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# FEBRUARY 2025

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

January 2025 brought us snow - a lot of snow compared to normal. Officially, Topeka received 14 inches January 4-5 and another 2 inches later that week! The snow was so dry that it wasn't packable for snowballs or snowmen until it began melting. The wind was so strong that part of the time the snow fell sideways so some places had less snow cover and some places had very tall drifts. Photos of the snow are throughout this newsletter. Enjoy!



Photo Credit: Top left, sunrise January 15, WR B, Top right, Annie M, Bottom row, Elaine W.

As I write this, the Kansas City Chiefs have just beaten the Buffalo Bills for a trip to the Super Bowl in New Orleans. Such an exciting time for the team, the coaches, the front office folks and for the fans, Chiefs Kingdom. Those of us who cheer for the team find ourselves standing a little taller, laughing a little easier, smiling a bit bigger and the world seems like a friendlier place!

There are some folks, even in my own family, who do not care for sports, for football, and frankly, I don't understand that, but to each their own. Although I never got to play in a Super Bowl, I have gotten the experience of playing on a team--- in a sport (volleyball), in work situations, in church activities. There is something really special about working with a group of folks as we seek to accomplish a common goal. It's about working together for the goal of the group or the mission, rather than for individual attention. That's how the Chiefs have played all season...for the team, not for individual glory. When Coach Reid or Patrick Mahomes are asked about keys to victory, they never brag about themselves...they give credit to the entire team, the coaches, the front office, even to the support of Chiefs Kingdom, in helping them accomplish an amazing season.



The Chiefs are blessed to have many talented athletes playing on the field. They each have their own talents and gifts that they share and celebrate. Likewise, our congregation has many talented folks and each one has gifts to share and celebrate, and we give thanks to God for each and every one! Together, we can work together for the glory of God's Kingdom of wonderful folks here at Pleasant Hill UMC! Blessings to all of you!

Grace and peace be with you all....and Go Chiefs!  
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 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.



February 2, is **Scout Sunday**. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will participate in our service. After church, please stay for a soup lunch fundraiser to help scouts attend summer camp.

# FOOTBALL FRENZY

- February 9
- Stay after church for football-related games for all ages.
- Please bring a snack to share.
- We will also be collecting individual snack packs to give to Logan Elementary for classroom incentives.

*Go Chiefs!!*



## Bring Your *Valentines* to Church

We are sending Valentines to those people near and dear to our church family who can't attend PHUMC at this time. Valentine bags will be available through February 9 for your convenience.

Clifford Hurst  
Karen Smith  
Berniece Chadwell

Kay Jones-Ray  
Marguerite Pond  
Joyce Mannell

Dee Deppe  
Aurel Marney  
Marilyn Colhouer

Camille & Gene Schoettlin

Nick & Karen Nicolay

Your Congregational Care team thanks you.



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

Elmo Rainey    Addison Letsch    Jon Workman  
David Stolzenberger    Kay Cornelius    Barbara Smith    Ray Dupree  
Frank Moss    Craig McDowell

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

*Thank you for all the kind words of appreciation, gifts, and the many warm Christmas wishes given to us this holiday season.*

*Pastor Marge, Deb, Mary, Michelle, Kelly, Jill*

*Dear Pleasant Hill UMC friends,  
Thank you so much for your encouraging card and message and the Amazon gift cards that you blessed me with! I'm looking forward to shopping for something special with them soon.*

*Happy New Year to you!  
Michelle at Alpha*

*Dear Pleasant Hill UMC friends,  
Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts that you arranged for all at Alpha at Christmas!  
They were very much appreciated.*

*With love & gratitude,  
Michelle, Ariaah, Emmie, Nathan, Elvis, Josiah,  
Ava, Jayden  
Mac, Dean, Brittani, Pat, Kelly, Jeff, Devin*

*Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for the polymer clay pattern rollers!  
God bless you all for your generosity.*

*Ava*

*Dear Friends,  
Happy New Year and best wishes for a year filled with peace and growth in the Lord.  
Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift! Your prayers and support are such an encouragement.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Pat at Alpha*

*Thank you for your donation!  
Topeka Rescue Mission and  
the Distribution Center Team*



Photo Credit:  
Linda Smith.  
Snow on their porch and filling the screens.

