer or after graduation i.e., summer camps, vacations, additional education, work, military;
- ♦ your name and relationship to graduate;
- ♦ current picture of the graduate and, if available, baby or childhood picture.

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

Anna Sargent Janice Gregg Iris Magnus Tad Thompson

Shirley Dinley Ashleigh Boyd Sean Harris Susan Fowler-Hentzler

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

Piecing Love & Warmth received \$1,089 from the special offering in March. Thank you to all who donated!

We received over 130 boxes of macaroni and cheese to take to the Logan Community Resource Center. Thank you to all who donated!

**Camp Firelight VBS: July 22–26 6-8:30 p.m.
Wanted – YOU**

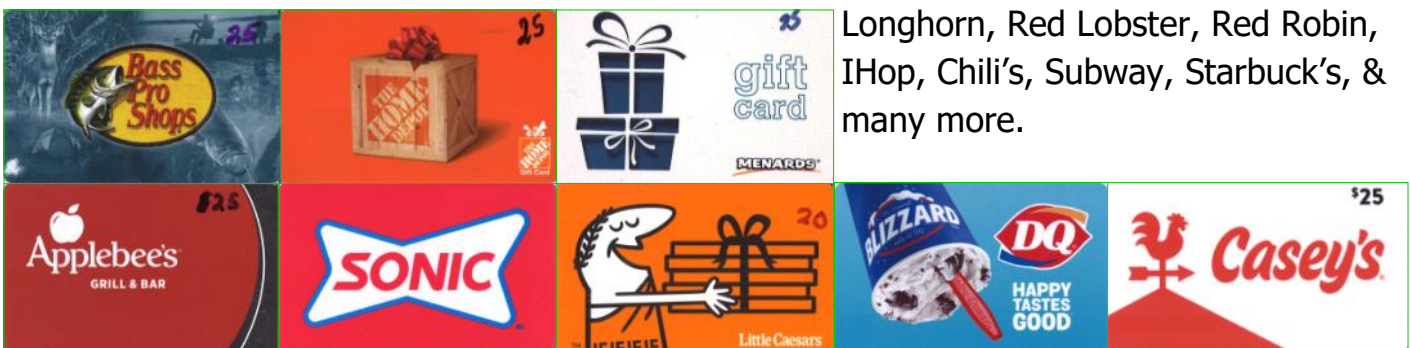
We are planning a community-wide Vacation Bible School (VBS) to reach the children in our neighborhood and need your ideas to make this a success.

- Spread the word.
- Add your thoughts to the papers on the wall in the sanctuary.
- Volunteer your time to help decorate.
- Be a volunteer during VBS week.
 - ◆ Serve as a session leader.
 - ◆ Provide food.

Join our team and spread the word about a summer camp adventure with God. Contact Linda Smith if you have questions, 913-568-6968



May is the time for **Mother’s Day and graduations**. Are you wondering what to get that special person? We have many plastic **gift cards** for retailers and eating establishments that are just perfect for that person! They are available in the church office during the week or you can get them after church – just talk with Mary Smith or Deb. Some of the cards are:



Longhorn, Red Lobster, Red Robin, IHop, Chili’s, Subway, Starbuck’s, & many more.

Piecing Love & Warmth sewing group makes blankets for homeless/displaced kids.



They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 9-11 a.m. at the church. Everyone interested is invited to attend and help!



On April 14, Ayla Talley shared her talent with us as she played "Amazing Grace" on the violin for Special Music.

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!!



May at PHUMC [Online Calendar](#)

- May 1 & 15, 5:30p, Cooking Group
- May 1, BINGO! (Postponed!)
- May 2, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins
- May 5, Youth Group Mtg Time Change
- May 8, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg
- May 10, Scholarship Application Deadline

- May 12, Mother's Day
- May 14 & 28, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth sewing group meets
- May 15, Newsletter 'deadline'
- May 19, Pentecost
- May 28, Memorial Day, office closed

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>					
Heidi Walder	5/1	Aspen Nelson	5/18	Olivia Serrano	5/27
John Wilson	5/2	Kay Jones-Ray	5/24	Elizabeth Zwiebel	5/27
Ellie Noble	5/11	Dalton Smith	5/24	Angie Smith	5/28
Carole Stout	5/12	Kelly Neiman	5/25	Joyce Mannell	5/29
Berniece Chadwell	5/13	Waylon Walder	5/25	Sharon Miller	5/31
Jim Miller	5/14	Angie Feleay	5/27		



<u>Anniversaries This Month</u>		
Bill & Shirley Slimmer	5/8	54 years
Mark & Sue Searles	5/17	49 years
Rusty & Monica Newell	5/23	37 years
John & Peggy Wilson	5/27	52 years
Bruce & Linda Lanning	5/29	60 years
Larry & Patricia Wilson	5/30	54 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.



