

# THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
IN PRATT, KS

136TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER





MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.  
Communion

John 17

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,<sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.<sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.<sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 14:1-3

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

14 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.<sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.



GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 2  
PRAYER VIGIL  
AT 6:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
AT 7:00 P.M.



EASTER

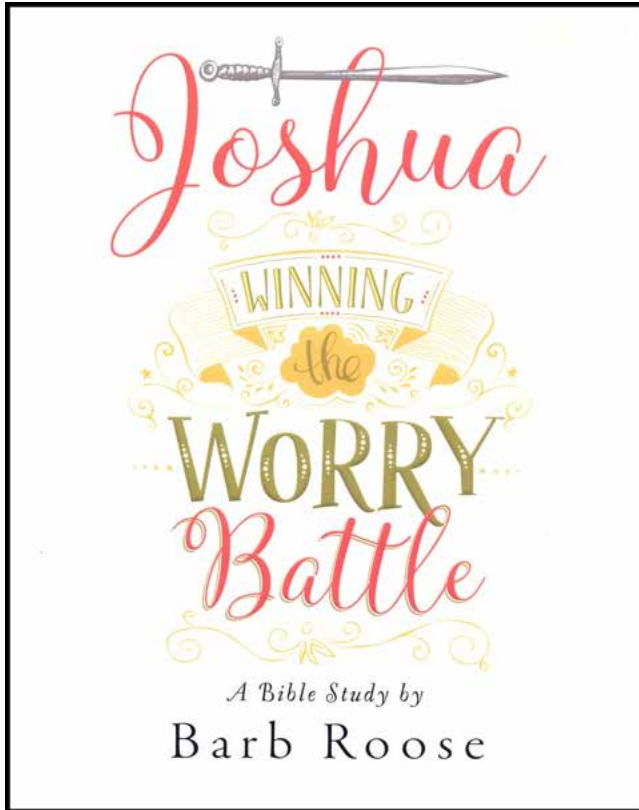
SUNDAY, APRIL 4  
AT 7:00 A.M.  
SUNRISE SERVICE  
ON THE EAST LAWN

EASTER SERVICE  
AT 10:00 A.M.  
IN THE SANCTUARY

Mathew 28:5-7

<sup>5</sup> But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.<sup>6</sup> He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.<sup>7</sup> And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you”

## BIBLE STUDY



One study reports that the average person spends 55 minutes per day worrying. Discover how God paved the way to victory for Joshua and the Israelites when they showed up and fought in faith. Barb Roose applies these principles and offers practical tools to use for victory as we show up and fight in faith the worry battle.

### Joshua

#### *Winning the Worry Battle*

Bible Study for Women

Beginning

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m. (?TBD)

Conference Room

Questions to Melanie Black

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## Volunteer In Mission starting

The Great Plains VIM (Volunteer In Mission) program will start back up with a project at Camp Horizon April 18 - 23. The team leaders for this project are Bill and Janet Ward from Winfield. Lodging and meals are available and are covered in the registration fee of \$150.00 per person. We do not know what all the projects will be but we understand that social distancing is expected. If you have questions or want to register for this project, please contact Chuck and/or Linda Buchmueller at 620-770-0410 and 620-770-0411.

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Happy Easter  
April 4th





## HUMBLE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Undergraduate and Graduate students who are members of Pratt First United Methodist Church may apply for the Humble Endowment Scholarship at [prattumc.org](http://prattumc.org). Go to Youth, Scholarships and Humble Endowment Scholarship. Follow all the guidelines listed. The application and letters of reference must be received by the last Monday in April to be considered. In 2021 the date is April 26. All required information must be submitted electronically (including references) to [umcpratt @ prattumc.org](mailto:umcpratt@prattumc.org).

Each year two Humble Scholarships of \$1,500 per semester will be awarded. The applicant must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Past and present involvement in the church will be a major consideration as well as involvement the community. Music majors are given a preference over other majors.

The scholarship is applied for on a yearly basis. The same person could receive the scholarship more than one year in a row but must reapply each year.

Endowment Committee

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## Commitment to Students

At Pratt First United Methodist Church, we have made a commitment to our local schools. This has stemmed from both the commitment the Great Plains Annual Conference (Kansas and Nebraska) of the United Methodist Church made entering into partnerships with public schools in their communities to support schools, teachers, and students and our own desire to support the schools, teachers, and students to see our community and world transformed in positive ways.

Pratt First United Methodist Church has several ways that we fulfill this commitment and we strive to find new ways to partner with Pratt USD 382, Skyline USD 438, and Cunningham USD 332. This year, our congregation is praying for the teachers, administrators, and staff of these districts. We will pray for every teacher, staff member and administrator by name, each for a week. We will also pray for the schools and students.

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**Attending College/ University/Technical School?  
2021**

Our church is asking all Pratt First United Methodist Church members or friends, who plan to attend college/university or technical school to complete the information below and return it to the church office, to Eunice Proctor or to Brenda Fowler as soon as possible. Please provide the information no later than the start of the semester. If you live in a dorm you may not be able to provide that address until you move in.

We also wish to display your photo with other college students in the hallway south of fellowship hall. We are asking students to provide a portrait billfold size photo (2 5/8 in. wide x 3 5/16 in. high) on photo paper for this display. This size is necessary for placement in the display board. Please leave the photo in the church office, give to Eunice Proctor or give to Brenda Fowler. Or you may email a portrait photo to Brenda Fowler @brenfowler@sctelcom.net.

