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# JUNE 2024

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



Some of our Education Sunday honorees when they were younger. Can you identify any of them?

June is a great month! Most of the graduations are finished by now, most schools are dismissed for the regular session and it can seem like several weeks of freedom ahead! Then reality sets in and there are chores to do, sports to enjoy and maybe even trips to plan! And before we know it, it's time to get ready for the school year again.



In the church, the rhythm changes, too! Next week, Linda Smith and I will head to Kearney, Nebraska for the Great Plains Annual Conference meeting. We will have 3 1/2 days of meetings, worship services, reports and voting as we make decisions that best represent the views of the congregation. We will celebrate retirements and ordinations. Then the appointments will be set and we will head back home to serve you as best we can. Because Annual Conference is June 6-9 this year, the Sunday sermon on June 9 will be a video of Bishop David Wilson's sermon to General Conference. And yes, I will be appointed to serve Pleasant Hill UMC again for the coming year!

Other churches will be saying farewell to their pastor and preparing to welcome a new pastor, which you remember, can be a very stressful time. Moving is hard!

So as we greet the summer, I invite you to pray for our graduates, our congregation, the annual conference meeting, safe travels, those pastors and congregations changing pastors this year, for the district superintendents and bishop who are making these appointments, those retiring and those being ordained! That's quite a prayer list! So let's add those who are playing sports (or watching), those taking part in summer school, teachers, staff and administrators, those traveling for vacation and safety for all of us. And don't forget Vacation Bible School is coming up and there is much to do before then! So have a wonderful and relaxing summer any way you can!

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Marge

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



**Education Recognition Sunday is June 2**



- ◆ We will celebrate our 2024 graduates.
- ◆ Scholarships will be presented.

**Administrative Council** meets **Wednesday**, June 12, 5:30 p.m. at the church.  
It is open to the congregation.

**Cooking group** will meet Wednesday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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.

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

**Cub Scout Pack 193** is taking orders for **bierocks!** The bierock filling is hamburger, cabbage, and onion. They’ll be ready in July. \$25/dozen or \$15/half-dozen. Text or call Nikita Riggles, 785-224-1480, to order.

We are asking you to fill out a **survey**, available in the foyer, if you did not fill one out at the photo sessions.

We are asking you to let us know your **favorite hymns!** There are sheets in the foyer for you to fill out, or you can email [phumctopeka@yahoo.com](mailto:phumctopeka@yahoo.com).

June is the time for **Father’s Day**. 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 before or after church in the foyer June 2, 9, and 16. Some of the cards are: Amazon, Walmart, Kohl’s, Target, Penney’s, Barnes & Noble, JoAnns, Bath & Body Works, Longhorn,



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

June 5 & 19, 5:30p, Cooking Group  
June 6, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins  
June 6-9, Great Plains Annual Conf in NE  
June 11 & 25, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth sewing group meets

June 12, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg  
June 16, Father's Day  
June 19, Newsletter 'deadline'

The new directory has been submitted, it will be back for proofing the end of June. We will likely have the finished directories in August. Updated contact directories are available now.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

July 22–26, 6-8:30 p.m.

The theme is Camp Firelight: A summer camp adventure with God. "Trusting God to Be with Us in Every Situation." Register/Volunteer online at [tinyurl.com/phumc2024vbs](http://tinyurl.com/phumc2024vbs) or scan the QR code at right. (If you don't see the options at the top of the page, click Menu at the top of the page.)



