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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others.
– Marcus Tullius Cicero

Be grateful for each day, even the dark ones.
– Pepper Winters, The Son & His Hope

Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude. – A.A. Milne



Thankfulness is the quickest path to joy. – Jefferson Bethke

Reflect upon your present blessings—of which every man has many—not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. – Charles Dickens

Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses.
– Alphonse Karr



Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. – Melody Beattie

We've all seen the photos or videos of the massive damage done in the last couple of hurricanes to hit the eastern U.S. One of the first agencies on scene is an agency called UMCOR, which stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief. Trained volunteers are working alongside property owners to tarp roofs, rip out damaged drywall, haul out ruined household goods, pass out cleaning supplies and most of all, listen to the stories that are being told by those who experienced the storms first hand. Maybe you've seen video of a team from Kansas that was recently shown on WIBW TV. UMCOR will be in all areas affected until they are no longer needed. For instance, during Hurricane Katrina, volunteers were in Louisiana and Mississippi for several years. Some of you may have traveled there as part of a mission trip after that storm.

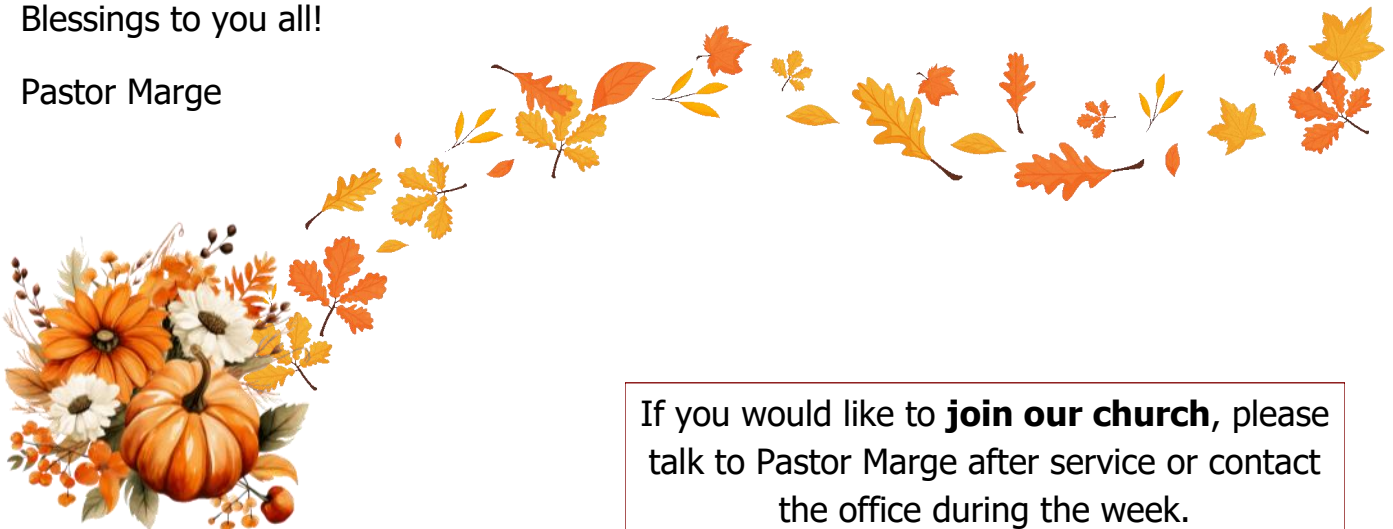


We will devote this year's Harvest of Blessings offering later this month to help support the work of UMCOR. And UMCOR is one of the very few national agencies that uses 100 percent of money donated for direct support to folks in need. All overhead is covered through our mission and ministry funds that each conference collects. So we will have a variety of ways to help support the work of UMCOR right now and in the near future. If you'd like to become a trained volunteer or a member of an early response team, there are many training events nearby over the next few months. Our conference is sending a team to Sager Brown Supply Depot in Louisiana soon to help assemble kits for transport and to learn more about how it all works. And of course, you are always welcome to donate money to help support their work.

