

The Parable



Hillsboro United Methodist Church Newsletter



Have you ever had a time when you were able to do something that was beyond your normal abilities? You were faced with a challenge you weren't prepared for, and yet somehow you managed to get through it. This happened when I had my first heart surgery in 2018. It was totally unexpected, and for some reason I felt no anxiety, just peace. Or maybe you've suddenly had an urge to get in touch with someone. One time I thought I was dialing Rod Koons, and I ended up dialing Rod Holt, a friend from my church in Wichita. When he answered I realized my mistake, but we talked for a few minutes anyway. It turned out that his dad had just died that day, and I was able to immediately offer my sympathy. A "God-incident."

This is one of the ways we might notice the activity of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus said his parting words to the disciples, he assured them that he wasn't leaving them on their own to continue the mission. In John 14:16 he said, "*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (or Helper), to be with you forever.*"

The Holy Spirit has been called the sustainer, comforter, encourager, advocate. The Holy Spirit is probably the most mysterious person of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), the one we spend the least time with. Yet the Holy Spirit can move us to do the right thing at the right time. The Spirit can encourage us when we feel hopeless and strengthen us in tough times.

We'll be observing Pentecost on Sunday, May 24, remembering the coming of the Holy Spirit to those first disciples. In the Bible the Holy Spirit is described as a dove (at Jesus' baptism), as wind and tongues of fire (in the book of Acts.) I haven't seen any doves or felt any tongues of fire. However, I've experienced the Holy Spirit as a tingling sensation during hymns and preaching. I was nudged to visit my aunt one evening after work and she died that night. The Holy Spirit is powerful, and I pray that we pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do as a church.

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

Pastor Margaret





Those in need of prayers:

Ian Thomson, Students at Fern Valley UMC, Zimbabwe

Those in nursing homes:

Jen Dies, Martin Fent, John Darting, Elaine Lowry, & Merle Knak



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!

MAIN STREET MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

May 2 – Pastor Margaret & Lindy Wiens

June 6 - Need Volunteers

July 4 – Food Pantry Closed

Third Sunday Food Offering will be May 17

**Cash offering will support
Peace With Justice Special Sunday Offering**

**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: rotel, salsa, canned meats, evaporated milk, dryer sheets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, body wash, wash cloths, mop/broom, tums, deodorant, air freshener, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, and disposable razors.

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





MEETING
WEDNESDAY
MAY 6
5:00 PM



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- 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 25**



Friday, May 15
7:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

Our Presence & Gifts in April

Date	Worship	Offering
5	52	\$1,034
12	50	\$3,880
19	52	\$6,065
26	42	\$1,045

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

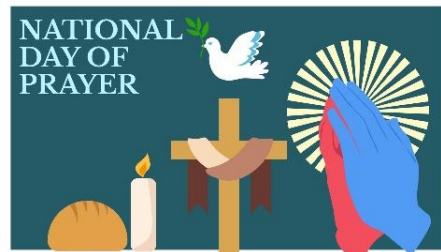
Hosted by the Hillsboro Area Ministerial Association

Thursday, May 7

Noon - 12:30 PM

Tabor Heritage Hall (inside the Shari Flaming building)

Please come to this community-wide event as we pray together.



BACCALAUREATE

We'll be hosting the Baccalaureate service **Sunday, May 10 at 7:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. Quinlyn Funk, class president, and Dennis Boldt, senior class sponsor, are working to develop the program. Guest speaker will be Grant Shewey, Hillsboro MB youth pastor, and there will be music provided by members of the senior class.

As hosts, we will provide cookies and drinks after the service. If you can provide one or two dozen cookies, please contact Pastor Margaret by May 3. Thank you for blessing our graduates!



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

On **May 17** during the 10:30 AM worship service, we'll recognize our high school graduate, Clayton Jantz. Clayton has been an active member of our youth group and is planning to pursue a career in culinary science. He'll be attending Butler County Community College this fall. Congratulations and best wishes to Clayton!



ANNUAL CONFERENCE "SERVE JOYFULLY"

Reg Matz, alternate lay member to annual conference, and Pastor Margaret will be attending the Annual Conference, **May 27 - 30** in Kearney, Nebraska. This Conference is held once a year with clergy and lay members representing the churches in the Great Plains UMC. There will be worship services honoring clergy and spouses who have died since the last annual conference, a baptism, the ordination service for new clergy, keynote speakers, a few business items, and lots of fellowship and Christian conferencing.



KEARNEY, NE
MAY 27 - 30, 2026

GREAT PLAINS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

GRIEF SHARE

Thursdays, May 7 - July 30, 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Parkview Church in the JMBY Room. The weekly support group includes a video, small group discussion and a workbook. You may join the group at any time and the cost is covered. Contact Elaine Goodwin at 720-215-8460, egoodwin15@gmail.com or Aaron Galloway at 620-877-0050, ag5836@gmail.com.



PRAIRIE VIEW SUMMER KIDS

As we did last year, we'll open up the church for Prairie View to hold their summer program for kids. We welcome this opportunity to serve the community and to hear the sounds of children throughout the building! They will be here each week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, starting **Tuesday, June 9 through Wednesday, July 15.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." *Philippians 4:13*

Join us for *Snowball Mountain Challenge.*
For kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade.

Hit the trail 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.

Friday, July 31

5:00 PM — 8:00 PM (*supper provided*)

Saturday, August 1

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM (*lunch provided*)

Sunday, August 2

Celebration during worship at 10:30 AM (*potluck lunch after the service*)



LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to Reg Matz, we have two new books in the library!

If you care to go backpacking this summer, you might want to read this book and see your adventure as spiritual practice. Check out *Backpacking with the Saints* by Belden Lane. The discipline of backpacking can be a metaphor for a spiritual journey. In this book you will trek with him through the Ozarks and across the American Southwest.



If you care to examine what you believe, and even why do you believe the doctrine of your faith, become challenged by reading *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by this young Muslim, Nabeel Qureshi. This book provides an intimate window into a loving Muslim home. His search showed his excellent mind, his loyalty to his family, extraordinary research and willingness to follow the evidence trail wherever it took him. His search also led to the cross and Jesus Christ, who was resurrected from the dead.

Thanks to Reg for providing these two books to help stretch our faith in Jesus Christ.



HVAC FUNDS

\$4,890 has been raised so far. The church was built in 1987 and five of the seven AC/Heating units are original, which means they're almost 40 years old. We can count on needing to replace them in the near future. Also, the unit at the parsonage is limping along with several major repairs in the last two years.



Please help the church continue building the necessary reserves to fund new HVAC units. We all enjoy being kept cool in summer and warm in the winter! Mark your check or offering envelope with a designation for the church HVAC fund. Then check the “thermometer” next to the welcome desk to watch our progress!

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. When possible, the service is uploaded on Mondays to our Facebook page, Hillsboro KS UMC.



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