**2024 Finances**

General Fund	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	6m Total
Receipts	\$9,668	\$9,591	\$26,625	\$17,674	\$12,856	\$7,928	<b>\$84,342</b>
Expenses	12,173	10,655	12,727	9,703	10,598	11,142	<b>66,997</b>

General Fund	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
Receipts	\$10,835	\$13,002	\$6,212	\$8,007	\$8,987	\$9,653	<b>\$141,038</b>
Expenses	13,613	10,099	9,380	15,263	16,104	9,802	<b>\$141,257</b>

Thank you to all our faithful and generous donors!

Thank you to everyone who gives time, talent, and/or treasure to PHUMC! Time, Talent, and other Treasures are not nearly as easy to track as Financial giving - but are just as appreciated!

**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. After Children's Time, they meet in the room west of the kitchen.

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

**Our Daily Bread Cooking group** will meet February 5 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Bell Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. Interested in joining? Chat with Kelly Neiman or attend a rehearsal.

**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!!



**In Case of Inclement Weather:**

If our worship service is cancelled due to the weather, it will be listed on WIBW and KSNT.

If Seaman Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the church office is also closed.



The Jepsens' great-granddaughter

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

Feb. 2, Scout Sunday, Soup lunch fundraiser after service	Stay after for fellowship and games
Feb. 5, 5:30p, Our Daily Bread cooking grp	Feb. 9, 16, 23, Youth Group meets
Feb. 6, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins	Feb. 11, 25, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:15p, Bell Choir reh.	Feb. 12, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg
Feb. 9, Football Frenzy Sunday	Feb. 19, Newsletter 'deadline'
	Feb. 23, Laity Summit (see next to last page)

A look ahead: Ash Wednesday is March 5. Palm Sunday is April 13. Easter is April 20.

**Birthdays This Month**

Jace Brake	2/1	Lewis Taylor	2/14	Lori Marteney	2/21
Rusty Newell	2/2	Emily Moritz	2/16	Gregory Jenson	2/23
Linda Shaffer	2/7	Doug George	2/20	John Reed	2/26



**Anniversaries This Month**

Gary & Barbara Slimmer	2/8	61 years
Jason & Lori Marteney	2/12	20 years
Ron & Linda Griffiths	2/13	59 years
Brian & Gayle Smith	2/15	39 years
Dennis & Mary Shepherd	2/16	18 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!



You can tell we had a lot of snow by this picture, taken January 31 from the north door of the church. There is still this much snow after at least 2 days with temps over 50° and an inch or so of rain the night before the picture!

**Pleasant Hill UMC Staff**

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



Photo Credit: Top row, Morgan F, Middle row left, Santina H, Middle row middle, Deb M, Middle row right, Morgan F, Bottom row, Daryl J. Hey Daryl, is that a fire hydrant?



Photo Credit: Top left, nativity (animals & Jesus are buried!) and dog, Linda S, Top right, roof and lantern, Annie M, Bottom row, left Elizabeth Z, middle two Elaine W, right Annie M, the rest, Deb M.



**Laity Summit: February, 23, 2025, 1:30pm - 5:00pm**

Laity Summit, by the Great Plains UMC Conference, is a virtual gathering space where we come together to hear about ministry opportunities and collaborations. Laity Summit is a one-stop connection point to lean in, to grow together, and to prepare our local mission fields for Kingdom Impact across the Great Plains. This virtual event is designed for laity from all churches large or small, rural or urban communities, and established or emerging leaders.



