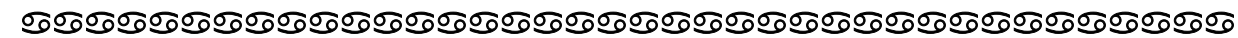


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Christianity and Science

Many people think that science and religion cannot be a good partner on their journey. Both ways go in different directions and they cannot meet each other ever. Well... I don’t think so. I think the huge gap between science and religion, was caused by Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. His book was published in 1859 and his theory affected many studies and human lives. I still remember what I’ve learned from the school when I was in middle school science class. I’ve learned about the theory of evolution and it looked like some facts not just like a theory which could be changed with better theories later. Most of my classmates were accepting the theory of evolution as fact and some of them gave me some criticism about the creation story in the book of Genesis. How hard it was to defend my belief and talk about God as the creator of human beings in that age. Because of that experience, I might want to study science more and hope to find some scientific clues to support my belief. You might have some experiences like mine and want to find some clues to support Christianity. I know there are some Christian scientist groups who are finding some clues to support Christian faith. For me, sometimes, those resources were helpful but sometimes were not. But the main thing is science is not the obstacle or barrier of the Christian faith. It helps alot to understand God’s miraculous creation and religious life in our history.

For example, I already mentioned that I liked to watch a documentary channel during my sermon last Sunday. This week I’ve learned about “Göbekli Tepe” which is an archaeological site in the [Southeastern Anatolia Region](#) of [Turkey](#). I don’t know how many of you know about that, but this archaeological found changed whole human history and theories about [Pre-Pottery Neolithic](#) times. This site was built in 10th–8th millennium BCE for social or ritual places. The leader of the German archaeological team, [Klaus Schmidt](#), believed that “the site was a [sanctuary](#) where people from a wide region periodically congregated, not a settlement.”¹ Isn’t that amazing there was a sanctuary to gather and worship together during Pre-Pottery Neolithic times; 12000 years ago? I’ve learned at the school that the people in that time were using stone for hunting and wasn’t settled in some place. I never heard that they had some religious rituals or gatherings. However, the theory was totally wrong. They were living like us, they even used tools made by stone. They could work together and build a sanctuary for worshipping God and made artistic constructs. We don’t know that they were worshipping the same God as we believe. However, the most important thing is the history of religion is more expanded to Pre-Pottery Neolithic and it looks like human nature. Don’t you think that the reason is God created human beings from God’s image and made us to worship God? In Genesis 1:26-7,

Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.” God created humanity in God’s own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them.

We were created by God with His own image. We didn't evolve naturally from mammals or a piece of protein. God created us with purposes and said “It was supremely good” when He saw His creation. Every individual has God’s image, even someone who was already broken a long time ago and needed to be healed and fixed by God’s Spirit. We are worthy and beautiful in God’s sight even if we break the relationship with God and with each other. Let us try to recover the beauty in our soul, community, and the world through loving each other. Restore our relationship with God through our worship service. I believe we human beings will build the sanctuary and worship God until the end of this universe. Even the numbers will be going up and down, and we will use different styles of worship and buildings because that is our DNA as God’s creation and we have the divine image within us.

- Rev. Joohyang Kim

**“God created
Humanity in God’s
own image, in the
divine image God created
them.” – Genesis 1:27**

Valentine's Day DINNER

Saturday, February 16, 2019

- Dinner 6:00 p.m.
- Tickets \$15.00 each

First United Methodist Church

418 N. Rock St., Minneapolis, KS

To Purchase Tickets

Stop by the church office M-F 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Call 392-3029 to reserve your ticket(s) and make

Arrangements for payment.

