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

# APRIL 2025



Signs of spring are all around us. The trees are budding, the birds are singing, the sun is shining. We no longer have to wear the big coat to go get the mail. The grass is turning green, and the pollen is blowing! Oh and let's throw in storm season, because we need a little reminder that we live in Kansas!

All of these things remind us that the earth resurrects itself, a perfect reminder that Easter is near and very soon we will be celebrating the resurrection of Christ! New life, new hope, new energy for ministry!



We hope you will choose to spend some of your time with us these final weeks of Lent, and on into the Easter season. We will have the Easter egg hunt on April 12 at 10 a.m., Palm Sunday with palms to wave as we parade down the aisles, Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30 p.m. with communion, Easter Sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. We will have lots of music and, for me at least, it is a very meaningful time to be with all of you as we celebrate our Risen Lord.

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.



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.

## Upcoming Events

April 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.

### Egg Hunt - 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12!

Everyone was invited to help with this year's Easter Egg Hunt by helping to fill plastic eggs with candy. If you took eggs to fill, please return them by April 6.



The Easter Egg Hunt will be at **10 a.m. Saturday, April 12!**

Invite the children in your neighborhood, relatives and friends to join in this Easter tradition. Bring an empty basket to gather eggs!



**Palm Sunday, April 13:** Everyone is invited to participate in the Parade of Palms during the service.



**Maundy Thursday, April 17:** We will have a Tenebrae service at 6:30 p.m. A Tenebrae service is a somber service focusing on the suffering and death of Jesus.

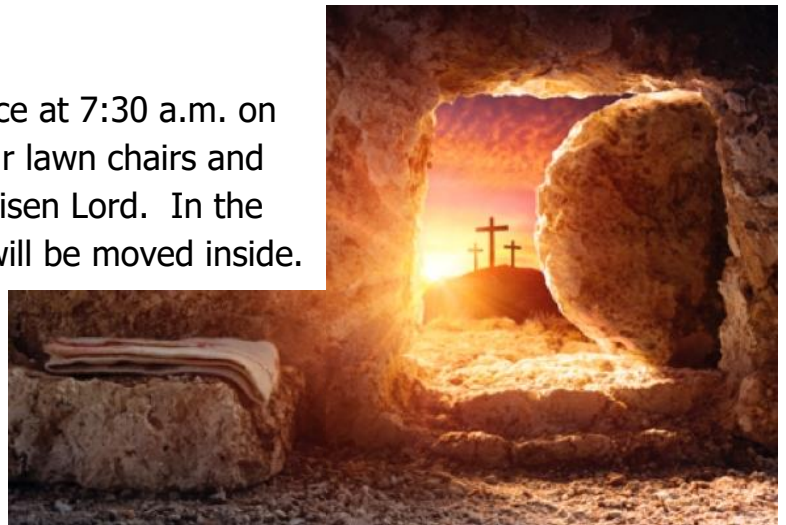
### Easter, April 20:

**Sunrise Worship service** will take place at 7:30 a.m. on the church lawn by the cross. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the morning as we celebrate our risen Lord. In the case of inclement weather, the service will be moved inside.

Enjoy a light **breakfast** at 8 a.m.

9 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**

10 a.m. **Easter Worship Service**



Ha Ha Ha

What's next? **Holy Humor Sunday!** April 27, the Sunday after Easter, is a day to celebrate that God had the last laugh when He overturned death and the devil lost. We will celebrate with laughter and silliness.

You are invited to dress humorously, such as in mismatched items or a costume, if you so choose.

Ha Ha Ha





## Education Recognition Sunday is May 18



A celebration for 2025 graduates will be Sunday, May 18. If there is a member of your family graduating from Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School/Junior High, High School, Technical School, Trade School, or University that you would like to honor please submit the following information to the church office no later than **May 1**:

- ♦ their name;
- ♦ grade and school graduating from;
- ♦ recognitions, awards, scholarships or honors;
- ♦ their plans for the summer or after graduation i.e., summer camps, vacations, additional education, work, military;
- ♦ your name and relationship to graduate;
- ♦ current picture of the graduate and, if available, baby or childhood picture.

