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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.



**Palm Sunday is
March 29!**





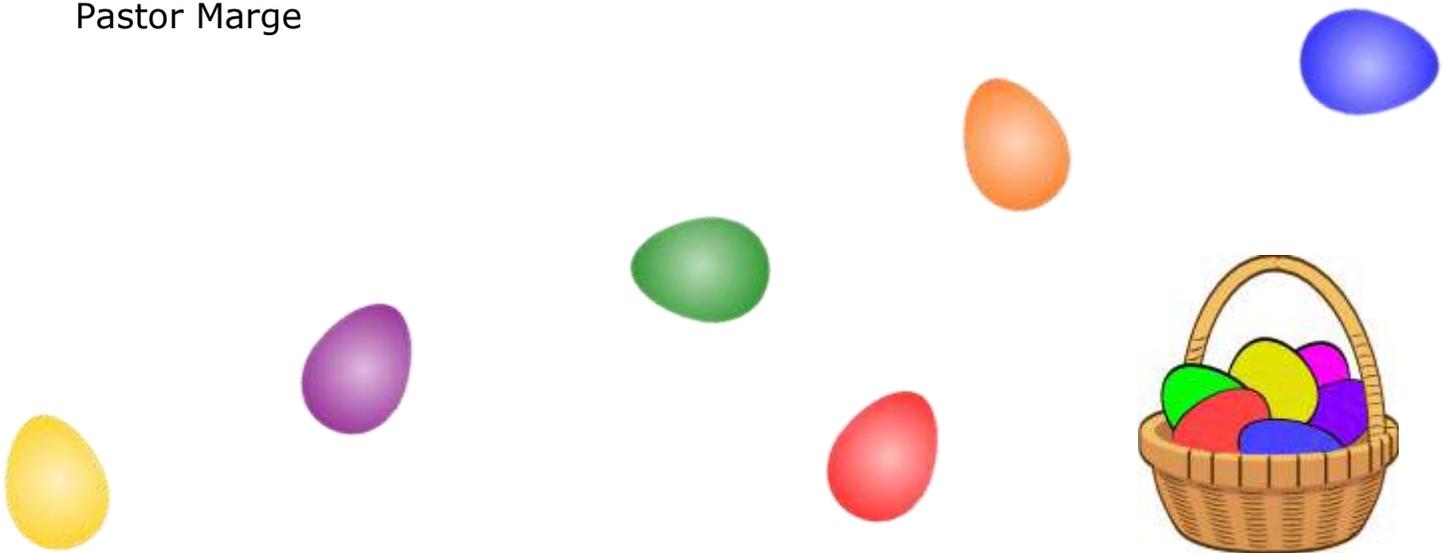
Spring may be just around the corner, but I imagine Winter may have a surprise for us yet. After seeing photos of the big storm back East a few days ago, I can only marvel at Mother Nature and what she can share with us. And I'm thankful we don't have to deal with several feet of snow!

I was driving down the highway the other day and realized that it will soon be time for the Flint Hills to be ablaze as ranchers burn the pastures. That will be followed by green pastures, tree buds opening to beautiful green leaves, flowers blooming, birds singing and all the glories of spring. The earth begins its own resurrection, just as we celebrate Christ's resurrection.

That's a lot like what Lent does for us. We practice humility, sacrifice and repentance for these 40 days and then, on Easter, we burst forth as redeemed people, renewed by the Holy Spirit, forgiven by God, and renewed in our energy to follow Jesus and share His love with all we meet!

May we endure these last few weeks of winter and the changing of the clock to Daylight Savings Time as we reassess our lives and our commitment to God. Live in grace through these days.

Blessings to all of you,
Pastor Marge

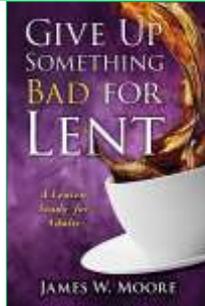


The Congregational Care Team will bring **Holy Communion** after morning worship on the first Sunday of each month to congregants who are unable to attend Sunday morning worship service. If you would like to receive communion, please call the office by 11:30 a.m. the Sunday before.

Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 8 -- Spring Forward!!

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

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.



On March 18, 6:30 p.m., let's have **"Green Elephant" BINGO!** What is "Green Elephant" BINGO? It's like White Elephant BINGO, except the prizes should be green, in honor of St. Patrick's day the day before!



Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. (the day before Palm Sunday.)

- Invite relatives, friends, and the children in your neighborhood to join in this Easter tradition. Bring an empty basket to gather eggs!
- If you would like to help fill the plastic eggs with wrapped candy, there are bags of eggs in the foyer! Please return filled eggs by March 22.

145 Years! On March 22 we will celebrate **our church's 145th Anniversary!** Following the worship service, there will be an **All-Church potluck** to share fellowship and celebrate our church!

March 29 is **Palm Sunday!** You are invited to attend worship service and wave palm branches!!



March at PHUMC

[Online Calendar](#)

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2:30p, Lenten study
 Mar. 5, 8a, Church Breakfast
 Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:15p, Bell Choir
 Mar. 8, Daylight Savings Time Begins
 Mar. 10, 24, 9a, Sewing Group
 Mar. 11, 5:30p, Administrative Council

Mar. 18, Newsletter 'deadline'
 Mar. 18, 6:30p, Green Elephant BINGO
 Mar. 22, All Church Potluck
 Mar. 28, 10a, Easter Egg Hunt
 Mar. 29, Palm Sunday

Looking Ahead: Easter is April 5!

Holy Humor Sunday is April 12!

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.