(Limited number of tickets available)

Serving

Seasoned Pork Tenderloin

with a Shrimp Skewer

Baked Potato

Green Beans

Tossed Salad

Homemade Dinner Rolls

Cheesecake



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog day
3 Sun.	4 Mon.	5 Tues.	6 Wed. 4 – 6 pm Mobile Food Pantry	7 Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Guitar & Drum Lessons	8 Fri.	9 Sat. 10:00 am - 3:30 p.m. Vision Day at church ***** Noon: Betty Guipre Funeral Lunch
10 Sun. 2 nd Sunday Dinner-Fin. Com. Host ***** Deadline for “Goodie” plates	11 Mon.	12 Tues. Lincoln’s BD ***** 6:30 p.m. PPR Comm. Mtg.	13 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Admin. Council Mtg.	14 Thurs. ❤️’s Day >>>>>>>>>> OCMA – Elkhorn Apt. ***** Goodie plates delivered.		16 Sat. 5:00 p.m. ❤️’s Dinner Fellowship Hall
17 Sun.	18 Mon. President’s Day	19 Tues. 7:00 pm UMW Mtg – Wesley Room	20 Wed. 9 am -1 pm Clergy Gathering	21 Thurs.	22 Fri. Washington’s BD	23 Sat.
24 Sun.	25 Mon.	26 Tues.	27 Wed.	28 Thurs. 4:00 p.m. Network Meeting		

SWEET TREATS FOR YOUR SWEETHEART

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR
A VALENTINE PLATE OF SWEET TREATS DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 14



Order deadline February 10

Gail Eckart, Pam Feldt, Paula Baccus, Sharon Foust

PROCEEDS TO UMW MISSIONS

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Ordered by _____ phone# _____

Deliver to _____ Pd. _____

Message below:



Left to Right: Quinley Bohl, Conner Peck, Jordan Peck, Riley Bohl and Ethan Bohl

Reverse Advent Food Baskets

Worship committee thanks the families of the congregation that participated in the Reverse Advent Food Basket Event during the month of December. Over ten baskets were prepared. Conner and Jordan Peck, Riley, Ethan and Quinley Bohl helped sort, deliver and put away food items at the Ottawa County Food Pantry.

Best Choice Labels

The Minneapolis UMC Youth thanks all individuals taking the time to cut and save Best Choice Labels. In December 3000 labels were sent in to earn \$120.00 for the youth fund. We have a great beginning to 2019's collection. Currently we are closing in on our first 1000 labels. Let's make our goal this year 4000!



FEBRUARY SCHEDULES

LITURGISTS

3 – Shayla Bailey
10 – Tim or Shayla Bailey
17 – Tamala Lott
24 – Tamala Lott

ACOLYTES

3 – Braedee and Breckin Weatherman
10 – Conner and Jordan Peck
17 – Braxton and Gracen Grimes
24 – Brinley Boyer and Maria Kim

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

3 – Tamala Lott
10 – Puppeteers
17 – Tim Bailey
24 – Pastor Kim

GREETERS

3 – Tamala Lott and Barb Kibler
10 – Megan and Braxton Grimes
17 – Rick and Deb Nichols
24 – Larry and Javine Bertrand

NURSERY

3 – Rebecca McDuffee & Deb Pounds
10 – Rebecca McDuffee & Angela Constable
17 – Rebecca McDuffee & Tamala Lott
24 – Rebecca McDuffee , Paul & Kristi Ocker

BIRTHDAYS

1 – Joe Watkins
4 – Tamara Krueger
6 – Bruce Cleveland
7 – Mara Pounds
9 – Darda Wedel
9 – Javine Bertrand
9 – Donna Bohn
13 – Christine Watkins
14 – Ruthie Sanders
16 – Pam Feldt
22 – Rosalee Tibbits

ANNIVERSARIES

9 – David & Debra Pounds
13 – Larry & Javine Bertrand
22 – Rodger & Diana Peck

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Something different is happening in this class! A Bible Study entitled “Experiencing God” is the theme of a Bible Study that will start Sunday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m. If you have children who need supervision while you are in class, we will work something out to accommodate you so you may enjoy the Bible Study. Joan Miles will be leading this study.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee would like to enlist the help of the church members with greeter rotation. A sign is posted on the office window for the months of January and February. Please sign up when you are available to be a greeter in February or leave your name with Pat Baccus or Colette Henderson if you are willing to help.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women (UMW) General Meeting Schedule for February is:

February 10 – At church - Deadline to turn in your order for Valentine plates of “goodies” sponsored by UMW for Missions. February 14 - Valentine plates of “goodies” will be delivered to recipients in Minneapolis.