**Administrative Council** meeting Wed., April 9, 5:30 p.m. is open to the congregation.

## April at PHUMC [Online Calendar](#)

Apr. 3, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins	Apr. 16, Newsletter 'deadline'
Apr. 3, 10, 24, 6:15p, Bell Choir reh.	Apr. 17, 6:30p, Maundy Thursday service
Apr. 6, Deadline to return stuffed eggs	Apr. 20, Easter
Apr. 8 & 22, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth	7:30a, Easter Sunrise service
Apr. 9, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg.	8a, Light Breakfast
Apr. 12, 10a, Egg Hunt	10a, Easter service
Apr. 13, Palm Sunday	Apr. 27, Holy Humor Sunday



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

Gift Cards will be available for purchase after service April 6 and 13. Most cards are \$25, some are \$10, Little Ceasars is \$20, Visa comes in \$25 and \$50, Wal-Mart comes in \$25 and \$100. In addition, currently we have \$5 and \$10 cards available for Wal-Mart, Sonic, McDonalds, Starbucks, Dairy Queen, and Barnes and Noble.



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, thereby earning funds for the church.

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

Karen Nicolay     Marvin Lawson

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

*Dear Pleasant Hill United Methodist,  
I just wanted to thank you all for the Christmas cards and Casey's gift card. My dad visited from California and to see everyone so you saved me on gas. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

*Sincerely,  
Julian Ntege*

*Pleasant Hill Family -  
Thank you for your children's packet every month. Love to you all! God Bless.*

*The Van Hoves*

*Dear Pleasant Hill UMC,  
Thank you so much for your thoughtful generosity. Your kindness brought so much joy to our hearts this holiday season, and we are truly grateful for your support. Wishing you a blessed and happy New Year!*

*Thanks,  
Dean & Brittani Krause*

*There are no words to express our gratitude for all the prayers, visits, phone messages, flowers and food provided to us after our car accident last December 21, 2024. They were so much appreciated. All we can say is what a wonderful church family we have.*

*Love,  
John and Dorothy Holt*

*Thank you so much for your kind birthday wishes and for the thoughtful cards. I feel truly blessed to have such wonderful people in my life. Your kindness means the world to me, and I deeply appreciate your gestures of love and support. Though I may not know exactly which card or gift was from whom, please know that I treasure each one and feel incredibly fortunate to have had such a memorable birthday. Thanks again for thinking of me - I look forward to many more happy times together!*

*With heartfelt thanks,  
Love,  
John Holt*

**Celebrate!**

Celebrating the good stuff, large or small

- Rick and Mary Colton are pleased to announce the birth of their first great-grandson! Braxton Baldares was born March 16 in San Angelo, TX. Congrats!!





