

The Parable



Hillsboro United Methodist Church Newsletter



Several people have asked me recently what the word “woke” means. “Woke” means someone who is attentive to issues of injustice and racism. The Merriam-Webster definition is someone who is “aware of and actively attentive to important societal facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice).”

The word “woke” has been tossed around a lot the last few years. The origin of the word comes from the 1930’s and gained more common usage during the civil rights movement in the 1960’s, when issues of racial injustice were prominent. More recently it’s been used as a pejorative, a derogatory word for an individual or group of people who are considered too “liberal or progressive politically.” And yet the term “woke,” in it’s original, first meaning, can be applied to every Christian who sincerely tries to follow Jesus.

Jesus was “woke”. He demonstrated concern for those who were on the margins of society, such as the lepers, prostitutes, and the poor, who were suffering from oppression. He revealed the unjust prejudice toward the Samaritans. He spoke out about the abuses of the religious leaders and the moneychangers in the temple. Jesus championed love of God and neighbor as being enacted when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison and welcome the stranger. Are we Christians who claim to follow Jesus “woke”?

When we profess our faith and become part of the church, one of the vows we’re asked to affirm is, *“Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?”* (Baptismal Covenant II, p. 40, *The United Methodist Hymnal*.) Some folks do this with peaceful protests. Others write letters to those in leadership positions to encourage change. Many people take action by engaging in ministries that help those who are poor, hungry, or being bullied by unfair practices. *All of us* have the freedom to vote. There are churches where pastors will tell members how to vote. I believe that’s not the job of a pastor. I’ve always told congregations, I won’t tell you how to vote. I will tell you to exercise your right to vote and always pray for peace.



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 in need of prayers:

Cheryl Jost, Ian Thomson, Brad Sisk,
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

October 3 – Pastor Margaret, Charlie & Cindy Reece
November 7 – Pastor Margaret
December 5 – Need Volunteers

Third Sunday Food Offering will be October 18

**Cash offering will support
World Communion Sunday**

**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



**Friday, October 16
7:00 AM**

Fellowship Hall

Finance Meeting

**Wednesday,
October 21
5:00 PM**



UMW Meeting

**Thursday,
October 8
7:00 PM**

Fellowship Hall

**All women and their
guests are welcome.**



OCTOBER Birthdays

October 1	Hudson Rogers
October 2	Jessica Saunders
October 3	Dennis Boldt
October 9	Cheryl Jost
October 11	Jordyn Housman
October 14	Tina King
October 15	Dick Carr
October 17	JoAnn Knak
October 18	Larry Klein
October 19	Tracy Boldt
October 20	Brenda Kimberly
October 23	Margaret Johnson
October 29	Kathy Rector
October 30	Jill Booton

Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday,
October 21
5:45 PM**



Our Presence & Gifts in September

Date	Worship	Offering
6	48	\$1,670
ACH CONTRIBUTIONS		\$2,590
13	37	\$1,365
20	47	\$3,065
27	42	\$ 825

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

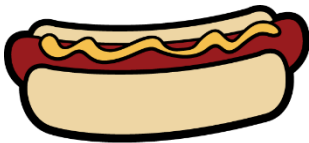
GUEST PREACHER REV. HOLLIE TAPLEY, OCTOBER 11



Hollie is the Disaster Response Coordinator for the Great Plains UMC. Originally, she was scheduled to be here on September 27. Because of our technical difficulties on September 20, we postponed it in hopes that the problems with the screens and mics would be resolved by October 11. We've sent flood buckets, money, and in some cases volunteer labor, to support recovery from floods and tornadoes. Hollie will have more to tell about the ministry of our United Methodist connection following disasters.

SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Immediately after worship we will have a special Church Conference on **Sunday, October 18**. District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Kalaba Chali will be with us to lead the proceedings. The one item of business is to vote whether or not the church wants to adopt the One Board Leadership structure, which would go into effect January 1, 2027. Those who can vote are professing members of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Constituents (those who participate in the life of the church but are not members) are welcome to be present and observe.



WIENIE ROAST AT LINDY & RANDY WIENS

Sunday, October 18 at 2056 Kanza (just little bit north of Highway 56 on Kanza). Bring a lawn chair and a side dish to share.

FOR THOSE WITH A SERVANT'S HEART

We have an opportunity to serve at United Methodist Open Door on **October 21 and November 19**. The day before we'll make up 160 sack lunches for the homeless center—peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, a banana and a brownie. Various churches, groups and individuals ensure those who are unsheltered can have a meal at least once a day. We can help! Another opportunity is helping distribute the Thanksgiving Food Boxes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving. More information on that in the next newsletter.





2027 BUDGET

The finance committee will meet on **Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30 PM** to set the 2027 Church Budget. All budget requests should be sent to Lyman Adams no later than October 7.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 25, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Hot dogs & popcorn will be served!

Decorated trunks and candy will be needed. Sign up at the welcome table!
It's a fun night with our community!