February 19 – 7:00 p.m. Unit Meeting All women of the church are welcome. February focus is “Prayer and Self-Denial”

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

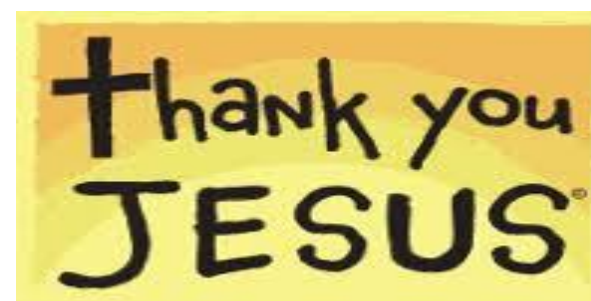
2-16-19 - 6:00 p.m. Valentine’s Dinner hosted by the Missions Committee. Tickets are available in the church office. Price: \$15.00 ea.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

On Monday, January 21, 2019, twenty-nine youth and adults from Minneapolis joined with 1000 others at Trinity UMC in Salina, KS to hand pack scientifically formulated meals for undernourished children. It was an amazing experience! From orientation, to packing and finally tasting the product, our members spent a fast paced two hours helping meet the needs of hungry children. Additionally, the youth donated \$500 to the Christian, non-profit organization. This donation will feed over six children for one year.



SUCH A
REWARDING
DAY FOR ALL!!





Noah's Ark Preschool by Sharon Foust

The Noah's Ark Preschool ("Noah's Ark") has been busy fundraising, beginning this second semester. Noah's Ark did a fundraiser at the Jr High Wrestling Quad here at Minneapolis on January 21st selling kettle corn. Their net profit was \$283. Praise the Lord!

We are now having our annual Little Caesar's Pizza Sale as we have done the past several years. We will be selling pizzas until February 12th. The kids are selling these as well as Megan Grimes and the Noah's Ark Board. This fundraiser usually makes us enough to pay our insurance and State Fees, so that those things do not have to be tacked on to our tuition costs. Last year one little boy sold 69 pizza kits! The kits are quite good pizzas and very reasonably priced for the 3 Pizza Kits for \$24 or so. We will have sale sheets at church the next 2 Sundays.

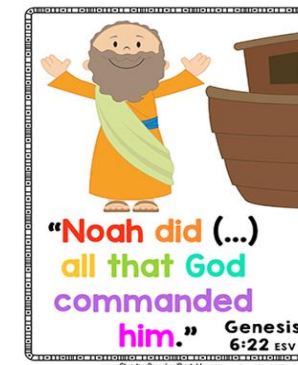
Our Board Member, James Blake, Pastor of the Baptist Church, whose daughter is in our 3 yr. old class, has created a fundraising program to present to the community at large; to Civic groups and businesses to involve the community more in the Noah's Ark Preschool, since the overwhelming majority of our students are not from our church. The only student in the preschool this year from Minneapolis UMC is Elizabeth Kim, Pastor Kim's daughter. A year ago we had none from our church. We are calling this program, The Ministry Partnership Program. The partnership involves individuals or businesses pledging a certain amount each month to help Noah's Ark meet our financial goals. We will feature all partners names on our brochures unless

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someone wishes to be anonymous, and yearly partners giving \$150 or more on any T-Shirts to be made in the future. We are excited about this program and pray that it brings our community together to support Noah's Ark. This program is supplementing and in addition to our half-scholarship program that has been in place for several years, with sponsors from our church, Minneapolis UMC. Those who provide the half-scholarships, if they wish to be, may be included in The Ministry Partnership Program also. Noah's Ark is excited about this program. Thank you to Pastor Blake for this idea and for doing the work for this.

