

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church

4525 NW Button Road

Topeka, KS 66618-2507

(785) 246-1737

WWW.PLEASANTHILLUMC.ORG

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PLEASANTHILLUMCTOPEKA/

Email: ADMIN@PLEASANTHILLUMC.ORG

or PHUMCTOPEKA@YAHOO.COM

Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

September 2024



Piecing Love & Warmth Sewing Group, then and now, making blankets and some of the many, many blankets they've made and given to keep homeless/displaced kids warm.

Like most of you, voting is a privilege that I take seriously. I think I have only missed voting in one election (a primary) since I turned 18 and became eligible to vote. Over the years I have voted for some candidates that won the office they were seeking, and others who did not win the election. Most of you have, too.

My parents both took turns as election workers on Election Day, and they emphasized the importance of studying the issues and the candidates and making the most informed decisions possible when it was our turn to go to the polls.



Most folks are reluctant to talk politics or religion as both can be very "hot button" issues. And mostly, all I say about politics is what I've already said above, with this final word: please vote in November and in as many elections as you can throughout the year.

It is unfortunate that some of the scripture passages from the lectionary recently, and in the weeks ahead, are more political in nature. Of course politics are everywhere, and yes, even in the church. And every time the Pharisees point out things that Jesus and the disciples do, or don't do, there's Jesus standing up and pointing out that maybe the Pharisees aren't as perfect as they claim to be. I invite you to pay attention as we go through these passages as they are enlightening, and thought-provoking. Perhaps we might even try to figure out which side we are on, or which character to whom we most relate.

And isn't that the way some of our current wave of politicians behave? Candidate A says they are high and mighty and Candidate B says, not so fast! Kinda reminds me of kids arguing on the playground at times. Nevertheless, we are the ones who will cast the ballots and we will strive to choose as wisely and carefully as we can.

As we listen to far too many political ads or commercials leading up to Election Day, let us remember that God wants the best for us in every situation, and that God is with us, no matter what.

God bless 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.

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

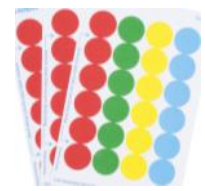
Children are invited to **J.A.M. Sessions** (**J**esus **A**nd **M**e) during worship service. Following Children’s Time, they meet in the room just west of the kitchen.

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

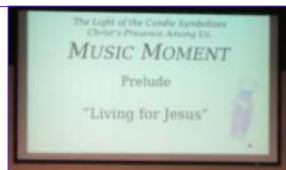
All-Church Garage Sale September 12-14.

Proceeds will promote / support our Mission projects.

- ◆ You are invited to drop off your ‘treasures’:
 - ⇒ Sunday, September 8 after church until 1 p.m.,
 - ⇒ Monday-Wednesday September 9, 10, 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.,
 - ⇒ September 11 from 5-7 p.m.,
 - ⇒ or call the office to set up an appointment.
- ◆ You are also invited to help with the Garage Sale (before, during, after,) sign up in the gathering area.
- ◆ And finally, You are invited to Shop the Garage Sale! Sale hours are
 - ⇒ Thursday and Friday, September 12/13, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and
 - ⇒ Saturday, September 14, 8-11 a.m.

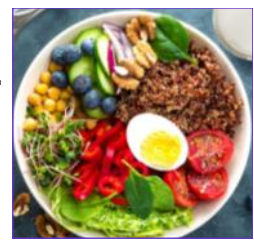


Interested in learning how to run the audio/visual equipment? **Sound Booth Training** will be held **Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.



Pot Luck lunch September 29

Join us for **Pot Luck** lunch following the worship service on **September 29**. Let’s celebrate the many changes that we see – School starting, Changing of Seasons, Praise Band back from a summer rest, and of course “settling in” as we look toward fall and the winter months.



September at PHUMC

[Online Calendar](#)

- Sept. 2, Labor Day, Office closed
- Sept. 4, 5:30p, Cooking Group meets
- Sept. 5, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins
- Sept 8, 11a-1p, drop off garage sale items
- Sept. 9-11, 9:30-11:30a, drop off sale items
- Sept. 10, 9a, Sewing group meets
- Sept. 10, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg

- Sept. 11, 5-7p, drop off garage sale items
- Sept. 12-14, Garage Sale
Th-Fri 8a-4p, Sat 8a-11a
- Sept. 17, 5:30p, Sound Booth training
- Sept. 18, Newsletter ‘deadline’
- Sept. 29, 5th Sunday Potluck

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

Jerry Wilhelm Pete Deppe Larry Peppers Alice Bowser Jody Teeter

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

Favorite Hymns

Many of you shared your favorite hymns this summer to be used during worship service while the Praise Band took a well-deserved rest. Some of the songs were sung; some were played.

