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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

MAY 2025



Some of those who availed
themselves of the photo backdrop
at the Egg Hunt!
See more Egg Hunt pictures inside!



I have long admired Pope Francis, who recently died. I was able to see part of the funeral service and was reminded again of how he truly tried to follow the teachings of Jesus. He cared for children, visited and prayed for the sick and those in prison and tried to help heal some of the divisions in this world. In so doing, he provided a great example for all of us about some of the things we can do in following Christ and living out our faith.

Pope Francis wasn't particularly impressed with the trappings of his position in the church and the political influence he possessed, although he was committed to honoring his vows to the church to the best of his abilities and the blessings of God. It will be interesting to watch the process of selecting the new pope and who that will be, as well as how the next pope will choose to live out his calling.

I was reminded of something I read not long ago, words written by Henri Nouwen: "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions."

Let us ponder these things in our journey to follow Christ as best we can.

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.

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!!



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

May 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.

Our Daily Bread Cooking group will meet May 7 at 5:30 p.m.
All are welcome.



Deadline to turn in Angel Award Scholarship Applications and Letters of Recommendation is Noon on Sunday, May 4! No electronic submissions accepted!

Administrative Council meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m. and is open to the congregation.



You're invited to a very special celebration!

Please join us in honoring

Berniece Chadwell
90th Birthday!

May 17, 2025 • 12:00 to 3:00 PM
Pleasant Hill United Methodist
4525 NW Button Rd
Topeka, KS

Light lunch will be served

RSVP preferred but not required. Text or call
714-931-8337



Everyone is invited to help put flowers on the graves in

the Methodist Home Section of Mount Hope Cemetery, 4700 SW 17th, Topeka, KS 66604, (just east of 17th and Fairlawn) on Friday, May 23 at 6 p.m. Flowers are provided. It doesn't take long and it makes the section look nice.



Education Recognition Sunday is May 18.

Angel Award Scholarships will be presented that day as well.



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

Lovon Fender Betty Wade Bruce Andrews Vicki Knapp

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

May at PHUMC [Online Calendar](#)

May 1, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins
May 1, Deadline for Education info
May 4, Noon, Deadline for scholarship apps
May 7, 5:30p, Our Daily Bread cooking grp
May 11, Mother's Day
May 13 & 27, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth
May 14, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg.

May 17, 12p, Berniece Chadwell Reception
May 18, Education Sunday
May 21, Newsletter 'deadline'
May 23, 6p, Decorate Cemetery
May 25, Memorial Recognition
May 26, Memorial Day, office closed

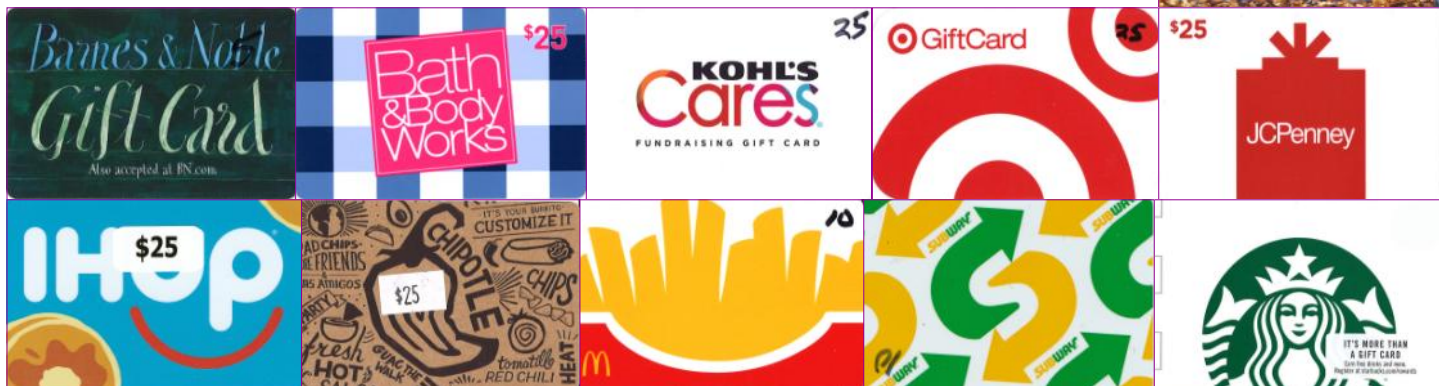
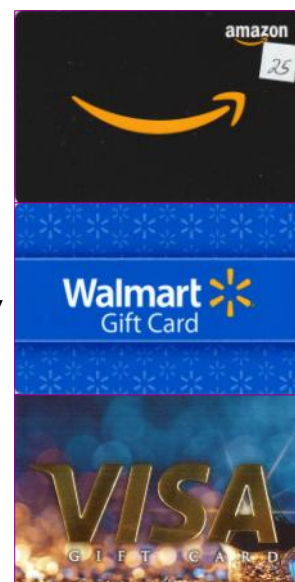
A look ahead: June 15, Father's Day; July 7-11, Vacation Bible School

