



# The Parable



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### We are Easter people!

What does that mean? We just celebrated Easter on April 20. The Easter season in the church lasts until Pentecost on June 8. We also recognize that every Sunday throughout the year is a "little Easter" because we are never without the promise of resurrection and eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

We remember that the risen Christ walked the earth for 40 days until he ascended into heaven. He told his followers to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. Ten days later, on day 50, Pentecost, we remember how the Holy Spirit came upon them with rushing wind and tongues of fire. The Holy Spirit gave them power and courage to take action. They immediately went out into the streets and the temple in Jerusalem and began to preach and teach. They delivered the message of Jesus, the good news, far and wide. This tiny group of believers grew more and more each day.

So who are Easter people? We are!

*"The term 'Easter People' refers to Christians who believe in and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They are a people who find hope, joy, and meaning in the Easter story, which represents the triumph of life over death and the promise of eternal life. Being an Easter People is not just a belief but a way of life, marked by hope, joy, and a commitment to following Jesus' teachings."*

The challenge to ask ourselves is, how is our way of life reflecting hope, joy and the teachings of Jesus? We just finished a Bible study titled "The Message of Jesus." If you weren't part of the study, you might consider picking up a copy of the book in the church library or simply reading the Bible. We explored the Sermon on the Mount, the parables Jesus told, the "I Am" statements that show us who Jesus is, and what Jesus means when he says, "the kingdom of God has come near." These messages aren't hidden or obscure. They can be found in the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They're meant to be

shared and proclaimed far and wide!

How will others know we're Easter people? It will show in our words and actions. When we're seen caring for others, offering kindness, being patient in times of trial, standing up against bullies and speaking for those being oppressed, welcoming the stranger, and showering God's love in the world, people can see who we are as followers of Jesus. And we can invite them to join us! I'll never forget the nurse's aide who said of one of our church members, "I want what she has."

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

Pastor Margaret





*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**

**May 3 - Denise Unruh & Debbie Ratzlaff**

**June 7 - Need Volunteers**

**July 5 - Need Volunteers**

**Third Sunday Food Offering will be May 18**

**Cash offering will support Native American Ministries.**

**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.**

**Current needs include:** 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](http://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 - 9<sup>th</sup> 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!



## SUPPORTING OUR TEACHERS

In May, the Church Fellowship Team will be leaving some treats in the High School break room to show support for the teachers and staff.



Then, over the summer we'll be collecting donations for the elementary school teachers to use in the classroom.



They continue to express deep gratitude for our assistance. We'll post the "wish lists" when we have them and deliver items before school starts in August. This is one of the ways we can be partners in education for children and youth.



## Celebrating a birthday in May:

May 2	Clayton Jantz
May 4	Kyson O'Hare
May 8	Westin Etheridge
	Olivia Slater
May 9	Deon Weeks
May 15	Gary Tibbetts
May 16	Sonja Hefley
May 23	Sonya Roberts
May 28	Doug Sisk



The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day  
**Monday, May 26**



## **NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

Third Sunday offering on **May 18** will support the Native American Ministries Special Sunday Offering. Contributions help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within each United Methodist annual conference and provide scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed ministry.



Thank You!

I appreciate Alex Jost and the staff-parish committee, as well as Pastor Margaret, for their thoughtful cards and gifts in recognition of Administrative Professionals Day on April 23. The kind words and gestures of support are truly heartwarming.



Sharon Denholm  
Office Assistant

## **HAVE YOU LOOKED?**

We announced the launch of the new church website in the February newsletter. It's also listed in the contact information at the top of each Sunday's bulletin. The website is the "front door" to the church where people can check us out. Take a look and see what's there.

Go to: [www.hillsboroksumc.org](http://www.hillsboroksumc.org) and you should find it. Be sure to type in the entire address to get to the right page.

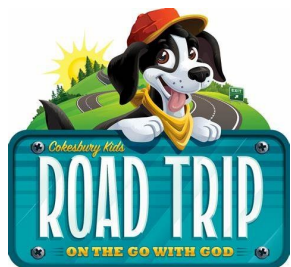


## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Friday, August 1**  
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

**Saturday, August 2**  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Sunday, August 3**  
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM  
and  
Celebration at 10:30 AM



Join us for *Road Trip, On the Go With God.*  
For kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade.

