

THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS
137TH YEAR OF MINISTRY
DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



A Time to Gather and Reap

We all have many activities and gatherings this time of year. Along with the holiday season we also have fall harvest and the end of the fall sports seasons. There is a beginning of new winter sports seasons and other activities that keep us on the run. My hope for each of you is that we stay on the run. That may sound exhausting to some, and some are always on the run; it is what they do. If you have children at home, it may feel like you are constantly on the run. As a church community are we gathering to sit and get or to grow and go make?

The number of youth that have been attending our Wednesday night groups has continued to grow from the beginning of the school year. I am extremely proud of their attitude toward helping others and continuing to want to learn. I am also very happy that they want to invite others to our group. They are inviting friends to come and gather with us. This is a great example of growing and making disciples of others.

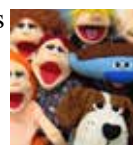
Paul was a great example of this. After his conversion he was with a community of believers and apostles. They sent him to Tarsus and his sending resulted in a massive gospel movement in several regions. Like the original apostles, we as a church community must gather and then go out and make disciples of others. This is one of the things I am most proud of with the youth of the United Methodist Church.

I encourage them to not only attend on Wednesday nights, but also on Sunday for worship and Sunday School. See you at the Church!
Mike

Puppets



Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open to kids 4th grade and above. Puppeteers do not have to be members of our church. Friends who might enjoy puppets are welcome to visit to see how much fun we have. Looking forward to getting started:



Debbie Withers 620 672 8237 and Charmaine Swanepoel 620 388 3149.

Debbie, Linda, & Charmaine

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.

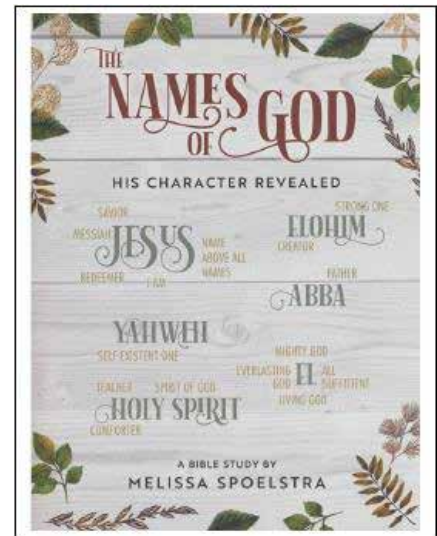
The Names of God

One of the best ways to know God's true character and grow closer to Him is to study His names. In *The Names of God*, Melissa Spoelstra leads women on an exploration of the many names of our triune God. By the end of this video study, we will not only know more about God but will know Him better—because through the discovery of God's names, we will discover Him!

The Names of God, Melissa Spoelstra
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, The Heritage Room
Melanie Black 620-388-6920 for more information

Promo link

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/video/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/35890-the-names-of-god/35894-previews-and-more/114835-the-names-of-god-promo>



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The apostle Paul didn't plan to go to Galatia. God used a physical ailment to direct him there, carrying the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The relationship Paul would build with the Galatian converts, and his determination for the truth of the gospel to be preserved among them, led to one of the most passionate letters in the New Testament. Paul would not sit quietly by and let those who'd been liberated by Christ's glorious gospel submit again to a yoke of slavery. He'd send a letter with the volume turned up, calling believers to stand firm in the truth, stay bold in love, and walk by the Spirit. He'd remind them what it looked like to live for God's approval rather than human approval. The eternal words God entrusted to Paul for the churches of Galatia are as needed today as they were when the ink was still wet on the ancient pages. Join Beth and Melissa Moore for a six-week deep dive into Paul's captivating letter to the Galatians. Come to know the letter's original recipients. Discover, or perhaps rediscover, what makes the gospel of Jesus Christ revolutionary to those who choose to believe.



Women's Bible Study

Contact: Peggy Ellison

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Conference Room

(620) 770-0469



The church will be purchasing Poinsettias
for the sanctuary for Christmas.

If you would like to purchase one in memory
or in honor of a loved one, the cost is \$28.00

If you would like to bring your own Poinsettia,
just let the office know
who it is in memory or in honor of.



Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall
Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion
December 4 & 18



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

United Methodist Women News



United
Methodist
Women
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UMW Executive Board will meet in Fellowship Hall
on Thursday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Scholarships for College Students

Pratt UMC Full-time College Students,

If you are interested in applying or renewing for a general scholarship, please use this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOJ9qmLpd73MMbb5IPMx-N0NGnMD1xfYh2oW-22rOcAcQYVw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Forms are due by January 10, 2022.

Questions? Please email Suzan Patton at suzan.patton.ksmoslf@gmail.com

**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 school year: cell phone _____

Parent's phone _____

Parent's name _____

VIM Project Calendar 2022

The VIM team of the Great Plains Conference ended up with an abbreviated project list for 2021. We feel very blessed that we were able to participate at Camp Horizon in April, Camp Chippewa and Camp Lakeside in May, Alpha Christian Children's Home and EmberHope-Youthville in June, Camp Buckhorn in Colorado in July and returned to Camp Lakeside in September. The 2021 January, February, March and October projects were all cancelled due to Covid.

The project list for **2022** has now been set. All projects have good accommodations. Consider joining us on one of the projects being the hands and feet of Christ helping in situations that need support and assistance to better continue on in their ministries.

