

The Parable

September

Hillsboro United Methodist Church Newsletter



Someone said to me recently, “Why do we need to continue having Children’s Moments in worship? We often have only one young person or sometimes no children at all.” There are several reasons to have time within our worship service for kids. The number one reason is that we cherish our children, whether it’s one, or more than one. Every child is important!

The second reason is because we must always be prepared for guests. Whether it’s family from out-of-town bringing your grandkids, or someone in the community who is visiting, being ready to welcome children as well as youth and adults is a priority. Again, it sends a message that we love children.

Finally, sometimes the children’s message is more meaningful than the sermon! How many times have we heard people say, I really liked the children’s time. Sometimes I’ll go ahead and use the children’s message with the whole congregation.

On a different subject, we’re moving into a new season in the life of the church. There’s a flurry of activities for all ages—the youth group starting up again, everyone playing bunco on September 13 and enjoying a wienie roast on Oct. 18. These are great opportunities to invite someone to come and spend time with us.

We anticipate our annual fall traditions (Trunk or Treat and the Turkey Dinner), and hopefully we’re engaging in worship, Bible study, and service. Speaking of service, you won’t want to miss worship on September 27. Our guest speaker is Rev. Hollie Tapley, Disaster Response Coordinator. She’s responsible for our Great Plains UMC response to fires, floods and tornadoes, deploying people and supplies to any place in need of repairs and persons needing consolation. She also conducts training on active shooters, emergency responders and much more.

Come to church this fall and be rejuvenated. Then go out ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

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

Pastor Margaret





Those in need of prayers:

Cheryl Jost, Ian Thomson, Students at Fern Valley UMC, Zimbabwe

Those in nursing homes:

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



MAIN STREET MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

September 5 – Charlotte Takahashi

October 3 – Pastor Margaret, Charlie & Cindy Reece

November 7 – Pastor Margaret

Third Sunday Food Offering will be September 20

Cash offering will support Zimbabwe Students

**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: pie filling, rotel, salsa, canned meats, evaporated milk, pop tarts, popcorn, bleach, trash bags, dryer sheets, laundry detergent, fabric softener, 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



Labor Day is
Monday, September 7.
The church office will be closed
in honor of the holiday.



UMW Meeting

Thursday, September 10 — 6:30 PM
in Fellowship Hall

Please bring a salad to share.
Program by Debi Hughbanks.

All women are invited to attend!

SEPTEMBER
Birthdays

September 4	John Hein
September 9	Keith Jost
September 12	Norma Cabeen Priscilla Unruh
September 13	Brynlee Janzen
September 20	Kelly Booton Taylor Hein Morris Hope
September 21	Katie Hein
September 24	Aaron Slater
September 27	Mardell Carlson
September 30	Hunter Housman



Men's Breakfast
Friday, September 18
7:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

**Our Presence & Gifts
in August**

Date	Worship	Offering
2	77	\$1,360
9	48	\$885
16	40	\$1,550
23	48	\$1,465

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



UMM/UMY Parking Lot Fundraiser!

September 19 from 8 AM — 2 PM

Cost is only \$10.00 per car

Adult volunteers needed.
Contact Lyman Adams if you can help out.

SUMMER SNACK PACK PROGRAM

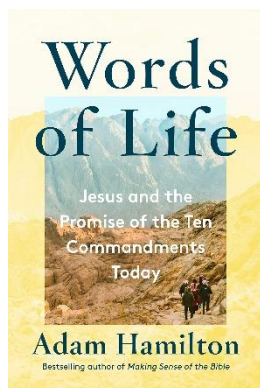
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped with the 2026 Summer Snack Pack Program. We provided 83 kids from 34 families with snacks. In total, 7,631 snacks packs were delivered. Thanks to everyone who helped with the snack pack program from unloading food and water, setting up the room for packing, putting snacks in the boxes and delivering the boxes to the Hillsboro homes or to Goessel and Centre. It is so impressive to see our church family work together. THANKS, AND WELL DONE!



The snack pack program has transitioned to providing snack packs to food-insecure kids during the 2026-2027 school year. One exciting note is that the program will begin supplying snack packs to the Peabody-Burns School District.

A special thank you goes to our sponsors who donate to this program: Coop Grain and Supply, Countryside Feed LLC, Agri Trails Coop, and Fox Chiropractic.

FALL BIBLE STUDY



Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today

This is a ten-week study, longer than the usual six weeks. But after all, there *are* ten commandments! So don't hesitate to sign up if you'll miss one or two sessions. That's to be expected.

Dates: Mondays, August 31, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, Nov. 2, 9, 16. We'll meet at **10:00 AM**. Anyone interested in an evening session, please contact Pastor Margaret.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Pastor Margaret will be attending Leadership Institute online. The Institute is held every Fall at Resurrection UMC in Leawood KS, featuring speakers and workshops for any size church. You're invited to join her at the church for any of the sessions you might be interested in.

- **OPENING WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.**
- **THURSDAY, 9 AM TO 4:45 PM - Some of the speakers include:** Magrey deVega, Rachel Billups, Matt Miofsky, Lovette Weems, Matt Rawle, Ashley Boggan, and others.
- **CLOSING WORSHIP ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM - Opening and Closing Worship with Rev. Adam Hamilton.**



SECOND SUNDAY, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

A fun time of fellowship on the second Sunday of the month.
For all ages—children, youth and adults.



We've played Bunco, made Easter Gardens and Easter cards, had "tasters" for the upcoming Vacation Bible School, enjoyed a wienie roast, sang Christmas carols at the nursing homes, and played Bingo with prizes.

Here are the dates for this fall:

- **September 13** - Let's Play Bunco!
- **October 18** (*actually the 3rd Sunday*) - Weiner Roast at Randy & Lindy Wiens
- **November 8** - Thanksgiving, Advent Themes
- **December 13** - Christmas Carols at Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins

GUEST SPEAKER, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27



Rev. Hollie Tapley, Disaster Response Coordinator for the Great Plains Conference.

Hollie coordinates disaster response on behalf of the United Methodist Church throughout Kansas and Nebraska. If there are fires, floods or tornadoes in our two states, she'll be there. She's a trusted liaison with local officials as she works to meet the needs of people affected by disaster. She also provides training for local churches who can serve with clean-up and recovery. Lindy Wiens recently took the training and then assisted during the flood recovery in Eldorado last year. Hollie's tag-line is: "Keep my soul clean and my boots dirty."

CATCHING UP

During the summer it's easy to forget about providing your offering for the church. Everyone gets busy with vacations, family reunions, or even just staying home to avoid the brutal heat. However, the church doesn't take a break—we still have bills to pay and activities to support. Now is the time to take a closer look at your giving to the church and see if you need to do some catching up.

The church is God's agent in the world, and we do what we can to continue the good work of Jesus Christ through the church. Certainly, we couldn't do this without your gifts of time and talent. In this day and age, it also takes money to sustain the church. We'll be putting the 2027 budget together in the next few months. Can we count on you to support the work of the church with your tithes and offerings?



VBS 2026 PHOTOS





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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