

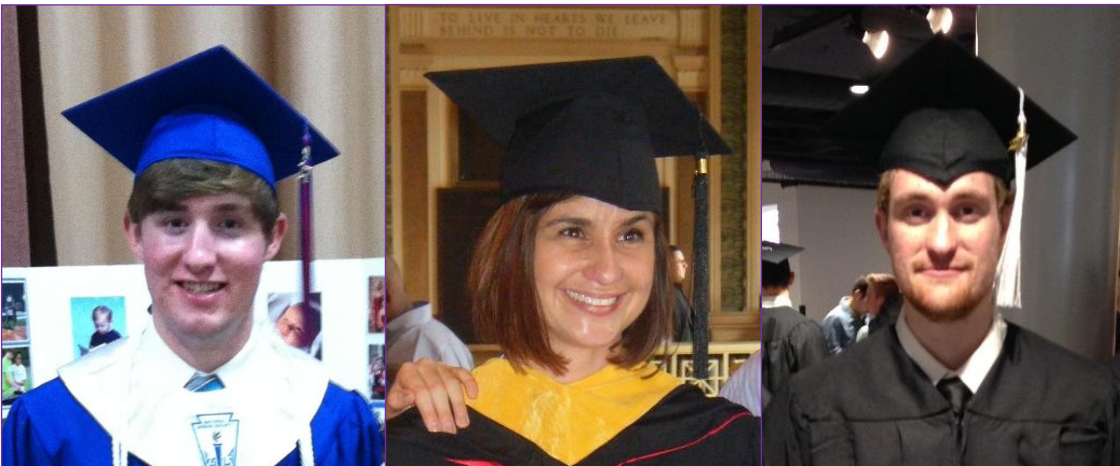
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MAY 2026

Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.



May – time for graduations!





We are invited to join with 30,000 churches around the world to receive a special Miracle Sunday offering on May 17. The proceeds from this offering will go to a special endowed fund to provide seminary scholarships to students in the Philippines, Africa and Europe. The United Methodist Church is growing by leaps and bounds in these parts of the world and it is essential to help provide scholarship support to train more ministers to serve the congregations that are rapidly being planted.

This offering will help prepare a new generation of clergy for the challenges and joys of ministry. You can find more information about the offering at this link to the conference website [Miracle Sunday](#) which includes a link to make your contribution, if you want to choose that option. Every gift will be a blessing!

I am grateful for my seminary education which taught me so much -- not only how to do the essential tasks of ministry but also the need for continuing education. I am thankful for all who helped me develop a toolbox for ministry and I'm thankful for those who helped contribute to the costs of seminary through scholarships and grants, and for student loan interest rates that were much lower than the rates today.

I am thankful to serve this congregation and will be returning for another year when I am reappointed at the annual conference this year. We will meet in Kearney, Nebraska May 27-30 this year. The new appointment year begins July 1.

Blessings to all of you in this busy month of May!
Pastor Marge

Celebrate!

Celebrating the good stuff, large or small!

- 21 people attended Bingo on April 22!
- Kay Crowder has 2 new Great-Granddaughters!
 - Kollyns Mae Rea, born April 27, and was 19", 7lbs 9oz. Parents are Butch & Abby and Grandparents, John & Lori Rea.
 - Rylee Rae Crowder, born March 30, and was 19", 7lbs 11oz. Parents are Dylan & Kourtney and Grandparents are Rod & Lisa Crowder.

May you never
forget what is worth
remembering nor
remember what is
best forgotten.
– An Irish Blessing

Join us for the
“Preparing For Peace of Mind Workshop”
on May 2, 10 a.m.
Presentation by Terra Constantino, Advance Planning
Specialist from Penwell-Gabel & Davidson.
No registration necessary. Refreshments will be served.

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



Angel Award Scholarship application forms are available in the foyer, office, and at the sound booth. Deadline to turn in the form and letter of recommendation is 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 17. Submissions must be on paper, no electronic submissions accepted.

You are invited to help decorate the Methodist Home Section of Mount Hope Cemetery, 4700 SW 17th, Topeka, KS 66604, (just east of 17th and Fairlawn) on Friday, May 22 at 6 p.m. Flowers are provided. It doesn't take long and it makes the section look nice.



Education Recognition is May 31. If there is a member of your family graduating from Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School/Junior High, High School, or higher that you would like to honor, please submit the following information to the church office no later than **May 15**:

- their name;
- grade and school graduating from;
- recognitions, awards, scholarships or honors;
- their plans for the summer or after graduation, i.e. summer camps, vacations, additional education, work, military;
- your name and relationship to graduate;
- current picture of the graduate and, if available, baby or childhood picture.



Adult Sunday School is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. in room 201 (SW corner of the sanctuary.)

After Children's Time, children are invited to **J.A.M. Sessions (Jesus And Me)** in the room west of the kitchen.