**SUMMER PROJECT:  
COLLECT/CLEAN OUT YOUR CLUTTER**

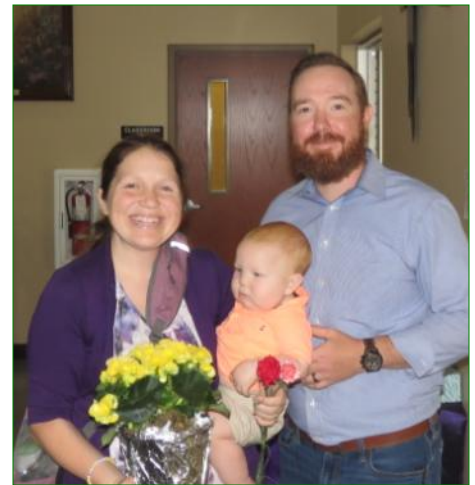


**ALL-CHURCH  
GARAGE SALE**

**SEPT. 12-14  
PROCEEDS GO TO PROMOTE  
OUR MISSION PROJECTS!**



On Mother's Day, all women present were given carnations and a few were honored for special reasons. Not shown, Janet Brecheisen was honored as the mother with most children. At left, Joy Chapman was honored as the oldest mother present and Karen Lowrey (Joy's daughter) was



honored as the mother who traveled the farthest to attend. At right, Morgan Fry was honored as the newest mother present.



**A new look!** The chairs were changed from straight rows to arched rows and tables were set up in the back. This is an attempt to make our space more inviting and comfortable. Above, a view from the stage, at right, a view from the back. This is a work-in-progress so if you have comments, please let Deb-in-the-office know!



**Atlas Fitzgerald** joined our church on May 19. Welcome!

Praise Band is taking the summer off. Anyone interested in providing special music is welcome! We will also incorporate favorite hymns over the summer from the hymn surveys in the foyer.



**Bingo**, originally scheduled for May 1, was postponed to May 22. More than 30 people attended and had a good time!

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>			
John Rea	6/4	Dee Deppe	6/13	WR Brecheisen	6/21
Nik Talley	6/6	Sam Feleay	6/14	Kyle Cochran	6/22
Bruce Lanning	6/9	Camille Schoettlin	6/14	Olenna Harrison	6/23
Tara Herrick	6/11	Karen Nicolay	6/16	Dorothy Holt	6/26



<b><u>Anniversaries This Month</u></b>		
Jim & Sharon Miller	6/1	56 years
Daryl & Joy Jepson	6/2	51 years
Todd & Marilyn Domer	6/4	
Ken & Orvina Tidball	6/4	63 years
Dick & Beverly Newell	6/5	64 years
John & Lori Rea	6/6	37 years
Gene & Camille Schoettlin	6/14	40 years
Mike Gillgannon & Marty Ransdell	6/16	7 years
Kenny & Monique Saulsbury	6/17	24 years
Zack & Annika Wilson	6/21	21 years
Jay & Hazel Van Hove	6/26	15 years
Matt & Deb Mannell	6/29	34 years



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.

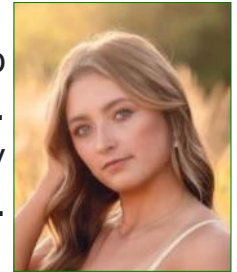
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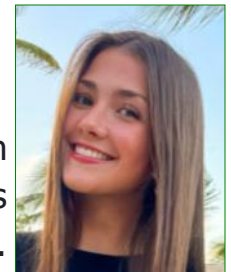
**Jace Brake** graduated Seaman High School. He plans to attend Washburn University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. He is the son of Jahnnie & Cathy Brake.

**Hannah Caudill** graduated Seaman High School. She plans to attend Kansas State University to study Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Michelle Caudill, granddaughter of Marvin and Mary Smith.



**Jesse Gilgannon** graduated Seaman High School. He plans to work for Welding Systems Integrators, Inc. He is the grandson of Mike Gillgannon.

**Ryan Elizabeth Morgan** graduated Lawrence Free State High School. She plans to attend the University of Kansas to study Business Marketing. She is the granddaughter of Marty Ransdell.



**Dalton Johnson** graduated Marais des Cygnes Valley High School. He also graduated Washburn Institute of Technology with a certificate in Diesel Technology. He will work for Foley. He is the great-grandson of John & Dorothy Holt.

**Jackson Odegard** graduated Olathe South High School. He plans to work at least a year while deciding on future plans. He is the great-grandson of John & Dorothy Holt.

