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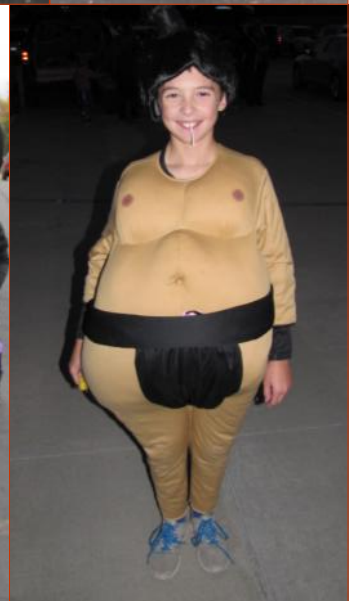
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**Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.**



Some Trunk or Treat pictures from 2011-2014

# OCTOBER 2024



I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to you all for the prayers, cards and caring thoughts you have offered me in my brother Jim's hospitalization and recent death.

The entire family is grateful for you all in this time of grieving.

You may remember that he had suffered numerous injuries due to a fall at his home in Kansas City and had been hospitalized most of the summer. They also discovered that he had undiagnosed atrial fibrillation and had had several TIAs or mini strokes. We are grateful for the care he received at the VA hospital in Kansas City, particularly the medical team in the ICU. They were top notch.

Jim was 75 years old, father of 3 children Tyler, Emily and Jeremy, and grandfather of 2 children, AJ and Billie. His memorial service will most likely be in December, because Emily is enrolled in a master's degree program in Washington state, and that's when her semester break happens.

In the meantime, there is much to do here at the church. We will be calling on you to see how you might be willing to serve, either on a committee or perhaps an individual position. So let's listen to what God is calling you to do or be. Love your neighbor, love your family and love God in all that you do and all that you are.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Marge



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

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.

Kevin Feleay gave the sermon on September 8 and 15.



Pastor Marge was in Kansas City with her brother, Jim, and family. Jim was in the hospital and unresponsive for about a week. Jim passed away September 14.



**Budget requests** for 2025 are due to the office by October 4.

**Administrative Council** meets **Wednesday October 9**, 5:30 p.m. at the church.  
It is open to the congregation.



**Board Game/ Card Game Night** on October 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
Bring your own games, whatever you would like to play,  
and plan to have a wonderful time of fellowship and fun!



**Join us on Halloween night 5-7 p.m. for BOO Bash on Button at PHUMC.**

We're taking our traditional Trunk or Treat event and moving it indoors. Instead of trunks, church members will have individual booths where trick-or-treaters can get their fill of sweet treats and treasures. Then we are mixing in school carnival games to add more fun.

Everyone is invited to be part of this fun evening. If you are not able to host a trick or treat booth or game, you can donate candy and/or small prizes.

Join us for this fall festival for our community and get into the Halloween spirit.



### Salute to Veterans

For Veterans Day we will have a display about veterans in or connected with our congregation. If you are a veteran or have family who are, please submit photos and information to the office. (If you submitted photos and information in the past, don't worry, we still have them.)

Photos taken while in uniform are not required. If you prefer (or cannot find a photo taken while in uniform), you are welcome to submit a photo taken while in civilian clothes.

Please provide photo, name, birth date, death date if applicable, service dates, war in which served if applicable, and connection to our congregation. Photos and information can be turned in to the office or emailed to [phumctopeka@yahoo.com](mailto:phumctopeka@yahoo.com). Physical photos will be scanned and returned.

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

You are invited to a reception to celebrate Matt Mannell's 60th birthday! Sunday, October 13 2:30-4 p.m. Pleasant Hill UMC



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



**Poinsettias**

by Linda Smith

October means it is time to start thinking about Christmas. We will again offer the opportunity to purchase poinsettias from Jackson's Greenhouse at a bulk price. A red poinsettia in a 6.5 inch pot with florist foil can be ordered for \$10.00.

To receive the bulk price, orders must be placed no later than Sunday, November 10. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the gathering area. The plants will be at the church for pick-up on December 1. Please note on the order form if you want to leave your plant for decorating the church through Advent. Plants left can be taken home any time after the Christmas Eve service.

