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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

Nov 2025

**Thankfulness is the quickest
path to joy. – Jefferson Bethke**

**Every day may not be good, but there
is something good in every day.**
Author Unknown



**Some people are always grumbling
because roses have thorns; I am
thankful that thorns have roses.**
– Alphonse Karr

**I cannot do all the good that the
world needs. But the world
needs all the good that I can do.**
Jana Stanfield



**It is not always necessary to
strive for perfection,
sometimes good is enough.**

**Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize
they were the big things. Robert Breault**

All of a sudden, it's November! Activity is certainly picking up already so let's do a little rundown of what's ahead.



- ♦ Sunday, November 2, we will celebrate All Saints Day. It's also Daylight Savings Time change Sunday, so enjoy that extra hour of sleep as you set your clocks back one hour on Saturday. We also have communion planned for worship, but prepare yourself, we just might change something up for one Sunday only. Stay tuned! And never fear, we will walk you through it all.
- ♦ Sunday November 9 is our annual charge conference at 4:30 p.m. at Susanna Wesley UMC. As in recent years, this will be a group of several churches gathering together to conduct the necessary business.
- ♦ November 16 will be the day we receive the Harvest of Blessings offering and you can read a bit more about it elsewhere in the newsletter.
- ♦ November 23 we will decorate the sanctuary immediately following the worship service. We will have everything in the church and a "map" to help us know what goes where. Please stay and help as you are able...many hands will make this go quickly! We are also considering having a special tree in the foyer for hats, gloves and winter scarves. Stay tuned for more information about that.
- ♦ November 30 is the First Sunday of Advent....can you believe it's almost the most special time of the year?

So we are busy...the dates not mentioned specifically mean we are working to implement these events.

Best of all, the new drinking fountain has been installed, it has cold water, and a bottle filler for your own water bottles! Many thanks to those who made this possible!

Blessings to all of you as you gather to give thanks with family and friends this month! You are all a blessing to me and to this church!

Grace be with you all,

Pastor Marge

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2, "Fall Back" 1 hour!

Annual Charge Conference will be held Sunday, November 9, 4:30 p.m. at Susanna Wesley UMC, 7433 SW 29th St, Topeka, KS 66614, with 16 other church's annual conferences. The conference is open to the congregation. Conference packets will be available in our foyer November 9 in the morning.

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



All Saints Celebration

We will celebrate All Saints on Sunday, November 2 during morning worship. This year will be a new way of honoring our friends and family members who have died. As you enter the church you will find a table with paper angels and markers. We invite you to write the names of those you want to remember this year on an angel or angels. After reading the first scripture, we invite you to bring the angels forward and hand them to our helpers up front. They will attach the angels to the ribbons (no stair climbing necessary), and you may return to your seats. We hope this will be meaningful as we remember each one.

Harvest of Blessings Offering

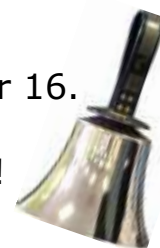
This year's Harvest of Blessings offering will be received on Sunday, November 16 during worship. This year, the Administrative Council voted to have the offering be applied to the purchase of a new iPad to be used for the Facebook Live broadcast of worship services.

The current iPad is several years old and is reaching the end of its life expectancy and storage availability. The Council believes that broadcasting the Sunday worship service on Facebook is important and valuable to the congregation and a new tablet is a priority. Thank you for your support of this project!



Bell choir

will perform November 16.
Don't miss this enjoyable music!



Everyone is invited to play Bingo November 19, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Fun and Fellowship!

Christmas decorating at the church will be Nov. 23 right after church. You will notice a special tree in the gathering area. This is the **HUGS tree**. Mission team is asking you to bring winter accessories for the needy during this holiday season to hang on this tree.

H = Hats

G = Gloves (and Mittens)

S = Scarves

U = Undies (but we've done our share of that, so don't bring those)



The Congregational Care Team will host a

Diaper Shower

for **Elizabeth Zwiebel**

November 30-December 14.