I hope you all will prayerfully consider making a donation, of whatever amount is comfortable for you. May you know that you are doing God's work to help another of God's children.

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.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3, "Fall Back" 1 hour!

The last day to order a **poinsettia** is Sunday, November 10. A red poinsettia in a 6.5 inch pot with florist foil can be ordered for \$10.00. The plants will be at the church for pick-up on December 1. Plants left can be taken home any time after the Christmas Eve service.

Annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 10, 4:30 p.m. at Topeka First UMC. Packets will be available in our church foyer that morning and after.

Administrative Council meets Wednesday, November 13, 5:30 p.m.
It is open to the congregation.

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.)

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. Physical photos will be scanned and returned.

Congregational Care Team will bring **Holy Communion** after worship on the first Sunday of each month to congregants who are unable to attend Sunday worship service. Please call the office by 11:30 a.m. the Friday before if you would like to receive communion.

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 will meet 4-6 p.m. Nov 10, 17, and 24. Everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome!

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.

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

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

Mary Watson Sharon Miller Kurt Stewart

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

PHUMC,

Thank you so much for helping us with a beautiful service for Sharon. Thank you also for the delicious lunch afterwards. Our family really appreciated your kindness during these difficult days.

*Sincerely,
Jim & Lori Miller*

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, prayers, and good wishes during my recent hospital stay - which coincided with my birthday.

Matt Mannell

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!!



Matt Mannell's birthday reception was cancelled due to health issues that put him in the hospital for several days, including his birthday, October 13, the day the reception was scheduled. Cake was served before and after worship service that morning and Matt was able to have a piece in the hospital that afternoon.



Board Game/ Card Game Night on October 30 was cancelled due to the forecast for severe weather between 3 and 9 that day.

November at PHUMC [Online Calendar](#)

- Nov. 1-3, Fall Youth Retreat (offsite)
- Nov. 3, All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 3-17, Coat Drive
- Nov. 5, Election Day
- Nov. 6, 5:30p, Cooking Group meets
- Nov. 7, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins
- Nov. 7, 14, 21, 6p, Bell Choir rehearsal
- Nov. 10, Veterans Sunday
- Nov. 10, Last Day to order poinsettia

- Nov. 10, 17, 24, 4p, Youth Group meets
- Nov. 10, 4:30p, Annual Ch Conf. (offsite)
- Nov. 13, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg
- Nov. 17, Harvest of Blessings Offering
- Nov. 20, Newsletter 'deadline'
- Nov. 24, Decorate for Advent
- Nov. 28, Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
- Nov. 29, Office Closed

Harvest of Blessings Offering

By Kelly Neiman

Harvest of Blessings offering on November 17 will give church members the opportunity to give to The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to assist with disaster relief.

Right now, UMCOR’s emphasis is on cleanup from Hurricane Helene which hit the east coast in late September. The storm’s largest impacts were across the southern Appalachians, but flooding and wind gusts cut a swath from the Florida coast to the North Carolina mountains.


As Pleasant Hill UMC watched from afar, members knew their help was needed. Mission team sent \$750 of our garage sale profits as soon as possible with the hope of our congregation contributing more at our Harvest of Blessings offering.

UMCOR has been in existence since the 1940s when it began to help others after WWII. This organization of the United Methodist Church is one of the first to arrive when disaster strikes. ALL funds that are donated to UMCOR go to disaster victims’ needs.

Upon arrival, UMCOR partners with local help organizations. Early response teams help with financial assistance, cleanup, and distribution of hygiene and cleaning kits. For situations that involve long-term assistance, they provide grants and training like construction and volunteer management as well as counseling programs.

Please consider giving to our Harvest of Blessings cause during this season of Thanksgiving. As always, prayers are always welcome.

