

## Matthew 25:14-30 niv The Parable of the Bags of Gold

<sup>14</sup>“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup>

The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup>So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.

<sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

<sup>21</sup>“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ <sup>22</sup>“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

<sup>23</sup>“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>24</sup>“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup>So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ <sup>26</sup>“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup>Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

<sup>28</sup>““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

<sup>29</sup>For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

<sup>30</sup>And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

POTATO BAR  
TODAY 12:15-1:30  
Fellowship Hall

### Pastor Amos available for visitations.

Please inform me of any Nursing Home residents or others in need of visitations-  
Pastor Amos

Bishop David Wilson-Great Plains Conference  
DS Karen Rice Ratzlaff-Hutchinson-Salina District  
Pastor Amos McCarthy--Belleville FUMC & Agenda UMC

**Pew cards available for  
guests / prayers  
& information requests.  
Place in the offering plate or  
turn in to the office**

**New National Suicide Prevention  
and Crisis Lifeline: 988**



## “Overcoming the Spirit Of Slothfulness”

First United Methodist Church  
2013 M Street - Belleville, KS  
March 15, 2026  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Our Mission is to prayerfully:  
SEEK God GROW in faith LOVE and SERVE others  
For the transformation of lives!

**Belleville First United Methodist Church**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026 10:45 Service

Message: Pastor Amos McCarthy Liturgist: John Surber  
Café: Stacia Piroutek Children's Message: Kathy Aeillo

(\*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude/Gathering Music

Entrance/Lighting of the Candles (10:45) Acolyte(s) enter

Welcome/Announcements

John Surber

\*Praise Song "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

A/V

\*Congregational Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

A/V UMH 400

\*Call to Worship

John Surber

The days are passing, and God calls us to awaken.

**We come to seek the life God has given us.**

God has placed gifts within us and a purpose before us.

**We come to offer our hearts, our hands, and our lives.**

Christ calls us out of comfort and into faithfulness.

**We come ready to follow where Christ leads.**

The Spirit awakens us from indifference and renews our strength.

**We come to worship the God who calls us to live fully.**

Come, let us worship the Lord who gives life.

**We will love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen**

Time of Prayer

Joys & Concerns

John Surber

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Amos

Lord's Prayer

Song of Prayer "Glory Be to the Father"

UMH #70

Collection of Fish Money & Children's Message

Kathy Aeillo

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

John Surber

Message "Overcoming the Spirit of Slothfulness"

Pastor Amos

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Closing Song "In Christ Alone"

A/V

Dismissal/Blessings

**WORSHIP MINISISTERS**

**3-22-2026**

**Message: Pastor Amos McCarthy**

**Liturgist:**

**Children's Message: Donna Farmer**

**Cafe: Kim VanNortwick**

***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

3/12 Miles Ritchie, Sally Cole

3/13 Tom Hiatt

3/14 Alan & Celise Lawson

3/17 Kayla McCartney

3/20 Penelope Splichal

3/24 Erin Kallman, Myron Runft

3/25 Keaton Ritchie



**Lent Sermon Series Disordered Loves: A Lenten**

**Journey Naming What Distort the Soul.** Feb. 22-Mar.22

**Purpose: A Look at the seven deadly sins. These sins are not "Bad Habits" but disordered loves: ways our God-given desires turn inward. Let us not be ashamed because Lent is not about shame, but about grace that reorders the heart.**

**1st Sunday:** "The Landmine of Pride: When the Self takes God's Place."

Text: Luke 18:19-14; Genesis 3:107; Proverbs 16:18;

Spiritual Exercise: Confession (silent and corporate)

**2nd Sunday:** "Lust & Envy: The Uncomfortable Truth."

Text: Genesis 4:1-10; 2 Samuel 11 Spiritual Exercise: Name gifts without comparison.

**3rd Sunday:** "Anger: Taming the Lion Within."

Text: Jonah 4:1-11; Ephesians 4:25-32

Spiritual Exercise: Practicing deep breathing and calming minds; Seek to understand other perspectives to foster empathy; Considering forgiveness as a path to release your anger; Engage in deep prayer and meditation to find inner peace.

**4th Sunday:** "Slothfulness: Resisting the Life God has Given."

Text: Matthew 25:14-30; Hebrews 6:11-12

Spiritual Exercise: Intentional Commitment (Focus on one concrete act of faithfulness).

