

Pastor's Page

This is a time when prayer is more urgent than ever. A prayer that resounds in the sky is like a shower of rain on a dry summer day. The secret of a dead soul to be revived and reborn as a holy disciple of God is to prostrate in front of God in prayer. Prayer is also the driving force that made the disciples, who were trembling before death in the four Gospels, risk their lives and run toward their mission in the book of Acts.

Although the Early Church lacked everything, there were traces of soaking the floor with the tears of prayer. Through the prayers of tears that resounded in the sky, the church has grown into a church that surprised the world even in the midst of persecution and suffering. At a time when everyone says it is a crisis today, the wisest choice to overcome the crisis and drink the living water of joy is prayer. If we pray, the soul will come to life, and if we pray, the church will arise.

Recently, I read a book called <Prostrating Prayer>. Prostrating Prayer is a prayer that admits that you cannot take even one step without God and entrusts it 100% to the Lord. Praying may not change the environment or the world right now. However, if we experience God through prayer and change ourselves, even when we pass through a dark cave, we will sing while looking at the ray of light that we meet someday.

This book conveys God's voice to us today by examining how people in crisis broke through reality through prayer. People of faith prayed in the face of crisis, and God, who heard their cry, opened the gates of heaven and came to us with a small voice, sometimes with a sound like thunder that resounded in the sky. Now is the time for us to continue the prayers shown by the warriors of faith. Since prayer has no expiration date, God always prepares the gift of answers.

For the past two and half years, the whole world has suffered from the pandemic. More dangerous than a virus pandemic is a spiritual pandemic. The individual's faith and the church's situation are suffering from spiritual helplessness. We can't just sit back and wait for this crisis to pass. It is time for both individual life and the church to break through the barriers of reality and once again spread powerful wings and take off. When we put our hands together, God will raise our hands and give us a wonderful rain of grace. When we prostrate ourselves before God, God will open the gates of heaven and let the light of His face shine.

One day, the pandemic will pass and the day will come when we will overcome the many adversity of life and look back on our lives today. A person who kneels in prayer whenever he/she encounters a curve in life will confess this: God, who has led us from our wilderness-like life up to this day, is all thanks to God's grace. I pray that you will be used in God's life work by prostrating prayer for the rest of your life, and that it will be a life that fully gives glory to God.

Pastor David



Reflection upon Ordination

Pastor David was ordained a year ago in June. It was a wonderful time for him and his family. Isn't it amazing how quickly time flies!



Youth Vision Trip to Denver



Gratitude abounds after successful annual conference

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

Greetings to the lay members, clergy members and friends of the Great Plains Annual Conference. It has already been a week since we opened our first in-person annual conference session since 2019.

What a blessing it was to meet and greet one another again after a two-year absence! The annual conference planning team wants to thank you for your gracious spirits as we adjusted to a new venue at La Vista.

We want to thank Alex and Hannah Absalom for their presence with us as we reimaged what discipleship looks like in today's world. We were inspired by the five P's of Prayer, Parties, Person of Peace, Profound Conversations and Presence of God. (Opportunities to learn more are on the horizon.)

We were inspired by the opening worship and sermon from Missouri Bishop Bob Farr as he asked us, "Do you see it?" We remembered those we see no more but who leave us the legacy of the sower of seeds preached by Rev. Hyemi Jones. We commissioned, ordained, and received new clergy members into the Great Plains Annual Conference. And our Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. reminded us all to hold on to the plow as we move through the messy middle of life.

We thank GP Camps and their diligent work and ministry with the children of the annual conference. And we praise the leadership of our youth in presence and worship. And we are hopeful at the presence of our youth adults and their growing involvement in the life of the annual conference.

We are grateful for the leadership of our laity and how you continue to blaze the trails of innovation in presentation and education to strengthen the lay ministries of the annual conference with grace and passion.

Finally, we rejoice in our vast diversity in the Great Plains Conference and are deeply blessed by the presence of the Lord in the mission field to make disciples of Jesus Christ in all we do.