Anniversaries in May

Mark & Sue Searles	5/17	51 years
Rusty & Monica Newell	5/23	39 years
John & Peggy Wilson	5/27	54 years
Bruce & Linda Lanning	5/29	62 years

Birthdays in May

John Wilson	5/2
Carole Stout	5/12
Jim Miller	5/14
Aspen Nelson	5/18
Kay Jones-Ray	5/24
Dalton Smith	5/24
Kelly Neiman	5/25
Angie Feleay	5/27
Olivia Serrano	5/27
Elizabeth Zwiebel	5/27
Angie Smith	5/28
Joyce Mannell	5/29
Gerald Mannell	5/30

May at PHUMC

- May 2, 10a, Peace of Mind workshop
- May 7, 8a, Church Breakfast
- May 7, 14, 21, 6:15p, Bell Choir
- May 10, Mother's Day
- May 12, 26, 9a, Sewing Group
- May 13, 5:30p, Administrative Council
- May 17, 1p, Elaine Worden Memorial Service
- May 20, Newsletter 'deadline'
- May 22, 6p, Decorate at Mount Hope
- May 24, Pentecost & Memorial Sunday
- May 25, Memorial Day – Office Closed
- May 31, Education Sunday



Barrett lit the candles with Sam on April 12.

Thank you, each of you, for the "Wonderful Valentines Bag" with all the nice cards, messages, and sweets. What a great "pick me up" which I was really needing! God is Great all the time and All the time God is Great.

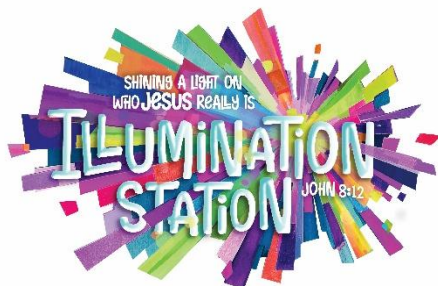
*God bless you all,
Thanks again.
Dee Deppe*

Don't forget our church **Garage Sale** Sept. 10-12. This is the same weekend as the Holy Smokin' Jamboree, so 46th Street will be hopping with activity. Start collecting all those items that you are ready to send to a new home. We'll make it happen that weekend.

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

Marilyn Colhouer Elaine Worden Alberta Smith

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



Vacation Bible School

Our wonderful volunteer crew is already planning for Vacation Bible School (VBS), July 20-24. Our theme, "Illumination Station", is all about shining a light on our faith. We need lots of volunteers in a variety of ways:

- Working with kids - July 20-24 from 6-8 p.m. -- you will play hard, share your enthusiasm, and revel in the youth and energy that our kids provide.
- Parking lot crew - July 20-24 from 7:45-8:15 p.m. - you will work with parents, helping to get the right kids to the right places after VBS.
- Adopt-a-prop crew - all summer we will send people home with decorations to make and bring back. Do you want to help but don't know if you have stamina, patience, etc... to handle lots of little souls with big voices? This is a quieter way to help.
- Decorating crew - throughout the summer, come work with Elizabeth and her decorating crew.

We also will have a signup sheet for treasure sharing. For example, we will need lots of Christmas lights for our theme. Perhaps you would be willing to share your lights for a week of VBS. Be on the lookout for our sheet of 'needs.'



On April 19, Linda Smith, recovered from her surgery, returned to Children's Time for the first time since last fall. She and Pastor Marge will trade off leading Children's Time.

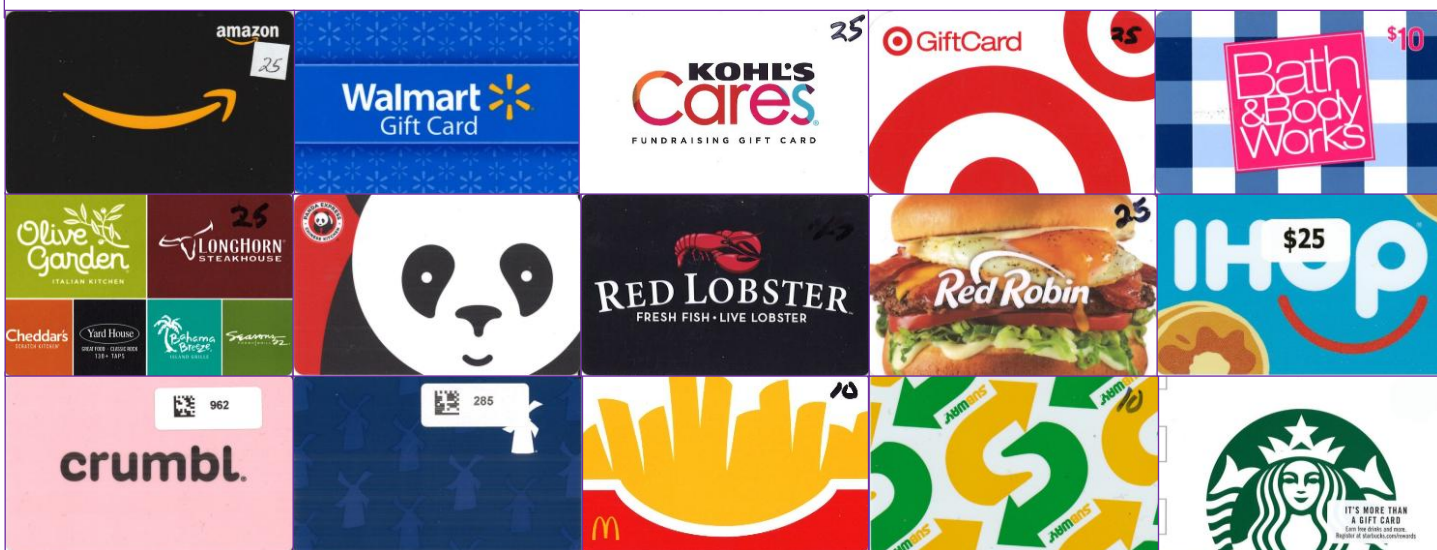
May is the time for Mother’s Day and Graduations.