<u>Birthdays This Month</u>					
Kenny Saulsbury	11/2	Austin Marteney	11/11	Terri Godbout	11/24
Jay Van Hove	11/4	Glen Smith	11/13	Larry Wilson	11/24
Billie Winsor	11/9	Kinzie Feleay	11/19	Laynee Talley	11/27
Joy Chapman	11/10	Jammie Serrano	11/21		

<u>Anniversaries This Month</u>			
	Tailor & Santina Harrison	11/12	2 years
	Gregg & Roxann Williams	11/12	37 years
	Rick & Mary Colton	11/30	61 years

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!



This year we had our first **Boo Bash on Button!** Boo Bash differed from Trunk or Treat in that it was held inside and there were some games as part of the trick-or-treating fun. Over 200 kids came out to enjoy the fun at the thirteen booths, some with games, some without. There were bat cave, tarantula toss, ring toss, don't drop the egg, duck pond, pumpkin toss, and toss the monster games. Johnny from Sing, Rubble and Marshal from Paw Patrol, Maleficent, Flash, and a bunch more attended - and that was just adults!

Congrats to the Neimans and their Bat Cave, above, they won the traveling trophy! Second and third places, at right, went to Susan Arnold and to the Jepsens' photo booth.







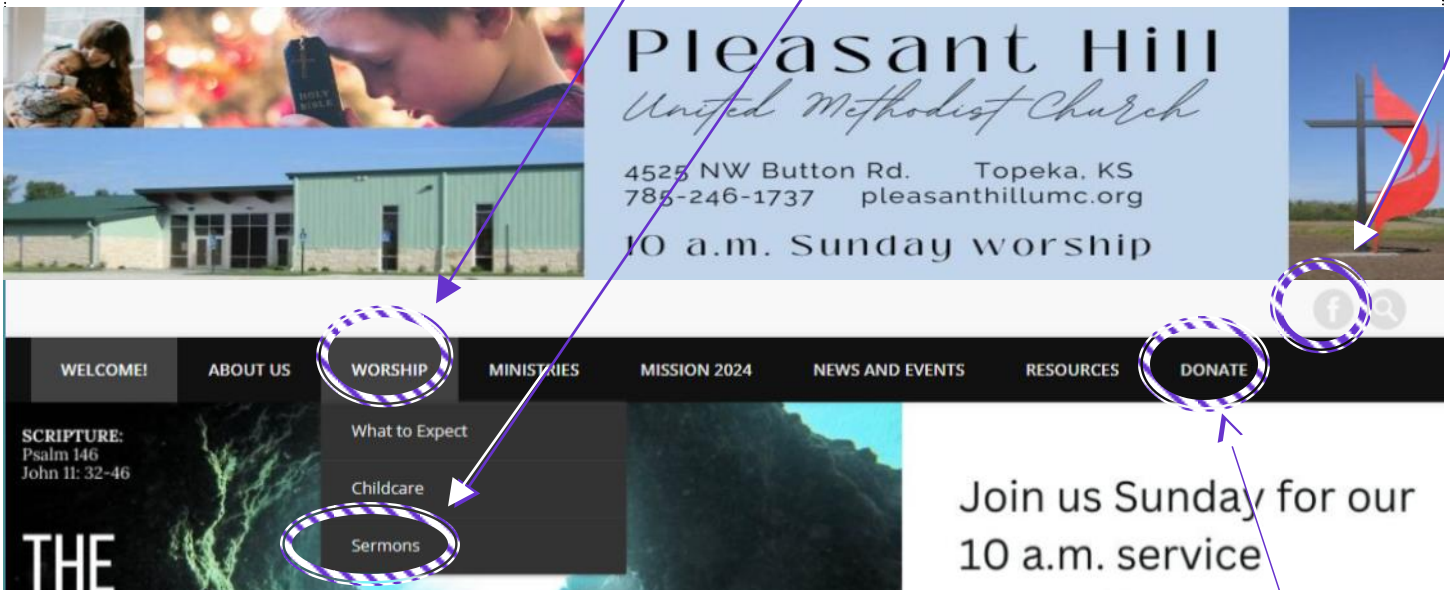
Back after a summer break, Bell Choir performed "Brightest and Best" for prelude on October 27.

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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 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, 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.