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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

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⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, *Luke 2:6-7*

¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, *Luke 2:16-18*

¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Matthew 2:10-11*

Advent and Lent are times of waiting, times of preparation. Since we are in Advent, what we are waiting for is Christmas! But before we get to Christmas, we have to wait. Most of us are used to waiting...but that doesn't mean that waiting is easy.

We wait in line to purchase items, we wait for the mail to come, to see what cards might be coming, we wait to see the doctor, we wait for the car to be serviced, we wait for parties or meals to begin. We eagerly wait for babies to be born, we wait for loved ones to visit, we wait for test results, we wait for vacations.

December is full of activities and sometimes we wait for them to be over so we can catch our breath!

Recently I had to wait. A friend noticed a weird thing on my arm and said something. I thought about it and went to see my doctor. Then he said words no one really wants to hear, which were "Hmmm, let's take a sample of that just to be sure." So we did. Then his nurse called and said that the labs were back and I needed to come back again for some further treatment because that "thing" on my arm was skin cancer. I wasted no time getting back to the office, and the doctor told me it was superficial and he felt confident that we could get it all this time. The treatment was to freeze it and fortunately that will take care of it. So now I am healing. I will go back to the doctor this month just to make sure and to check for any other odd things on my skin.

I am thankful that in the scheme of all the medical things that can happen to someone, this is pretty minor, easily treated and certainly not invasive. It's something to be aware of, and I hope all of you will get regular medical checkups.

Now, let's all get back to waiting for the birth of the Christ child! There are lots of activities happening here at church and community, and I invite you to be a part of whatever interests you. Feel free to invite your family, friends and neighbors to come to church with you, too! May you find the hope, peace, love and joy of Christmas in your lives!

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Marge



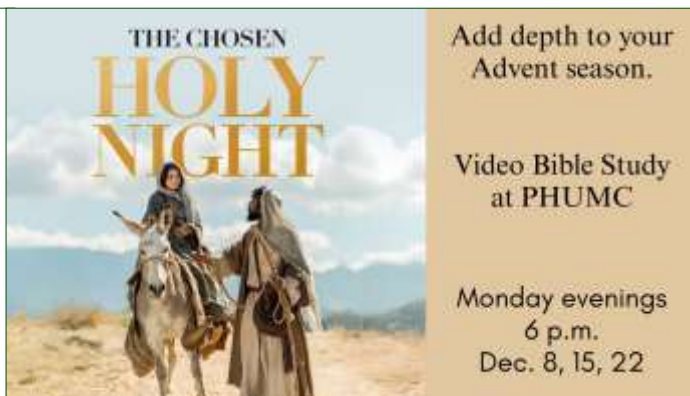
Administrative Council meets Wednesday, December 10, 5:30 p.m.
It is open to the congregation.



The Congregational Care Team is hosting 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 have a special place for them in the foyer.

For thousands of years the world waited
for hope. One holy night everything
changed. The world had hope, peace, joy
and love. Join us in room 102 at 6 p.m.
Monday nights leading up to Christmas as
we read passages from the Gospel of
Luke and view key scenes from The
Chosen's Christmas episode "Holy Night."
No reservations required!



You will notice a special
HUGS tree in the gathering
area. 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

**In Case of Inclement
Weather:** If Seaman
Schools are closed due to
inclement weather, the
church office is also closed.
If our worship service is
cancelled due to the
weather, it will be listed on
WIBW and KSNT.



Invite your family and friends
and join us
Christmas Eve Eve (Dec. 23) at 7 p.m.
and/or **Christmas Eve** (Dec. 24) at 5 p.m.
for a service of lessons and carols.



		<u>Anniversaries This Month</u>			
		David & Kelly Neiman	12/8	41 years	
<u>Birthdays This Month</u>					
Shawn Herrick	12/3	Jahnnie Brake	12/21	Gayle Smith	12/24
D.J. Knight	12/4	Roxann Williams	12/21	Duncan Mannell	12/27
Lori Rea	12/6	Mary Shepherd	12/23	Dick Newell	12/27
Myra Saulsbury	12/8	Hazel Van Hove	12/23	Jill Schreiner	12/29
Marguerite Pond	12/14	Cory Flowers	12/24	Cathy Brake	12/30

December at PHUMC

[Online Calendar](#)

Dec. 4, 8:30a, Church Breakfast at Perkins
 Dec. 4, 11, 18, 6:15p, Bell Choir Rehearsal
 Dec. 8, 15, 22, 6p, Advent Study
 Dec. 10, 5:30p, Administrative Council
 Dec. 14, Diaper Shower ends
 Dec. 17, Newsletter 'deadline'

Dec. 23, 7p, Christmas Eve service
 Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, Office Closed
 Dec. 24, 5p, Christmas Eve service
 Dec. 25, Merry Christmas! Office Closed
 Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, Office Closed

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.

