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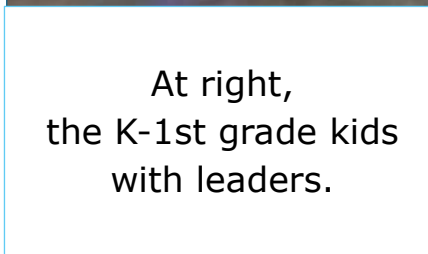
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AUGUST 2026

Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.



The VBS group on
Wednesday, July 22.



At right,
the K-1st grade kids
with leaders.



Below, the 2nd-
grade-and-up kids
with leaders (and
Lillith.)



At left, the
preschool
kids with
leaders.





It is hard to believe but summer is halfway over. For me, the midpoint of summer is Vacation Bible School. VBS is always a wonderful experience for children and adults alike and I pray that this year's event was that for all who participated. It was great to see around 40 children and so many youth and adult helpers. I want to add my thanks to all who participated! And many thanks for all the birthday wishes! The cards, flowers and cake were all very much appreciated!

And now it is time to look forward to our final quarter of the year. Plans are in the works for the church garage sale in September. You will be hearing a lot more about that very soon.

We will soon be preparing for our annual church conference. This year, for the first time in several years, there will be individual church conferences led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Jenny Collins. We are scheduled for Sunday November 22 right here at Pleasant Hill UMC. The time is tentatively set for 6pm. For you football fans, don't worry, the Chiefs are scheduled to play the noon game that day!

I know the Missions team and the Outreach committee will have other exciting things to share very soon. I look forward to working with all of you and participating in many of the events ahead.

Blessings to all of you as we move forward following God's leading for this congregation!

Grace and peace be with you all!

Pastor Marge

Pleasant Hill UMC Staff

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Administrative Council meets Wednesday, August 12, 5:30 p.m.
It is open to the congregation.



It's August and that means **Back to School!** Keep alert for kids walking to and from school, be prepared to stop for school buses, and pay attention to when school speed zones are in effect. The first day of school in area schools ranges from

Tuesday, Aug. 11 to Thursday, Aug. 13.

Be especially careful the first days of school as everyone gets used to new routines!



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. When you are doing your back-to-school cleaning and de-cluttering, be sure to think about us as a place to take all those items that you are ready to send to a new home. We'll make it happen that weekend.



Hymn Suggestions: we have sheets in the gathering area for you to write down hymn suggestions for worship services. We will also use these as suggestions for a **Hymn Sing on August 30.**

Special Music: You are invited to provide Special Music this summer. Sign up in the foyer for any date through August 30.

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

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

Anniversaries in August

Rodger & Morgan Fry	8/4	8 years
Doug & Priscilla George	8/19	
Marvin & Mary Smith	8/19	60 years
Kevin & Annie McDowell	8/31	24 years
Chris & Lee McManaman	8/31	35 years

August at PHUMC

Aug. 4, Primary Election
 Aug. 6, 8a, Church Breakfast
 Aug. 11, 25, 9a, Sewing Group
 Aug. 12, 5:30p, Administrative Council
 Aug. 19, Newsletter 'deadline'
 Aug. 30, Hymn Sing

You all are too kind. Thank you so much for the gift cards we received for heading up our VBS crew. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness. What a rewarding experience this has been.

*Truly,
 Lauren and Kelly*

Birthdays in August

Ella Caudill	8/3
Barbara Slimmer	8/4
Santina Harrison	8/6
Evelyn Van Hove	8/16
Marc Serrano	8/18
Jessica Herrick	8/19
Michael Smith	8/21
Todd Domer	8/23
Linda Smith	8/23
Janet Brecheisen	8/25

The office is open Monday - Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 Please enter through the door by the office on weekdays.

We have **Gift Cards** available in the church office during the week and Sunday mornings. See Deb in the office during the week. Ask Mary, Michelle, or Deb for cards on Sunday mornings. You may even call Mary if you need ecards at other times.

Our church buys the cards at a small discount and sells them for face value, earning a little bit of money from each card for the church coffers.



We have a second ceiling-mounted projector in the sanctuary to project onto the rear screen! Several memorials as well as profits from Gift Card sales paid for the projector.





Camden Allan Fry was baptized on July 19.



Sutton sang "Washed" for Special Music on July 19, right after Camden's baptism.

The VBS kids performed their musical numbers on VBS Sunday, July 26! Below, K-and-up kids, sang "Illumination Station" and "Shine, Jesus, Shine". The littles performed "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star", at right, and then everyone sang "This Little Light of Mine" for the finale.



