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

# AUGUST 2025



Road Trip Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a great success July 7-11! We had enough kids registered to have 3 groups - one for those who had finished 1st grade and older, and two groups of those younger than that!! They listened to Bible Stories, worked in workbooks to reinforce the stories, learned Bible verses each night in English and in Sign Language, did Science, danced to VBS songs, made crafts, played games, had a lot of fun, and made friends. A bunch of volunteers made it all possible! Thank you to all who helped!

See more photos inside.

At our last Administrative Council meeting, our youth director, Michelle Caudill, resigned. Michelle has served this church for many years, faithfully leading youth mission trips, fun outings, sleeping on the church floor at lock-ins, leading youth Bible study and devotional times, arranging for youth leadership in worship services and so much more. She has been tireless in her efforts to make church meaningful for the youth of this church. We salute her for her devotion to the church and greatly appreciate all she has done in the name of Christ.



I am a firm believer in youth ministry. Working by, with and for youth has been a huge part of my ministry and a big part of how I came to answer a call to ordained ministry. I've spent 14 years at Institute, both as a youth and as an adult leader, and 10 years as a volunteer in several capacities at Camp Chippewa. And of course, many more years before and after ordination as a volunteer youth leader in the local church.

I mention all that to say how blessed this church has been to have Michelle on staff in her position. The national average length of time most youth workers spend as youth workers is 2-4 years. Michelle has been doing this for over 20 years!! That is an amazing accomplishment! I pray that you will take a moment to tell Michelle how much you have appreciated her leadership. And I also pray that this will only be a brief hiatus from youth leadership for Michelle!

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. If you would like to receive communion, please call the office by 11:30 a.m. the Wednesday before.





We are offering an American Heart Association **CPR class** on August 27 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25/person. Sign up in the foyer or call the office to register.



Hey Church family, this is Sam with Outreach Alliance. If you missed the memo in church on Sunday, our committee would like to invite you to be in our new member-spotlight videos. We are looking for volunteers who are comfortable being on camera and sharing a little bit about themselves. We will try to show this in church as well as post this to our social media accounts. This will just be a short video and shouldn't take too long. If you are interested, please reach out to any of the Outreach Alliance team members or give a call to the office. Thanks and I hope to see some of you on video!



It's August and that means **Back to School!** Be alert to kids walking to and from school, be prepared to stop for school buses, and pay attention to when school speed zones are in effect.

First day of school in area schools ranges from Tuesday, August 12 to Monday, August 18. Be especially careful the first several days of school as everyone gets used to new routines!



Our VBS folks sure know how to be silly!!

### Office Staffing Adjustments

As you most likely know by now, Matt Mannell has a new heart and is home! With that comes some extra responsibility with everything done around the Mannell household, so Deb will be working from home in the next several months as Matt heals. The office will be staffed Monday-Wednesday mornings on a volunteer basis during this time.

We will follow this schedule for the next couple of months, and then reevaluate with Deb as Matt gets healthier and has had more time to heal.

I ask that if you have pressing needs from the congregation that aren't solved by our M-W helpers, please leave a message on the machine at church and we can get back to you with answers. Deb is a paid staff member, but more importantly a valued member of our church, so we will work together to "keep the train on the rails".

If there are any questions or concerns, please let myself or Daryl Jepson know, and thanks as always for your support.

Kevin Feleay, SPRC Chair  
Cell 785-806-1010



### Youth Director

Michelle Caudill has been involved with our PHUMC youth and children for over 20 years-first as a Sunday school teacher and then as youth leader. Our church at this time has no need for a youth leader and her kids have become young adults, and she has decided to resign the position effective July 2025. As a volunteer and parent who has chaperoned mission trips/youth trips with

her, I can tell you that our youth have been in safe hands with Michelle as their guide. If you have had youth in our programs in the past, please be sure to give her a "thank you" for her time spent with our youth in helping to mold them into the adults they are today. THANK YOU MICHELLE!!!



Sincerely,  
Kevin Feleay, SPRC Chair

*To our wonderful PHUMC family and all who joined us for Mom's 90th birthday celebration, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your presence made her so incredibly happy! She truly misses seeing each of you every Sunday and sends her love.*

*Troy Chadwell & family  
Della Chadwell McCarville & family*

*On July 16 I received the overwhelming and incredible gift of a replacement heart for my failed one. I want everyone in the church to realize how powerful your prayers and faith are and how much I appreciate both your prayers and the gift of life that the organ donor's family has made for me. I came home from the hospital on July 25 and I was in worship service on July 27. My recovery has been nothing short of miraculous thanks to all your prayers.*

*Matt Mannell*

*Dear Pleasant Hill Church Family, I appreciate so much all the prayers, love & support given to me and my family following Rick's death. I'm overwhelmed by all your many cards, texts and offers to help. Thank you to everyone who came to visitation and/or the Celebration of Life, to those who made contributions in Rick's memory and to the ladies who provided and prepared food for our lunch.*