Bring diapers for the expected baby on Sunday mornings or drop them by the church office on weekday mornings.

We will have a special place for them in the foyer.



Keep Hope Alive Night

Keep Hope Alive Night is November 30 at 6 p.m. This is the night when we pack our Bags of Hope for the Topeka Rescue Mission. The Mission team plans to pack 96 bags this year, filled with a variety of items to help our less fortunate during the winter months. We'll be adding items for warmth, items for hygiene and items for inspiration. After our work is done, stick around for a Christmas movie provided by the Outreach team.



It's Card Shower Time!!

Jim and Jeanetta Boughn's 60th Wedding Anniversary is December 3. Let's shower them with cards!

Please send cards to
Jim & Jeanetta Boughn
4946 NW Haven Rd
Topeka, KS 66617

Gift Cards For Christmas

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Have you thought about gift cards for Christmas?

We have hundreds of cards available through our Gift Card program at church. The church receives a percentage, usually between 3% & 8% profit, depending on the card purchased. We have many cards available at the church or they can be ordered. It usually takes about a week to get cards once they are ordered. Most of our cards are in \$10 and \$25 increments, but we can order larger amounts. During Christmas we are able to get some \$5 and \$10 cards for stocking stuffers.

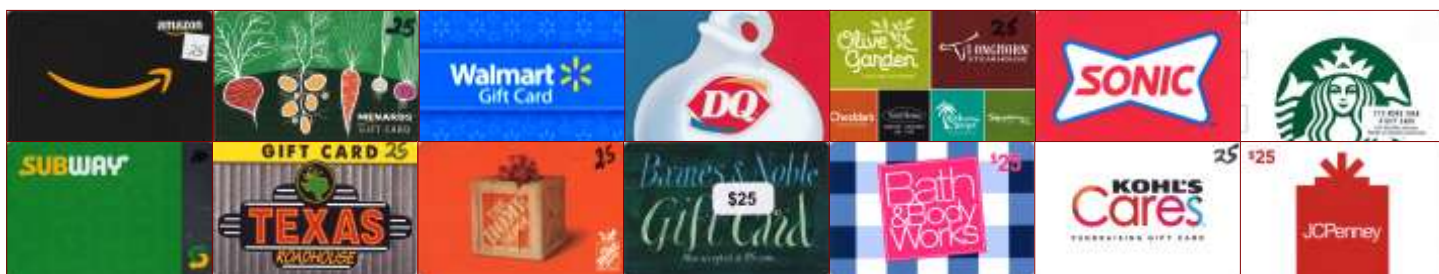
We have many cards on hand. Popular ones are: Amazon, Menards, Walmart, Dairy Queen, Longhorn, Sonic, Starbucks, Subway, & Texas Roadhouse. Other cards we have on hand are: Visa, Home Depot, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Kohl's, Penney's, Dick's, Chili's, Chipotle, Red Lobster, Red Robin, Casey's - and more.

A new card we have just began to use is Visa. It is so easy to use. We have \$25 & \$50 denominations on hand. It does not have to be activated and can be used nearly everywhere.



If you would like a complete list, please contact the church office and we will get you a list.

We will be placing an order for cards soon and again the first week of December for those cards we don't have. Call the church office or Mary Smith 640-1286 to place an order.



Have you signed up to get **Dillon's Community Rewards** sent to our church? If not - What a good time to do that ---BEFORE THANKSGIVING DINNER SHOPPING. 6% of your total grocery shopping bill goes to Pleasant Hill UMC when you choose PHUMC to receive our community rewards on your Dillons card. It's easy! Go to 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.

Look for Boo Bash pictures in next month's newsletter!

