

The Parable

Hillsboro United Methodist Church Newsletter



I was reading Terry Hershey's blog, and I thought you'd enjoy this quote: "I love learning new words. This week: Quanked. Perfect. Our world is emotionally quanked. It means overpowered by fatigue." I googled it and learned it's a word from the 1800's in Britain. I don't know what prompted its invention back then, but it certainly fits our lives in 2026.

Are there days when quanked describes exactly what you're feeling? I'm quanked every time I listen to the news. Sometimes I'd like to hide under the covers and hope the chaos of the world will go away. But I think Terry Hershey's point is not to throw up our hands in despair and be quanked. His aim is for us to stay awake and alert in our Christian discipleship. To pay attention to what's going on and respond with kindness and compassion.

When we consider the

injustices in our world, when we hear the coarseness and vitriol of people's speech, when we see the callous treatment of those who live on this planet with us, our Christian faith should move us to action. It begins with the word of God in Micah 6:8, *"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."* Micah lived during a time of social injustice, political and religious decay, and threats of foreign invasion, much like our world today. Micah is calling people to turn back to loving God and loving neighbor.

Our Christian faith rests on the words of Jesus in Matthew 25, *"Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."* We read the words of scripture, we know what we're supposed to do, but

can people see Jesus in our actions? Do we love "the least of these"? This means meeting strangers with openness, sharing resources freely without judgement, and listening for understanding when we disagree. We allow ourselves to be vulnerable.

In a few weeks we'll celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday. In the meantime, during this season of Lent, may you reflect, repent, and be reenergized in your life with Jesus. 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:

Ian Thomson
Students at Fern Valley UMC, Zimbabwe

Those in nursing homes:

Jennifer Dies, Martin Fent, John Darting,
Dot Ensz, Elaine Lowry, & Merle Knak



MAIN STREET MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

March 7 - Kirby & Kathy Rector

April 4 - Larry & Judy Klein

May 2 - Pastor Margaret

Third Sunday Food Offering will be March 15

Cash offering will support

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

**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:

*taco shells, rotel, salsa, alfredo sauce, parmesan, pudding cups,
pop tarts, cranberries, pie filling, mandarin oranges, hot cocoa mix,
paper goods, personal toiletries, feminine hygiene products,
disposable razors, laundry soap, shampoo/conditioner, dish soap.*

Items are collected every third Sunday at worship.

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

SOUPER SUNDAY!

Thank you to the Mission Team (Bob Unruh, Reg Matz, Debbie Ratzloff, Denise Unruh, Lori and David Yoder) for organizing our “souper bowl” lunch on February 8. *We tackled hunger!* The free will offering was \$577.00 and will be given to the Hillsboro Elementary to pay the school lunch fees for those families that can’t afford it. Thanks to our “souper” chefs: Lori Borg, Lori Yoder, Priscilla Unruh, Doris Kohlenberg, Shari Sisk, Sally Andrews, Barbara Housman, Cindi Reese, Kathy Rector. We also enjoyed some yummy



desserts from Lindy Wiens, Susan Watson, Sally Andrews, Marie Adams, Debbie Ratzloff, Barbara Housman. Thanks to Denise Unruh, Edith Darting, Lori Yoder for providing cheese and crackers. (There may be one or two others who didn’t sign their names but provided treats!)



- March 2 Karen Dalke
- March 5 Lane Rogers
- March 6 Kyler Borg
Rod Koons
Steve Highbanks
- March 10 Natalie Jewell
- March 12 Charlene Pschigoda
Lloyd Pschigoda
- March 13 Danielle Rogers
- March 16 Marilyn Ensz
- March 20 Jay Klassen
- March 22 Ralph Janzen
- March 23 Brian Klenda
- March 26 Anne Janzen
- March 31 Logan Rogers



United Methodist Women

Thursday, March 12
7:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

All church women
and their guests
are welcome.

**Men's
Breakfast**

Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 20
7:00 AM

All men are invited.

**Our Presence & Gifts
in February**

Date	Worship	Offering
1 st	44	\$9,770
8 th	60	\$4,448
15 th	60	\$4,218
22 nd	52	\$3,360

\$3,600 is required each week
to meet church-budgeted needs.



EASTER FLOWERS

It's time to order Easter flowers for the church. There will be a choice of Easter lilies or other spring flowers this year and the cost will be **\$14.00** for each plant ordered. You may donate them in memory or in honor of someone special. Order forms will be available in the church office or Sunday bulletins in the coming weeks. Flowers may be picked up after worship on Easter Day, April 5th.