Get on the road to fun, games, music,  
Bible stories, food, science and crafts.  
Best of all, make friends and get close to God!

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.

## **SCHOOL'S OUT, BUT CHURCH IS IN SESSION**

Church will be in full swing this summer with Sunday school, worship services, Vacation Bible School (August 1-3), Fourth of July celebration (June 29), and a back-to-church brunch on August 31. We appreciate those who remember to keep up with their offerings even when they have to be gone. Somehow the bills keep coming in during the summer! You

can always mail your offering to the church, bring it to the church office, or play "catch up" the next Sunday.

### **Two tips for staying in touch with God this summer:**

1) If you're out of town over the weekend, find a church to visit. It could be a United Methodist church or another

Christian denomination. If you get a worship bulletin Pastor Margaret would love to see it for fresh ideas!

2) Remember to pray without ceasing. Give thanks to God, pray for others, pray for the church, pray for yourself. Keep the conversation with God going strong!



## **COMING UP IN JUNE**

### **Annual Conference - June 4 - 7**

Marie Adams, lay member, and Pastor Margaret will be attending in Salina, KS. You can register as a guest if you'd like to sit in on the sessions. There are also ways you can volunteer as a door greeter, lunch ticket taker, and other opportunities. See Lyman Adams or Pastor Margaret to learn how you can sign up.



### **Sunday, June 15 - "Muffins for Methodist Men"**

On Father's Day, we'll show our appreciation for all of our Methodist men by serving muffins and coffee at 10:00 AM. Come before the worship service to enjoy a special treat. Sponsored by the Church Fellowship Team.

### **Thursday, June 26 - 5 PM**

Bierocks sale at the Farmer's Market in the park. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women.





## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!**

On Sunday, April 13, we recognized Jocelyn (Josie) Simpson who is graduating from Tabor College. Josie came to us from Colorado and has been a member of the soccer team. The Tibbetts invited her to church, and we've been delighted to have her as part of our church family. She'll be taking a "gap year" and then pursuing a career in dermatology.

On Sunday, May 11 we'll honor Logan Rogers and Skylar Voran, graduating

from Hillsboro High School. Everyone is invited to enjoy breakfast at 9:30 AM and celebrate with Logan and Skylar.

We also want to recognize our college graduates:

Dillon Boldt is graduating from Friends University. Dillon will be returning to Hillsboro to teach music at the Hillsboro Middle/High School.

Jacob Denholm graduated with a mechanical engineering degree from K-State back in December

and is currently working as a test engineer for Land Pride in Salina.

Zachary Denholm graduates this month from Hutchinson Community College. He has accepted a CAD/drafting position with Kice Industries in Wichita.

Congratulations to these young people and best wishes for continued success!

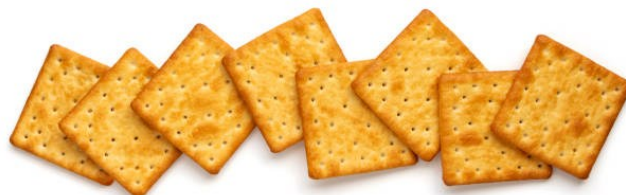


*We want to give special thanks to Cooperative Grain and Supply, Countryside Feed, LLC, Agri-Trails Coop of Hope, and the Hillsboro Community Foundation for their continued support of the Snack Pack Program.*

## **SUMMER SNACK PACK PROGRAM**

It is almost time for our Summer Snack Pack Program. The first day of packing will be later this month. We are busy getting supplies and will be setting up the youth room for assembling the boxes. HELP is needed in several areas, so if you are interested in volunteering, contact Lyman Adams or the church office.

During the past several years, this program has delivered thousands of snack packs to food insecure youth in Hillsboro, Centre and Goessel School Districts.



**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	Wednesdays at 7 AM
Thursdays at 10 AM	Fridays at 1 PM

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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 Ens, 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

