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# JULY 2024

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



This year's Annual Conference in Kearney, NE was one of the most hopeful and joyful conferences ever experienced by me in over 35 years of attending. It was a wonderful mix of getting the business done and celebrating 10 years as a conference. You may remember that the Kansas East, Kansas West and Nebraska conferences united in Salina in 2014.



Worship services were beautifully done. The opening worship was the communion service, followed by an anniversary cake for everyone. The Memorial service honored and remembered 41 pastors, 28 clergy spouses, 1 clergy child, one conference staff person, and one former conference lay leader. Three baptisms of clergy children were celebrated with Bishop Wilson officiating. The youth service was creative and energetic and the ordination service was meaningful as always. The retirement of 35 clergy was recognized on the floor of conference and at a dinner Friday night. Thirteen elders were ordained and 10 provisional members were commissioned Saturday morning in the ordination service.

There was a special offering received to provide drinking water to the Santee Sioux Nation Reservation in northern Nebraska. The reservation has been without clean drinking water since 2019. Over \$8,000 was received, enough to provide 2 semi tanker truckloads of drinking water!

Friday featured a recap of General Conference by our delegation. Five lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference were elected on the first ballot. Churches celebrating milestone anniversaries were also recognized and presented plaques and certificates.

New district alignments were approved. Currently we have 17 districts, with most district superintendents covering two districts. The new alignment, effective July 1, 2024, will be 10 districts. The current name of our district is the Topeka district, and after July 1, we will become the East Central Kansas district. Rev. Jenny Collins will remain our District Superintendent.

Along the way, various reports were heard from committees and agencies that we are affiliated with, and awards and scholarships were presented. So much good work and important ministry is being done in local churches as well as across United Methodism. It was good to hear and learn!

Hope you all are having a good summer!

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Marge

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

**Cooking group** will meet Wednesday, July 17 at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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.

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

**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 at [pleasanthillumc.org](http://pleasanthillumc.org), 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.)



Our VBS is for kids preschool through going-into-grade-6. Kids will hear Bible stories, learn songs, learn science, play games, enjoy snacks, - and have a chance to make new friends.

On Tuesday, July 16, Sam Fealey will be on WIBW’s Red Couch show with Melissa Brunner to advertise our VBS!

July 28 worship service will feature our VBS kids singing their songs. A picnic will follow.



To coordinate with our Vacation Bible School this month, the Mission team is collecting backpacks to help our USD 345 Resource Room. VBS is collecting school supplies during Camp Firelight week for the same cause.



**WATCH FOR SALES!**

Our annual sock and underwear competition will kick off August 1. KU fans should shop for underwear for kids. KSU fans will be on the prowl for socks.



Our next **All-Church Garage Sale** will be September 12-14. Proceeds will go to our Mission Projects. You are invited to collect items to donate to the garage sale!

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

July 1, 6:30p, VBS Planning meeting  
July 4, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins  
July 4, Independence Day, Office Closed  
July 9 & 30, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth sewing group meets

July 10, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg  
July 17, 5:30p, Cooking Group  
July 17, Newsletter 'deadline'  
July 22-26, Vacation Bible School  
July 28, VBS Worship Service / Picnic

*Pleasant Hill UMC,  
Thanks for the grad card and gift. Also thanks  
for helping with Troop 193 over the years!*

*Jesse Gilgannon*

*Thank you to the bell choir for my beautiful  
hydrangea plant. Every time I walk past it,  
I think of all you wonderful souls.*

*Kelly Neiman*

**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!!



*PHUMC collected over 50 jars of peanut butter or jelly during our latest food drive. Thanks so much. That helped out a lot of our North Topeka families who count on the USD 345 Resource Room and its family food program.*

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



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.

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.



Above left, John Wilson graciously played as well as led the hymns on May 23 while Mary and Marty were both unavailable to play the organ.

Above right, Sam Fealey graciously filled in for Pastor Marge on May 23 when Pastor Marge was out of commission with a strained hamstring and swollen knee. Pleasant Hill is very blessed to have many wonderful people who are willing to share their gifts!

We have plastic **Gift Cards** available in the church office for many retail and eating establishments - just right for buying backpacks, school supplies, socks, or underwear for our upcoming missions collections, or for a night on the town. Most are \$25 face value, some are \$10 face value, a few are \$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.



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Three photos of the Cooking Group meeting on June 19.

Attendees change based on schedules. Everyone is welcome. The next meeting is July 17 at 5:30 p.m.




June 30, Atlas, Barrett, and Sutton did a wonderful job showing off the new VBS yard signs!

You have an opportunity every day to make a difference in someone else's life. Have you found your opportunity today?

Don't work so much you forget to play. Don't play so much you forget to work. Look for enjoyment in everyday life!

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>Birthdays This Month</b>				
	Taylor Harrison	7/1	Deesie Jackson	7/18
	Marilyn Colhouer	7/6	Elaine Worden	7/19
	Serenah Saulsbury	7/6	Pastor Marge Cox	7/22
	Daryl Jepson	7/9	Joy Jepson	7/25
	C. J. Flowers	7/10	Ken Tidball	7/25
	Jim Boughn	7/11	Nova Fitzgerald	7/26
	Camden Fry	7/13	Brian Smith	7/29
	Atlas Henry	7/14	Patricia Wilson	7/31
	Barrett Fry	7/18		
	<b>Anniversaries This Month</b>			
Kyle & Kendra Cochran		7/12	21 years	



**Education Recognition Sunday was June 2**



- ◆ We celebrated our 2024 graduates:

**Kindergarten:** Benjamin Tefft

**6th grade:** Brinley Cochran, Oliver Liesmann, Laynee Talley

**Middle School:** Brady Morgan, Oscar Serrano, Ayla Talley, Jessica Wilson

**12th grade:** Jace Brake, Hannah Caudill, Jesse Gilgannon, Ryan Elizabeth Morgan, Jackson Odegard, Caleb Wilson

**12th grade as well as higher:** Dalton Johnson

**Bachelor’s Degree:** Jon Michael Cloud

**Master’s Degree:** Donna Harrison

- ◆ Scholarships were presented to Hannah Caudill, Lauren Feleay, and Caleb Wilson (at right, Caleb’s was accepted by family members.)

