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The Parable

Are we living with an attitude of scarcity or of abundance? It's that old question, "Is your cup half-full or half-empty?" I've always appreciated W.C. Fields' response, "I'm just happy to have a cup." I especially like the reminder that the cup is <u>re-fillable</u>.

What does this have to do with our daily life? How is it relevant to our walk with Christ? Our attitude has a lot to do with how we think, speak and act, and it's up to us to choose our attitude. When we have an attitude of scarcity, we react with negative thinking, afraid to try anything new or take risks. We feel like there's never enough, whether it's money, or love, or a cushier life. Our outlook is all about what we don't have instead of what we do have.

In the letters Paul wrote to the early churches in the New Testament, he offers

many words of encouragement. He knows first-hand what it's like to struggle with discouragement. In Philippians 4:6 he writes, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Some days it's easy to embrace those words. and other days the anxiety creeps in. Am I good enough? Is my health okay? Is this church falling behind? What is the world coming to?

In opposition to an attitude of scarcity. Jesus tells us he came so we might have an abundant life (John 10:10). Let's name some of that abundance. It might be as simple as clean, warm water for a daily shower. A phone call from a good friend. A church that offers us a place to grow closer to God and Jesus. What has Jesus given you



so that you might have an abundant life?

I've shared this quote before. "What if tomorrow you woke up with only the things you were grateful for today?" An attitude of abundance encourages us not to focus on what we don't have. Instead we re-fill our cup with ways to build on all the good that we do have. This applies to our personal lives, and it applies to the church. With God's help and the love of Jesus, may we find our cup of life overflowing with abundance.

Go well and safely, the Lord be ever with you.

Pastor Margaret



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If you are not able to serve on the date you have signed up for, please try to trade with someone else on the list or contact Bob Unruh.

The food bank is put in a difficult situation when volunteers don't show up!

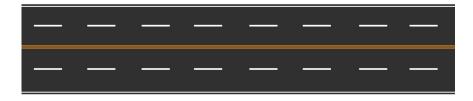


Those that have been ill, hospitalized or in need of prayer.

Students at Fern Valley UMC, Zimbabwe

Those in nursing homes:

John Darting, Dot Ensz, Elaine Lowry, Merle Knak, & Willie Ensz



MAIN STREET MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

June 7 - Reg Matz & Lori Borg
July 5 - Charlotte Takahashi & Robert Hipley
August 2 - Need Volunteers
September 6 - Need Volunteers

Third Sunday Food Offering will be June 15 & July 20

Cash offering will support

UM Peace with Justice Sunday (June) & HAMA (July).

Thank you to everyone who brings food for the Main Street Ministries Food Bank on the third Sunday of each month.

We also appreciate those who volunteer their time on the first Saturday of the month.

Please remember to double-check the expiration date on the food you donate. If it's past the expiration date, it has to be discarded.

<u>Current needs include</u>: liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo/conditioner, salsa, alfredo sauce, rotel tomatoes, taco shells, pie filling, scalloped potatoes, mandarin oranges, pineapple, jello, pudding cups, pop tarts, hot cocoa mix, popcorn, cereal, oatmeal

Cash donations can also be given to Main Street Food Bank at Dale's Supermarket where they have an account set up to use for purchasing groceries for the food bank. You can also make online donations to the

Food Bank at: www.mainstreetministries.net/food-bank

THE CHURCH WILL BE FULL OF LIFE JUNE 3 — JULY 24!

The Prairie View Summer Enrichment Group Activities for K - 9th graders will be held in the church on **Tuesday**, **Wednesday and Thursday each week**. The primary objective is to enhance team-building activities, promote the use of appropriate social skills, and develop coping strategies within a group environment and community setting.

They will meet in small groups with a 1:4 adult to youth ratio, 10:30 AM to 1 PM each day. We've agreed that they'll use the classrooms in the west hallway and Fellowship Hall. They get their lunches through the Food4Kids program. The Prairie View program helps the youth keep growing in their abilities and not lose ground over the summer. We're pleased to offer this opportunity to the community!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

June 15 Called to Follow Christ

June 22 Called to Go

June 29 Called to Suffer

July 6 Called to Love

July 13 Called to Give

July 20 Called to be Faithful

Folks often have a "love-hate" relationship with the apostle Paul. He was a complicated man, full of passion that sometimes seemed to border on obsession.