Noah's Ark is so grateful for all of those in our church & the Ada church who provide half-scholarships for our students. Thanks to each and every one of you who have given to Noah's Ark this year. We could not have survived the Fall semester without your gifts. God bless you all! The students, who had been sent to Noah's Ark from Head Start who were not paying their tuition, have been taken care of and the majority are back and attending on half-scholarship the second semester. Some are paying their back tuition from last semester as well. A couple moved away.

Please keep Noah's Ark in your prayers, both for our students and our teacher, Megan Grimes. Thank you to all our Board Members, Rosalee Tibbits, Angel Constable, Ruthie Sanders, Anne Abell, Pastor Kim, James Blake and William Labes, our parent members, and of course Megan, who have helped us through this Fall semester when things looked bleak. In the words of St Paul, "I thank God for every remembrance of you." God's blessings to all who support Noah's Ark Preschool.



PROTECTING THE HOMESTEAD

The 2018 Bankers Award for Windbreak

Presented to

**NICK AND TAMMY KRUEGER, AND
CHILDREN DALTON AND MADDY**

We are honored to have the Krueger family as part of our First United Methodist Church Family.

Following is an article from the
Minneapolis Messenger 2019
Conservation Edition:

Nick and Tammy Krueger are the winners of the 2018 Windbreak Award. The couple moved to this area in 2002 while Nick was working for Westar Energy. Conservation is no stranger to the Kruegers, as Nick's father was the District Conservationist in Dickenson County and later worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at the State Office in Salina.

They have been awarded for their household windbreak located at 522 N. 150th Road in Bennington. This plot was purchased when they moved and met their preferences of having decent roads, a good school district, and plenty of land

to build a county homestead for their family.

"Growing up, we helped Dad with a couple of windbreak projects, and when we were looking for a place to build a home, Dad talked with us again about the importance and efficiency of having a good windbreak. We actually planted the windbreak three years before we built the house," explained Nick.

Before implementing the windbreak project, the ground was only being used as a pasture. Because establishing an effective windbreak takes time to get going, the Kruegers knew they needed to start immediately after purchasing the land. Nick describes the planning process as the easy part due to their connection with the NRCS. He stated, "We leaned on the conservation program for advice on how to lay it out, when to plant, and how far away to plant the trees. They also gave us great advise on getting the trees to grow and stay alive."

They started the windbreak project in the spring of 2002 and feel that the current condition of the trees meets the intended purpose of protecting the hard and house from the cold north/northwest winds, while stopping snow from piling up. "We have a good, clean windbreak that helps us out, and we are very happy with all the results.

This award leaves them feeling very humbled. "We were doing just what we thought needed done and are very thankful for the advice we received from the NRCS on the project. We had no idea that down the road we would receive an award for the work," Nick commented.

The Kruegers were recognized along with the other four award winners at the annual Ottawa County District Conservation meeting at 6 p.m. January 26 at the Minneapolis Grade School gym. Here they were given a metal sign to display on the award winning property and a certificate from the K-State Extension Office and the Kansas Bankers Association.



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**Minneapolis First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting
December 12, 2018**

The Administrative Council Committee (“ADCO”) of the First United Methodist Church of Minneapolis, Kansas met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Pastor Joohyang Kim, Tammy Krueger, Pat Baccus, Steve Baccus, Patti Bertrand, Dale Henderson, Colette Henderson, Sharon Foust, Rosalee Tibbits and Joan Miles.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kim

MINUTES: The November minutes were approved by Colette Henderson and seconded by Pat Baccus. All ayes.

TREASURER’S REPORT and FINANCE REPORT: Patti Bertrand presented the Treasurer’s Report. Finance Chairman, Steve Baccus and Treasurer, Patti Bertrand met on 11-11-18. M&M’s are due between January 7 and 10, and it would be good to have the full amount by 12-31-18.

Steve will make a plea for assistance with M&M funds to the congregation requesting assistance to raise \$5,700 to pay our apportionments in full.