*To the congregation,
We just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone in the congregation for the diapers given in the diaper shower. We feel blessed knowing we have such tremendous support behind us. At the time of writing this Baby Feleay has not showed up yet so continued prayers that everything goes smooth and safe. Thanks again.*

Sam and Kinzie Feleay



This is our second baby that the congregation has welcomed with open arms, diapers, wipes, and receiving blankets. Thank you for all of your wonderful support!

The Harrison Family

Thank you all for the generous gifts. The love and support the girls and I feel from our church family is amazing.

God is Good

Michelle

Ella & Hannah

I just can't thank you enough for the lovely valentine gift.

Karen Smith

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

Oaklynn Domer

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



Barrett is getting really good at Bible verses! On January 11, Barrett recited, "Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God" Psalm 147:11. On February 8, he recited, "Thou God seest me" Genesis 16:13. On February 22, he recited, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." John 16:23.



Topeka Rescue Mission Help

Pleasant Hill has been teaming up with Topeka Rescue Mission to help the needy in our community. Mission team focused on building up the mission’s supply of hygiene products. Through generous donations from our Christmas Eve Eve and Eve offerings, our Mission Team purchased shampoo, body wash, and hair conditioner. Topeka Rescue Mission was also in desperate need of extra long twin sheets which we were able to purchase and donate. Our education team donated hand sanitizer and extra colored pencils

which we hope the children will be able to use.

In February, hundreds of valentines were signed and given to the Topeka Rescue Mission the week before Valentine's day. Outreach team spearheaded the program and encouraged help from AdCo, our Scouts, and even our kids during J.A.M. children’s church. The Mission coordinators were thrilled and touched by the kindness of our congregation.



Garage Sale

When spring cleaning, keep in mind that PHUMC WILL be having a garage sale this year. We’d love to give your old treasures a new home. Mark your calendars for September 10-12 for our big event. This will coincide with Mother Teresa’s Holy Smokin’ Jamboree. Expect a lot of activity on 46th Street that weekend as we raise money for our mission projects, especially our holiday Bags of Hope event!

Birthdays This Month

Casen Searles	3/1	Sam Martin	3/12	Pleasant Hill UMC	3/20
Jason Marteney	3/4	Chris McManaman	3/12	(145 years!)	
John Holt	3/7	Gary Slimmer	3/15	Bryce Cochran	3/21
Alan Shaffer	3/11	Emma Searles	3/16	Billie Dupree	3/22
Mary Smith	3/11	Katelyn Searles	3/16	Beverly Newell	3/23

Anniversaries This Month

Harry & Elaine Worden	3/16	34 years
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A large contingent of scouts attended on February 8 for Scout Sunday!

Kinsley, a girl scout, left, lit the candles during prelude. The Boy Scouts, above, led the Flag Presentation ceremony, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the recitation of the Scout Oath and Law. Jesse, the Troop Chaplain, right, led the Call to Worship and the Unison Prayer. The Boy Scouts also led the Flag Retirement ceremony before closing hymn.



Congrats to the winners of the Outreach Alliance **Chili Cook-off** that was held following the worship service on February 8! Sam Feleay (with the congratulatory hat) took first place, Matt Mannell (left) took second place, and Kevin McDowell and Greg Jenson (right) tied for third place!



The Cook-off was a fundraiser for the Caudill family. At left, Sam Feleay presented the check from the Chili Cook-off to Michelle Caudill. Michelle thanked the congregation and asked for continued prayers. At right, Sam and a scout getting cups of chili ready to taste for judging.



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(by the office) on weekdays.

Lauren and Atlas work on valentines for the Valentine Bags that Congregational Care put out for our dear friends.



Vacation Bible School crew has set the theme and dates for summer fun. ILLUMINATION STATION will come to Pleasant Hill **July 20-24**. Please put that on your calendar now to avoid summer vacation conflicts. Let Kelly Neiman, Lauren Feleay, or Deb Mannell know of your interest in helping with this important ministry.

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.

White Elephant Bingo was held February 4. Approximately 30 people attended and had a good time! At right, Lauren and



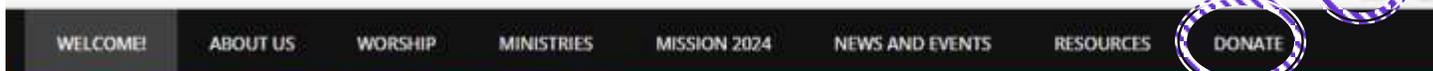
Kinzie daubed their cards. "Green Elephant" Bingo will be held March 18 at 6:30 p.m.!



Our audio mixer board was getting old and in need of refurbishment. Instead, we got a great deal on a new one—with more channels! Interested in learning to run the board and sound booth? Contact Deb!

A Facebook account is not necessary to **watch the Sunday morning service online**. Simply go to our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/ 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.

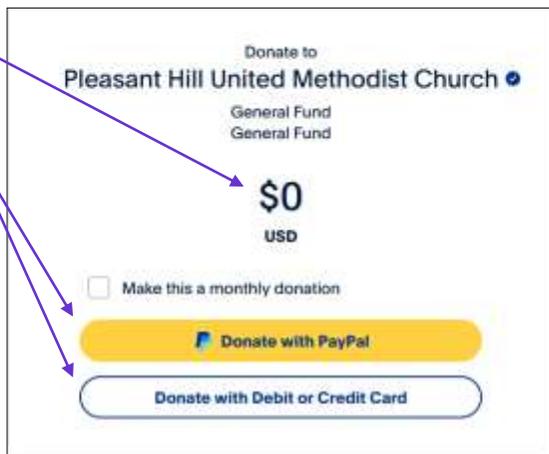
Facebook may delete those older than a month at any time.



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:

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We are always grateful for our generous donors!

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