

# The Parable



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I was with my youngest niece on Saturday, September 20, at the KS Book Fair. It's held every year in Topeka on the campus of Washburn University. My niece was there to promote the books she's written and sell some too. There was certainly a diversity of vendors, everything from butterfly books to knitted "bookworms" and "edgy Christian mysteries." I was especially delighted to meet Traci Boldt's sister-in-law and purchase a couple of her children's books featuring a chocolate-colored cat name "Coco." You can count on hearing more about Coco during a future children's sermon!

Something that's really popular these days is to give out stickers, whether it's at a book festival or the United Methodist annual conference. Most folks put them on their laptops, but mine are covering my planner. I have an "I Voted" sticker from the last election. There's one that says,

"Small Church Advantage." It's a reminder that Hillsboro UMC has a number of advantages over larger churches, shown by the many ministries we do here.

Many of my stickers are reminders of what we're called to do as Christians. One sticker is The Three General Rules for United Methodists: 1) Do no harm, 2) Do Good, 3) Pay attention to God. There's a sticker from the kindness campaign last fall: Do Unto Others. The Golden Rule never goes out of style! Another sticker (a large round one that says Love Your Neighbor) reminds me of what Jesus proclaimed is the Greatest Commandment: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Our fall bible study is titled "Reckless Love," and we've examined, and sometimes struggled, with how we can love like Jesus.

If you created a sticker, what would it say? Would it be a famous quote, a line from scripture, a verse of a hymn? What shape would it take? What colors would you use? If this inspires you to sketch your idea for a sticker, I'd love to see it!

Finally, I have a sticker of John Wesley with a cartoon bubble that reads, "The best of all, God is with us!" Those were his last words on his deathbed. In spite of all the troubles in the world and what we face in our daily lives, God is with us!

*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 that have been ill, hospitalized or in need of prayer.*

Students at Fern Valley UMC, Zimbabwe

*Those in nursing homes:*

John Darting, Dot Ensz, Elaine Lowry, & Merle Knak



## **MAIN STREET MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS**

**October 4 - Reg Matz & Charlotte Takahashi**

**November 1 - Margaret Johnson & Brenda Kimberly**

**December 7 - Need Volunteers**

**Third Sunday Food Offering will be October 19**

**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:** laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels,  
dish soap, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene products,  
bath/hand soap, deodorant, & razors

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](http://www.mainstreetministries.net/food-bank)**

THANK YOU FROM HILLSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Thank you

Blessing!  
 Thanks!  
 Thank you!  
 Jill  
 Thank you!  
 Sharon  
 Thank you so much!  
 Kathy K.  
 Thanks a bunch!  
 Kristin  
 Thanks!  
 Andrea  
 Thank you!  
 Carison  
 Thank you!  
 Emily Dickinson  
 Thank you!  
 Autumn  
 Thank you!  
 Rebecca Kaufman  
 We appreciate you!  
 Tena  
 Thank you!  
 Michelle F.  
 Thank you!  
 Heather C.  
 Thank you!  
 Sandy  
 Thanks!  
 Collette  
 Thanks!  
 Tracy  
 Thank you!  
 -Kade Hemmett  
 Thank you so much!  
 Amade  
 Hillsboro Methodist Church  
 Thank you for blessing our staff with additional supplies!  
 Nathan Hibbert  
 Thank you!  
 Alyson V.  
 Thanks so much!  
 Emily Walker



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 Dot Ensz  
 Kathy Rector







## 2026 BUDGET

The finance committee will meet on **Wednesday, October 8 at 5:30 PM** to set the 2026 Church Budget. All budget requests should be sent to Lyman Adams no later than September 30.



## SECOND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 - 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Weiner Roast at Randy & Lindy Wiens

*For all ages — children, youth and adults.*

*A fun time of fellowship on the second Sunday of each month.*



## ORDERS AND FELLOWSHIP

Once a year all clergy are called to a meeting with the bishop. Pastor Margaret will be travelling to Kearney, NE on **Monday, October 20** and returning in the evening on October 22. There will be a keynote speaker, uplifting worship, and a 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 2**, is when Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to turn your clocks back ('fall back') when you go to bed the night before. We will also celebrate All Saints Sunday that day and remember our loved ones who have gone before us.



## BIBLE STUDY

The Advent Bible study will be held on Sunday mornings, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, beginning **Sunday, November 30**. Watch for an announcement and a signup sheet if you plan to participate.





## UPCOMING SERMONS

October 5

United in a Season of Divisiveness  
*(World Communion Sunday)*

October 12

Jesus and Social Justice Issues

October 19

Guest Preacher: Rev. Nicole Conard

October 26

Healthy in Body and Spirit

November 2

Stewards and Caretakers  
*(All Saints Sunday)*

## 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 16.** This will include the UM churches in Marion County and McPherson County. Everyone is invited; church council members are encouraged to attend.





Finance Committee  
will meet on  
Wednesday, October 8  
at 7:00 PM.



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

*Fellowship Hall*  
Friday, October 17  
6:30 AM



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
**5:30 - 6:30 PM**



**TURKEY DINNER**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  
**DRIVE-THROUGH ONLY**  
**5:00 PM UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT**

**You're invited! Bring a friend or neighbor!**  
**Join us for an evening of music, inspiration, & learning.**



**UMW — THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 — 6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
Program followed by a Dessert Bar

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
Rachel Bachman, presenter and musician  
*"Be a Bolder Believer"*

Rachel Bachman comes to us from right up the road in Hesston, where she is the director of Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Harvey and McPherson Counties. She does not know a stranger and loves meeting everyone and she may just burst out in song or dance!

Currently Rachel is celebrating being an empty nester with her husband Ken, who happens to be a master carpenter, like Jesus! Recently awarded Newton Area Woman of the Year and Angel Among Us for her work in the community with helping the homeless, Rachel does not lack enthusiasm and comes to us today to encourage us in our own individual spheres of influence and say, "Lord, I will follow!"

**Fall Road Trip - OCTOBER 21, 2025**  
Look out Salina, the UMW Ladies are on their way!

- The Murals
- Shopping
- Blue Sky Brewery
- The Steifel Theater
- More Shopping
- Ice Cream before heading home



Leaving the church at 9 AM/Pickup spot in Lehigh  
Return around 5 PM  
Please consider volunteering to drive.  
Call Debi with RSVP: (620) 877-0060

**Adult Sunday School — 9:30 AM**

**Sunday Worship — 10:30 AM**

HUMC worship service on MCTV channel 20  
is broadcast on the following times:

Sundays at 4 PM	Wednesdays at 7 AM
Thursdays at 10 AM	Fridays at 1 PM

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. On Mondays, the service is uploaded to our Facebook page, Hillsboro KS UMC.



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### Office Hours

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From 9 AM — Noon

**Sharon Denholm, Office Assistant**

### Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings

**Missi Redger, Custodian**



## **POSITIVE & PRAYER THOUGHTS**, by Dot Ensz, Prayer Coordinator

- God lights our path one step at a time.
- True courage is learning to trust God.
- Regardless of our size or abilities, God will choose us.
- God's grace is always enough.
- The Lord is our shepherd, and he knows us by name.
- When we welcome others, we are welcoming God.
- Jesus understands and is with us always.
- When we believe in Jesus, miracles are possible.
- Jesus said, "I have set you an example that you also do as I have done to you." *John 13:15*
- God's love—pass it on.

Dear God,

We invite you into our lives and help us to put you first. You created us and we need you and want you in our hearts and lives. Help us to be the kind of people you created us to be. Forgive our foolish ways. We give you our love and praise.

In Jesus' name,  
AMEN

