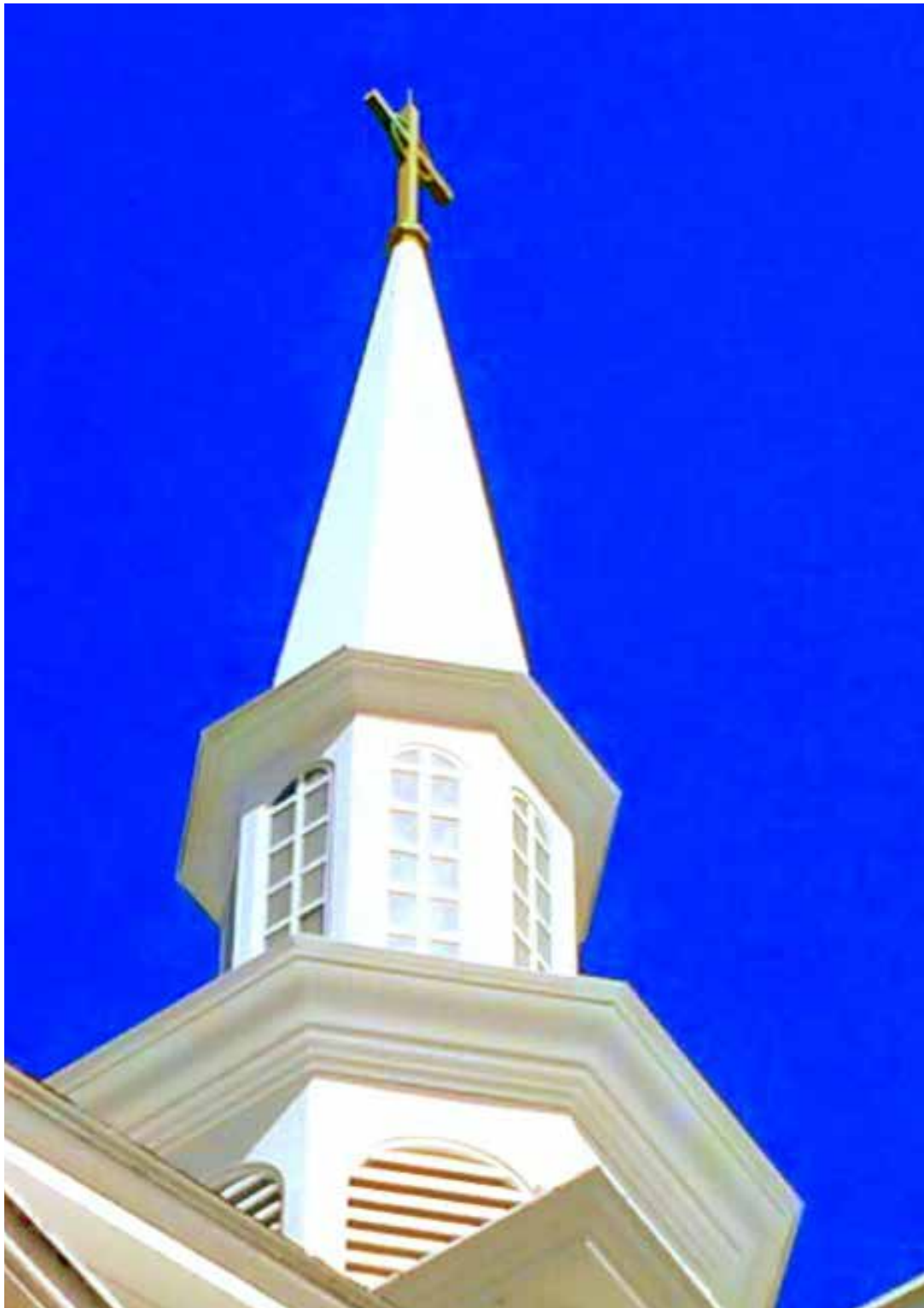


# THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
IN PRATT, KS

138TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

FEBRUARY 2022    NEWSLETTER



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## A Road Map to the Year 2022

We are off to a great start with our youth programs. In the past two meetings we have talked about what our goals, resolutions or intentions are to live a better life for Christ. The apostle Paul gives us a roadmap to Christianity, and we will be learning more about him and the other apostles and their contributions to Christianity this semester.

ACTS 11:25-26

“And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; and when had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

We are also planning for confirmation classes; the parents meeting will be February 6th and we will start confirmation classes on February 27th. Please contact Pastor Nicole or me if you have a teen that is ready for confirmation.

We are making plans to take a few weekend trips over the semester and visit some other churches as well as some mission work. We understand that everyone's schedules are busy, so we are trying to plan around some of the bigger activities going on this spring. One idea is to schedule them on Sundays after church.