TRUSTEES’ REPORT: The roofing company contacted was at the church on 12-12-18 to examine the roof for leaks. Fixing the edge isn’t solving the problem, and the pastor’s office center roof is leaking. There are frozen spots on

the roof and the insurance company may not pay for the damages. Steve Baccus made a motion to get a second opinion to get alternative repairs in the Pastor’s office and nursery. Patti Bertrand seconded the motion. The elevator is not working, and parts are not available anymore. This matter will be turned over to the Trustees to investigate options to replace the elevator. The dishwasher in the kitchen of the church has not been repaired. Gary Kay will contact Rick Foust to see if he would look at both the dishwasher and the elevator.

PPR COMMITTEE: No report

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE: No report

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: There have been donations of wrapping paper, tape, bows, etc. to give to the Christmas Store. The Committee will serve the FCA group again this year.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: A Silent Auction is being held at the church A Cookie Walk will also be held during the Second Sunday Dinner.

Love INC.: Donna Johnson is busy getting ready for the Christmas Store.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Colette Henderson and Pat Baccus, Co-chairpersons, are getting ready for the Christmas Eve Program.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Sharon Foust reported the UMW had a soup supper and will not meet again until January 15.

NOAH’S ARK PRESCHOOL: Sharon Foust reported that at a Board Meeting held a week ago, it was decided to write letters to parents of children who have not paid their enrollment fees, saying their children/child cannot return the second semester unless they pay their owed enrollment fees. There are seven children affected by this decision. There is a scholarship that will pay one-half of the enrollment fees after the child pays one-half of the fees. It is the family’s responsibility to apply for this scholarship. The program presented by Noah’s

Ark Preschool was enjoyed by all who attended church that day.

OLD BUSINESS: There have been days that the mail has not been picked up at the church. Joan Miles talked to the Post Mistress about this matter and was told the mail carriers are not required to stop at mail boxes if there is no mail to be delivered to this address. Joan was told the location of the mail box is hard to see if the “flag” is up to indicate there is mail to be picked up. Post Mistress thought that moving the mail box could possibly help. Dale Henderson will discuss this in more depth with the Post Mistress.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Kim and Dale Henderson attended a meeting regarding a summer lunch potential committee spearheaded by Ashley Johnson. All churches in Ottawa County are involved in this program that will be effective from June 3 through August 13. Each church will serve one hot meal a week and sack lunches. The goal is to feed 100 children during the summer. Our church will host two weeks and our church will be used for food distribution for which an alternative church is needed to distribute food. We will be paid for the use of our church for distribution purposes. Each church will donate \$500, plus grants and possible free-will offerings. Steve Baccus made the motion to approve this effort and Rosalee Tibbits seconded the motion. All ayes.

It has been noted that the carpet in the Fellowship Hall needs replaced with new flooring.

PASTOR’S REPORT: The office copy machine is leased for approximately \$300/month and the toner costs \$200.00. This cost could be cut by shopping for a different copy machine after the lease expires. The website has been updated. Pastor wants to start a confirmation class in the Spring. Pastor is thinking about having exchange youth with South Korea and China. We need classes for the youth starting in 2019. Pastor is working with the Praise Band. He would like to also start weekly meetings for the youth.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS: We need a representative for “Stand for Truth” meeting on January 28 at 7:00 p.m. June 12 the Bikers across Kansas will be coming through Minneapolis. Among other discussion about this event, it was brought up to possibly have the church fair stand open to feed the bikers. Trinity UMC in Salina will host packing meals for between 100,000 and 200,000 people. Registration to help with this opened on 12-11-18. Colette Henderson registered our church to help with this event.

The meeting was closed with prayer given by Steve Baccus. The next Administrative Council Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church on January 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The Minutes from the January 9, 2019 Meeting will not be reviewed and approved until the February 13, 2019 meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Miles

CONGRATULATIONS, BRINLEY BOYER!!!!

Brinley Boyer, daughter of Stepfather, Tim and Mother, Shayla Bailey and Father, Travis Boyer, was honored at the Ottawa County Conservation Banquet. She wrote an essay that received an honorable mention and created the pictured poster that got second place!