Serving Him,

Chuck and Linda Buchmueller

(As of 11/01/21) Contact Team Leaders for more information. All skill levels needed Registration Fee: \$150/person/project

LOUISIANA, Dulac – Hurricane Ida Relief January 9-20, 2022

Team Leaders: TBD RV/nonRV

Contact Chuck or Linda Buchmueller for updated information 620-77-0410 or 620-770-0411

TEXAS, McAllen – Boarder Area Mission-El Valle District February 6-17, 2022

Team Leaders: Chuck & Linda Buchmueller RV/nonRV

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

TEXAS, San Marcos – Southside Community Center March 6-17, 2022

Team Leaders: Chuck & Linda Buchmueller RV/nonRV

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

KANSAS, Arkansas City – Camp Horizon..... April 3-8, 2022

Team Leaders: Bill & Janet Ward RV/nonRV

(H) 620-221-2973 / (C) 620-229-1393 / wgward@ispkansas.com

KANSAS, Scott City – Camp Lakeside #1..... April 24-29, 2022

Team Leaders: Rick and Annette Holbrook RV/nonRV

Rick: 316-765-4363 / imreholbrook8@gmail.com Annette: 316-648-4083 / imaholbrook8@gmail.com

KANSAS, Ottawa – Camp Chippewa.....May 15-20, 2022

Team Leader: Bob Moore RV/nonRV

712-789-1084 / bobmo509@netins.net

KANSAS, Newton – EmberHope-Youthville..... June 19-24, 2022

Team Leaders: Chuck & Linda Buchmueller RV/nonRV

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

COLORADO, Bellvue – Buckhorn Camp July 10-21, 2022

Team Leaders: Rick and Annette Holbrook RV/nonRV

Rick: 316-765-4363 / imreholbrook8@gmail.com Annette: 316-648-4083 / imaholbrook8@gmail.com Team

KANSAS, Scott City – Camp Lakeside #2..... September 11-16, 2022

Team Leaders: Rick and Annette Holbrook RV/nonRV

Rick: 316-765-4363 / imreholbrook8@gmail.com Annette: 316-648-4083 / imaholbrook8@gmail.com

KANSAS, Perry – Alpha Christian Children's Home.....October 2-13, 2022

Team Leader: Bob Moore RV/nonRV

712-789-1084 / bobmo509@netins.net

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

www.Facebook.com/VIMTeamKansasandNebraska

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1 Darrin Smith	December 9 Renee Wilson	December 25 Deb Jones
December 2 Jerree Fitzsimmons	December 10 Edna Harris	December 26 Tim Barker
December 3 Kyle Bailey	December 11 Amy Renner	December 26 Norman Bennett
December 3 Patrick Blasi	December 12 Sidney Freeman	December 26 Mike Garrett
December 3 Jayden Gish	December 12 Jan Meyer	December 27 Carol Bonham
December 4 Nancy Boland	December 14 Max Younie	December 27 Doug Meyer
December 5 Darci Jones	December 16 Marilyn Shanline	December 27 Gates Shrack
December 5 Joshua Rathgeber	December 17 Tom Black	December 29 Linda Broce
December 5 Irene Shumway	December 17 Emma Fowler	December 29 Fred Kerr
December 6 Criss Booi	December 18 Evan Fowler	December 29 Mike Snell
December 7 Belinda Galle	December 19 Avery Jones	December 30 Dean Hoover
December 7 Chance Henke	December 20 Grant May	December 31 Kaleb Demuth
December 7 Gail Withers	December 24 Jeremiah Eck	December 31 Weston Goyen
December 8 Kent L Moore	December 24 Kelly Garretson	December 31 Lee Wilson
December 9 Courtney Nicholson	December 24 Janis Moore	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 3 James & Elizabeth Norrish	December 27 Jeff & Arica Malone
December 10 Morgan & Debbie Trinkle	December 28 Mark & Lisa Fincham
December 18 Jimmy & Annette Lee	December 29 Mike & Cindy Snell
December 21 A.C. & Nancy Boland	December 29 Roy & Heather Winklepleck
December 23 Darrell & Irene Shumway	

FUMC Worship Service each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and 10:30 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 10:30 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 at 9:15 a.m.



December 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul, Quilters 3:45 PM J.A.M. 4:00 PM Puppets 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM UMW Executive Board 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men of Faith
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul, Quilters 3:45 PM J.A.M. 4:00 PM Puppets 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Quilt of valor 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Church in the Sanctuary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 AM Rebekah Guild 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul, Quilters 3:45 PM J.A.M. 4:00 PM Puppets 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Sarah Guild, Marilyn Kennedy 9:30 AM Naomi Guild, 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men of Faith
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Church in the Sanctuary 10:30 AM Children's Christmas Program 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	No Activities	Office Closed	Christmas Vacation	Christmas Day
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				New Year's Eve Holiday	New Year's Eve Holiday	

SUNDAYS

Church Service 8:00 a.m.
 Church Service in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

MONDAYS

Circles 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Ladies Prayer Group, FH 8:00 a.m.
 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 J.A.M. 4:00 p.m.
 Puppets 4:00 p.m.
 Youth-Middle School 6:00 p.m.
 Youth-High School 7:00 p.m.



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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 or Jane Bolen at jane.bolen@yahoo.com

Staff

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