Finally, “For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.” Matthew 18:20

I encourage all our youth to attend our church services on Sundays. Parents, please continue to encourage them as well.

See you at the Church,

Mike

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## 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 & Charmaine

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## 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.

## *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* by Lysa TerKeurst



Forgiveness is a major part of the Christian faith. But how do we actually put it into practice when we're the ones who've been hurt? In *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* bible study, Lysa TerKeurst shares a plan to free yourself from hurt, disempower triggers that hijack your emotions, deal with difficult relationships, and discover life-giving freedom our souls desperately need.

Beginning: Tuesdays

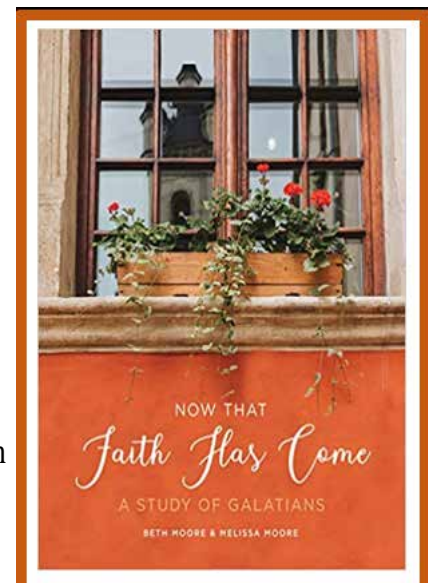
When: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Heritage Room

Contact Melanie Black 620-388-6920 for more information

## 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

## Snack Supper Schedule

January 26th	Ladies Bible Study (Melanie Black)	March 23rd	Open
February 2nd	Rebekah Guild (Genny Schmidt)	March 30th	Circles
February 9th	Staff	April 6th	Open
February 16th	Seekers (Ruth Ann Barker)	April 13th	Open
February 23rd	Ladies Bible Study (Melanie Black)	April 20th	Open
March 2nd	Open	April 27th	Open
March 9th	Outreach, Diana Harris	May 4th	Open
March 16th	No Activities (Spring Break)	May 11th	Open

As you can see, we have several slots to fill for upcoming Snack Suppers. Please get with your groups and let the office know if your group can provide a snack supper for any of these dates. Also, instead of your group paying 10% to the church for supplies such as plates, cups, silverware, etc., since this has changed from a fund raiser to a ministry, it has been decided that a small donation would be accepted only if your group wants to do contribute to the church for these expenses. Thank you so much for your willingness to help with Snack Suppers!

## Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall  
Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion  
February 19

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



## United Methodist Women News



United  
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~~Canceled-UMW Executive Board will meet in Fellowship Hall  
on February 3 at 10:00 a.m.-~~

Our annual fundraiser is March 26

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**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

**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](http://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

February 2 Priscilla White	February 12 Gracelyn Mazzanti Beltz	February 17 Jessica Garrett
February 4 Mark Ploger	February 13 Clay Wilson	February 18 Lisa Conner
February 5 Madison McAtee	February 14 Maci Hanvey	February 18 Debbie Veatch
February 5 James Norrish	February 15 Jo Hoener	February 19 Janet Hearn
February 7 Jace Riggs	February 16 Elmer Baus	February 19 Suzan Patton
February 9 John Havens	February 16 Ulanda Jackman	February 20 Blaze Clymer
February 10 Dawn Irvin	February 16 Madeline Martin	February 20 Katrina Clymer
February 10 Clayton Parsons	February 16 Grant McAtee	February 20 Cindy Snell
February 12 Glee Becker	February 16 Kent E. Moore	February 22 Kay Sewell
February 12 Abed Ingles	February 16 Lexi Trimpe	February 23 Garrett Bell
February 12 Cassandra Mathes	February 17 Aldo Cilliers	February 28 Beth Rose
	February 17 Travis Conner	

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



February 14 Jana & John Mathes



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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.**



# February 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.

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## 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.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU all for trying to keep the Little Free Pantry stocked with food for whoever might need it.



The 50/50 class appreciates you all so much. We have found items in small pop top cans, hygiene items such as small tubes of tooth past, tooth brushes and bath soap move fast. Dish and laundry detergent are taken soon. Small cans of pork and beans, green beans, corn, peas and various fruits in pop top cans are rapid moving items. We have seen folk with back packs who are walking or hitch hiking on the highway stop to see if they can use items for sustenance. Dry beans, rice, spaghetti and items that need cooking do not move. We have to take them to the Food Bank. There may be folks who don't know how to prepare them or do not have a stove. Thanks again for your help! Questions: Ed Boots 620-388-3480.

1CORINTHIANS 13:4

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



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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)

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