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Worship Service every Sunday @ 10 a.m.

Boo Bash is Oct 31!
What will your booth be?





Happy October! A new month always gives us new outlooks on the days ahead. Calendars fill up quickly, don't they?

October will be busy here at church, too. Committees are preparing reports for the annual charge conference while simultaneously planning activities for the rest of the year and into next year.

October brings us a major fun activity..... Boo Bash on Button, which is always a ton of fun! You are all invited to come! Dress up in your favorite Halloween costume or your regular clothes and help hand out candy, offer a game for the children to win prizes (and everyone's a winner here!), visit with your neighbors, or just hang out. We would love to see you here!

That same week, October 26-28, I will be at the required annual meeting called Orders and Fellowship in Kansas City this year. This is a gathering for all the various categories of clergy in our conference. The Order of Elders is for all those who are ordained, whether they are a Deacon or an Elder. The Fellowship of Local Pastors is for all local pastors, whether part-time or full time. They have chosen a different route to ministry other than ordination. We gather for two days to worship together, learn from different speakers on a variety of topics, and have time to have fellowship with friends we only get to see a couple of times a year. We make new friends too!

Hope your October is fruitful and fun. Hope to see you here at church!

Blessings to all of you!

Pastor Marge

Administrative Council meets Wednesday, October 14, 5:45 p.m.
It is open to the congregation.

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It's almost Charge Conference Time. In a return to a bygone era, we'll have our own **Annual Charge Conference** at our own church! **Sunday, November 22, 5 p.m.**, be here or be square!
If you write a report for Charge Conference, deadline is November 6.

Everyone is invited to come
to the church to play
HALLOWEEN BINGO,
October 28, 6:30 p.m.!

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



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 October

Lewis & Debbie Taylor	10/10	55 years
Dennis & Kim Smerchek	10/17	33 years
Cory & Jolene Flowers	10/21	20 years
Michael & Angie Smith	10/28	26 years

October at PHUMC

Oct. 1, 8a, Church Breakfast
 Oct. 14, 5:45p, Administrative Council
 Oct. 21, Newsletter 'deadline'
 Oct. 28, 6:30p, Halloween BINGO!
 Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m. Boo Bash on Button

Birthdays in October

Kevin Feleay	10/2
Ashlyn Marteney	10/2
Oscar Serrano	10/3
Linda Reed	10/4
Lee McManaman	10/6
Harry Worden	10/7
Rodger Fry	10/8
Peggy Wilson	10/8
Monica Newell	10/12
Matt Mannell	10/13
Aurel Marney	10/16
Marsha Morris	10/20
Ayla Talley	10/21
Marty Ransdell	10/23
Morgan Fry	10/30
Monique Saulsbury	10/31

Thank you for allowing my kids to have an Open House for my 85th birthday. It was very nice, good to see relatives and friends that I haven't seen in awhile. I'm enclosing a check to the church for the use of the church. It meant a lot to me and the family.

*Thank you again,
 Kay Crowder*

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

Thank you for my birthday bouquet and card! I appreciate them and you!

Deb Mannell



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 at face value, earning a little bit of money from each card for the church coffers.



The first customers appeared bright and early at 7:09 a.m. for our 8 a.m. start. Thus began two busy days, September 11 and 12, of our church garage sale.

After all the treasures were collected, the clothes sorted, the tables carefully labeled, our crew met the public and were rewarded with **\$3,336.24** in profits for community projects.

These funds will be a huge help especially during the holidays. We spend a lot of funds filling our Christmas Bags of Hope for Topeka Rescue Mission. These necessary supplies help Topeka's homeless during a difficult life on the street.

We also help the kids at USD 345 through the Resource Room. This year, we have provided school supplies and clothing essentials. Expect a shoe drive in the near future.

In addition to funding these kinds of projects, the treasures we provided at the sale helped in other areas as well. The Doorstep organization picked up all of our leftover clothing and shoes to help the needy in the community.

We also sent all of our leftover handbags to the Topeka Women of Steel. This organization packs handbags with hygiene projects which are then given to the battered women shelter.

Our furniture and many of our home goods went to ReStore, a Habitat for Humanity group that sells the items to raise funds to build affordable housing for the less fortunate.

We at Pleasant Hill UMC benefitted from the sale as well. In addition to refreshing our homes with 'new' treasure, we reignited friendships through our common ministry.

Thank you to all for your hard work.

See more photos on the next page...





Kelly and Dave were great leaders! A lot of items were brought for the garage sale! Many hands helped with the sale. The Scouts did a concession stand on Saturday.





A number of people brought backpacks and satchels to Blessing of the Backpacks, Sept. 6, for blessing and to receive a hangtag (inset) reminding them of the love of God.



Praise Band returned from summer break on September 6! Marc returned in person on September 13. Michelle is singing with them again!



September 20 Children's Time was very well attended!



On September 13, Sutton, Camden, and Barrett all recited memory verses, and on September 20, Sutton and Barrett recited memory verses.

Sutton, 9/13 Romans 3:23, "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." 9/20 Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Camden, John 8:12, "Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life."

Barrett, 9/13 John 3:14-18, 9/20 John 3:14-19, "¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵ That whoever believes in him may not perish, but that they have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son to condemn the world; but might be saved through him ¹⁸ that whoever believes in him is not condemned: but whoever doesn't believe in him is condemned already, because he hasn't trusted in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than light, because their works were evil."



When the organ 'blew a hose' on September 6 and couldn't make a sound, Mary simply pivoted to the clavinova! The organ has now been repaired.





Blessing of the Blankets was Sept. 20. Piecing Love and Warmth made 584 blankets this year! Most went to Topeka 501, others went to Birthright, NEK-CAP of Jackson Co., Pineridge, American Red Cross at Fort Riley - and 3 to our newest babies at PHUMC.



Brown Bag Bingo was September 15. Prizes were treasures that didn't sell at the Garage Sale.



On September 20, our three babies played together in the back of the sanctuary during the service. Standing, Lillith, seated at left, Lincoln, seated at right, Soren.



J.A.M. Sessions
September 6
& 20.

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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