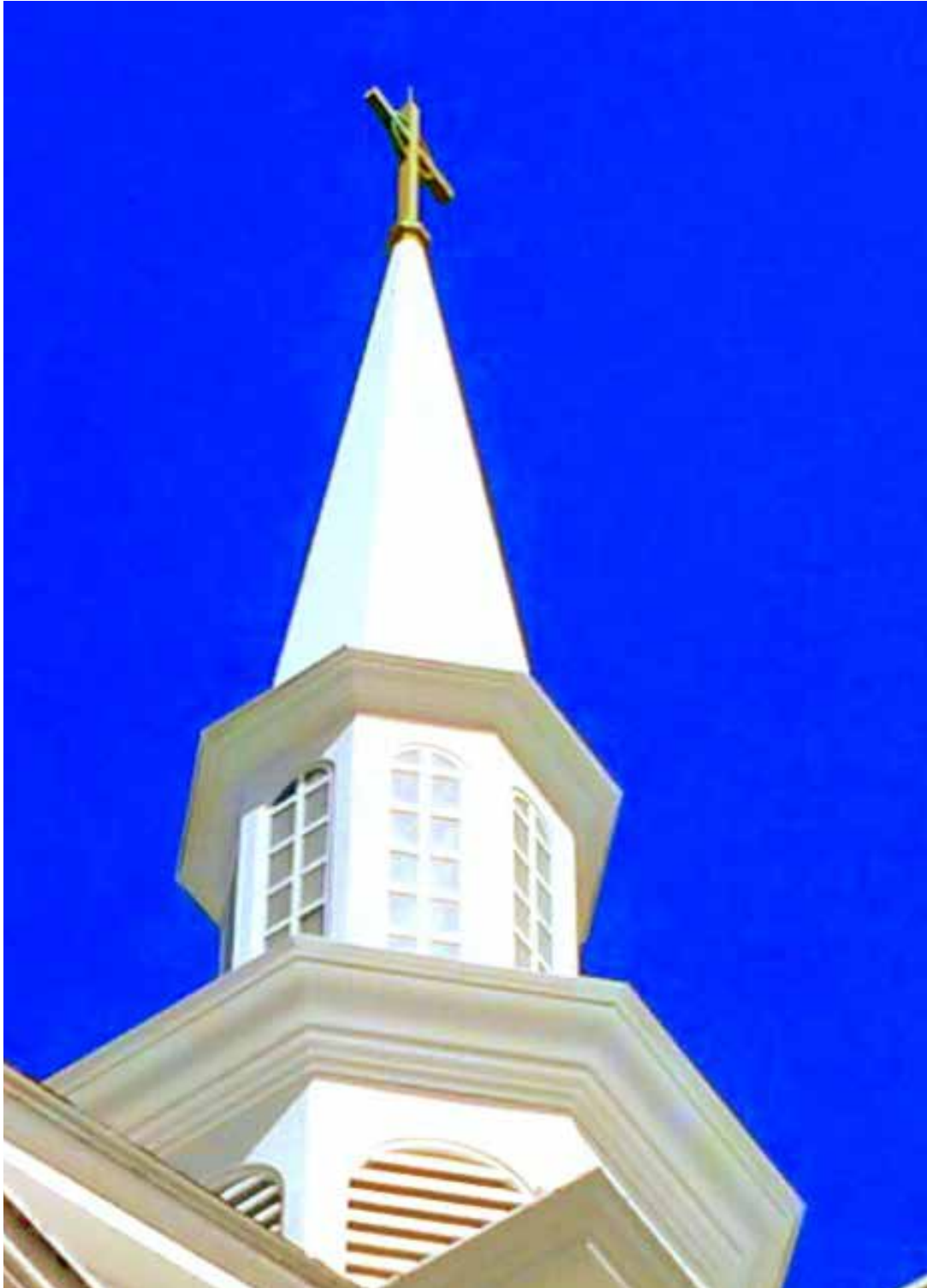


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“Young people need models, not critics”