To keep our college students in our thoughts and prayers, a church member will be designated as a prayer partner for each student who provides the requested information. The prayer partner will pray for the student daily and contact them by mail or e-mail. They may also remember you on your birthday and during final exams. We are interested in you and wish you well. You are encouraged to answer contacts from your prayer partner.

Eunice Proctor, 1326 E. Third St., Pratt, 672-5464, ek-proctor@sbcglobal.net

Brenda Fowler, 20351 SE 20th Ave., Pratt, 450-7517, brenfowler@sctelcom.net

**Student Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/University/Technical School \_\_\_\_\_

School residence address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number where you can be reached this summer: cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1 Jeremy Demuth	April 9 Austin McClain	April 20 Kasi Stelzer
April 1 Bob Moore	April 10 Suzanne Hageman	April 20 Gene Stotts
April 3 Michael Bonham	April 11 Sydney Henke	April 21 Blake Blasi
April 4 Shannon Sterling	April 12 Lewis Hearn	April 21 Ruth Anna Stotts
April 5 Rebecca Stone	April 13 Kelli Smiley	April 21 Brynn Wilson
April 6 Jake Garrett	April 14 Jane Biles	April 22 Nita Lesuer
April 6 Kevin Gates	April 15 Heather Winklepleck	April 23 Norma Carlson
April 6 Jason May	April 16 Jimmy Lee	April 24 Morgan Trinkle
April 6 Velma Simmons	April 16 Kevin Younie	April 25 Kylie Riffey
April 8 Rose Ann Lunt	April 18 Tom Jones	April 25 Samantha Snell
April 9 Makenna Blasi	April 18 Elly Sneath	April 25 Shelby Stevens
April 9 Joan Clark	April 19 Keagan Davidson	April 26 Justin Bailey
April 9 Erin Kirby	April 19 Elly Fowler	April 28 Colby Barradas
		April 29 Jami Battin

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



April 6 David & Lu Kramer  
April 8 Alan & Marie Hanson  
April 8 Clinton & Heather Skaggs



## FUMC Worship Service each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Check weekly for updates during these unpredictable times

Each Sunday here at First United Methodist Church, we provide a unique worship experience.

Whether you are a life-long member or a first-time visitor, we welcome you to our congregation!

Our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is recorded and uploaded to the church's Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/PrattFirstUMC> and at the church website,

<http://prattumc.org/sermons.html> as soon as possible following the service.

**No Sunday School Classes are meeting at this time.**

# April Calendar

If you have something that you would like to put in The Spire, please email Jane Bolen [jane.bolen@yahoo.com](mailto:jane.bolen@yahoo.com) or call her at 620 770-2110 by the 20th of the month before the next Spire.

March 2021	April 2021	May 2021
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	29 ■ 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	30 ■ 6:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole	31 ■ 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group ■ 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison ■ 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group	1 ■ 10:00 AM UMW Executive Committee, Conference Room ■ 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black ■ 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion	2 ■ 6:00 AM Prayer Vigil ■ 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	3
4 ■ 7:00 AM Sunrise Service, East Lawn ■ 10:00 AM Easter Service in Sanctuary	5 Church Office Closed ■ 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	6 ■ 6:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole	7 ■ 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group ■ 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison ■ 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group	8 ■ 9:00 AM Quilt of Valor ■ 9:00 AM Quilt of valor ■ 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black	9	10
11 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 ■ 9:00 AM Quilt of valor ■ 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	13 ■ 6:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole	14 ■ 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group ■ 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison ■ 7:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting ■ 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group	15 ■ 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black	16	17
18 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	19 ■ 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	20 ■ 6:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole	21 ■ 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group ■ 9:00 AM New Event ■ 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison ■ 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group	22 ■ 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black	23	24
25 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 Deadline for Humble Scholarship ■ 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	27 ■ 6:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole	28 ■ 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group ■ 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison ■ 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group	29 ■ 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black	30	1

Check weekly for updates for activities and services during these unpredictable times

## MONDAYS

Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
every other Monday

## WEDNESDAYS

Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Senior High Youth Group 7:00 p.m.

## THURSDAYS

Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m

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provided by  
Pratt FUMC

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**DIG IN**

## New text, email system

We have a new text and email system to share information about things going on at the church. If you would like to keep updated on things going on here, text CONNECT to (620) 254-8885. You can also follow this link:

<https://textinchurch.com/groups/familyform/MjA4Mjkw> to get set up.

**GIVE ONLINE**

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Office Hours:  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

You may pick up your copy of The Spire at the church. If you wish to have your name added to the email list, please advise Jacqueline Johnson at [jjohnson@prattumc.org](mailto:jjohnson@prattumc.org) or Jane Bolen at [jane.bolen@yahoo.com](mailto:jane.bolen@yahoo.com)

### Staff

Pastor.....Nicole Schwartz-Eck  
Business Manager .....Jacqueline Johnson  
Facilities Coordinator..... Louis Keeling  
Organist/Pianist.....Jane Biles  
Praise Band Director ..... Don Buhler  
Audio/Video Coordinator..... Jeremiah Eck