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As the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, I'm reminded that some churches practice sacrificial acts of one kind or another. They give up something that is important to them, usually a food item, like meat on Friday or chocolate or their favorite beverage. I tend to go at this in a different way, by taking on an intentional act of kindness or mission. I've devoted time to intentionally picking up litter in a park or donating 40 items (one for each day of Lent) to a thrift store or putting the money I might spend daily in a vending machine and giving it to the church or a homeless shelter.



I found this list of items suggested by Pope Francis that I share with you in hopes you might find it useful as you contemplate how you will mark the days of Lent: instead of fasting meat in Lent, Pope Francis proposes 15 simple acts of charity. Look at this beauty!

- ◆ 1. Say hi (always and everywhere.)
- ◆ 2. Give thanks (not just because you "should" do it.)
- ◆ 3. Remind others how much you love them.
- ◆ 4. Cheers to those people you see every day.
- ◆ 5. Listen to each other's story, without prejudice, with love.
- ◆ 6. Stop to help. Pay attention to who needs you.
- ◆ 7. Lift somebody's spirits.
- ◆ 8. Celebrate another's qualities or achievements.
- ◆ 9. Select what you don't use and gift it to someone who needs it.
- ◆ 10. Help when needed so another can rest.
- ◆ 11. Correct with love, do not shut up out of fear.
- ◆ 12. Get to know those who are near you.
- ◆ 13. Clean out what you use at home.
- ◆ 14. Help others overcome obstacles.
- ◆ 15. Call your parents on the phone if you're lucky enough to have them.

★ If we all try this fasting, our everyday life will be filled with:
Peace, Trust, Happiness, and Life ♥

★ Great wisdom from Pope Francis in this Lenten proposal, so I share it with pleasure!!!

Blessings to all of you, Pastor Marge

Upcoming Events

March 2025

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.



Ash Wednesday service

will be at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 5.

Daylight Savings Time starts
Sun, March 9 -- Spring Forward!!

Our Daily Bread Cooking group
will meet March 4 at 5:30 p.m.
All are welcome.



Look who's turning 90 -
It's John Holt!
We are Celebrating,
Come Join Us!
Saturday, March 8, 2025
Lake Shawnee Shelter #3
6:30-8:30 p.m.



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

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

March at PHUMC

[Online Calendar](#)

Mar. 4, 5:30p, Our Daily Bread cooking grp
Mar. 5, 6:30p, Ash Wednesday service
Mar. 6, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins
Mar. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:15p, Bell Choir reh.
Mar. 9, Daylight Savings Time begins

Mar. 11 & 25, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth
Mar. 12, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg.
Mar. 17, St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 19, Newsletter 'deadline'

A look ahead: Palm Sunday is April 13. Easter is April 20.

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

Howard Jackson Jim Oldridge Naomi Castleberry Bee Nelson
Greg Sharpe Bert Degand Sr. Denny Crowder Ken Marshall

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

Thanks to everyone for the beautiful Valentine cards, "sweet treats", and great messages. I'm so appreciative and feel so blessed. Made my day for sure.

Thanks again. God bless you all!

Dee Deppe

Thank you for all the Valentine cards. I really appreciated them. I also really enjoyed Mary Smith's visit when she delivered them.

Karen Smith

Like an easy way to financially support our church? How about while grocery shopping? That's easy - choose Pleasant Hill UMC as your Dillon's Community Rewards organization.



Community Rewards Program

The church will receive cash, equal to 6% of all your purchases at Dillon's (excluding gas, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and gift cards) at no added cost to you. Last year, with 52 families enrolled, we received approximately \$800. We would love to have more families enrolled! These dollars are used to support church special ministries and general expenses.

SO choose Pleasant Hill UMC as your Community Rewards organization at Dillon's. It's easy.

Go to Dillons.com/communityrewards. Sign in or, if you don't have an account, create one. Search for "Pleasant Hill UMC" and confirm that you want PHUMC. You are done! On your next Dillon's shopping trip, you will start earning cash for the church.

Plastic **Gift Cards** are available on Sunday mornings sometimes in the foyer and always from Mary Smith or Deb. They are also available during the week from Deb in the office. E-Gift Cards are available from Mary Smith.

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!!



<u>Anniversaries This Month</u>		
Harry & Elaine Worden	3/16	33 years

<u>Birthdays This Month</u>			
Jason Marteney	3/4	Chris McManaman	3/12
John Holt	3/7	Gary Slimmer	3/15
Alan Shaffer	3/11	PHUMC (144 years!)	3/20
Mary Smith	3/11	Bryce Cochran	3/21
Sam Martin	3/12	Billie Dupree	3/22
		Beverly Newell	3/23
		Eli Wilson	3/28
		Jeanetta Boughn	3/30

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!

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.

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

Changes are coming! **46th Street** from Fielding Road to Rochester Road will be widened to add a center turn lane. Plans also include a round-a-bout at 46th and Green Hills Road, a sidewalk on the south side of 46th, and a multi-use path on the north side. It is expected to take nearly 2 years and part of the time 46th will be closed. There has already been quite a bit of work going on in the church yard with underground utilities being moved and a utility pole replaced with a taller one farther from Button Road.



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February 2 was Scout Sunday at PHUMC and Scouts were well-represented!

Scouts presented and retired the flags, recited Scout Oath and Scout Law, lit the candles, read the first scripture reading, helped with offering and communion, and hosted a soup lunch after the service. Proceeds from the lunch will help scouts attend summer camp.