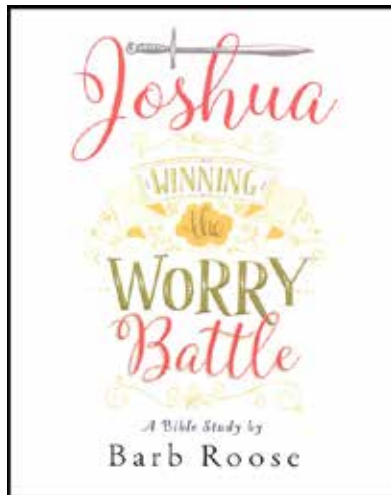
This is a quote from one of the most successful coaches of all time, John Wooden the great UCLA basketball coach. In my role as Children, Youth and Family Ministries Pastor I will strive to be the best model of a human and follower of Christ that I can be. One of the first topics that I will be exploring with the youth groups is perfection. In everything I do I strive for perfection, knowing that I will never achieve it pains me to a fault. Matthew 5:48 says “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” There is much debate about what this means, and it is something that we will explore together. However, my point is that as a human we are all imperfect and there is beauty in imperfection. I will strive to be the best model that I can be for our youth, together we will have growth and achievements, we will also have failures, because we are not perfect. “It is not the critic who counts, it is the person who is actually in the arena.....”

I will not be a critic of our youth; I will be a model and a resource for them.

I am very grateful for this opportunity to lead our youth programs. Please feel free to contact me via the church office. I will have an email soon that I will share, and office hours for anyone that wants to stop in and share ideas. I am also exploring ways to communicate via social media or an app that will be public for parents and youth where I will share schedules and information regarding youth programs. Pastor Nicole talked about WE in her sermon last Sunday. This will truly be a church effort; I will be relying on volunteers, and I know that there are many out there that already put in a lot of time in our youth programs. Thank you for all that you do to help this effort and for being a model to our youth.

Mike Manderino

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

Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Heritage Room

Questions to Melanie Black 388-6920

Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall
Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion
August 7 & 21

Meet each first and third Saturdays at 7:30 a.m..



Education Partnership

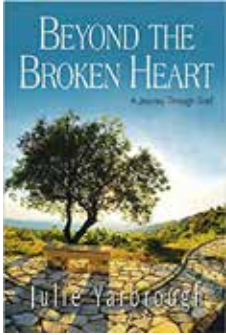


At Pratt First United Methodist Church, we have made a commitment to our local schools. This has stemmed from both the commitment the Great Plains Annual Conference (Kansas and Nebraska) of the United Methodist Church made entering into partnerships with public schools in their communities to support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

BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART: A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Pastor Nicole's next short term study will be a Bible study using *Beyond the Broken Heart: A*



Journey Through Grief on Wednesdays at 1:30p.m. Books are available through Cokesbury or Amazon. A daily devotion companion to the study, *Beyond the Broken Heart: Daily Devotions for Your Grief Journey*, is also available.

From the study's description: "How does the heart understand grief when it is broken by the death of a loved one? To survive and live forward, those who grieve must find answers. *Beyond the Broken Heart* is an eight-week support and ministry program for those who are grieving the

loss of a loved one.

Author Julie Yarbrough chronicles her personal experience combined with a deep love of Scripture and years of leading grief support groups to create an authentic and deeply personal exploration of the grief journey. Previous participants have found this study to be powerful and to help them during their journey through grief.

Pastor Nicole requests feedback— All Church Children/Youth Ministries Survey

Pastor Nicole would like some feedback in regard to children/youth ministries. Questions in the survey include what do you see as most important for these ministries, how will you support these ministries, what traditions in these ministries have you enjoyed. There are also questions about Confirmation as Pastor Nicole making plans for it. This survey is not only for parents, everyone can take it! Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XX8SVV7>



**Attending College/ University/Technical School?
2021-2022**

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 _____



Circles of Hope will be starting a new class in August, 2021! Circles of Hope is part of a national organization that works with people experiencing poverty. Class members are called Circles Leaders because they are encouraged to lead and direct their own lives with the financial education and caring support they receive from the meetings.