May we continue in the spirit of Reimaging Discipleship in the days, weeks and months to come!

The 2023 Annual Conference Sessions will be held in La Vista, Nebraska, at the La Vista Conference Center, June 6-10.

-- Rev. Dee Williamston,
director of clergy excellence and assistant to the bishop



Dear Methodist Church Community,

I would like to thank you for all your support. I will be going to UNL and would like to thank you for the Bible and scholarship.

Again, thank you for everything.
Zach McArthur

Thank you so much for the \$200 scholarship and the Bible, the scholarship will be put towards my college education at Peru State College!

Much Love
Gaby Raburn

Thanks to the gifts left in memory of our friends, we have been able to replace some of the exterior lights that were not working. Please peek out the north doors of the fellowship hall or the choir room to check out the new lights. I know the Bible Study group will enjoy one of them as it is a motion detector and will allow them to leave without being in the dark!

Thank you to the Memorial Committee for their help in completing the process!

After a walk through of the Indianola Church, many items were moved to Bartley that can help the new group as they move forward with the merger.

In June the trustees of both churches are to meet to discuss the care of the Indianola Church.

A day later, the acting District Superintendent met with all active congregants from Bartley and Indianola to hold a Church Conference. The process continues, but they are getting closer to realizing the goal of legally merging the two congregations. Please pray for the outcome for the people of Indianola and Bartley congregations!

Indianola/Bartley

Potluck

Potluck luncheon will be served on July 10 at Trinity. We are planning on a crowd and hope you will be one of many to join us that day. Bartley and Indianola you are always welcome to join us at the table!



Thank you so much for helping orchestrate a beautiful memorial service in celebration of Shirley Phillips' life. We appreciate the time, effort and care you gave and demonstrated to make the day special of our family and friends. It came together beautifully with your help. Thank you for your dedication and love.

Preston Phillips & Family

This Is My Father's World

By Bill Dagle

The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season." In Ecclesiastes 3:11, Solomon adds, "He hath made everything beautiful in His time." The Lord also reminds us that the world is His and the fullness thereof in Psalm 52:12. Apparently, this was what Maltbie L. Babcock had in mind when he wrote the hymn, "This Is My Father's World."

Born in Syracuse, New York, on August 3, 1858, into a socially prominent family, Maltbie was given many opportunities to succeed, which he did not waste. At Syracuse University, he was a champion baseball pitcher and an outstanding varsity swimmer. His friendliness, coupled with a magnetic personality, made him a natural leader. In the years that followed, he was ordained into the Presbyterian Church and had a distinguished ministry in Baltimore and New York City's Brick Presbyterian Church. His life would be cut short at the age of 43, while on a Mediterranean tour to Naples, Italy. Rev. Maltbie Babcock would, by now, be totally forgotten except for one thing: he penned a song, thus preserving his story for us who love the hymns.

The pastor was a skilled musician and a great lover of nature. He enjoyed the "great outdoors." While pastoring a church in Lockport, New York, the inspiration for writing "This Is My Father's World" came to him. Rev. Babcock was in the habit of taking morning walks to the top of a hill north of Lockport where he had a full view of Lake Ontario and the surrounding countryside. He would say to his wife, "I'm going out to see my Father's world." It was on one of these early morning walks that he was inspired to write these words:

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.

Maltbie Babcock understood that nature reflects God's creative ownership of the world, but he also understood that the Lord also controls man's destiny:

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world! The battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied.
And earth and heaven be one.

At his funeral in New York City, the presiding clergyman eulogized him, "We do not need a candle to show a sunbeam...The work our brother has done — the life he lived speaks for him."

Maltbie Davenport Babcock



Bartley United Women Of Faith were guests of the Cambridge unit on June 1, 2022. The meeting began with the Purpose led by Georgia Dutt, Cambridge President. A short discussion about the General Conference of the Church was held and a Response Minute given. The host unit served lunch.