Need Gift Cards for Mom, Dad, Grad?

May is the time for Mother's Day and graduations. Are you wondering what to get that special person? We have plastic gift cards for many retailers and eating establishments that are just perfect! They are available in the church office during the week or you can get them before & after church – just talk with Mary Smith or Deb.

Some of the plastic cards we carry are: Amazon, Walmart, Kohl's, Target, Penney's, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Longhorn, Red Lobster, Red Robin, IHop, Chipotle, McDonalds, Subway, Starbucks - and we have many more. E-cards are available through Mary Smith.

We sell gift cards at face value but we receive a discount when we purchase them, thereby earning funds for the church.



Birthdays This Month

John Wilson	5/2	Kay Jones-Ray	5/24	Elizabeth Zwiebel	5/27
Carole Stout	5/12	Dalton Smith	5/24	Angie Smith	5/28
Berniece Chadwell	5/13	Kelly Neiman	5/25	Joyce Mannell	5/29
Jim Miller	5/14	Angie Feleay	5/27	Gerald Mannell	5/30
Aspen Nelson	5/18	Olivia Serrano	5/27		

Anniversaries This Month

Mark & Sue Searles	5/17	50 years
Rusty & Monica Newell	5/23	38 years
John & Peggy Wilson	5/27	53 years
Bruce & Linda Lanning	5/29	61 years
Larry & Patricia Wilson	5/30	55 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!

May you never forget what is worth remembering, or remember what is best forgotten. – An Irish Blessing



Duncan (front left) and Gerald Mannell were baptized on April 6. They are shown with their parents, Josh and Stephanie.

Reminding yourself of all the good people and things in your life can change your focus and increase your level of happiness and contentment. – Angela Atkinson

Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever sunlight remains to them? – Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy

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Our **Annual Egg Hunt** was held Saturday, April 12. Happy kids hunted for eggs and opened them to find a wonderful haul of candy! All attendees were invited to register and a lucky four, two boys and two girls, won extra baskets of goodies. A photo backdrop was provided for those who chose to use it - see front cover.





Palm Sunday service included the traditional palm parade. The bell choir played "He Never Said a Word" on the melody chimes for offertory, bottom photo.



19 people attended the **Maundy Thursday** service, left, which included communion.



Easter Sunrise Service, led by Sam Feleay and John Wilson, was held inside due to the wet weather. Refreshments were served afterwards.

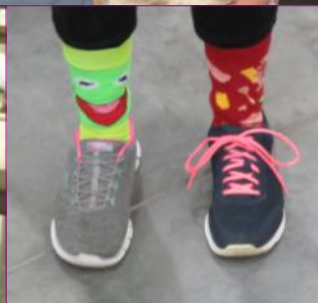




The 10 a.m. service on **Easter Sunday** included the Bell Choir playing "Christ The Lord is Risen Today" on bells for prelude, top photo, and a full Praise Band leading "Praise" and "Man on the Middle Cross", above. The altar area was decorated with new banners, below.



April 27 was **Holy Humor Sunday**. Jokes abounded. Attendees could choose a kazoo or bottle of bubbles. Shown are some of those who dressed for the occasion! Some wore hats. Some wore mismatched socks and shoes. Some swapped outfits for the day with one another. Some wore crazy mixes of items! All had fun!



