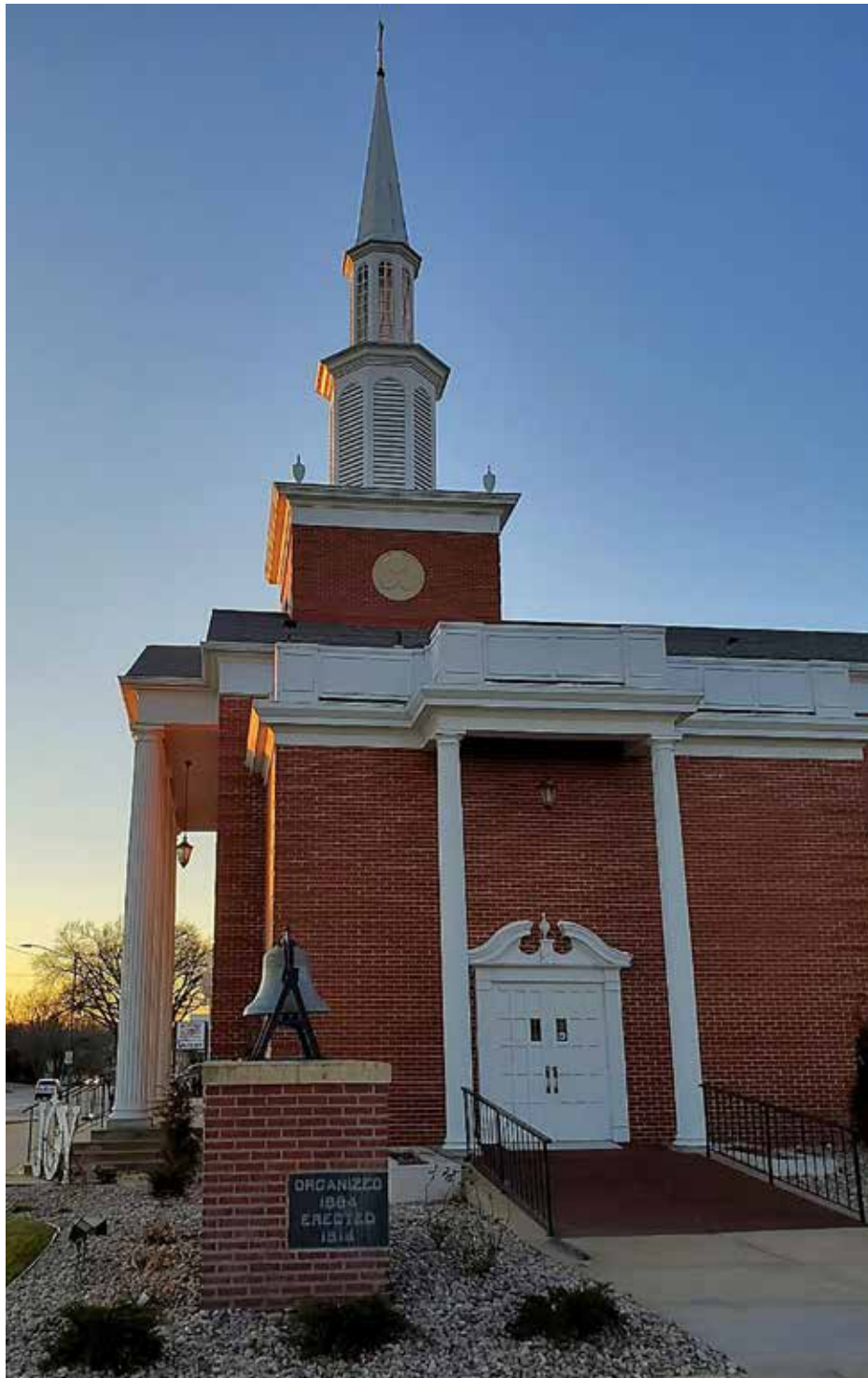


THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS
135TH YEAR OF MINISTRY
AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER



FUMC reopened sanctuary; in-person worship available

We will continue to have one in-person worship service at 10:00 a.m. throughout the month of July. We will record our worship service and upload it to the church's Facebook page as soon as possible following the service.

There are still many guidelines to follow. First, we want to emphasize that those who are at risk to Covid19 because of age or health issues, please remain at home and watch the recorded service.