Congratulations to all scholarship recipients!





On Father's Day, all men present were given packets of microwave popcorn and a few were honored for special reasons. From left, WR Brecheisen was honored as the father with the most children. Rodger Fry was honored as the newest father present. John Holt was honored as the oldest father present. Devin Slimmer was honored as the father who traveled the farthest to attend.




Ayla Talley and Elizabeth Zwiebel performed "Hallelujah" for special music on May 16.



The JAM class was large enough to split into two rooms twice in June!



John Holt served in the US Army June 1957 - June 1960 in Korea. On June 23, 2024, John was presented with a beautiful Quilt of Valor for his service. Part of the border, his favorite car (inset) is on the quilt, as are two labels telling who made the quilt and for whom. As one might expect, John is fairly proud of the quilt!

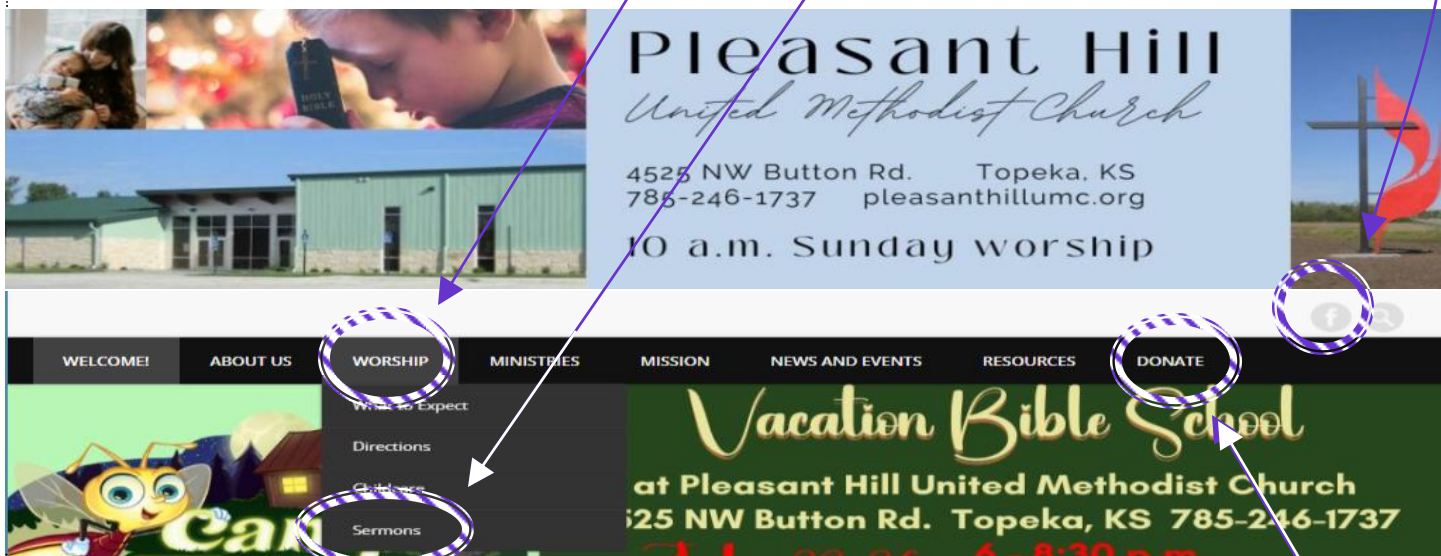
 QUILT OF VALOR  
To Honor & Comfort Those  
Touched By War  
Awarded To John R. Holt  
Date Awarded June 23, 2024  
Pieced By Linda Falley  
Quilted By Amanda Long  
Binding By Amanda Long

MAY THIS QUILT BE  
AN EVERLASTING HUG  
FROM ME TO YOU  
MADE WITH LOVE BY  
*Linda Falley,  
Victoria, Kansas*



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/), click on "Videos", 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.

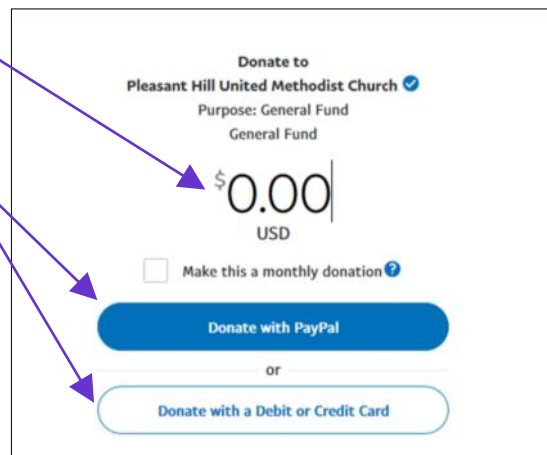
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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!**

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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.