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Hillsboro United Methodist Church Newsletter

WELCOME REV. BENNETT!

Rev. Dr. Quentin Bennett *("Quentin" works just fine or whatever you are comfortable calling him)* comes to you with over 35 years of professional ministry and leadership experience in the Great Plains Conference. He retired from appointive ministry in 2016. He served in active ministry at Leon, Rosalia, Tisdale *(Sunflower Parish Director)*, Wellington, Lyons, and McPherson *(Executive Pastor)* United Methodist Churches. Since retirement, Quentin has served at Conway Springs, Harper/Argonia, Furley, Newton Salem, Abilene First, Minneapolis, Lyons, and Trinity El Dorado. Prior to answering his call to professional ministry in 1989, Quentin spent 13 years as a Computer Systems Analyst and Programmer.

Quentin graduated in 1992 with his MDiv. degree from the St. Paul School of Theology and was ordained an Elder in 1994. In 2003, he received his DMin. from Saint Paul with an emphasis in worship and rural populations. During his time at Saint Paul, he received honors for his biblical studies and work in social justice. His undergraduate degree is a B. S. in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska, and in 1985 he received his M.B.A. from Texas A & M-Texarkana. Quentin has also spent the last 19 years working with the Center for Pastoral Effectiveness studying family systems theory, and its impact on his own ministry.



Quentin is married to Patricia ("Ticia") Bennett. Ticia is a retired Ordained Deacon, and Associate Member of the Great Plains Conference. Quentin and Patricia are blessed with four daughters: Arvilla, Amanda, Leslee, Patricia ("Tricia"), and seven grandchildren.

Ministry drives Quentin to seek new and innovative ways to help congregations live out their role as ministers of the Gospel. One venue for this ministry is Volunteer in Mission efforts that offer ways to be in ministry while also taking a spiritual journey for individual growth.

Quentin has served the annual conference in many different ways including the District Board of Ordained Ministry, CFA, Committee on Sexual Ethics, and is currently a member of Great Plains Camping Board. Quentin is a lifelong Methodist, and he treasures the old while welcoming the new as the Word of God continues to move the people of God forward in the world.

When Quentin is not attending Hillsboro UMC, he will be found attending Calvary UMC with his wife Patricia, and working with the Outreach Committee, ramp building ministries, and leading an annual team to Manos Juntas in Rio Bravo, Mexico. Quentin is known for knowing every ice cream, kolache, BBQ, and fried pie stop between Kansas and Rio Bravo, MX *(including Rio Bravo)*.

Quentin is an avid sports fan. He is a season ticket holder at the NASCAR Kansas Speedway *(including two tickets for grandchildren)* and annually attends the Daytona 500 with his brother. He can regularly be found at Wichita Thunder games and Wichita Wind surge games. He is a St. Louis Cardinal fan/KC Royals fan *(in that order)*, a Chiefs fan, and yes… he is Nebraska Cornhusker (GBR!!!). His only redemption is he will root for the Kansas Schools when not playing the Huskers. Quentin often manages the stress of life and his passion for food with long walks *(4-5 miles)* with one of his best friends, Wilson, who is 4-year-old pure bread DAWG.



Those in need of prayers:

The families of Pastor Margaret Johnson, Eileen Butler, & Cheryl Jost
Ian Thomson, Brad Sisk,
Students at Fern Valley UMC, Zimbabwe

Those in nursing homes:

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

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MAIN STREET MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

November 7 – Bob & Priscilla Unruh
December 5 – Charlie & Cindy Reece
January 2 – Rod & Carrie Koons

Third Sunday Food Offering will be November 15

Cash offering will support
United Methodist Student Day Special 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.

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!



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**



Men's Breakfast

Friday, November 20
7:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

UMW Meeting

Thursday, November 12 – 7 PM
in fellowship hall

A thank offering will be taken.
All women are invited to attend.





November 3	Elaine Lowry
November 5	Marty Dalke
	Betty Medley
November 11	Debi Hughbanks
November 18	Mike Duerksen
	Amy Etheridge
November 20	Michele O'Hare
November 22	Bob Lowry
November 23	JC Saunders
November 26	Charlie Ayers
	Randy Jantz
November 28	Shirley Weibert
November 29	Gary Etheridge

Our Presence & Gifts in October

Date	Worship	Offering
ACH	-	$2,640
4	59	$6,960
11	58	$1,156
18	49	$985
25	43	$1,390

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

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



Stewardship Sunday will be held on **November 22**. During worship, please prayerfully consider your gifts to HUMC in 2027! The Finance Committee thanks you for the financial gifts you have given so far in 2026. Here are the financial results as of 9/30/2026:

General Budget Balances
Income to Date: $120,861
Expenses to Date: $127,232

Balance: ($6,372)

Our Fund Balances
Endowment Fund: $81,065
Benevolence Fund: $1,477
Memorial Fund: $6,816
Air Conditioning Fund: $7,250

The Finance Committee is pleased that after the summer months our general budget income and expenses are within $6,372. We ask you to keep your church in your prayers and in your gifts so we can close out the 2026 year in a positive figure.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

A time and date to decorate the church for the advent season will be announced soon!

CHURCH CONFERENCE



The Church Conference is the "business meeting" of the church, along with a worship service and fellowship time. **This year, we'll meet at McPherson UMC, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, on Sunday, November 22**. This will include the UM churches in Marion County and McPherson County. Everyone is invited; church council members are encouraged to attend.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on **Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27**.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1!

Set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday evening, October 31!

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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