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

# FEB 2026



Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 18 at 6 p.m.



Welcome to February! As most of you know, Lent begins this month and we start things off on February 18 with an Ash Wednesday service at 6pm. We will do an imposition of ashes as we prepare ourselves for Lent.

We will also have a Lenten study this year on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30. We will use the book by James W. Moore entitled Give Up Something Bad for Lent. Folks talk about giving up things like chocolate for Lent but this study addresses issues like giving up jealousy, gossip, procrastination and so on. We will begin the study on Ash Wednesday and continue through all the Wednesdays in February and March. Easter is April 5 and we will not meet during Holy Week.

I have ordered a few copies of the study book and they should be available by our first session. I hope to see many of you for this study. The good news: there will be no exams or written papers for this study!

There is also a workshop offered by the conference coming up in March that some of you might be interested in attending:

**East Central Kansas District Care Ministry Seminar**

- Are you satisfied with the way your church provides care?
- Do you engage your volunteers to live out their calling as Christians to care for one another?

Attend this 2-day care ministry training with your care team hosted by the UMC East Central Kansas District to learn very practical skills on how to visit and care for those in your community.

Date: March 6-7, 2026

Friday: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Countryside United Methodist Church, 3221 SW Burlingame Road, Topeka, Kansas

Cost: \$25/person

Books for the seminar will be provided, along with a meal on both days.

To register, please click on the following link: <https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/ECKDistrictCareMinistrySeminar>

Blessings to all of you,  
Pastor Marge



**GRAB your DAUBERS; SORT through your TREASURES!!!**

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.

**WHITE ELEPHANT !!!BINGO!!!**

Fun and Fellowship!



**Chili cookoff**

Feb. 8 after church

Please sign up if you plan to enter

Proceeds will go to help the Caudill family.

and help fill out valentines for the Rescue Mission at both events!



We are sending Valentines to those people near and dear to our church family who are homebound and can't attend our church services at this time:

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|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Clifford Hurst | Camille Schoettlin | Karen Smith      |
| Dee Deppe      | Kay Jones-Ray      | Marilyn Colhouer |
| Aurel Marney   | Marguerite Pond    |                  |

Valentine bags will be available through February 8 for your convenience. Your Congregational Care Team thanks you.



The Congregational Care Team is hosting a

**Diaper Shower**

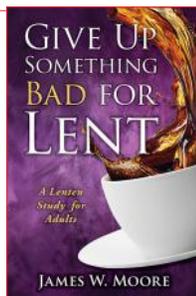
for **Kinzie and Sam Feleay**

**February 8-22.**

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

We have a special place for them in the foyer.

You are invited to join us for a Lenten study on Wednesdays at 2:30, February 18—March 25, using the book Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore.



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**Administrative Council** meets Wednesday, February 11, 5:30 p.m. It is open to the congregation.



**Ash Wednesday Service**

February 18  
6 p.m.

**Birthdays This Month**

Jace Brake	2/1	Lewis Taylor	2/14	Lori Marteney	2/21
Rusty Newell	2/2	Emily Moritz	2/16	Gregory Jenson	2/23
Linda Shaffer	2/7	Doug George	2/20	John Reed	2/26

**Anniversaries This Month**

Gary & Barbara Slimmer	2/8	62 years
Jason & Lori Marteney	2/12	21 years
Ron & Linda Griffiths	2/13	60 years
Brian & Gayle Smith	2/15	40 years
Dennis & Mary Shepherd	2/16	19 years

*Thank you for your continued support during our time of loss.*

*The family  
of Jeanetta Boughn*

*Pleasant Hill,*

*I want to thank you all for your thoughts, calls, prayers, support, cards, and donations to us from the passing of Gene Schoettlin. I also want to thank the ladies for serving refreshments after Gene's service.*

*Camille Schoettlin and family*

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

Berniece Chadwell      Esther H      Dorothy Covington  
Bette Keller      Lori Baker

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

**2025 Finances**

General Fund	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	6m Total
Receipts	\$7,553	\$37,888	\$11,857	\$10,183	\$8,105	\$5,597	<b>\$81,182</b>
Expenses	13,621	9,643	9,166	14,338	9,391	11,980	<b>\$68,139</b>

General Fund	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
Receipts	\$5,300	\$12,957	\$6,987	\$6,046	\$11,674	\$11,228	<b>\$135,374</b>
Expenses	14,153	8,078	9,128	14,907	8,095	10,637	<b>\$133,138</b>

Thank you to all our faithful and generous donors!