Are you wondering what to get that special person?

We have many plastic **Gift Cards** for many retailers and eating establishments that are just perfect for that person. They are available in the church office during the week or you can get them BEFORE & AFTER church – just talk with Mary Smith or Deb.

Some of the cards are: Amazon, Walmart, Kohl’s, Target, Bath & Body Works, Longhorn, Panda Express, Red Lobster, Red Robin, IHOP, Crumbl’ Cookies, Dutch Bros, McDonalds, Subway, Starbucks, & many, many more.

We will have them available in the foyer after church or visit the church office during the week to purchase.



Prairie Wind Hospice is looking for volunteers to offer companionship, comfort, and human connection one hour each week to someone facing a serious illness. “Whether through music, reading, conversation, or quiet companionship, your time brings comfort, dignity, and reassurance.” No special skills required, volunteers from all backgrounds are welcomed. Contact Michael Brockhouse, 816-299-3770 or mbrockhouse@prairiewindhospice.com.

Prairie Wind Hospice serves Anderson, Douglas, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami, Osage, Shawnee, Wabaunsee and Wyandotte counties.

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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.



Above, Pastor Marge led the Easter Sunrise service, John Wilson played the music. There were 33 in attendance.



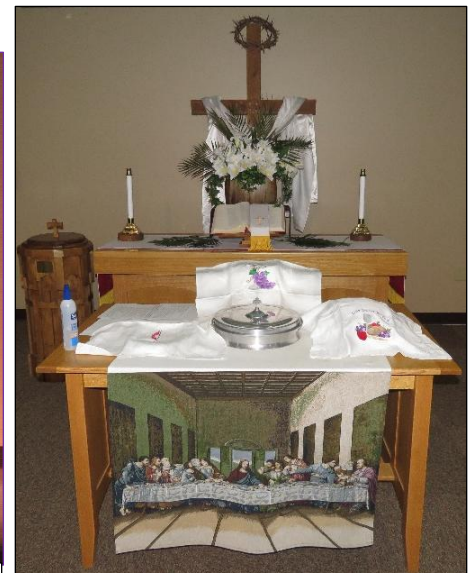
At Maundy Thursday service, instead of a line, we stood in a circle to receive communion.



The Bell Choir played "In the Garden" for prelude on Easter.



A special treat, Ella sang with Praise Band on Easter.



75 attended the Easter service at 10 a.m.



Several people dressed up on Holy Humor Sunday, April 12, above. Below left, the kids showed off their kazoo skills at Children's Time. Below right, Kevin and Sam with Lincoln. Who needs a balloon buddy when you have a new grandson?

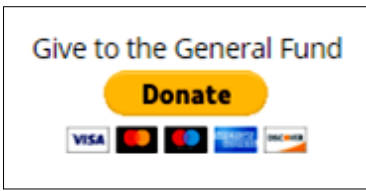


A Facebook account is not necessary to watch the Sunday morning service online. Simply go to our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/ and click on the video. On our website, www.pleasantillumc.org, a link to our Facebook page is here. You can find the service on the Facebook page by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

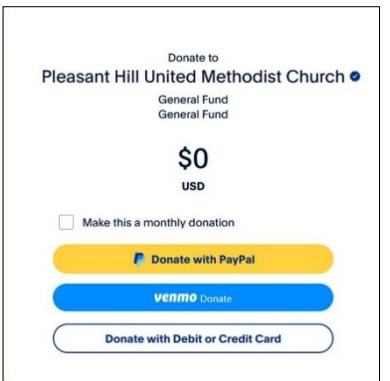
Facebook may delete those older than a month at any time.



To donate by credit card, go to our website, www.pleasantillumc.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 donation 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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