Circles meets every Monday at First United Methodist Church from 5:30-7:30 pm. The evening starts with a family style dinner provided by organizations, churches, families, & businesses in our Pratt community! RuthAnn Barker of FUMC is the Circles meal coordinator. She is supported by help from Kay Bishop.

Free childcare is also provided.

For more information, please contact: Kate & Mike Cummins, Circles of Hope coordinators at circlesofhopekc@gmail.com or 620-388-0647

Thank you, Billie Blair

Are you tired of living paycheck to paycheck?

Break free with Circles of Hope!

How can Circles help?

- Helps people to live a healthier financial life
- Teaches how to use your gifts and skills
- Offers a place to share your story and be understood
- Shows how to become a better role model for your kids
- Be recognized and respected for who you are
- Allows you a bigger voice in our community
- Set goals, make progress and achieve results



Circles of Hope works with folks experiencing financial hardships who are seeking to learn how to manage their finances. They look at their income and outgo, learn about budgeting, goal setting, consider how to improve their credit score and learn helpful resources in the Pratt area. Building supportive relationships with others in Circles is an additional benefit.



For more information about the starting date for the next class or to learn more, contact:

Kate & Mike Cummins at
circlesofhopekc@gmail.com
(620)388-0647

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 2 Kenny & Kim Declue	August 10 Lee & Renee Wilson	August 18 Edie Nixon
August 3 Lee & Gina Bates	August 12 Chris & Lynette Freeman	August 18 Jim & Edie Nixon
August 3 Tom & Deb Jones	August 12 Bob & Janis Moore	August 20 Gale & Jane Bolen
August 4 Doug & Jan Meyer	August 12 Gene & Carla Stotts	August 26 Marvin & Eunice Proctor
August 6 Jesse & Sarah Blasi	August 14 Steve & Janell Mead	August 29 Charles & Nancy Kizzire
August 7 Jack & Belinda Galle	August 14 Brent & Ani Uphoff	August 29 Bob & Cathy Millen
August 7 Kenneth & Prudence Lewton	August 17 Dean & Jerree Fitzsimmons	August 30 Kent & Deb Goyen
August 8 George & Lu Sherer	August 17 Rich & Denise Sanders	August 30 Howard & Lois Gray
August 10 Gary & Ruth Ann Barker		August 30 Kent E. & Delories Moore

FUMC Worship Service each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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.

Sunday School Classes are meeting!



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 2021	August 2021	September 2021
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	2 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	3 6:30 PM Pastor Nicole's Bible Study	4 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul Quilters	5	6	7 7:30 AM Men of Faith
8 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	9 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	10 6:30 PM Pastor Nicole's Bible Study	11 8:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul Quilters 8:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting	12	13	14 9:00 AM Quilt of valor
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22 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	23 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	24	25 8:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul Quilters	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM One Service Only-Confirmation 11:00 AM Pot Luck Dinner following service	30 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	31 5:00 PM Praise Team Meeting	1	2	3	4

SUNDAYS

Church Service 8:00 a.m.
Church Service in Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

MONDAYS

Ladies Bible Study, Heritage Rm 5:50p.m.
Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
every other Monday

WEDNESDAYS

Ladies Prayer Group, FH 8:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Pastor's Grief Study, Conf. Rm 1:30 p.m.

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DOWS ESSENTIAL CONNECTION

DIG IN

ENJOY BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

We have many new books in the Church Library that we hope you will enjoy so we invite you to check them out.

We have seven books on the 2021 UMW shelf. They are a memorial to Sharon Brehm from her Stitch Club. Among them are:

The Journey Between Us
Sleep, Pray, Heal
Crocodile Crossing-A Children's Book
Speaking Well

The 50-50 Sunday School Class has given:

It's Going to Be Okay—in memory of Barbara Shinkle
Don't Miss It —in memory of Carter Barker. This book was written by Dave Dalke who was our Church Youth Director in the 1960's.

They are on the Suggested Reading Shelf.

If you have a type of book that you would like to have in our library, please call Marilyn Kennedy or Ginny Houdyshell.

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.

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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 or Jane Bolen at jane.bolen@yahoo.com

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