Anniversaries, Birthdays, Calendar, SS, Thanks, Passings **Nov 2025**

Anniversaries This Month

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| Tailor & Santina Harrison | 11/12 | 3 years |
| Gregg & Roxann Williams | 11/12 | 38 years |

Birthdays This Month

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| Kenny Saulsbury | 11/2 | Austin Marteney | 11/11 | Jammie Serrano | 11/21 |
| Jay Van Hove | 11/4 | Glen Smith | 11/13 | Terri Godbout | 11/24 |
| Billie Winsor | 11/9 | Kinzie Feleay | 11/19 | Laynee Talley | 11/27 |

November at PHUMC

[Online Calendar](#)

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| Nov. 1, All Saint's Day | Nov. 19, Newsletter 'deadline' |
| Nov. 2, Daylight Savings Time ends | Nov. 23, Decorate for Advent |
| Nov. 4, Election Day | Nov. 27, Happy Thanksgiving!, office closed |
| Nov. 6, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins | Nov. 28, Office Closed |
| Nov. 11, Veterans Day | Nov. 30, First Sunday of Advent |
| Nov. 12, 5:30p, Administrative Council | Nov. 30, Diaper Shower begins |
| Nov. 6, 13, 20, 6:15p, Bell Choir | Nov. 30, 6p, Pack Bags of Hope, stay for movie night afterwards |
| Nov. 19, 6:30p, BINGO!! | |

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 (Jesus And Me)** during worship service. After Children's Time, they meet in the room west of the kitchen.

We will not order poinsettias this year.

Thank you for all the prayers and well-wishes during this adventure. I truly appreciated being able to work remotely for two months. I am also glad to be back in the office.

Deb Mannell

To All,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the gift card presented to me October 26th. It is an honor to serve the church.

*Sincerely,
Glen Smith*

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

Rosalie Thompson Al Haag Dwayne Bates
Stacey Wilhelm Don Hanshaw Bobbie Smelter

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



On October 5, Barrett (with the mic) recited a poem, "Jesus is My Best Friend" and Sutton (at right) sang a song by the same name.

On October 19, Barrett recited "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:14.



John Wilson provided special music on October 19. He played and sang "Amazing Grace" to the tune of "House of the Rising Sun".



On October 19, Kevin Feleay presented Pastor Marge with a thank you card and gift for Pastor Appreciation!



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.

Pleasant Hill UMC Staff

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| Custodian: | Jill, admin@pleasanthillumc.org |
| Praise Band Coord. & Adult Bell Choir Dir.: | Kelly, praise@pleasanthillumc.org |
| Organist: | Mary S |

Work Day October 26 was a wonderful success! A main project was our memorial garden. Huge Thanks to our scouts who gave us a big head start before work day even began. Their youth and determination DESTROYED a lot of that nasty crab grass, making it much easier when we came to work on Sunday. The memorial garden is covered in landscape fabric, ready for fresh mulch - coming soon. You may also notice our ditches are cleared, our roses are pruned, our classroom closet is organized, our water fountain is installed. And that is just the tip of the iceberg.

Thanks to all who helped us tidy up God's house!



Some items are still in progress so there will be more to see soon.

After the work stopped, we topped it all off with pizza and praise music from the Praise band.



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.

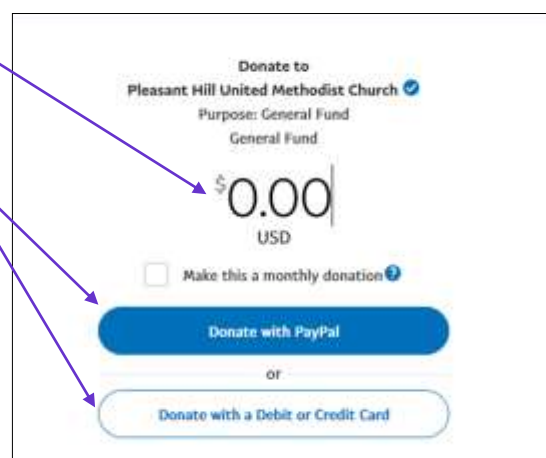
Facebook no longer always keeps all videos and may delete those older than a month at any time.



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 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:

Pleasant Hill UMC, 4525 NW Button Rd., Topeka, KS 66618.

We are always grateful for our generous donors!

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