

**If it is comfortable, please stand*

Guests – thank you for joining us. We would love to connect with you! Please fill out the Welcome side of the bulletin insert or use this QR code.



Prayer Request - If you have a prayer request, we encourage you to fill out the prayer request side of the insert and either give it to an usher or put it in the offering baskets.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

LIGHT OF CHRIST COME INTO OUR MIDST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Ephesians 1:17-18

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints...

*OPENING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

Your Grace Is Enough

WS # 3106

PREPARING FOR PRAYER

Song

Covenant Prayer

WS # 3115

Silent Prayer

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

Where Children Belong

FWS # 2233

OUR TITHES, GIFTS, & OFFERINGS

We will be passing the offering plates, or you can leave your giving in the baskets at the back. Please scan the QR code to give your worship offering.



*DOXOLOGY

UMH # 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of grace, we pause in gratitude for all you've given us. As we bring these gifts, we offer them back to you with thankful hearts. Use them to help us love, connect, and serve, so that together we can grow a Christ-centered community. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 13:10-17

PRAYER: Lord, Astonish us anew with your Word. Amen

L: Word of God for the people of God,

C: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

KINGDOM STORIES: Why Parables?

Pastor Trudy Hanke

HYMN OF DEDICATION

***Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*, v. 1, 4**

UMH 462

*BENEDICTION

*LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT BEFORE US

*SENDING FORTH

Surely The Presence

UMH # 328

POSTLUDE

Pastor- Pastor Trudy Hanke thanke@greatplainsumc.org cell phone: 308-940-0382
Church Secretary- Susan Marsh fumcyork@windstream.net church office: 402-362-4571 / 402-362-5479
Support Staff- Joni Powers **Parish Nurse-** Kristi Scheele
Organists- Pete Cordes & Sandra Quiring **Praise Team-** Laura McDougall & John Meister
Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Leadership Board Members: Bill Lundy, chair; John Bennett, Wally Bryne, Pat Hotovy, Leo Kringle, Barry Redfern, Kristi Scheele, Jean Thiele, Sally Bailey, Lay Member to Annual Conference

The Church in Action

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Caring Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Mission
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	NA Group- basement
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team in the sanctuary
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	NA Group- basement
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	NA Group- basement

Interested in Foster Parenting?

If you have considered becoming a foster parent or know someone who has, Epworth Family Services invites you to attend a virtual Foster Parent Q&A.

Monday, July 6, at 8:00 p.m.

Information sheets are available at the Welcome Center.

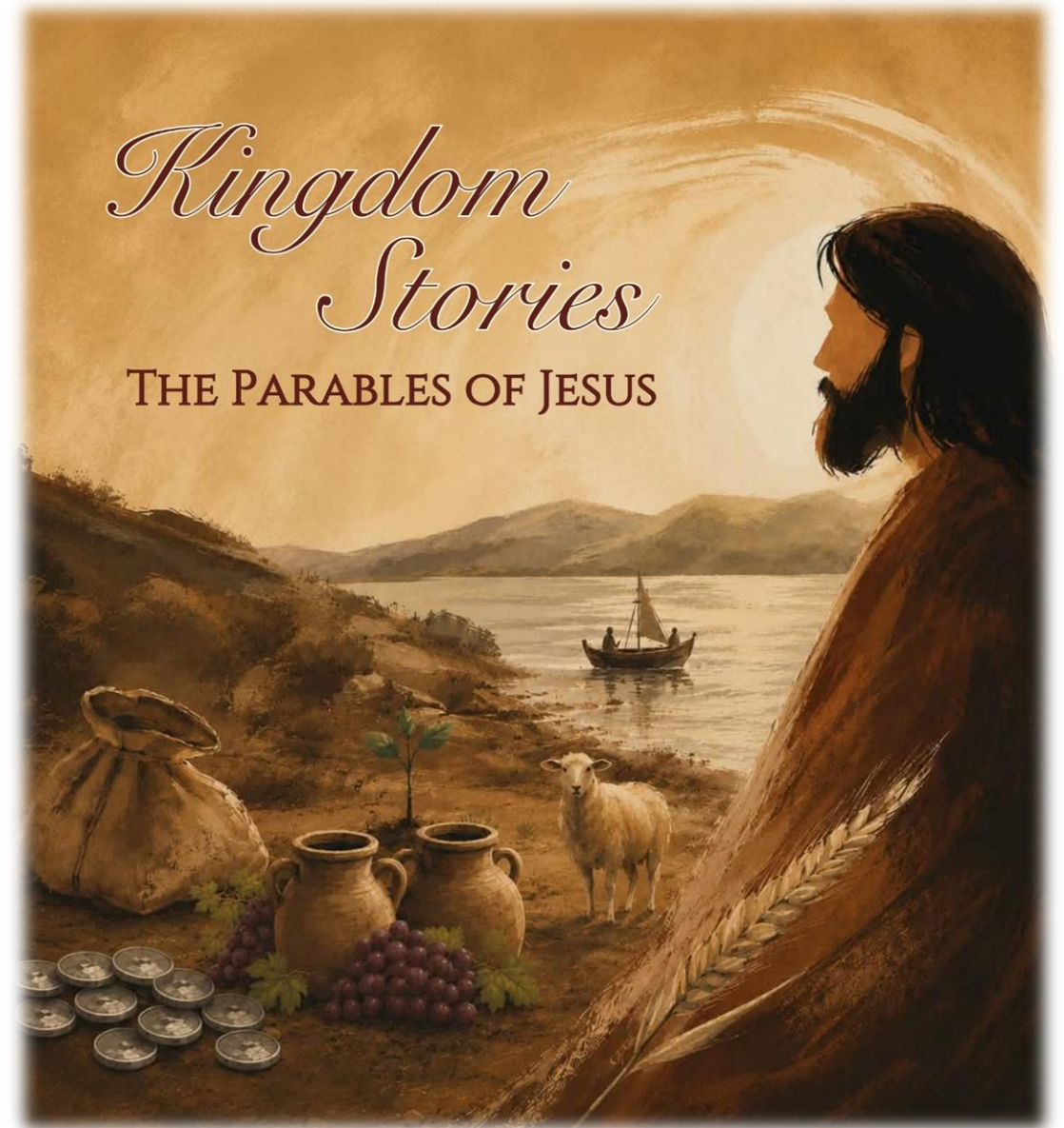
Wednesday Nite Live Program Planning

Planning for the 2026–2027 Wednesday Nite Live Program will begin over the next few weeks. If you would like to help, please contact Joni or Pastor Trudy.

Holding One Another In Prayer

Art & Ruth Roemmich	Lisa (Arbogast) Eilers	Alma Bailey
Rod Smith	Ron McGimpsey	

Call or text Pastor Trudy 308-940-0382 or email her at thanke@greatplainsumc.org, with any prayer or visit request, or call the church office and leave a message with Susan for Pastor Trudy.



LOVE • CONNECT • SERVE