Financial Update

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Jan-June
Gen. Fund Rec'd	\$15,813	\$29,075	\$9,650	\$8,459	\$8,365	\$7,059	\$78,420
Gen Fund Spent	13,045	10,159	8,866	14,854	9,749	12,290	\$68,963

Thank you to all of our faithful and generous donors!



Mary Smith was out of town June 28, so Marty Ransdell played the organ for worship service.



Atlas Fitzgerald, accompanied by Marc Serrano, sang "Oceans" on July 12 for Special Music.



Matt Mannell made a beautiful and tasty loaf of bread for July Communion.



We had an amazing week when **Illumination Station Vacation Bible School** rolled through Pleasant Hill UMC the week of July 20-24. With 39 registered kids and 26 volunteers, the church was a busy place for kids of all ages, complete with lava lamps, flashing lights, mirror balls. We even had our very own kaleidoscope made by Matt Mannell and Greg Jenson which was a favorite of our kids. See photos on the next two pages!

"Shine your Light" became the catch phrase of the week. We all worked on ways to add our special gifts to the world to make the world a better place. And what better way to do that than through the teachings of Jesus.

To reinforce that message, we learned new songs, enjoyed making crafts, and shared fun and games that supported our theme. Pastor Marge was busy each night sharing the Bible story with the kids. We also reunited with old friends through the years at VBS and made new friends as well. We capped off the week with a wonderful program on July 26, VBS Sunday, for family and friends.

Volunteers shared their amazing talents. Some of us were teachers, some were decorators, some were shepherds for our young friends. We also had amazing help from the REACH church in DeSoto. This caring congregation donated beautiful decor to Pleasant Hill UMC to make our week even brighter. We, in turn, donated our decor to a church in Osage City.

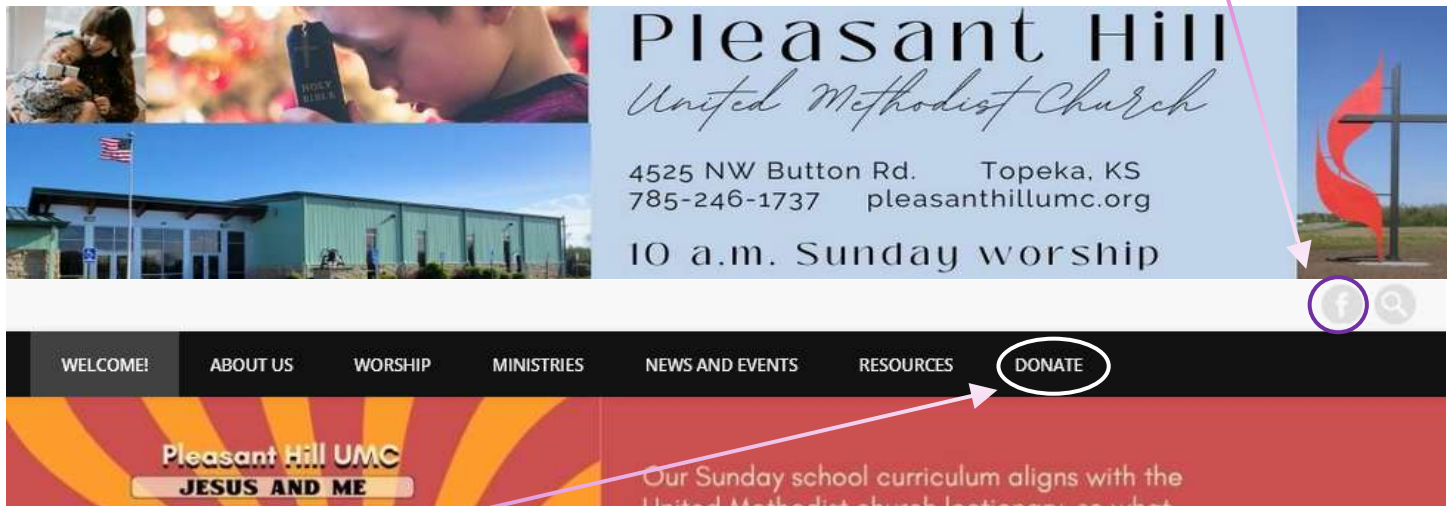
Well done, Pleasant Hill UMC! Let's continue to SHINE OUR LIGHT throughout the year as we continue the important works of Jesus in our community.





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 by credit card, 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 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**, you can get an EFT form in the foyer or ask in the office.

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!

We have offering cards to put in the offering plate indicating a gift by EFT or online. See the display 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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