**Cooking group** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

We will be **collecting coats** again this year for the Salvation Army / Scotch Cleaners Winter Coat Giveaway. Coats may be brought November 3 through November 17.

**Bell Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 6 p.m. Interested in joining? Chat with Kelly Neiman or attend a rehearsal.

**Youth Group** meets 4-6 p.m. at the church the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays each month. Everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome!

AdCo voted to allow an outside **exercise group** to use the sanctuary Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoons starting September 30.

We do not yet know when our **Annual Charge Conference** will be. We do know we need to get our packet ready. Budget requests are due to the office by October 4. If you are in charge of an area, please also be thinking about (or writing) your report for the packet. The idea is to create a snapshot of our church to anyone who reads it, whether this fall or years from now. Remember to celebrate what's happened in the past year and share any special plans for next year!

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

Mike Heidrick     Jim Cox     Brooklyn Carter     Rob Wilson     Virginia Butler

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

*My family is sending heartfelt "Thanks" for the many calls, cards, media posts and generous support to PHUMC and Midland at, and before, Pete's passing. It was all so very much appreciated.*

*Thanks again and God Bless  
Dee Deppe and family*



Our beautiful new directories are in!  
See Deb to pick up yours.

**Celebrate!**

Celebrating the good stuff, large or small

- Madison Feleay was inducted into the National Honor Society in September - Congratulations!
- Changes at the playground: below from left, a new brochure box on the fence by the playground gate, a new baby swing, and a new regular swing.



**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!!



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

- Oct. 2, 5:30p, Cooking Group meets
- Oct. 3, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins
- Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 6p, Bell Choir rehearsal
- Oct. 4, Budget Requests due to the office
- Oct. 6, 13, 20, 4p, Youth Group meets

- Oct. 9, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg
- Oct. 13, 2:30p, Reception for Matt's 60th
- Oct. 16, Newsletter 'deadline'
- Oct. 30, 6:30p, Game Night
- Oct. 31, 5p, BOO Bash on Button



**Piecing Love & Warmth Wrap-Up for 2024**

by Debbie Taylor

Whoo-hoo, the sewing sisters are so happy to announce our final count of 633 blankets made for this year. Our goal was set for 500, but with the Love Offering from our congregation, we soared to new heights. Thank you, Pleasant Hill UMC, for your support both financially and spiritually. We couldn't have done it without you.

Load and delivery day was so exciting! Joy, Daryl, Orvina, Barb, Gary, Priscilla, Doug, Lewis, Debbie, Bruce, Linda and Mike all showed up to load trucks and make deliveries. A huge thank you to all of them for their help.

375 blankets were delivered to Topeka 501 District and 35 were taken to Seaman District 345. Plus, homemade mittens, hats, ear warmers and scarves. Piecing Love & Warmth is currently talking with other groups who may need blankets as well.

Our year has ended now but donations of fabrics, batting, and fleece are always welcome. Contact Debbie Taylor or Marty Ransdell for information.



Top right, Debbie at blessing of the blankets 9/22. Middle, most of the people who helped pack the blankets to deliver. Bottom, two trucks full of blankets ready to be delivered.

Hey Everyone, this is Sam Fealey with **Outreach Alliance**. Our Committee is a combination of Fellowship Team, Outreach Committee, Communications Team, and New Member Team. So far we have had a bingo night and provided donuts before service. We have many more plans in the future. Our goal is to draw new people in through activities inside and outside of the church while promoting what we are doing.

Our next planned event is a board game / card game night October 30 at 6:30 p.m. where you bring your own games, whatever you want to play. We have a new exercise group at the church on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1:30-2 p.m. As you may have heard already, our biggest activity of the month will be the Boo Bash on Button (on Halloween) where we hope all of our congregants will set up a booth. I hope to see more new faces in our church as we start to grow. Thank you all so much for your support!