Thank you to everyone who gives time, talent, and/or treasure to PHUMC!  
Time, Talent, and other Treasures are not nearly as easy to track as Financial giving  
- but are just as appreciated!

*Dear Pleasant Hill Family,*

*Your overwhelming support, kindness and loving messages gave me confidence that my surgery would go well. Words don't adequately convey how much you've done for Glen and me. Thank you for all of the delicious home cooked meals. Being confined in the house for days your calls, cards, texts, visits and emails were a highlight for me.*

*A special thank you to Mary Smith and her Congregational Care team for organizing the food deliveries. I love the prayer shawl she delivered before I went to the hospital. The nurses also thought it was beautiful. I've got it wrapped around my shoulders right now.*

*I want to share a story about my cousin who lives in western Nebraska. She told me about the brain surgery she had several years ago. I knew it had been serious but no idea how bad. If her husband hadn't taken her to the ER and advocated for her she would probably had died. The hospital kept saying it was a migraine and to take the medication and go home and sleep it off. Finally a neurosurgeon did a CT scan and found she had brain bleeds on both sides of her brain. The doctor said she'd reached out to a neurosurgeon in Kearney and he was prepared to do surgery that night. The life flight team was ready to take her right then. She said she had chosen a word to focus on that year. It was Joy. The pre-op nurse that met her and introduced herself was Joy!! She said they had reviewed her scans and had expected her to be either in a coma or passed away. God is good All of the time. Joy!!*

*I realized my word for the year is abundant. A couple of weeks before surgery I was browning hamburger and when I salted it I saw salt had fallen all over the stove. That made me think about God's love. He doesn't sprinkle us with love He abundantly showers us. We don't have to be directly under it to receive it. It falls all around us and we absorb it like a sponge. God is good all the time.*

*Thank you for your abundant love. God be with you.*

*Linda and Glen Smith*

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.

**February at PHUMC**

[Online Calendar](#)

Feb. 4, 6:30p, White Elephant Bingo  
 Feb. 5, 8a, Church Breakfast  
 Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:15p, Bell Choir  
 Feb. 8-22, Diaper Shower for Feleays  
 Feb. 8, Wear Team Colors

Feb. 8, Chili Cook-off  
 Feb. 10, 24, 9a, Sewing Group  
 Feb. 11, 5:30p, Administrative Council  
 Feb. 18, Newsletter 'deadline'  
 Feb. 18, 6p, Ash Wednesday Service

**Celebrate!**

Celebrating the good stuff, large or small

- Santina and Tailor Harrison had a boy, Soren Elias, on January 9! 4 lbs, 14.5 oz, 17.4". He was 5-1/2 weeks early and spent 2 weeks in NICU. He went home January 23. All are doing well.
- We didn't get any pictures but 12 people showed up to play Pictionary and charades on January 21!
- Because the copier lease was up, we have a new copier in the office. This one staples!



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.

**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.

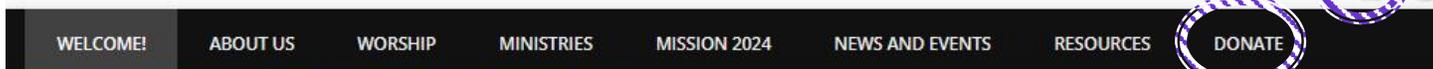
Need Valentine Gifts - How about **Gift Cards**? We have a variety for sale in the church office. See Mary or Deb after worship service on Sunday or come by the church office during the week.

Retail stores – Bath & Body, Dicks, Kohls, Target, Walmart, or Restaurants – Chili's, Cheesecake Factory, Cracker Barrel, Longhorn, Olive Garden, Panda Express, Red Robin, Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse & more.

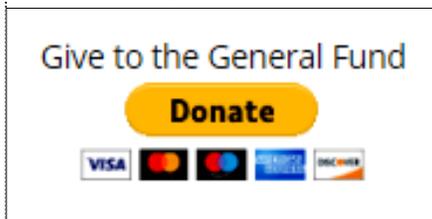


A Facebook account is not necessary to **watch the Sunday morning service online**. Simply go to our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/](http://www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/) and click on the video. On our website, [www.pleasanthillumc.org](http://www.pleasanthillumc.org),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

Facebook 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 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!**

Pleasant Hill UMC Staff

Table with 2 columns: Staff Role and Contact Information. Roles include Pastor, Office Administrator, Custodian, Praise Band Coord. & Adult Bell Choir Dir., and Organist.