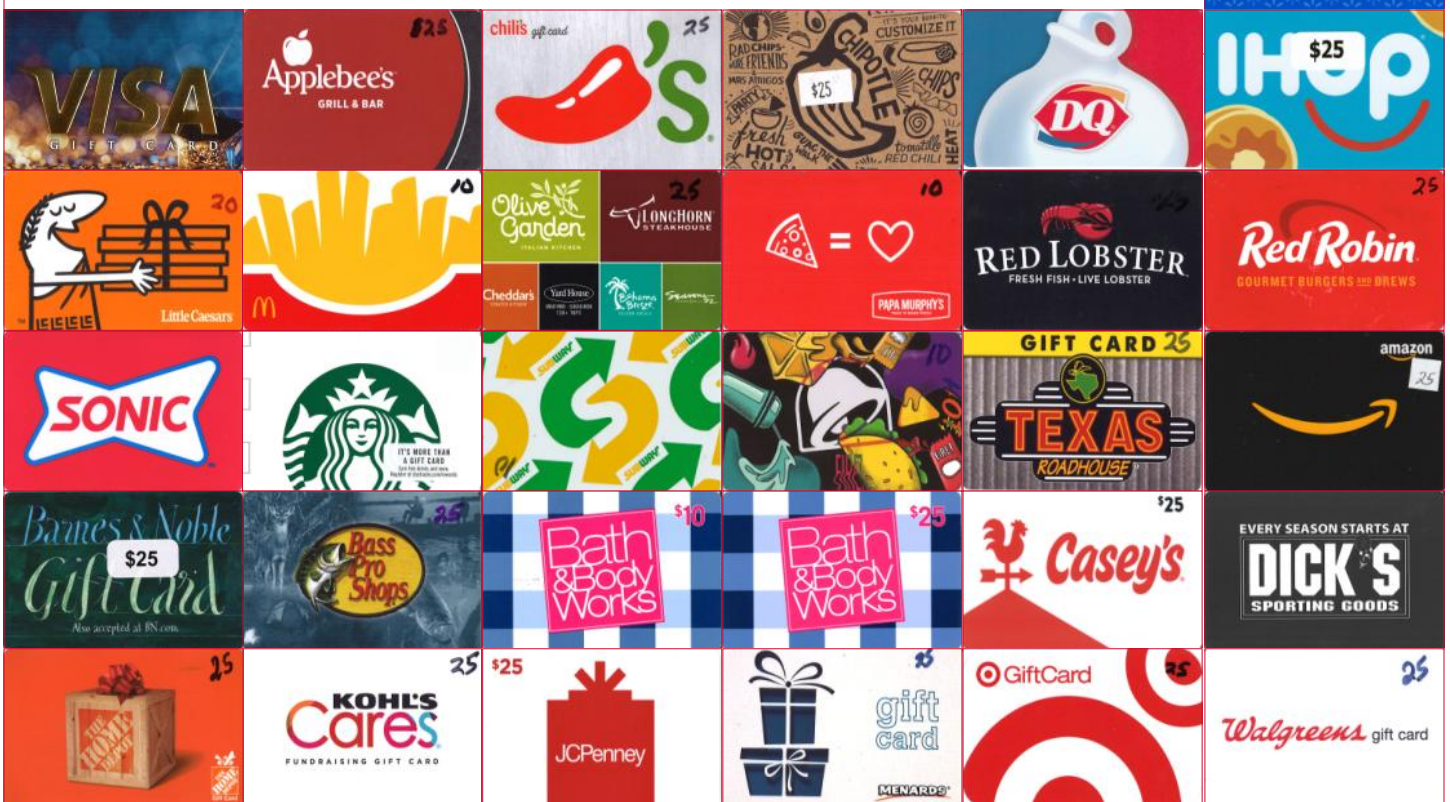
For more info, go to <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/laity-summit>

**Gift Cards make great gifts - and are great for personal use, too!**

Gift Cards will be available for purchase after service February 2 and 9. The cards we have on-hand as of January 29 are shown below. Most cards are \$25, some are \$10, Little Ceasars is \$20, Visa comes in \$25 and \$50, Walmart comes in \$25 and \$100. In addition, currently we have \$5 and \$10 cards available for Walmart, Sonic, McDonalds, Starbucks, Dairy Queen, and Barnes and Noble.