**5th Sunday:** "Beyond Enough: The Danger of Self Craving."

Text: Luke 12:13-21 Spiritual Exercise: Giving Alms; Generosity

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**PRAYER LIST**

Carolyn Rauch, Christine Strutt, Wilma

Mulch, Neva Demanett, Doug Hofman

(Emma's niece's husband), JoAnn Parrack

(Kaye Ray's sister), Vance Wendelburg

(Susie Arbuthnot's cousin), Vanessa Grover

(Joan's daughter-in-law), Mona Svoboda,

Tranda Strnad, Solly Vanouhlden, Linda

Whittaker(Jerry Melton's friend), Cindy

Frye (Kaye Ray's daughter), Nancy

Naysmith, Laurie Kasl, Mike Knedlik

## Sunday, Marth 15<sup>th</sup>

9:30 Sunday School  
10:15 Cafe  
10:45 Worship

**Potato Bar Fundraiser following worship.**

## Wednesday, Marth 18<sup>th</sup>

**Commodities 6:30 a.m.(truck)**

**7:30-9:00 distribution**

**NO Bible Study**

**NO Energize**

## Sunday, Marth 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:30 Sunday School  
10:15 Cafe  
10:45 Worship

## Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

4:30-6:30 Parents as Teachers

## Wednesday, Marth 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00a.m. Bible Study

6:30p.m. Energize-Holy Week meal

7:00p.m. Scholarship meeting

### Upcoming Events:

**Palm Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>-entrance with palms  
(children preform during worship)**

**Maundy Thursday Meal-Fellowship Hall**

**Good Friday Service 12:10p.m. FUMC - April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Egg Hunt 10:00a.m. (activities in Overflow)**

**Photo Shoot area in overflow & special Easter Cafe**

**Did you know...** There is a little visitor at our church! Whoever finds him each Sunday during March will get a prize to keep and one to share. He will only visit the ground floor! Please return him to Kim if you find him, so that he may visit again.

### Giving Options

Text Giving: 844-509-2398

enter amount - follow directions  
as prompted.

**Link to online giving**

Home | Belleville First United Methodist Church (myvanco.com)

POTATO BAR  
TODAY 12:15-1:30  
Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays  
**6:30-7:45**  
**Grades 6-12**

Meal sign up  
sheet available  
in foyer!



### Mini Mission Project

Collecting bingo prizes &  
White Elephant gifts for  
ISB, BHCC & CREDO

(Snacks, sm. cans of pop, fruit, ChapStick,  
lotion, tchotchkes, other small gifts)

Baskets available in foyer on long table.

Will be delivered regularly.

Prayer stations  
will be available  
during Holy Week



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Google  
Play Store  
App



Jan-Mar Fish Money: Resource Counsel  
\$ Sunday - Church People Concerned

### Liturgists for March

3/1 Tandy Rundus  
3/8 Stacia Piroutek  
3/15 John Surber  
3/22 ??  
3/29 ??

### Café for March

3/1 Karen Hiatt  
3/8 Nicol Parde  
3/15 Stacia Piroutek  
3/22 Kim VanNortwick  
3/29 Jeanette Sheets

**Head Usher-John Surber**  
Mar: Barry & Susan Childs

### Children's Moments

3/1 Donna Farmer  
3/8 Tandy Rundus  
3/15 Kathy Aeillo  
3/22 Donna Farmer  
3/29 Donna Farmer  
Sign up sheet available  
in foyer!

### Audio Visual

Bob Arbuthnot, Kelly Struebing,  
Tandy Rundus, Mike Hadachek

### Praise Singers

Megan Ritchie  
John Surber  
Tandy Rundus

Tiny Tot Playgroup  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
of the month  
10:00-11:30a.m.  
in Nursery



**April 2**



Mon. 3/30 -- East - Pam Scofield  
-- West - Lela Knedlik  
Tues. 3/31 -- East - Diana & Tom Snapp  
-- West - Rhonda Bird  
Weds 4/1 -- East -- Susie & Bob Arbuthnot  
-- West - John Surber & Waylon Sheetz  
Thurs 4/2 -- East - Marty & Don Westphal  
-- West - Susan Childs  
Fri. 4/3 -- East - Annette Marcotte  
-- West - **NEED TO FILL THIS ROUTE**

Non-denominal  
Bible Study

**9:00a.m. Wednesdays**  
**Belleville FUMC Parlor**

Open to ALL

*Next study will be Max Lucado*

*Footsteps of the Savior*

*Join us as we visit actual places  
where Jesus walked. A story from  
the bible will be shared on what  
happened at each place.*

**Lent Bible Study**  
**Sundays, March 8-29**  
**7:00p.m. by ZOOM**

"He Chose the Nails:

What God Did to

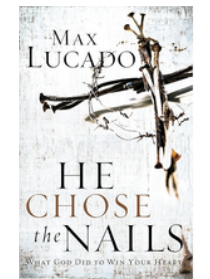
Win Your Heart"

by Max Lucado

zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96723275316>

**Book available.**  
**Video series also available**  
**on Study Gateway**



### Community Prayer Team

Please join every Monday morning at  
8:00a.m. from your home to pray for  
Our Country during the month of  
March. Set your alarms as a reminder.  
Each month may have a different  
prayer request.