The display of Troop 193 by rank is in room 201.

February 9 was Football Frenzy!!

Nearly 2 dozen people stayed after service for fellowship, snacks, and football-related fun. There were pulled pork sandwiches, meat and cheese trays, chips, cheese dip, bacon-wrapped smokies, mini pigs-in-a-blanket, cereal/pretzel mix, brownies, cookies, and cupcakes. There was also a Punt-Kick-Pass skills competition and a Super Bowl guesses questionnaire.



Top left, our church collected snack supplies for Logan Elementary as our event service project.

You can see more pictures of Football Frenzy on the next page.



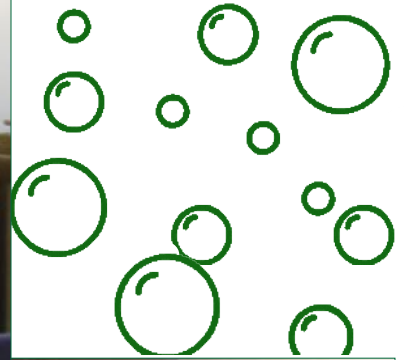


Matt Mannell shows off his new bling! He won the Football Frenzy skills/guessing competition. Congrats!

At Children's Time February 23, Barrett (with the mic) recited Philippians 4:19 (paraphrased): "God supplies all your needs." Thanks Barrett!



Marc Serrano, left, not only played with Praise Band on February 16, he also accompanied all the hymns and provided prelude, postlude, and offertory! Thanks Marc!



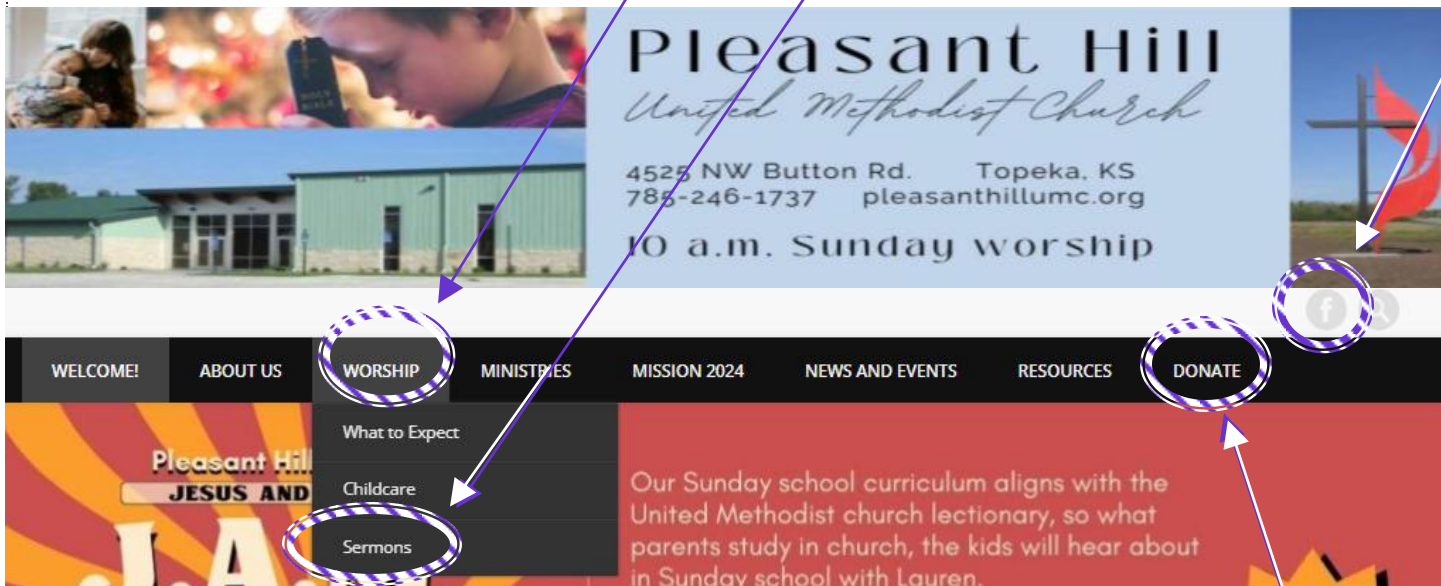
With no one 12 or younger in attendance on February 16, Gary, Rick, Atlas, and Nova were the children in Children's Time! The lesson was on happiness and used bubbles to demonstrate the fleeting nature of happiness found in the things of this world.



Adult Bell Choir played "This Joyous Morning" for prelude on February 16. During part of the song, some of the members played their bells with mallets.

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.

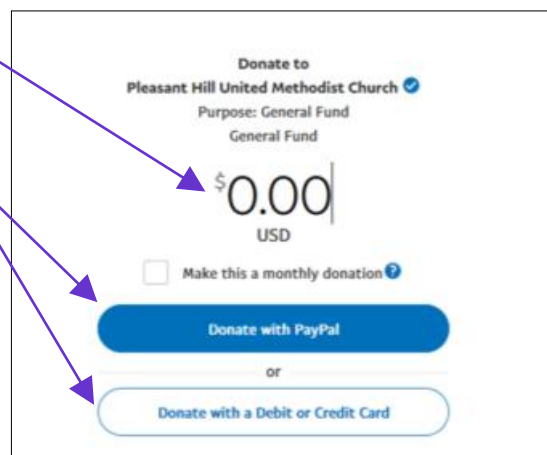
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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:

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We are always grateful for our generous donors!

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