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.

<u>Pleasant Hill UMC Staff</u>	
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On April 28 we had 81 in-person attendance and a potluck after worship. It was nice to see more kids than usual in Children's Time! (above) That also meant that JAM Session (at right) had more kids than usual! Wonderful! (below) Adult Sunday School class had just a couple seats open, usual for them.



(at bottom) Bell Choir played 'Tallis Canon' on MelodyChimes for prelude. It is always a pleasure to hear Bell Choir perform!





Holy Humor Sunday on April 7 went well! Our third year of celebrating when God defeated death and had the last laugh on the Devil brought out a lot of fun outfits! Kazoos and noisemakers were provided. Here (and on the next pages) are just some of the many, many people who participated in the fun!







Praise Band April 7 - with Marc, aka Fred Sanford, from the previous page, on guitar.

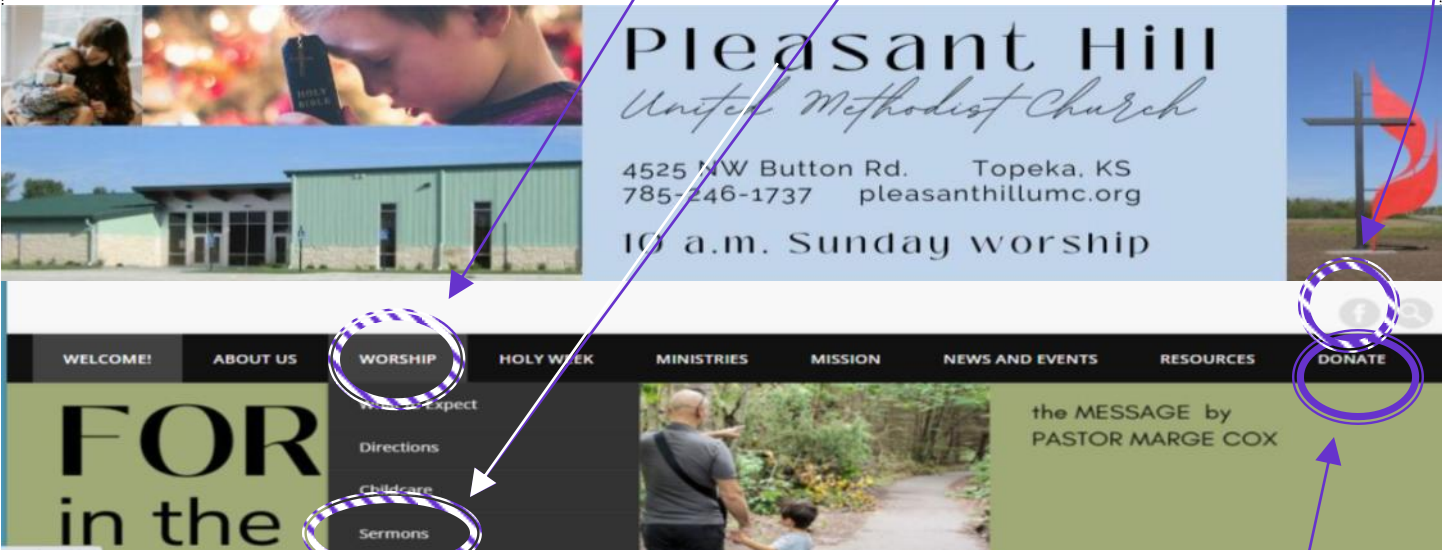


Many people were surprised on April 7 to find Deb pregnant and about ready to pop! Deb and Matt posed for a wonderful photo after service and, shortly thereafter, it 'was time' and they welcomed Cora CocomelonPillow Mannell! (closeup inset)

Holy Humor Sunday was a bundle of laughs!

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.

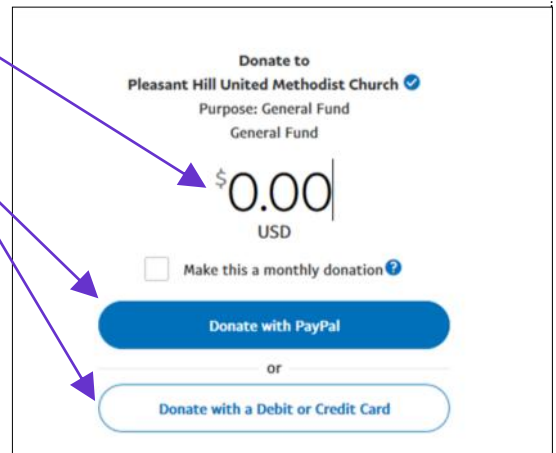
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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:

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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.