He cared deeply about spreading the gospel, planting and nurturing new churches, and encouraging growth and maturity in the followers

of Christ. He was also a flawed human, bearing grudges and jealousy, and often suffering for his ministry.

Beginning June 15, we'll explore his calling and his faithful journey through a six-part sermon series. One of the major resources for developing the sermons will be "The Call" by Adam Hamilton, as well as the Bible and other sources.





Celebrating a birthday in June:

June 1 Anna King

June 4 Andy Troyer Travis Unruh

June 6 Alex Jost

June 8 Gary Andrews

June 12 Eileen Butler Kris Pschigoda

June 18 Nancy Caudell

June 19 Drew Davis

June 20 Kristen Davis

June 25 Lyman Adams

June 26 Gary Slater

June 27 Paisley Housman

June 30 Lauren Hein



Celebrating a birthday in July:

July 9 Dave Hein

July 14 Izzie Klassen

July 18 Patti Duerksen

July 21 Leanna Hefley

July 23 Kathy Decker Jim Hefley

July 24 Shari Sisk

July 25 Kathy Carr

Kathy Koop

July 29 Marie Adams

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2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - JUNE 4 - 7

Marie Adams, lay member, and Pastor Margaret will both be attending the Great Plains Annual Conference in Salina, Kansas.

COMING UP
IN JUNE

SECOND SUNDAY - JUNE 8 AT 5:30 PM

A taste of VBS for all ages. Enjoy Road Trip tacos, make a 'flat Jesus' and play road trip bingo (with prizes). Bring a friend, too!

MUFFINS FOR METHODIST MEN - JUNE 15

On Father's Day, we want to honor the men in our church for their faithful leadership, their generosity, and the service they give both inside and outside the church. As a token of thanks, we'll have muffins and coffee available at 10:00 AM on June 15. Everyone is invited to come and share your appreciation for our men.

BIEROCKS AT THE FARMER'S MARKET - JUNE 27

The United Methodist Women will be preparing bierocks, along with sides and dessert, on **Thursday, June 27** and serving the meal at the Farmer's Market in the Hillsboro Memorial Park from 5 PM until they are sold out. Contact Judy Klein (620-947-1577) for more information and how to help.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

June 27 is the deadline to register for UMVIM trip to Sager Brown in 2026. Our next UMVIM trip to work in the Sager Brown UMCOR Depot is January 31 to February 7, 2026. Our goal is to have 75 individuals from the Great Plains to fill up Sager Brown for the week. We can do this! Travel dates will be January 31 and February 1 (arrival at Sager Brown) and February 6 - 7 (arrival back home). We will work from Monday through Thursday of that week.

The cost is \$340 per person, which includes housing, meals, and a \$50 non-refundable deposit. You can hold your space by submitting your check, made payable to Great Plains Conference. On the memo line write "2026 UMVIM Trip" and mail to PO Box 4187, Topeka, KS 66604. For more information, contact Rev. Hollie Tapley, UMVIM coordinator, at <a href="https://

CELEBRATION! - SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Pie and Ice Cream and Fireworks, Oh My! Celebrate Independence Day with fireworks in back of the church at 8:30 PM. Before the display, we'll serve pie and ice cream. If you can, bring a pie and/or ice cream to share. Then sit back on your lawn chair and enjoy the bright lights! Donations will be needed to cover the fireworks cost. You may place your donations in the offering plate (marked 'fireworks'). Invite a friend or neighbor!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for Road Trip, On the Go With God

Our adventure will take place on:

Friday, August 1st from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Saturday, August 2nd from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sunday, August 3rd from 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

and

Celebration at 10:30 AM

Spread the word! VBS is open to children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade (2025-26 school year). We'll share Bible stories, games, science, crafts and music for a fun, God-centered experience. The only thing missing is the kids who don't hear about VBS. Share the news today!

The VBS director is Debbie Ratzloff.

Please let her know if you'd like to contribute or volunteer before or during VBS.