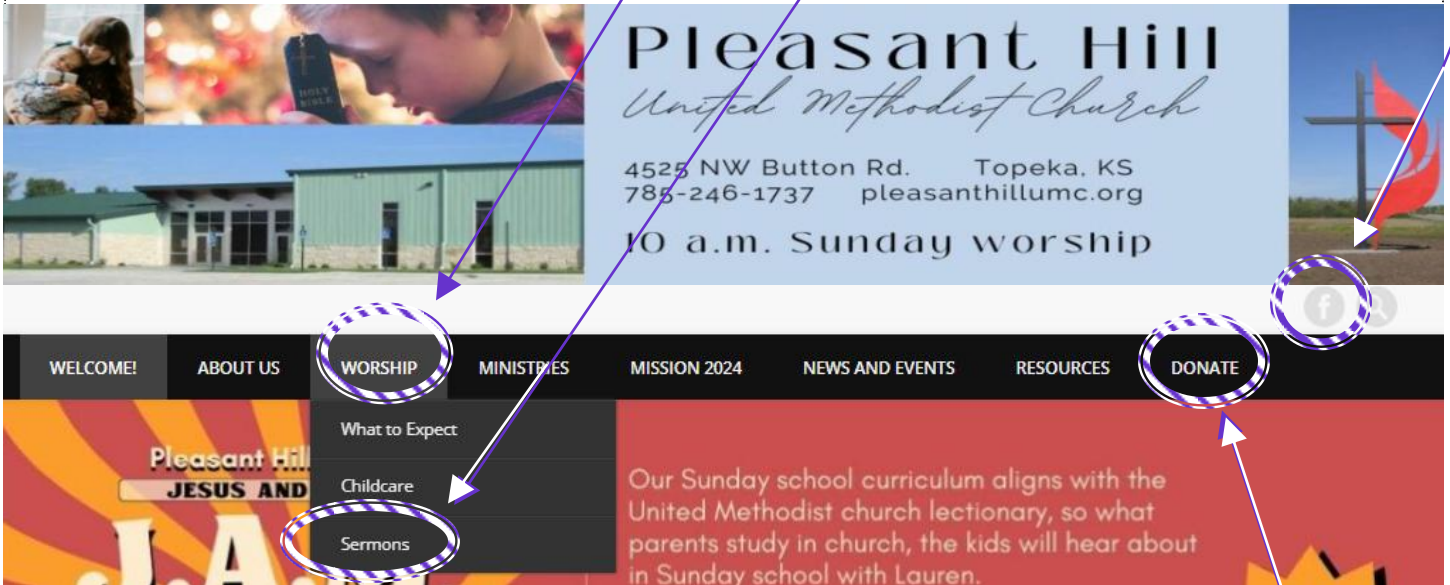
If there are cards you wish to order, simply let Mary Smith know.

Plastic gift cards are available in the church office during the week. E-cards are available through Mary Smith. We sell the cards at face value but we receive a discount when we purchase them, earning funds for the church.



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.

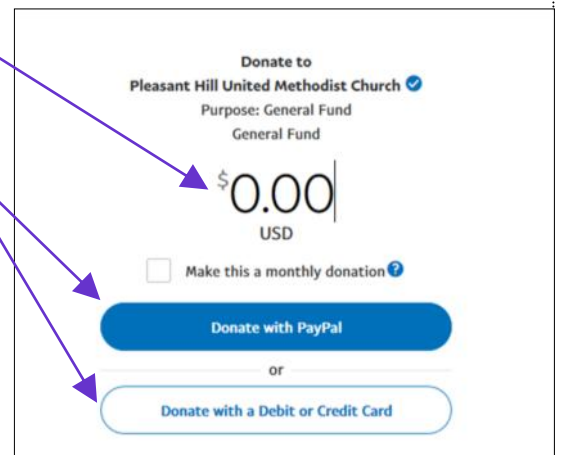
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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.

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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.