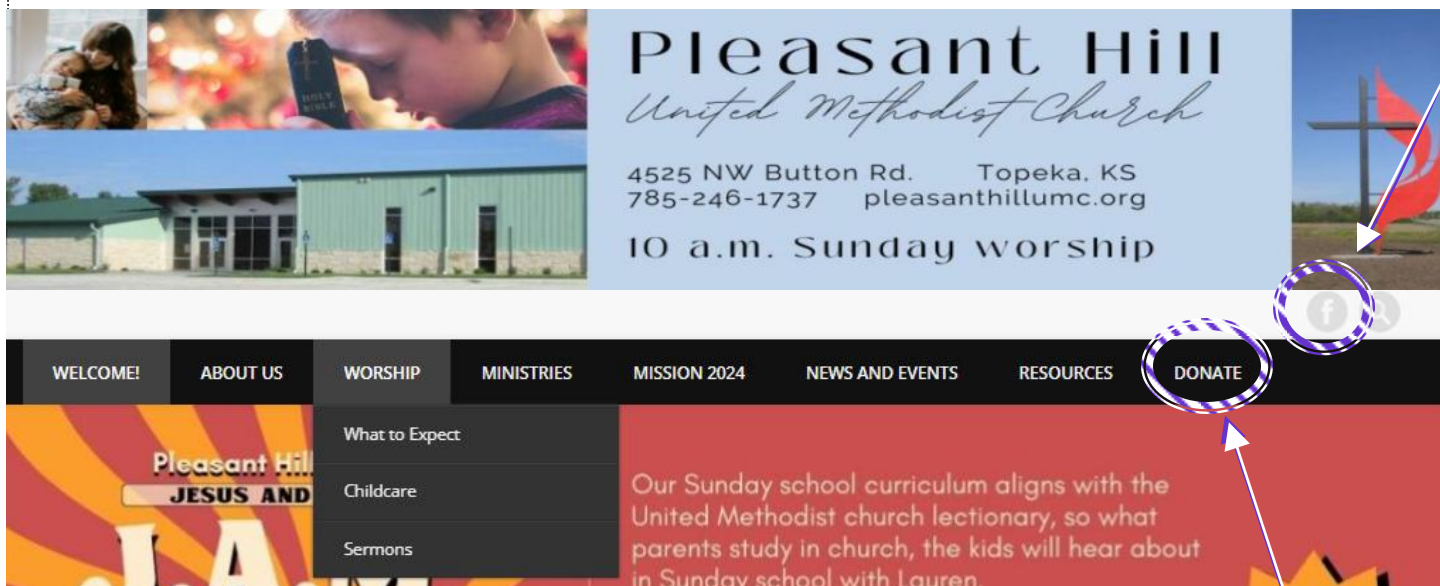
Rick dressed "up and down" with tie, blazer, and rolled jeans. Daryl dressed "down and out" with an inside-out/backwards sweatshirt!



Matt was "extra-loud" and Joyce, with a kazoo and bells, was "extra-noisy". You may also notice Matt is not barefoot - he has toe socks!

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.

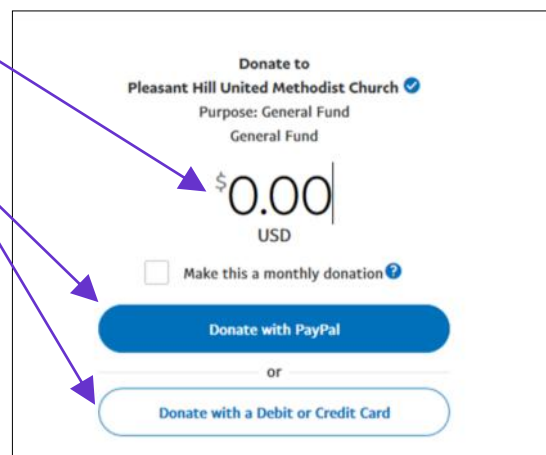
Facebook no longer always keeps all videos and may delete those older than a month at any time.



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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The office is open Monday - Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Please enter through the west door (by the office) on weekdays.