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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

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Babies!!

At left, Kinzie with Lincoln Scott, born March 6,
middle, Elizabeth with Lillith May, born December 16,
and at right, Santina with Soren Elias, born January 9.



Happy Easter to you all!

With all the beautiful weather and everything turning green, I am reminded that in some parts of our state and region, there are pastures being burned. It is a necessary part of life in the Flint Hills, as the burning helps farmers and ranchers maintain good pasture and grazing land for their livestock. Usually, those fires are carefully tended by landowners and friends to keep a necessary part of life from becoming a fast moving disaster. We've all seen the signs warning drivers to not throw lit cigarettes out the windows of cars, but apparently some folks are not paying attention to them.

In the news recently there have been news reports of huge prairie fires that quickly got out of control in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. There have been agricultural groups organizing to take hay to farmers impacted by these fires so the livestock have food to eat.

In our conference, we are trying to assist those impacted by these fires through our conference disaster relief funds. If you have seen reports of these fires and would like to contribute something, I am happy to provide a way for you to help. To make a donation to the Disaster Relief Fund, you can give online at <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/page/donate/great-plains-disaster-fund> or you can mail your check payable to the Great Plains Annual Conference, on the memo line write 975 Disaster Response Fund, and mail to 100 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, KS 66603.

Obviously the disaster relief fund is also used to assist folks affected by tornadoes, floods and other disasters within our two states, so your contributions are valued and used to help folks in our area.

Blessings to you all as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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.

Easter, April 5:

- **Sunrise Worship service** will take place at 7:30 a.m. at the back of the sanctuary.
- Enjoy a **light breakfast** at 8 a.m.
- 9 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**
- 10 a.m. **Easter Worship Service**



Ha Ha Ha What's next? Holy Humor Sunday! April 12, the Sunday after Easter, is a day to celebrate that God had the last laugh when He overturned death and the devil lost. **Ha Ha Ha**
 We will celebrate with laughter and silliness. You are invited to dress humorously, such as in mismatched items or a costume, if you so choose.



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.

Administrative Council meets Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m. It is open to the congregation.

Maundy Thursday service is April 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the **"Preparing For Your Peace of Mind Workshop"** on May 2, 10 a.m. More information to come.

April at PHUMC

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| Apr. 2, 8a, Church Breakfast | Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:15p, Bell Choir |
| Apr. 2, 6:30p, Maundy Thursday svc | Apr. 12, Holy Humor Sunday |
| Apr. 5, Easter Sunday! | Apr. 14, 28, 9a, Sewing Group |
| Apr. 5, 7:30a, Easter Sunrise svc | Apr. 15, Newsletter 'deadline' |
| Apr. 8, 5:30p, Administrative Council | |

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.

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

Rodger Fry, Sr. Jim Fox LaDona Garber

Larry Haggood Jim Schmelzle

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



Pastor Marge gives the good word at Children's Time on March 29.



After Children's Time, the kids race back to J.A.M. with Miss Lauren!



There they can play with playdough or blocks and then color as they listen to the day's lesson.

Miss Lauren always listens if they have questions, comments, or stories to tell.

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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.



The Bell Choir played "O How I Love Jesus" on bells for prelude on March 15, above, and "Were You There" on the melody chimes for offertory on March 29, at left.



On March 29, everyone was invited to parade with palms to the opening hymn, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Following the parade, the palms were collected in a container on the stage.

Anniversaries This Month

Sam & Danette Martin	4/12	40 years
Jahnnie & Cathy Brake	4/20	41 years
Kevin & Angie Feleay	4/22	31 years
Alan & Linda Shaffer	4/25	39 years
Glen & Linda Smith	4/26	18 years

Birthdays This Month

Annie McDowell	4/5	Brian Eastman	4/10	Dean Steward	4/13
Erin Herrick	4/6	Mary Colton	4/12	Lauren Feleay	4/17
Josh Mannell	4/6	Marilyn Domer	4/12	Maverick Van Hove	4/22

On March 22, our church celebrated our 145th Anniversary. We had lots of items on display, including plates showing our first two church buildings, church cups, an ornament, numerous photo albums, and several quilts! We had a slideshow of our history running in the foyer all day, and in the sanctuary after service.

After service we had a potluck and everyone was invited to stay, enjoy fellowship, and look at the various items. We even had a decorated cake to celebrate our 145th as part of the desserts at the potluck.

During the worship service, we baptized Lillith Zwiebel, below, shown with her mom, Elizabeth.



HAPPY 145TH!

March 2026



Jan. 4, 1885

Our first church is dedicated as Methodist Episcopal Church

near 62nd Street and Rochester Rd. The dream first began in 1881 when our Sunday school began meeting at Pleasant Hill School in north Topeka.



1968

Our church receives its current name

when the Methodist church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merge to become the United Methodist Church.



May 20, 1973

Our new church is dedicated at 5919 NW Glenwood Drive.

At this 5-acre site, the congregation grew from a part-time student pastor with no paid staff to a full-time pastor with several paid staff positions including church secretary, music director, custodian, youth director and child care coordinator.



Easter Sunday 2013



First worship service at our present location, 4525 NW Button Rd.

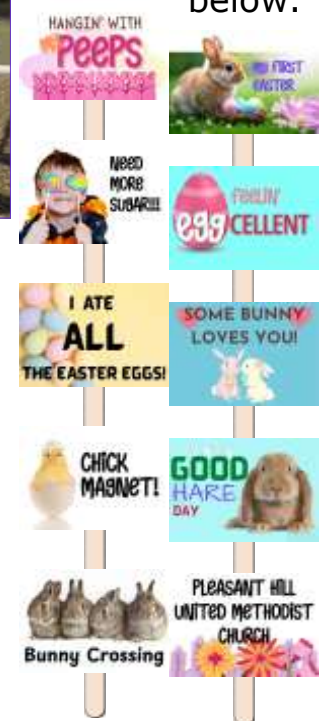
This 9300+ square foot building has five classrooms and capability to seat 250 people. Our building is situated on eight acres gifted to us through the United Methodist Committee on Congregational Development. Since then, we have received another seven acres for future use.

Our Annual Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 28. At right, 4 of our 60+ kids, ready to go hunt! Below, as people came in, they were able to visit the VBS table for a light-up bracelet with a QR code to register for VBS. Miss Kelly mans the table at the left of the photo.



In addition to visiting the table with the VBS bracelets, families could also pose with the Easter backdrop, above, with fun signs to hold up, below.

Kids pile out of the church to go hunt for eggs, above, some of which were hidden on the playground, below.



Above, left two photos, our two basket winners! At right, above, Elaine holds Baby Cal, who was able to attend!



Some of the kids who came to hunt.



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.

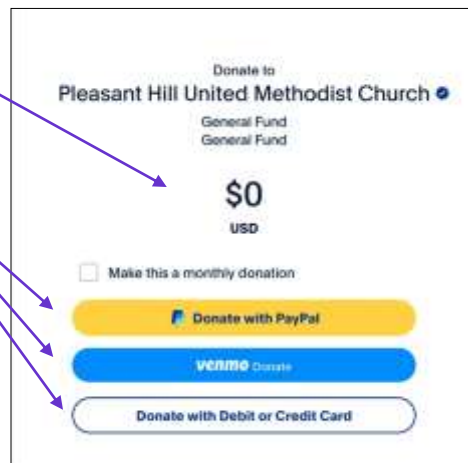
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Enter the amount here and choose the option you want from the buttons at the bottom of the page.



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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