The folks who shared their favorites with us were Daryl Jepson, Beverly Newell, Barbara Slimmer, Linda Smith, Dean Steward, Orvina Tidball, John & Peggy Wilson, & Elizabeth Zwiebel-Talley-Fitzgerald Clan.

Their songs – 27 of them, more than one hymn was shared by some of them:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| All I Need is You | Alleluia (short) |
| Amazing Grace | America the Beautiful |
| As the Deer | Awesome God |
| Bind Us Together | Camina, Pueblo de Dios (Walk On, O People of God) |
| Great is the Lord | He Touched Me |
| Holy Spirit, Come To Us | How Great Thou Art |
| Hymn of Promise | It is Well with My Soul |
| Jesus is All the World to Me | Morning Has Broken |
| Old Rugged Cross | Open Our Eyes |
| Pass It On | Shout to the Lord |
| Tell Me the Stories of Jesus | They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love |
| Trust and Obey | Wade in the Water |
| What a Friend We Have In Jesus | You are My Hiding Place |

Share Your Favorite Hymn was such a success that we will continue to do this during the year. There are sheets in the foyer where you can list your favorite hymns and we will try to include them in our morning worship services.



Our fire alarm went off on Sunday, August 25. It was a false alarm from one of the sensors in the kitchen. Fortunately, the firefighters from Soldier Township checked everything out and made sure we were safe!



Pastor Marge and Daryl Jepson, representing K-State, Mary Smith and Barb & Gary Slimmer, representing KU, met and counted the socks and undies. Kelly Neiman announced the winner --

Wildcats Stock Socks

K-State fans brought 1160 pair of socks. KU fans brought 254 pair of underwear. USD 345 Community Resource Room was the big winner! Thank you to everyone who participated! The competition stands tied, each team of fans winning 2 years. Who will triumph next year??

Trash Enclosure: Let's keep our trash enclosure neat and clean!

- ◆ Trash: A reminder that when taking items to the trash enclosure, please be sure that items are placed in the appropriate trash container. There are 3 containers – two black containers for regular trash and a blue-topped container for recyclable trash.
 - ⇒ Please DO NOT leave bags laying on the concrete.
- ◆ Aluminum cans: The youth continue to collect aluminum cans for the convenience of the congregation and as a money-making project. Youth receive very little for the cans they recycle, about 10 cents per pound, but they continue to collect cans.
 - ⇒ Depending on the time of year, they have enough cans to make it worthwhile to take them to the recycling center. Usually they take them about 4 times a year --- more frequently if needed. They make every effort to keep the trash enclosure as neat as possible; but your help is also needed. Place bagged aluminum cans neatly in west corner and side of enclosure.
 - ⇒ Aluminum foil and foil products are no longer recyclable.

YOUR help is greatly appreciated!



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.

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 now carry Gift Cards for The Buckle and Tractor Supply. Contact Mary Smith or the office to purchase.

Pleasant Hill UMC Staff

Pastor:	Pastor Marge , pastor@pleasanthillumc.org
Office Administrator:	Deb , admin@pleasanthillumc.org or phumctopeka@yahoo.com
Youth Director:	Michelle , youth@pleasanthillumc.org
Custodian:	Jill , admin@pleasanthillumc.org
Praise Band Coord. & Adult Bell Choir Dir.:	Kelly , praise@pleasanthillumc.org
Organist:	Mary S

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!

Birthdays This Month



Kevin McDowell	9/5	Karen Domer	9/14
Carmen Sellens	9/6	Brady Marteney	9/19
Mark Searles	9/7	Deb Mannell	9/21
Lindsey Smith	9/7	Orvina Tidball	9/24
Ron Griffiths	9/8	Jolene Flowers	9/27
Dennis Shepherd	9/8	Sue Searles	9/28
Caleb Wilson	9/11	Kay Crowder	9/30
Brinley Cochran	9/14		

Anniversaries This Month

Marc & Jammie Serrano	9/13	
Sam & Kinzie Feleay	9/23	1 year
WR & Janet Brecheisen	9/24	2 years



Our Daily Bread cooking group had a wonderful time on August 7. A large group prepared and enjoyed a Mexican Feast of fajitas, tacos, cheese sauce & chips, and 'mock guac' & chips. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. and sometimes the third Wednesday as well. The group shares recipes and techniques, fellowship and food. Interested in joining? Call the office or simply attend a meeting!