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>					
Kevin Fealey	10/2	Harry Worden	10/7	Marsha Morris	10/20
Ashlyn Marteney	10/2	Rodger Fry	10/8	Ayla Talley	10/21
Oscar Serrano	10/3	Peggy Wilson	10/8	Alex Wilson	10/21
Linda Reed	10/4	Monica Newell	10/12	Marty Ransdell	10/23
Gene Schoettlin	10/4	Matt Mannell	10/13	Morgan Fry	10/30
Lee McManaman	10/6	Aurel Marney	10/16	Monique Saulsbury	10/31



<b><u>Anniversaries This Month</u></b>		
Lewis & Debbie Taylor	10/10	53 years
Dennis & Kim Smerchek	10/17	31 years
Cory & Jolene Flowers	10/21	18 years
Michael & Angie Smith	10/28	24 years

Outreach Alliance hosted Bingo September 25.

Prizes were mystery 'treasures' from the garage sale - hidden in brown bags with fun clues as names. 15-20 people came out to play and win! Caller Kevin made sure everyone who played won a prize.

6 people attended a soundboard training session on September 17. 3 attended from scouts, 2 attended for a refresher, and 1 attended from the church to learn how to run the booth. If anyone else would like training, please contact Deb in the office.

If we have the attitude that it is going to be a great day, it usually is. -- Catherine Pulsifer



After a well-deserved summer hiatus, Praise Band returned on September 1! Welcome back Marc on guitar and vocalists Kevin, Kelly, and Michelle, all shown above.

Below, sometimes Atlas joins in singing with Praise Band.



**Pleasant Hill UMC Staff**

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**Praise Band Coord. & Adult Bell Choir Dir.:**

**Kelly**, [praise@pleasanthillumc.org](mailto:praise@pleasanthillumc.org)

**Organist:**

**Mary S**



### Garage Sale Wrap-Up

by Kelly Neiman



With a lot of hard work and some amazing donations, PHUMC was able to raise almost \$3000 for our mission projects.

Garage sales are always a chance to meet people in the midst of new beginnings. Some of our congregation became personal shoppers for people beginning anew -- young couples, people rebuilding after divorce, those experiencing change in family structure.

All of our profits will play a big part in our Christmas projects. We spend a lot of funds filling our Christmas Bags of Hope for Topeka Rescue Mission. We also help the kids from Alpha Christian Children's Home during the holidays. With funds to work with, Pleasant Hill UMC can do a lot of good in our little corner of the world.



In addition to funding these kinds of projects, the treasures we provided at the sale helped in other areas as well. At the end of the sale, the Topeka Ukrainian representatives were there to collect anything they could use for refugee apartments. Items like cooking implements and wall art were especially popular this year. We even had a bicycle to donate to one lucky Ukrainian youngster.



We also sent all of our leftover handbags to the Topeka Women of Steel. This organization packs handbags with hygiene projects which are then given to the battered women shelter.

Thank you to all for your hard work. The Mission team along with other volunteers were amazing with the giving of their time and expertise. The congregation was so generous with their donations. Now our closets are cleaner, our homes are a little more organized, and a whole lot of Topeka has benefitted.

Donuts, coffee, and hot cocoa were available before service on September 29 and, after service, many people stayed to enjoy the potluck lunch! (Not everyone is shown.)









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 is here.

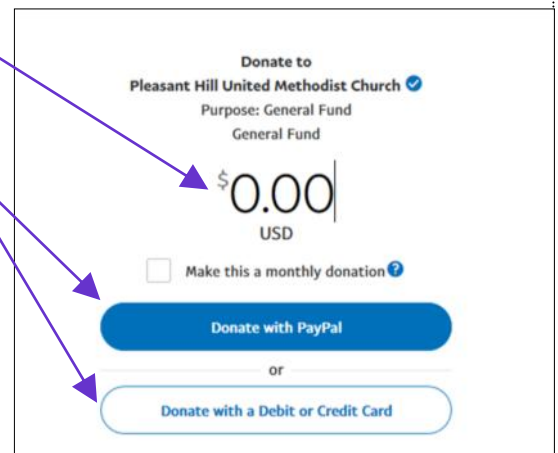
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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.