In a bind for a quick gift?
Gift Cards are a fast and easy option!

The office has a new desktop computer!



On November 16, Bell Choir performed "All Things Bright and Beautiful" for the prelude. The Bell Choir is getting smaller so some play more than two bells.

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

Jim Davis Dean Young Melodee Jeanetta Boughn

Adeline Saia Butch Perry Dan Schriener's father

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



Boo Bash booths
(from left, down
around the circle to
top right): Greg
Jensen with spooky
lights; photo booth;
Gary & Barb
Slimmer, Pastor
Marge, and Kevin
McDowell next to
the "Guess the # of
Candy" game;



Elaine Worden with
Cookie Monster &
friends theme;
Linda Smith and
Deesie Jackson
with ball toss;
Lauren Feleay with
corn hole, Kinzie &
Sam Feleay with
spoon races; Dave and Kelly
Neiman with Benny the bat at
the bat cave.



153 kids
attended!
Lots of
games!
Lots of fun!





At left, Sam Feleay presents the travelling trophy to Deb & Matt Mannell for their eyeball-themed booth and game at Boo Bash, shown below. Elaine Worden with Cookie Monster & friends was runner-up.



Lots of great costumes—including a bevy of different bats at the Bat Cave!



The Memorial Garden has new mulch! Kevin and Sam Feleay were part of the crew that laid it down. Here, Dave and Kelly tidy it up.



Gary and Barb Slimmer lit the advent candle for the first Sunday of Advent.



The church has two Flashfire Caddo Sugar Maple trees courtesy of the Pete Deppe Memorial. They are planted north and west of the church building. Thank you to Kevin and Lauren Feleay for getting this accomplished! We look forward to the beauty they will bring!



On November 2, Barrett recited, "Keep thy tongue from evil" Psalm 34:13.



The Harvest of Blessings offering brought in over \$750 to replace our iPad for streaming services. Thank you to all who donated!



On November 2, we celebrated All Saint's Sunday with angels on which to write names of those who have passed on. The angels were then put on ribbons, above left. After service, the ribbons were attached to the wall, above right, for a week to allow others to add angels.

November 9 was Veterans Sunday.

In addition to a slide show during the worship service, a display about veterans associated with our church was set up in the foyer.



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.