SPRING FORWARD!!

Don't forget to spring your clocks forward one hour!

Daylight Savings Time Begins

SUNDAY MARCH 8

MEN'S ANNUAL HOG ROAST MARCH 20

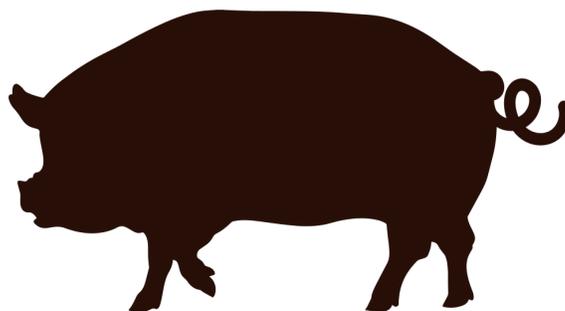
Friday, March 20, 2026

Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Enjoy a smoked pork sandwich with all the trimmings!

**Meals will be served this year
by drive-by pickup only!**

*Free will donations will support projects
within the church and Hillsboro community.*



UMCOR SUNDAY - MARCH 15

Our Third Sunday Offering will support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). If you want to learn more about UMCOR, visit www.umcgiving.org/UMCOR.

THERE'S MUSIC IN THE AIR!

Spirit 'N Celebration (SNC) will be with us in worship on **Sunday, March 8**. We'll be blessed by the gift of music and, after the service, we'll all come together for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. Don't sleep in—come join us at 10:30 AM on March 8!



LET'S PLAY!

Come play with us on **Sunday, March 8 at 5:30 PM**. We'll enjoy a sneak preview of the VBS theme for this year: Snowball Mountain Challenge. Debbie Ratzloff always has lots of fun, creative activities for all ages to enjoy. She mentioned something about a “chilly bar?” Games, snacks, crafts—who knows? You'll have to come and find out!

CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY!

Everyone is invited to come to the fellowship hall for a come and go coffee in honor of Ralph Janzen's 85th birthday on **Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM**. Stop by, wish Ralph happy birthday, and enjoy some coffee and fellowship!



HOLY WEEK

Immerse yourself in the days leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. This is a time to pray and reflect on our walk with Jesus as we journey toward Easter!



Palm Sunday, March 29	Worship at 10:30 AM
Maundy Thursday, April 2	Worship at 5:30 PM <i>(includes communion)</i>
Good Friday, April 3	Worship at 5:30 PM
Easter, April 5	Worship at 10:30 AM

LOVE BOLDLY, SERVE JOYFULLY, LEAD COURAGEOUSLY

Our new United Methodist Vision is to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously.

We have an opportunity to “Love Boldly” on **Friday, April 10** at “High Five Friday” at the Elementary School. From **7:25 - 8:00 AM** we’ll line the front hallway and offer high fives and encouraging words as the children arrive for school. Wear your church shirt if you have one and show how much we care about children.



We can “Serve Joyfully” at the Camp Chippewa Work Weekend, **Saturday, April 25**. There will be more information and a sign-up sheet in early April.

UMW Spring Road Trip

Tuesday, April 14

(Leave the church at 9 AM)

Morning

A visit with Ivan at Wichita’s Museum of World Treasures

Lunch

River City Brewery

Afternoon

Tip toe through the tulips at Botanica

Join us for a great springtime adventure!

*Sign up sheet is at the back of the church
or RSVP by texting or calling Debi at 920-877-0060*



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship – 10:30 AM

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 usually uploaded to our Facebook page, Hillsboro KS UMC.



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POSITIVE & PRAYER THOUGHTS, by Dot Ensz, Prayer Coordinator

- Love is not love until we give it away.
- Cherish each moment you have with those you love and care about.
- Treasure good things and times that have happened to each of us and be thankful as they will become treasures of our heart.
- God is love. Love is God. Give love and it will return!
- When we make others happy, we will be happy.
- Always do what is right.
- Gratitude comes from prayer.
- Being thankful is so powerful.
- God's love – pass it on.

Dear God,

Help us to focus on you each day of our lives. Thank you. We need you and want you in our lives. You give us the strength, courage, & wisdom to be who you created us to be. You are amazing and awesome. We give you our love and praises .

In Jesus' name,
AMEN