Five members of Bartley UWF attended Guest Day at St. Catherine's Church Altar Society on June 11. Sondra Johnson was the guest speaker, sharing her talents of fine sculpture works. Several won door prizes and enjoyed the luncheon and fellowship.

The next regular Bartley UWF meeting will be held July 13 at 9:30 am. Charlene Colson will lead and host.

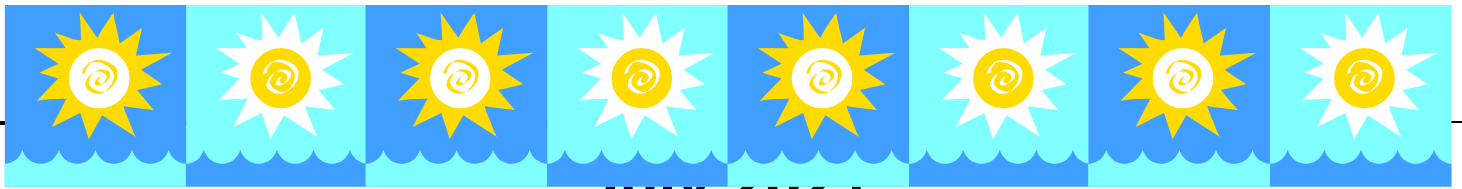
Bishop Jones announces retirement at end of 2022

Texas Conference Bishop Scott Jones – the episcopal leader of the Great Plains Conference and its predecessors from 2004 to 2016 -- plans to retire from the active episcopacy at the end of 2022. Earlier this month, he had said he was willing to lead the Texas Conference through 2024. But in a June 17 letter to the conference, he said he changed his mind after further thought and prayer.

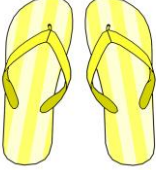

He added: “Increasing disobedience and escalating conflict in the denomination have made my service as a bishop of the whole church seem much more problematic.”



“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you....”



July 2021

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| 3 9:45 am Fellowship-C 10:45-B Communion | 4 | 5 | 6 Worship at ALF UMW at 1:30 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:45 am Fellowship-C 10:45-B Potluck at noon | 11 Elizabeth Circle at 12 pm | 12 | 13 Bartley UMW – 9:30am Lois Circle – 7:30pm | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:45 am Fellowship-C 10:45-B | 18 | 19 | 20 Lois Circle at 7:30 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:45 am Fellowship-C 10:45-B | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Bingo at ALF – 2:30 pm | 29 | 30 |

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



Happy 101st Birthday Goldene! It is so wonderful that at 100+ you are still able to get to the church and enjoy your day. Blessings from all our parishioners!

If you want to send birthday wishes for a very special birthday....

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Indianola/ Kemper Memorial United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Worship in Bartley
Followed by Fellowship

Trinity United Methodist Church

Fellowship at 9:45
Services at 11 am



July Birthdays

2 Lorene Raburn
3 Yvonna Hayes
4 Ryan Burke
5 Goldene Burton
David Benson
Roger Brougham
6 John Witler
7 Sylvia Harsch
Ron Hansen
8 Derek Raburn
Trev Burke
11 Israel Kim
13 Karlie Sines
14 Kevin Harsch
Wyatt Jackson
15 Jen Warwick
Pastor David Kim
16 Taryn Huxoll

17 Brent May
Kenneth Harsch
19 Jacob tenBensel
Emmett Cramer
20 Bill Mousel
Wyatt Fiene
22 Jordan Brooks
Justin Brooks
24 Rachelle Pettera
Dick Potts
Machelle Witler
25 Dean Liess
26 Andela Taylor
Bob Brown
27 Jackson Johnson
Tracy Huxoll
28 Betty Jorgensen
Dale Stewart
29 Drew Cramer
Laurel Arnold

Happy Anniversary

July 6 Burton & Sasha Burton
July 7 Terson & Jordan Arnold
July 8 Bob & Deanna Brown
July 12 Chris & Cindy Borland
July 26 Eldon & Delores Moore