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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

Baptisms in the past year.





Singing is a powerful aspect of our worship that motivates one to a greater attitude and a greater desire to worship. Music tends to transport the mind into a higher realm.

In 1780, John Wesley published his rules for singing as a part of a hymnal he produced that same year. The list is fascinating and the points apply to this year even more than the year they were written. The list is contained below:

- I. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
- II. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all.
- III. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can.
- IV. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep.
- V. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation.
- VI. Sing in tune. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before or stay behind it. Take care not to sing too slow.
- VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing.

A few years before the hymnal was published, Mr. Wesley wrote his views on a new song in a journal entry dated July 3, 1764,

"I seldom relish verses at first hearing. Till I have heard them over and over, they give me no pleasure, and they give me next to none when I have heard them a few times more, so as to be quite familiar."

I find it interesting the emphasis John Wesley put on singing. He knew there is something about worshipping God in song that brings delight to the worship of God.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Marge

Administrative Council meets Wednesday, September 9, 5:45 p.m.
It is open to the congregation.

Don't forget our church **Garage Sale** September 11-12. This is the same weekend as the Holy Smokin' Jamboree, so 46th Street will be hopping with activity! You can help by:

- loaning tables and clothing racks (marked with your name!);
- by working part of the sale (sign up sheets are in the gathering area);
- by dropping off donations
 - Sunday, September 6 after worship service,
 - Tuesday, September 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m.,
 - Wednesday, September 9, 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.;
- and by shopping the sale!!! Saturday at 2 it will change to a 'bag sale' so be sure to come back and shop it again when it's close-out cheap!



**Blessing
OF THE backpacks**

SEPT. 6

BRING YOUR BACKPACK, BRIEFCASE, LUNCH BOX...



**BROWN BAG
BINGO!**

**SEPT. 15
6:30 P.M.**

*Some of our
extra-special
GARAGE SALE
TREASURES
will be given
as PRIZES!*



You are invited
to an Open House
in honor of
Kay Crowder's 85th birthday!
September 20, 2026
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Pleasant Hill UMC



Anniversaries in September

Marc & Jammie Serrano	9/13	
Sam & Kinzie Feleay	9/23	3 years
WR & Janet Brecheisen	9/24	4 years

September at PHUMC

Sept. 3, 8a, Church Breakfast
 Sept. 4, 5:30-7p, Visitation for Nick Nicolay
 Sept 5. 10a, Funeral service for Nick Nicolay
 Sept. 6, Blessing of the Backpacks
 Sept. 7, Labor Day, Office Closed
 Sept. 8, 22, 9a, Sewing Group
 Sept. 8, 9:30-11:30a, drop off sale donations
 Sept. 9, 9:30a-7p, drop off sale donations
 Sept. 9, 5:45p, Administrative Council
 Sept 11, 12, 8a-4p, Garage Sale
 Sept. 15, 6:30p, Brown Bag BINGO!
 Sept. 16, Newsletter 'deadline'
 Sept. 20, 1-3 p.m. Kay Crowder's Celebration

Birthdays in September

Kevin McDowell	9/5
Carmen Sellens	9/6
Mark Searles	9/7
Lindsey Smith	9/7
Ron Griffiths	9/8
Stephanie Mannell	9/8
Dennis Shepherd	9/8
Brinley Cochran	9/14
Karen Domer	9/14
Brady Marteney	9/19
Deb Mannell	9/21
Orvina Tidball	9/24
Jolene Flowers	9/27
Sue Searles	9/28
Kay Crowder	9/30

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

Joyce Elaine Green Steve Slough

John Harrelson Nick Nicolay

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

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.



The **Kansas State Fair** runs September 11-20 this year. It is held at the Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Are you going? Get details at KansasStateFair.com.

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

Nolan Gregory Rea was baptized on August 16. He is shown with his parents, Robbie and Rachel, and his big sister, Molly!



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.

John Wilson sang and played "I Saw the Light" for special music on August 2.



John Wilson sang and Mary Smith played "Let Us Be Bread" for special music on August 2.

Most Sundays Mary plays the hymns on the organ and John leads them. Since there were so many, we really appreciate that Mary played and John led the hymns for the Hymn Sing August 30!



Above, Pleasant Hill helped with the Back to School Bash at Logan on August 3!

At the Back to School Bash, our folks learned that the Resource Room is in need of kids shoes. On August 27 our church delivered 36 pairs, left.

Stay tuned for your opportunity to donate shoes to the Resource Room!

Mary showed the organ to the kids during Children's Time on August 30, at right. She demonstrated the pedals and keyboards and that it can sound like different instruments.

Below, pictures from J.A.M. sessions.



At left, beautiful rocks from the Coltons enhance the center of the Memorial Garden.

Bottom, Kelly, Bronson, and Mary cleaning up weeds and grass in the Memorial Garden recently.

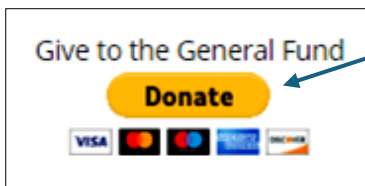


A Facebook account is not necessary to watch the Sunday morning service online. Simply go to our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/ and click on the video. On our website, www.pleasanthillumc.org, a link to our Facebook page is here. You can find the service on the Facebook page by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

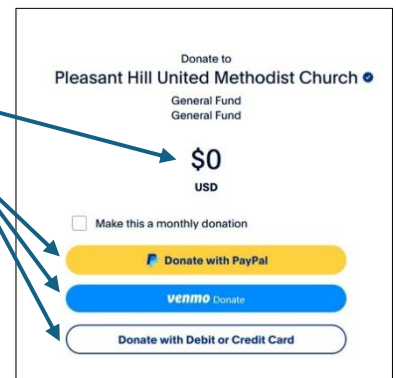
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up a donation page like that shown at right. Enter the amount here and choose the option you want from the buttons at the bottom of the page.



If you are interested in giving by **automatic withdrawals**, you can get an EFT form in the foyer or ask in the office. In the foyer display, we have offering cards to put in the offering plate indicating a gift online or by EFT.

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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