

The Parable



Hillsboro United Methodist Church Newsletter



Lately I've been thinking about Ecclesiastes and the well-known verse "*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...*" (And for some of you, just reading that line has prompted the song "Turn, Turn, Turn" by the Byrds to start playing in your head. If you missed that song back in the 60's you can find it on YouTube.)

Do we resist change or do we embrace it? There's plenty of change that touches us personally. Graduations, moving to a new home, taking a different job, getting married, births, and deaths. Ecclesiastes says there's a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. It's like living in Kansas with its four distinct seasons, although sometimes it feels like we've had winter, spring, summer and fall all in one 24 hour day. It's the same way with our world. There's war and peace, love and hate, coming at us around the clock 24/7. Endless change.

Sometimes we get stuck and resist moving on to the next season of life. It feels like we're in a never-ending winter of darkness and chaos. This can happen in our own lives, in the life of the church, in the life of the nation and our world.

In the midst of all this, the writer of Ecclesiastes says, "*All is vanity,*" meaning life is mysterious and fleeting. What wisdom does he offer? He writes, "*I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.*" (Eccl 3:12-14)

Sometimes we forget to take joy in this life. I have a sign on my desk. It says, "When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I WAS. When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I WILL BE. When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I am here. My name is I AM."

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



MAIN STREET MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

June 6 – Debbie Ratzlaff & Denise Unruh

July 4 – Food Pantry Closed

August 1 – Volunteers Needed

September 5 – Volunteers Needed

Third Sunday Food Offering will be June 21 & July 19

June Cash offering will support *Open Door Ministries*

July Cash offering will support *Hillsboro Area Ministerial Association (HAMA)*

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, pop tarts, popcorn, bleach, trash bags, laundry detergent, fabric softener, 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



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

The United Methodist Women will be preparing a meal on **Thursday, June 25** and serving it 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.

RETIREMENT + 65TH BIRTHDAY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Please bring your family and join us in celebrating Kathy Koop! There will be yard games, dinner and dessert.

Hillsboro Scout House - 200 Memorial Drive
RSVP to Jessica at 620.947.4003 or just show up!

JUNE Birthdays

| | |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 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 25 | Lyman Adams |
| June 26 | Gary Slater |
| June 27 | Paisley Housman |
| June 30 | Lauren Hein |

JULY Birthdays

| | |
|---------|----------------------------|
| July 9 | Davie 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 |

Men's Breakfast

**Friday, June 15
&
Friday, July 17
7:00 AM**

Fellowship Hall



Our Presence & Gifts in May

| Date | Worship | Offering |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 3 | 35 | \$1,287 |
| 10 | 39 | \$ 975 |
| 17 | 45 | \$1,365 |
| 24 | 28 | \$3,045 |

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

CELEBRATION!

Friday, July 3, 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!



TOWN HALL MEETING

After church on **Sunday, July 19** the congregation is invited to stay for this special Town Hall meeting. We'll also be serving pizza, so you don't have to worry about what's for lunch! This is an opportunity to ask questions and get answers about a possible change in our administrative structure at the church.

For over a year we've had five individuals and the pastor meeting with Rev. John Martin to learn about something called the One Board model, or Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS). In the One Board structure, there are nine people elected who are accountable for the administrative business of the church—finance, staff/parish, trustees (the legal aspects, not ongoing maintenance) and church council. The board is divided into three classes, so each year three people rotate off, and three new people rotate on.

Now it's time for us to hear from the congregation as we share what we've learned. The team hopes you'll make time for the town hall so we can get your input before making a recommendation whether or not to implement this new structure.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, July 31st from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, August 1st from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday, August 2nd Celebration beginning at 10:30 AM



“Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God”

Bible verse: *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* (Philippians 4:13)

Spread the word! We'll share Bible stories, games, science, crafts and music for a fun God-centered experience. Meet Ollie the Arctic Seal. Bring hats, gloves, blankets, coats to give to United Methodist Open Door. The only thing missing is the kids who don't hear about VBS. Share the news today!

There are lots of ways to give support to VBS. Contact Debbie Ratzloff (620-654-7529) to learn how you can help!

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.



www.facebook.com/hillsboroksumc



www.hillsboroksumc.org

Subscribe to our
You Tube Channel

www.youtube.com/@hillsboroumc4256

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
905 E D Street
Hillsboro, KS 67063

Phone: 620-947-5643

Email: hillsboroksumc@gmail.com

Margaret Johnson, Pastor

Phone: 316-655-1801

Email: megjohnsonwichita@gmail.com

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Sharon Denholm, Office Assistant

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings

Missi Redger, Custodian