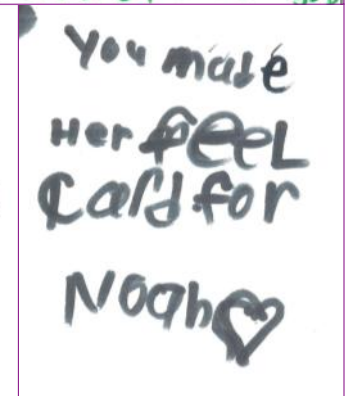
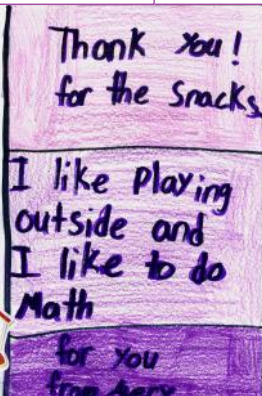
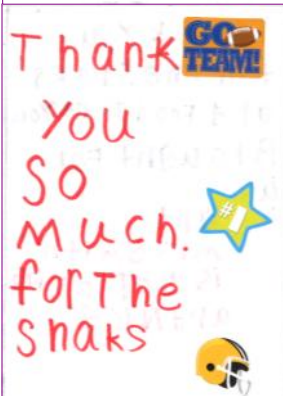
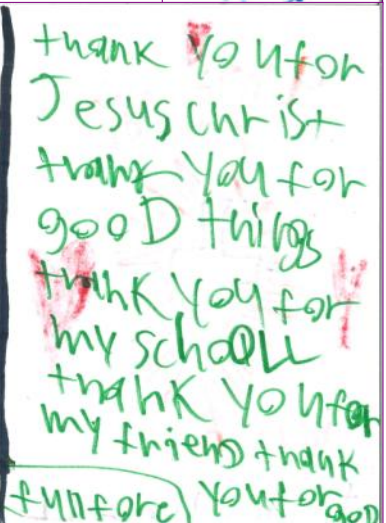
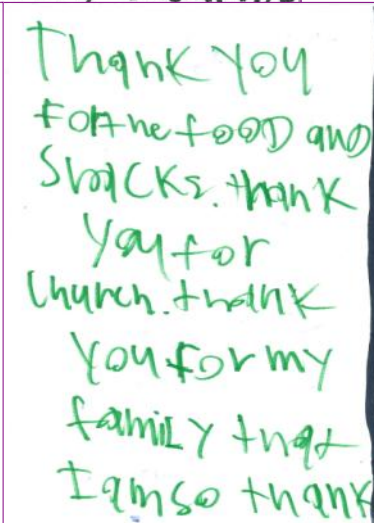
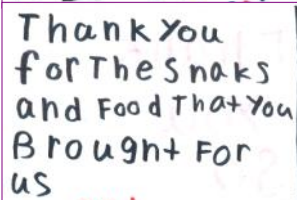
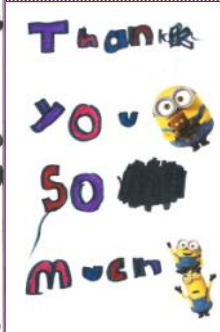
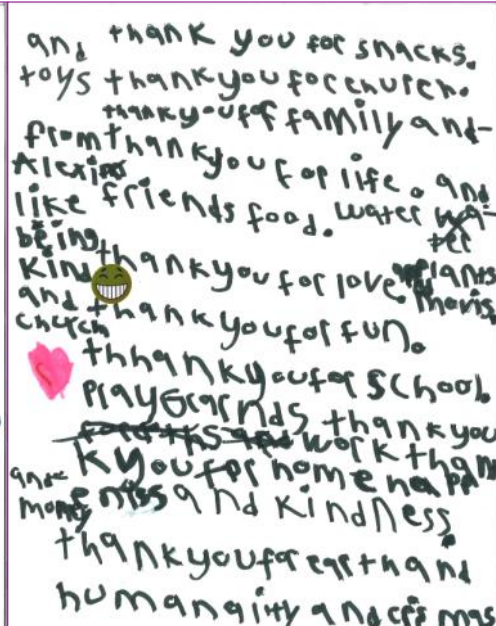
You may remember that in February we collected snacks for Logan Elementary. The snacks were very well-received!

Here are thank you notes received from students and teacher. You can also see them on the Mission bulletin board.

Dear PHUMC Members,  
Thank you so much for thinking of our Logan students with diverse needs. The students were so excited about all the "goodies". It also made them make some connections, knowing the treats came from a church group. :)

Thank you for showing love to our kiddos!

Beth Smith



## Birthdays This Month

Annie McDowell	4/5	Mary Colton	4/12	Annika Wilson	4/19
Erin Herrick	4/6	Marilyn Domer	4/12	Maverick Van Hove	4/22
Josh Mannell	4/6	Dean Steward	4/13	Jessica Wilson	4/23
Brian Eastman	4/10	Lauren Feleay	4/17		

## Anniversaries This Month

Sam & Danette Martin	4/12	39 years
Jahnnie & Cathy Brake	4/20	40 years
Kevin & Angie Feleay	4/22	30 years
Alan & Linda Shaffer	4/25	38 years
Glen & Linda Smith	4/26	17 years



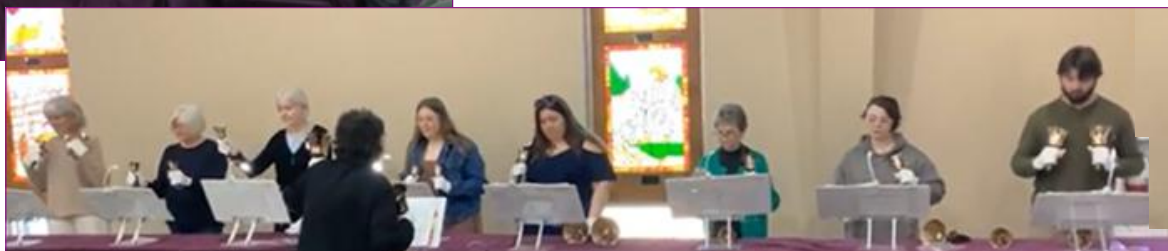
If the office does not have your birthday and anniversary dates, or if you are unsure whether the office has the information, please send to [phumctopeka@yahoo.com](mailto:phumctopeka@yahoo.com). Thanks!



Due to the weather, our Ash Wednesday service was canceled.

## **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!!



Bell Choir played "Beautiful Savior" for prelude March 23.