ORDERS AND FELLOWSHIP

Once a year all clergy are called to a meeting with the bishop. Pastor Margaret will be travelling to Leawood, KS on **Monday, October 26** and returning in the evening on October 28. There will be a keynote speaker, uplifting worship, and time for learning and renewal. If you have an urgent need, please contact the pastor on her cell phone at 316-655-1801.



LOOK AHEAD / FALL BACK

Before you know it, November will be here! The first Sunday, **November 1** is when Daylight Savings Time Ends. Remember to turn your clocks back ("fall back") when you go to bed on Saturday. We will also celebrate All Saints Sunday that day and remember our loved ones who have gone before us.



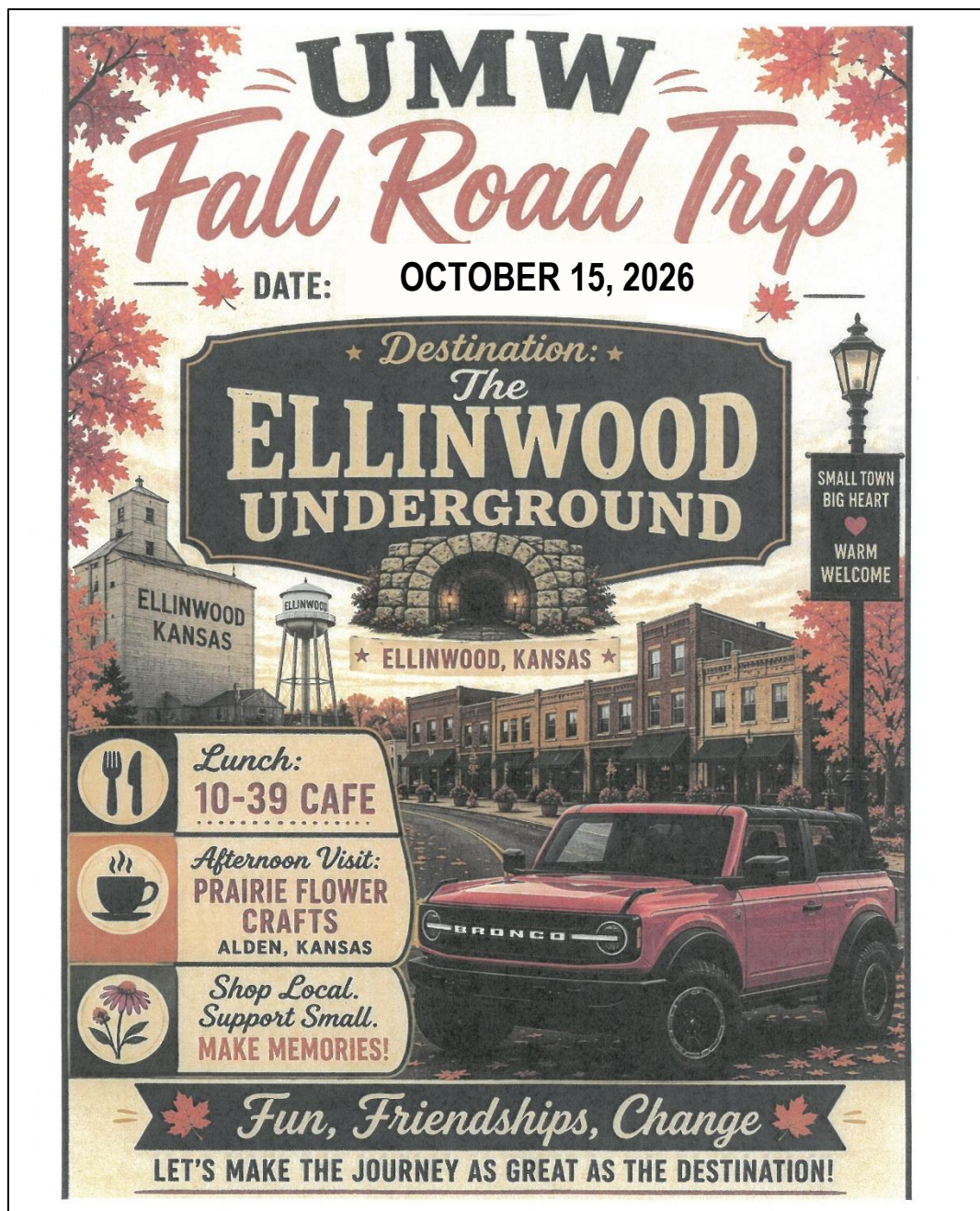
TURKEY DINNER

Friday, November 6, 5:00 PM until the food runs out.

Drive through, carry out only.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

During the Sunday School hour (9:15 - 10:15 AM) on **Sunday, November 29, December 6, 13, and 20**. We'll be using the resource *Advent Can Still Change the World: Bringing Christmas Past into Christmas Present*, by Josh Scott. The study includes a book, video clips and discussion. Please sign up if you plan to attend so we can be sure there's a book for you.



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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