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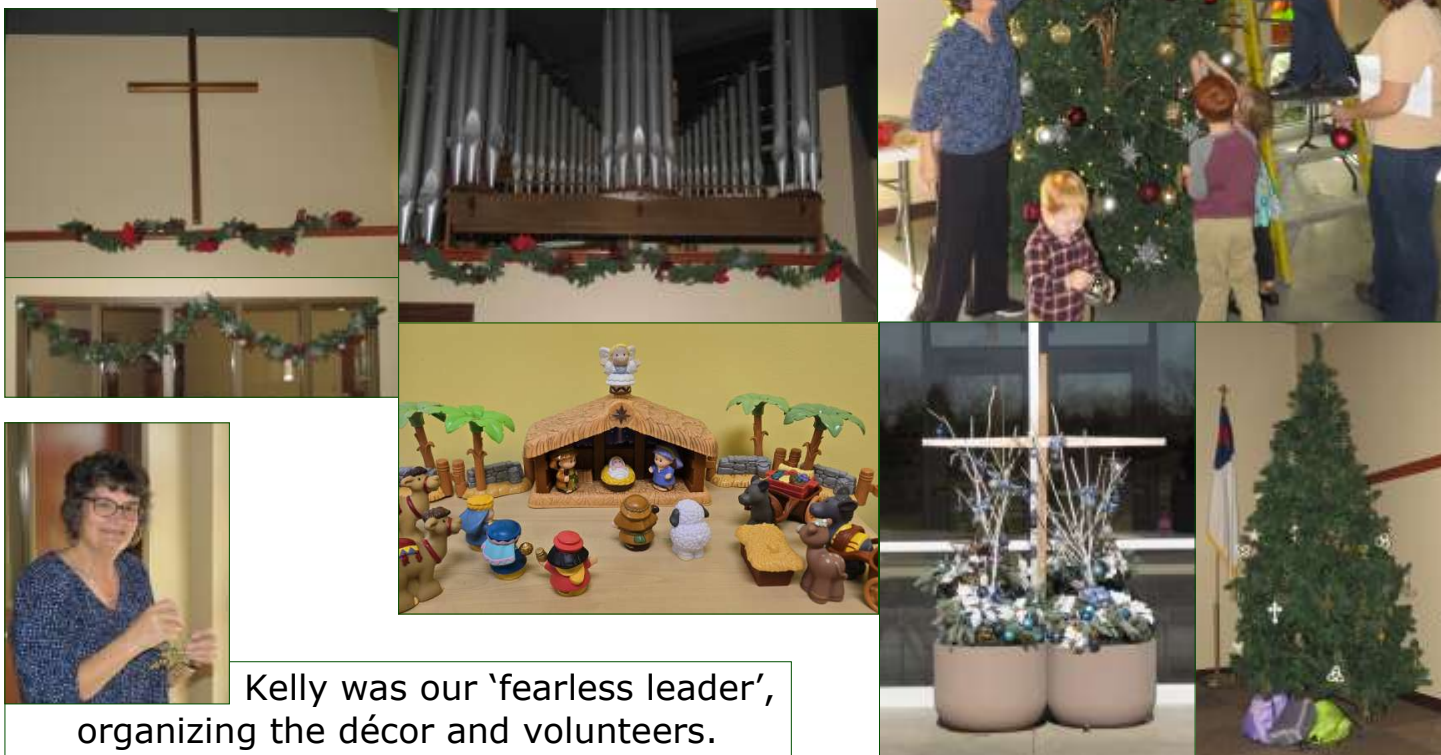
Organist:

Mary S

On November 23, we celebrated Hanging of the Greens as part of our worship service. Pastor Marge and liturgist Rodger read meanings and scriptures and Marty interspersed music as wreaths and banners were hung, the advent wreath was decorated, poinsettias were brought in, the nativity was put on the altar and the Christmas tree was lit.



After service, the large tree was decorated. Since then garlands have been hung, Chrismons have been put on the tree on stage, the outside décor has been changed, and JAM kids put out their nativity. More decorations are to come.



Kelly was our 'fearless leader', organizing the décor and volunteers.



On November 2, Kelly sang "Scars in Heaven", while Marc Serrano accompanied her on the guitar. She also put together a video to play on-screen while she sang. It was a very moving performance!

23 attended
Bingo on
November 19.
Watch for Game
Night in
January!

On November 2, the JAM class enjoyed turning off the candles during closing hymn. The candles, which were on the table and at the end of each ribbon, were all battery-operated.



A good crew showed up to pack **Bags of Hope** on November 30! 96 bags were made ready for the Rescue Mission to distribute to homeless this Christmas.

Each bag includes lots of items for warmth, hygiene, and inspiration.

See action photos on the next page.

Once the packing was done, Outreach offered the movie "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" to continue with the Christmas theme and fellowship.



Young lungs inflating the travel pillows.

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.

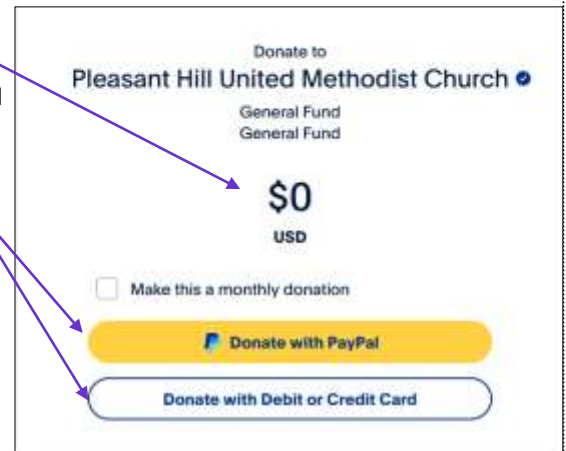
Facebook may delete those older than a month at any time.



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 right.



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

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