For those who choose to attend worship in-person, the only entrance and exit for the building will be the narthex doors on the south end of the sanctuary. We will maintain social distancing, which means there will be marked places to sit in the pews, at six foot intervals. Couples and families who reside in the same house may sit together, all others please observe the marked seating. When entering and exiting, please observe social distancing to the best of your ability.

Please, no hand shaking or hugging, as hard as that is! For the time being, no nursery will be available. We will not have Sunday School or a time of fellowship before or after the service, so please remain in the sanctuary or the narthex, using only the restrooms in the narthex. There will be hand sanitizer at the doors. The use of a mask is your choice. Ushers will be on hand to assist with maintaining social distancing.

We will not pass attendance pads or offering plates. There will be designated places set up for you to place your offering. You may also continue to use the online giving tab at www.prattumc.org, mail your offering to PO Box 316, or drop your offering off at the office during the week.

We understand that some are ready to return to in-person worship and some are not. We respect both choices and will continue to strive to provide meaningful worship for all.

Youth activities will begin again when we are allowed

YOUTH and CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jesus and Me, Middle School and High School YOUTH Groups

J.A.M. 4 years old through 4th Grade	4:00 P.M.
5th and 6th Grade Middle School Group	6:00 P.M.
7th and 8th Grade Middle School Group	6:00 P.M.
High School Group	7:15 P.M.



Continue to PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR TEENS, OUR TEACHERS, OUR LEADERS, AND OUR FAMILIES AS WE MAKE THIS FAITH JOURNEY TOGETHER.

Attending College/ University/Technical School This Fall? 2020-2021

Our church is asking all Pratt First United Methodist Church members or friends, who plan to attend college/ university or technical school this fall, 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 _____

Ladies Bible Study Groups Resume Meeting

WHAT WOULD CHANGE IF YOU REALLY UNDERSTOOD ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE AND IS DOING FOR YOU?

Sure we know in our head that God is for us, that there's great hope in his relationship with us and salvation for us, but sometimes these truths can be hard to believe in the midst of exhaustion, busyness, and a world of spiritual and physical opposition. If God Is For Us is a devotional Bible Study on Romans 8 designed to cement in your soul the great truths of our salvation and an understanding for how the Holy Spirit guides our new life in the Spirit, all found in this beloved chapter of Scripture.

Find out why so many Christians list Romans among their favorite books of the Bible—that Romans is packed with profound truth after profound truth which are then followed up with life-changing promise after life-changing promise.

Thursdays on Zoom
5:30-6:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
If you have questions, contact Melanie Black 620-388-6920.



The Armor of God



Ladies Bible Study Group

On Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
in the Conference Room, a video study
by Priscilla Shirer, *The Armor of God*

Contact Peggy Ellison at 620 770-0469.
Leave a message.

Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall
Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion

Saturday, August 1 & 15 at 7:30 a.m.



VIM Project Calendar 2020

(Revised 12/17/19)

Contact Team Leaders for more information. All skill levels needed.Cost: \$150 individual/\$300 couple

The VIM project list is on hold during this time of Covid-19 precautions. The Camp Horizon project was cancelled and as each project approaches, a decision will be made prior to the project about cancelling or proceeding with that project.

KANSAS, Scott City – Camp LakesideSeptember 13-18, 2020

Team Leaders: Chuck & Linda Buchmueller

RV/nonRV

Chuck: 620-770-0410 Linda: 620-770-0411 / clbuch@sbcglobal.net

KANSAS, Perry – Alpha Christian Children’s Home.....October 4-15, 2020

Team Leaders: Chuck & Linda Buchmueller

RV/nonRV

Chuck: 620-770-0410 Linda: 620-770-0411 / clbuch@sbcglobal.net

To see pictures of our past projects and follow our current projects:

[www.Facebook.com/VIMTeamKansasandNebraska](https://www.facebook.com/VIMTeamKansasandNebraska)

OR on your own Facebook page – In upper left search bar, key in: **VIM Team of the Great Plains UMC**

Seeking a Master’s of Divinity?