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**Organist:**

**Mary S**





From top: Children's Time March 16 & March 30, bags of empty Easter eggs ready to take home and fill March 23, JAM March 16, one room of JAM March 30, Barrett reciting a memory verse. He recited two in March: Proverbs 20:11, "Even a child is known by his doings", and Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind one to another."



Barrett and Sutton carried the light of Jesus into the sanctuary in March.



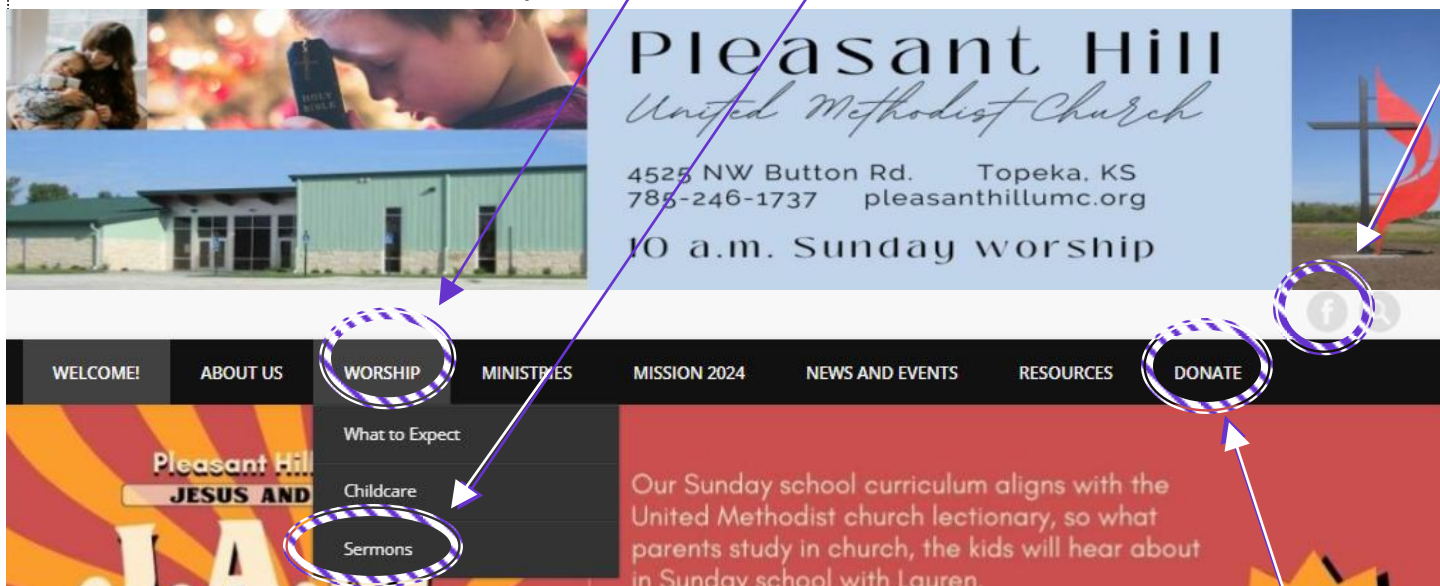
Our Daily Bread Cooking Group met on March 4 and cooked a Chinese feast! They made Egg Fu Yung with sauce, Fried Rice, Egg Rolls, and Crab Rangoon. It was a full kitchen getting that all put together! Lots of fellowship and fun while making the food!





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.

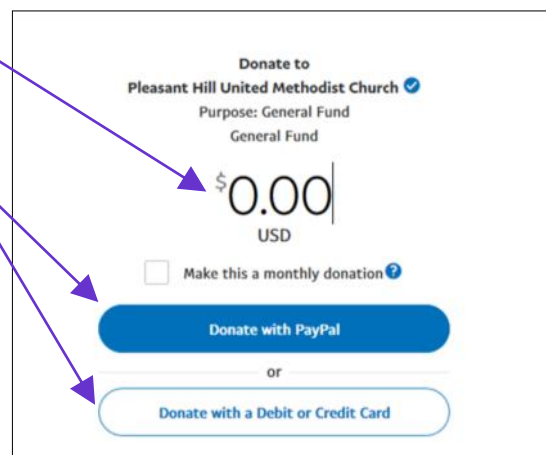
You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday. Later in the week, you can also start from our website, click on "Worship", then "Sermons", then, on the Sermons page, click the link to the Facebook video you want to watch.



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:

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