Mission Committee decided to get church shirts to wear while working the Garage Sale. In order to get the shirts before the garage sale, they had to be ordered quickly. They offered the congregation the opportunity to order on August 18 and 25.

Keep an eye out, see what you think of the new shirts!



Blessing of the Backpacks on August 25.



If you haven't stopped by the library lately, you might want to check out the new art on the wall, the comfy chair, and of course, possibly a book or two!



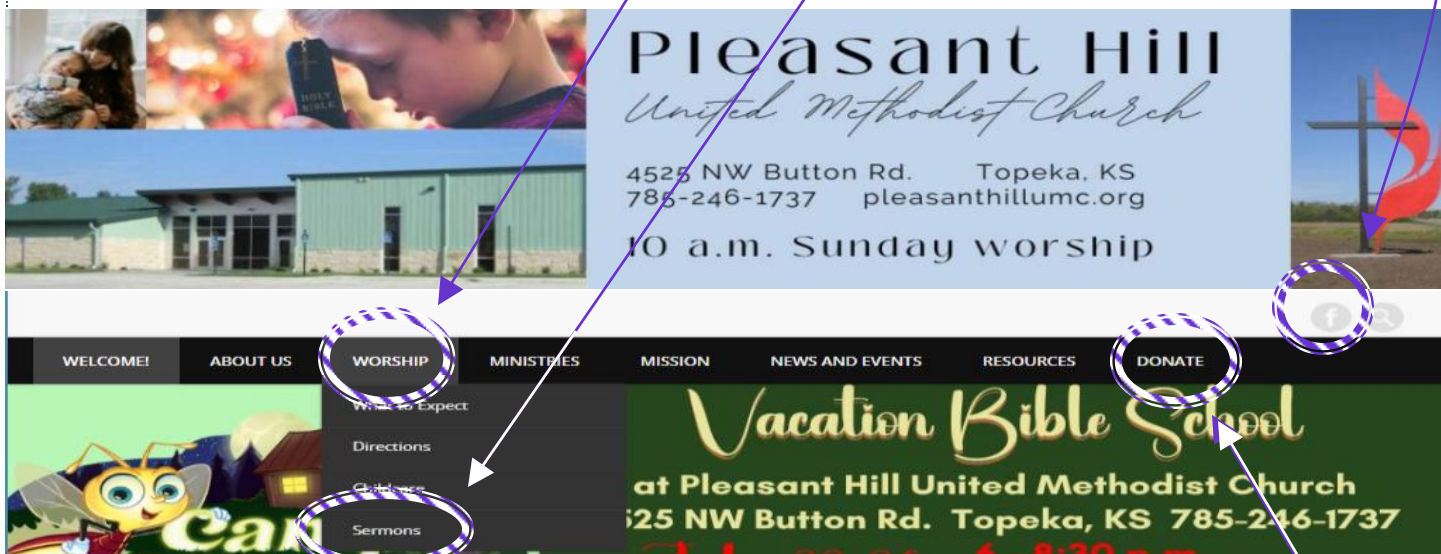
School Supplies and Back to School Bash

We had a huge batch of donated school supplies that went to "Stuff the Bus." We purchased 48 backpacks and added happy messages from PHUMC. Several members helped at the Back to School Bash at Logan on August 6. In all, the event gave supplies to 210 students and served 30 families in the resource room.



A Facebook account is not necessary to **watch the Sunday morning service online**. Simply go to our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/, click on "Videos", and click on the video. On our website, www.pleasanthillumc.org, a link to our Facebook page can be found here.

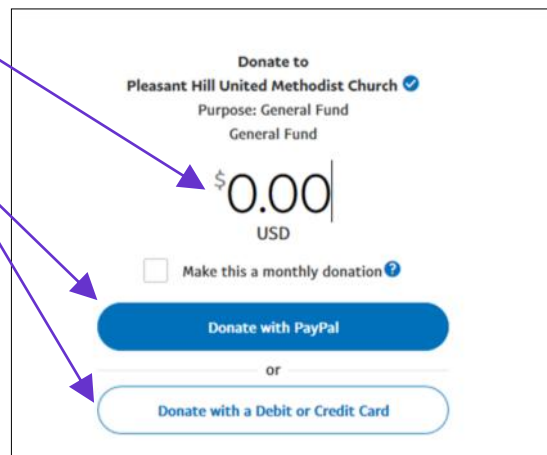
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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!

Pleasant Hill UMC

4525 NW Button Rd., Topeka, KS 66618 785-246-1737 www.pleasanthillumc.org

The office is open Monday - Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Please enter through the west door (by the office) on weekdays.