The Pratt First United Methodist Church Endowment Committee would like to help you financially in reaching this goal. This committee is very aware of the need for additional ministers in our Great Plains Conference and of the cost of seminary education. Each year this committee places funds in a Seminary Scholarship. This fund continues to grow until a member of our church makes the committee aware that they are in seminary and requests funds to help them. A person interested should contact the church office at (620) 672-6473. Please leave your name, phone number and address. The office will notify Joyce Frazier, Chair of the Endowment Committee.

The Endowment Committee was pleased to award the Seminary Scholarship to Chelsea Shrack while she attended Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. She received the Master of Divinity Degree and has returned to the Great Plains Conference serving K-State Wesley as campus pastor since July 1, 2017.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 1 Jessica Gatz	August 15 Jenna Fincham	August 23 Jane Maphet
August 2 Micheal Clymer	August 16 Jude Battin	August 23 Jenny McAtee
August 4 Linda Buchmueller	August 16 Jake Renner	August 26 Dawson Malone
August 4 Dorothy Furgason	August 16 Jannette Swafford	August 26 Brandon Smith
August 4 Sean Hoener	August 16 Conner Vanslyke	August 27 Edwin Boots
August 4 Dedra Rathgeber	August 17 Kristi Nicholson	August 27 Krystal Eck
August 5 Marje Barker	August 18 Ruby Howell	August 27 Jesssica Hanvey
August 5 Spencer Parsons	August 18 Brooklyn Humble	August 27 David Kramer
August 6 Jean Bailey	August 18 Mary Ann Van Blaricum	August 27 Christopher Nicholson
August 9 Ashley Austin	August 19 Mildred Riley	August 27 Chad Vanslyke
August 10 Alizay Beltz	August 20 Kim Kendall	August 29 Brenda Fowler
August 10 Cathy Hergenreder	August 21 Jessie Byers	August 29 Emma Freeman
August 10 Michaela Kessler	August 21 Verna Huff	August 29 Jana Mathes
August 11 David Prater	August 22 Melanie Black	August 29 Nancy Brown- McClain
August 13 Jenna Mazzanti Beltz	August 22 Janell Mead	August 29 Harold Veatch
August 14 Landon Demuth	August 23 Peggy Ellison	August 30 Don Buhler
August 14 Quinton Humble	August 23 Chase Galle	August 31 Amy Jo Maphet
		August 31 Becky McFall

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Aug 3 Lee & Gina Bates	Aug 10 Lee & Renee Wilson	Aug 18 Jim & Edie Nixon
Aug 3 Tom & Deb Jones	Aug 12 Elmer & Betty Baus	Aug 20 Gale & Jane Bolen
Aug 4 Doug & Jan Meyer	Aug 12 Chris & Lynette Freeman	Aug 26 Marvin & Eunice Proctor
Aug 6 Jesse & Sara Blasi	Aug 12 Bob & Janis Moore	Aug 29 Charles & Nancy Kizzire
Aug 7 Jack & Belinda Galle	Aug 12 Gene & Carla Stotts	Aug 29 Bob & Cathy Millen
Aug 7 Kenneth & Prudence Lewton	Aug 14 Steve & Janell Mead	Aug 30 Kent & Deb Goyen
Aug 8 George & Lu Sherer	Aug 14 Brent & Ani Uphoff	Aug 30 Howard & Lois Gray
Aug 10 Gary & Ruth Ann Barker	Aug 17 Dean & Jerree Fitzsimmons	Aug 30 Kent E. & Delories Moore
	Aug 17 Rich & Denise Sanders	

THANK YOU

Many, many "Thanks" to all the men who showed up to help get Dean Hoover moved into his new home yesterday morning, July 21st. It went so smoothly!

Blessings on you all! Ed Boots

August Calendar

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

July 2020	August 2020	September 2020
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	27	28	29	30	31	1 ■ 7:30 AM Men of Faith
2 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	3	4 ■ 9:30 AM UMW Executive Board Meeting ■ 5:00 PM Praise Team	5	6	7	8
9 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	10	11	12 ■ 7:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall	13	14	15 ■ 7:30 AM Men of Faith
16 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	17	18 ■ 5:15 PM Endowment Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall	19	20	21	22
23 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 ■ 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	31	1	2	3	4	5

MONDAYS

Quilters

9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Ladies Prayer Group

7:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study

10:00 a.m.


THURSDAYS


Ladies Bible Study, Zoom 5:30 p.m


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to your daily
devotionals

created by
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