*I'm truly blessed by my church family!*

*In Christian Love,  
Mary Colton*

*Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and food that we received while I recovered from shoulder surgery. Your kindness was much appreciated.*

*Linda Lanning*

*Thank you to everyone who donated to the school supply drive (below) and/or to the Happy Box for the Davis family! (at right)*





## Birthdays, Anniversaries, Calendar, Finance, Passings August 2025

### Birthdays This Month

Ella Caudill	8/3	Marc Serrano	8/18	Linda Smith	8/23
Barbara Slimmer	8/4	Jessica Herrick	8/19	Janet Brecheisen	8/25
Santina Harrison	8/6	Michael Smith	8/21		
Evelyn Van Hove	8/16	Todd Domer	8/23		

### Anniversaries This Month

Rodger & Morgan Fry	8/4	7 years
Doug & Priscilla George	8/19	
Marvin & Mary Smith	8/19	59 years
Kevin & Annie McDowell	8/31	23 years
Chris & Lee McManaman	8/31	34 years

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

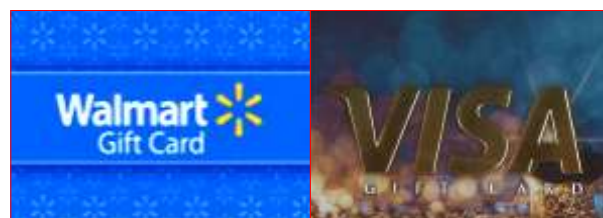
Aug. 7, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins      Aug. 20, Newsletter 'deadline'  
 Aug. 12 & 26, 9a, Piecing Love & Warmth      Aug. 27, 6p, CPR class  
 Aug. 13, 5:30p, Administrative Council mtg

### Financial Update

2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Jan-June
Gen. Fund Rec'd	\$7,553	\$37,888	\$11,857	\$10,183	\$8,105	\$5,597	<b>\$81,182</b>
Gen. Fund Spent	13,621	9,643	9,166	14,338	9,391	11,980	<b>\$68,139</b>

Thank you to all of our faithful and generous donors!

We will have **Gift Cards** in the foyer after church or visit the church office during the week to purchase. Our church buys the cards at a small discount and sells them for face value, earning a little bit of money for the church coffers.



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

Bruce Caudill      Sean Thornton

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

**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.

## Celebrate!

Celebrating the good stuff, large or small

- Bruce and Linda Lanning are pleased to announce the birth of their newest great-granddaughter, Cadence Hope Puett. She was born July 6, 6 lbs, 17-1/2" long. Parents are Christopher and Alyssa Puett, big sister is Bryleigh. All are doing well.

We ask for donations of money or items for a lot of reasons and sometimes we ask pretty often. It can be overwhelming if you don't know one important fact:

***We don't expect you to give to everything!***

We make you aware of lots of opportunities throughout the year; you decide which ones touch your heart and what support you choose to give.

Have you signed up to get **Dillon's Community Rewards** sent to our church? It's easy! Go to [dillons.com/communityrewards](https://dillons.com/communityrewards). Search for Pleasant Hill UMC. Confirm your choice and start earning cash for PHUMC. Questions? Contact the church office or Mary Smith.

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

**Favorite Hymns:** if you didn't write down your favorites on the sheets previously or if you have found a new favorite, we have sheets in the gathering area for you to write them down.



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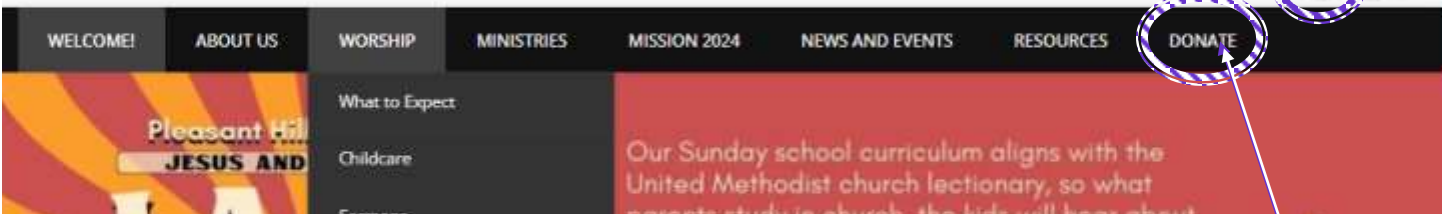






A Facebook account is not necessary to **watch the Sunday morning service online**. Simply go to our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/](https://www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/), click on "Videos", and click on the video. On our website, [www.pleasanthillumc.org](http://www.pleasanthillumc.org), a link to our Facebook page is here. You can find the service on the Facebook page by 10 a.m. on Sunday.

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](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 at left.



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