We need *everyone*'s help to invite kids to come to VBS.



VBS Registration will start in July and both paper forms and an online registration link will be made available at that time.



SUMMER SNACK PACKS

The summer snack program has begun. So far we are delivering weekly to 84 kids in Marion County! I am so grateful for our church members volunteering to make



it happen each week-unloading the pallets, opening the cases of food and getting the boxes ready to pack, packing the boxes and delivering to the families. Thanks also to Coop Grain and Supply, Countryside Feed LLC, Agri Trails Coop and Hillsboro Community Foundation in funding this project.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We want to recognize Jessica Saunders who recently graduated from Ft. Hays State University with two degrees in accounting and finance. She has accepted a position at AGH in Wichita where she will begin work as an associate in the audit department. She also plans to begin the process to earn her CPA certification. Congratulations Jessica!



There are lots of ways
to give support to
VBS. For questions
about registration,
please contact
Denise Unruh
at
620-654-7740
or
dendelus@yahoo.com





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FLAT JESUS PROJECT

As we remember that the Real Jesus is with us wherever we go, take Flat Jesus along with you as a witness to your faith as you travel His creation, see family, friends and witness His love this summer. Take a photo and tell us about your adventure with Flat Jesus. Then, bring in your photos and stories or email them to the church office for us to share and display this summer. We will be following Flat Jesus on Facebook too, so tag us (Hillsboro UMC) and include the hashtag #hillsboroumcflatiesus when you share your pictures and stories to your Facebook page! We'll also award Flat Jesus prizes for best outfit, best travel story, furthest

distance traveled, etc. Where will your adventures take you and your Flat Jesus this summer?



The Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

All VBS questions should be directed to Debbie Ratzloff at 620-654-7529 or ratzloffd@vahoo.com

ROAD TRIP VBS MISSION PROJECT

On Road Trip VBS, travelers won't just learn ABOUT God's love; they will actively SHARE God's love with their neighbors through our VBS mission project! Our travelers will be putting together Snack Sacks to donate to the Hillsboro Senior Center to include with their Meals On Wheels program. In July, you can help us collect **individual** packaged snacks for the Sacks. Some ideas are:

Breakfast/Protein Bars **Instant Oatmeal Packets** Rice Krispie Treats

Cheese/PB Crackers Trail Mix Slim Iim Meat Sticks Dried Fruit & Raisins Goldfish Crackers Nuts





We want our Travelers to feel like they're on an exciting journey on the open road, so we need your help collecting items to decorate for our Road Trip! Some items we'd like to borrow are:

Road Maps Wagons

Travel Brochures Suitcases Old License Plates Little Tykes Cars Coolers

Items can be placed in the fellowship hall starting in July. Please put your name on anything you want returned after Vacation Bible School is over.



There will be a VBS LEADERS MEETING on Thursday, June 12 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



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Adult Sunday School — 9:30 AM Sunday Worship — 10:30 AM

HUMC worship service on MCTV channel 20 is broadcast on the following times:

Sundays at 4 PM Thursdays at 10 AM Wednesdays at 7 AM Fridays at 1 PM

If you have to be away from church on Sunday morning, you can still worship with us. Go to YouTube and type in **Hillsboro KS UMC** and you'll find it live. If you go to YouTube after 11:30 AM, click on Live Video and it will be there. On Mondays, the service is uploaded to our Facebook page, Hillsboro KS UMC.





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POSITIVE & PRAYER THOUGHTS, by Dot Ensz, Prayer Coordinator

- Life is short enjoying and knowing God first is the best part of life.
- God fills our hungry souls.
- God's love and peace are constant. His love is a never ending source of nourishment.
- With God's help, we can rise above today's problems.
- Take time to meditate on God's word even during our busiest days.
- God's word provides hope and encouragement and is our bread of life.
- When we have compassion, we can do amazing things.
- Beauty is the gift of God.
- God's love pass it on.

Dear God,

We invite you into our lives and help us to put you first. You created us and we need you and want you in our hearts and lives. Help us to be the kind of people you created us to be. Forgive our foolish ways. We give you all of our love and praise.

In Jesus' name, AMEN