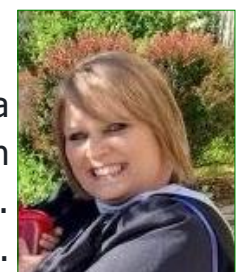


**Caleb Wilson** graduated Seaman High School. He will attend Butler Community College to pursue a Music Education degree. He is the son of Zack and Annika Wilson, grandson of Larry and Patricia Wilson.



**Jon Michael Cloud** graduated Washburn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Leadership & Communications. He will work for Washburn University as an Academic Advisor. He is the grandson of Gary and Barb Slimmer.

**Donna Harrison** graduated Washburn University with a Master's Degree in Addiction Counseling and a minor in Trauma and Recovery. She is working towards her own counseling practice. She is Taylor Harrison's mom.





On May 23, for the 16th year, a group of people from PHUMC gathered at Mount Hope cemetery to decorate the graves in the Methodist Home section. Above is the section before (left) and after (right). This tradition was started by Ann and Larry Miles. PHUMC decorated the section for the first time in 2009 and the Mileses organized and participated in it every year. Ann passed away in 2012 and Larry continued it after her death. Larry passed away in January so this was the first year with neither present in the flesh. The tradition is far from dead, though, as you can see by the photos here and on the next page.

Below is the large group of people who gathered to put out the flowers. On the next page are photos of the process, including a group cleaning off a gravestone that had been completely covered with dirt.



Thank you to everyone who gathered to help!



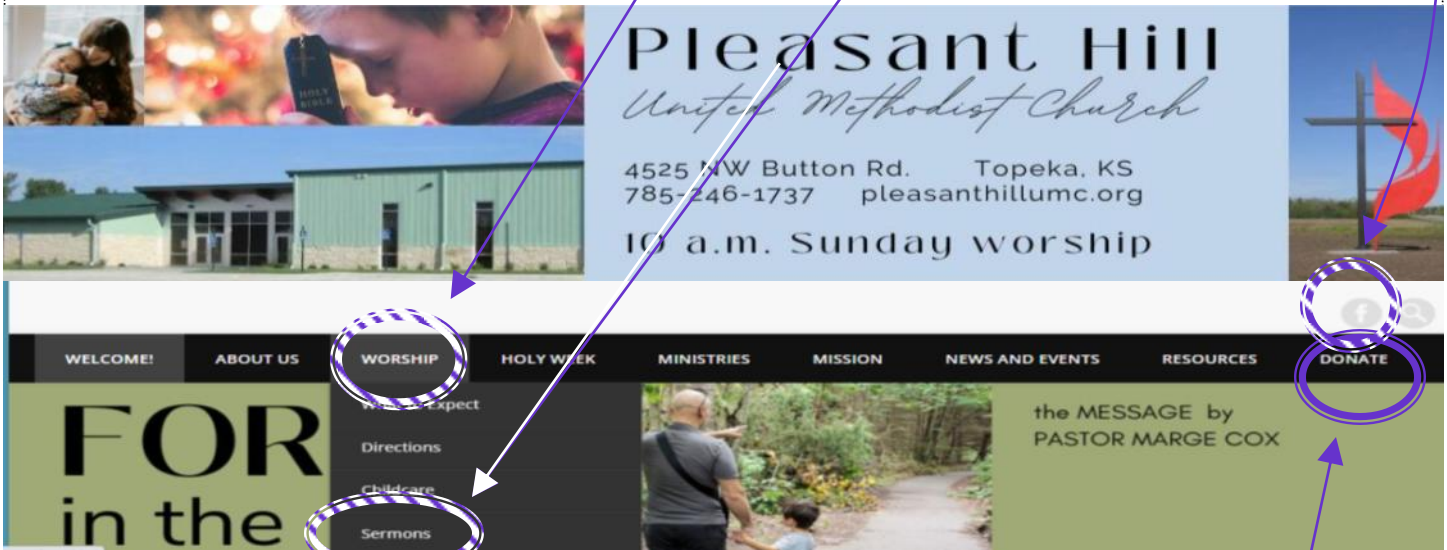


Above, putting flowers on the various graves. Below left, a group cleaning off a gravestone that had been completely covered with dirt. The cleaned stone is shown below right.



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:

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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.