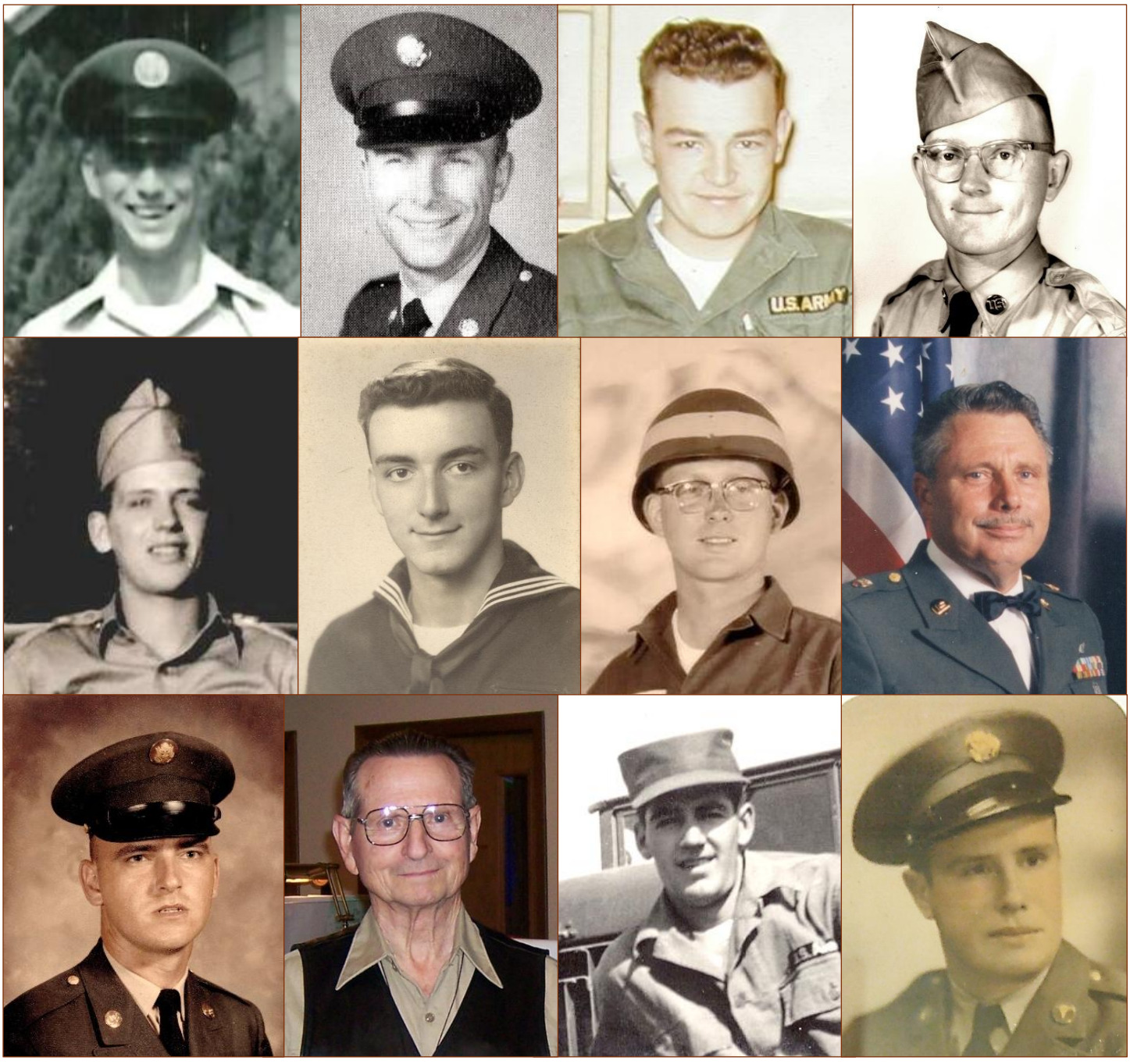
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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.





Happy November! There's an old hymn that says "Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessings, see what God has done..." This is a time to give thanks and praise God! I am thankful for God's presence every day, the gifts of grace God bestows upon all of us and the many talents He has poured out upon us and the beauty of nature all around us.

November will be a busy month! We are collecting shoes for the children at Logan Elementary and hopefully you are finding some shoes (new or gently used) that we can pass on to families in need. Later on this month, we will also begin collecting gloves, hats and socks for them as well.

In fact, our Harvest of Blessings offering will be on November 22, with proceeds going toward more warm clothing and other needed items at the USD 345 Resource Room. We hope you will give thoughtful consideration to the gift you will share to help our neighbors.

November 1 will be our observance of All Saints Day in worship. November 8 we will honor veterans. November 22 we will receive our Harvest of Blessings offering and as an added bonus, we will have our annual church conference at 5pm. Our district superintendent, Rev. Jenny Collins will preside and we will provide catered food to eat, ministries to celebrate and maybe a bit of business to conduct. Every member of the church is invited to attend and see what all is going on here at Pleasant Hill UMC.

November 29 will be the first Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of the Christian calendar year.

This November, I am giving thanks for all of you, for the gifts and talents you bring and share so generously. Special thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers you gave me for Clergy Appreciation month! They brighten each day. Thank you also for your prayers and concern over my foot injury. So far, so good....just don't be surprised at my footwear the next couple of weeks!

Blessings to all of you and Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

Pastor Marge

Cover: deceased veterans from our church. Bottom row to top, left to right: Alvin Tefft, Clarence Douglas, Darrell Colhouer, Dale Kelley, RE Henley, Phil Pond, Larry Hanson, Larry Miles, Rick Colton, Gene Schoettlin, Nick Nicolay, John Holt.

Administrative Council meets Wednesday, November 11, 5:45 p.m. It is open to the congregation.

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1! Don't forget to "Fall Back" one hour!



We are not doing the Socks and Undies challenge this year because the only socks or undies the USD 345 Resource Room needs is boy's underwear. They are in need of shoes so we are doing a **Shoe Drive**! Next delivery is November 4 but new or gently used shoes, boots, etc. will be accepted for the foreseeable future. Sizes most needed right now are kids sizes 12, 13, 1, 2, 3 but all sizes are appreciated.

At right you can see the 24 pair collected by October 27!



Special Sundays in November:

Nov. 1: **Remembrance of Saints**
We will have paper angels to write names on and put on the ribbons up front.

Nov. 8: **Honor Veterans**

Nov. 22: **Harvest of Blessings**
Funds will benefit the USD 345 Resource Room.

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 (**J**esus **A**nd **M**e) in the room west of the kitchen.

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It's almost Charge Conference Time. In a return to a bygone era, we'll have our own **Annual Church Conference** at our own church! **Sunday, November 22, 5 p.m.,** be here or be square! We'll celebrate what we've done in the last year and our plans for the next year! We'll have good fellowship and a variety of finger-foods!

If you write a report for the Conference packet, deadline is November 6.

Anniversaries in November

Tailor & Santina Harrison	11/12	4 years
Gregg & Roxann Williams	11/12	39 years

Birthdays in November

Kenny Saulsbury	11/2
Jay Van Hove	11/4
Billie Winsor	11/9
Austin Marteney	11/11
Glen Smith	11/13
Kinzie Feleay	11/19
Jammie Serrano	11/21
Laynee Talley	11/27

November at PHUMC

Nov. 1, Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 5, 8a, Church Breakfast
Nov. 11, 5:45p, Administrative Council
Nov. 18, Newsletter 'deadline'
Nov. 22, Harvest of Blessings
Nov. 22, 5p, Church Conference
Nov. 26, Happy Thanksgiving! Office closed.
Nov. 27, Office Closed

The office is open Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m.



The cross and flame has a fresh coat of paint!

Michelle let Atlas light the candles on October 18, which made Atlas' day!





Celebrate!

Celebrating the good stuff, large or small!

- Dorothy Tefft has a new great-granddaughter! Brexlie Kay was born October 20 to Brian Jr. and Andrea. Weight: 8 lb, 7 oz. Length: 21.5". Dorothy reports she has a sweet smile!

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

Regina Wallace Mary Manis

Shirley Slimmer John Holt

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

Gift Cards Make Great Gifts!

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Have you thought about gift cards for Christmas?

We have hundreds of cards available through our Gift Card program at church. The church receives a percentage, usually between 3% & 8% profit, depending on the card that you purchase. We have many cards available at the church or they can be ordered. It usually takes about a week to get cards once they are ordered. Most of our cards are in $10 and $25 increments, but we can order larger amounts. During Christmas we are able to get some $5 and $10 cards for stocking stuffers.

We have many cards on hand. Popular ones are: Amazon, Menards, Walmart, Crumbl Cookies, Dairy Queen, Longhorn, Sonic, Starbucks, Subway, & Texas Roadhouse. Other cards we have on hand are Visa, Home Depot, Bath & Body Works, Kohl's, Dick's, Chili's, Panda Express, Red Robin, Casey's - and more.

A new card we have just begun to use is Visa. It is so easy to use. We have $25, $50, & $100 denominations on hand. It does not have to be activated and can be used nearly everywhere.

If you would like a complete list, please contact the church office. We will get you a list.

We will be placing an order for cards soon and again the first week of December for those cards we don't have. Call the church office or Mary Smith 785-640-1286 to place an order.





Have you signed up for **Dillon Community Rewards**? If not - what a good time to do that ---BEFORE Thanksgiving dinner shopping. Dillon's will donate 6% of your total grocery shopping bill to Pleasant Hill UMC when you choose PHUMC to receive community rewards on your Dillons card.



At Children's Time on October 4, Pastor Marge asked Marc to show the kids his guitar and musical set up for Praise Band.



Outside Workday was October 24. Bushes were pruned, the Memorial Garden and the playground were tidied, and a lot of weed-eating was caught up on! Thank you to all who helped! What a wonderful difference it makes!



Stacie Torrez of Midland Care gave a short presentation on October 18 about Meals on Wheels. They make about 1300 meals every weekday and are looking for more volunteer drivers to deliver one day a week. If delivering meals isn't for you, they can also use Hospice volunteers to visit once a week. If you are interested, contact Stacie at Midland Care, 785-232-2044

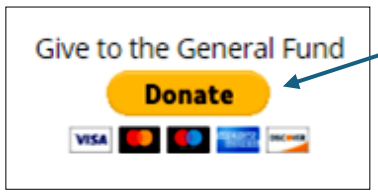
Look for **"Boo Bash on Button" photos** in the December newsletter.

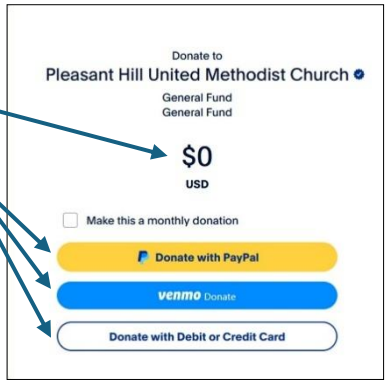
A Facebook account is not necessary to watch the Sunday morning service online. Simply go to our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/PleasantHillUmcTopeka/ and click on the video. On our website, www.pleasanthillumc.org, a link to our Facebook page is here. You can find the service on the Facebook page by 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 "Donate". This will bring up a page with a donate button for General Fund (shown below left). Click the 'donate' button on this page and it will bring 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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