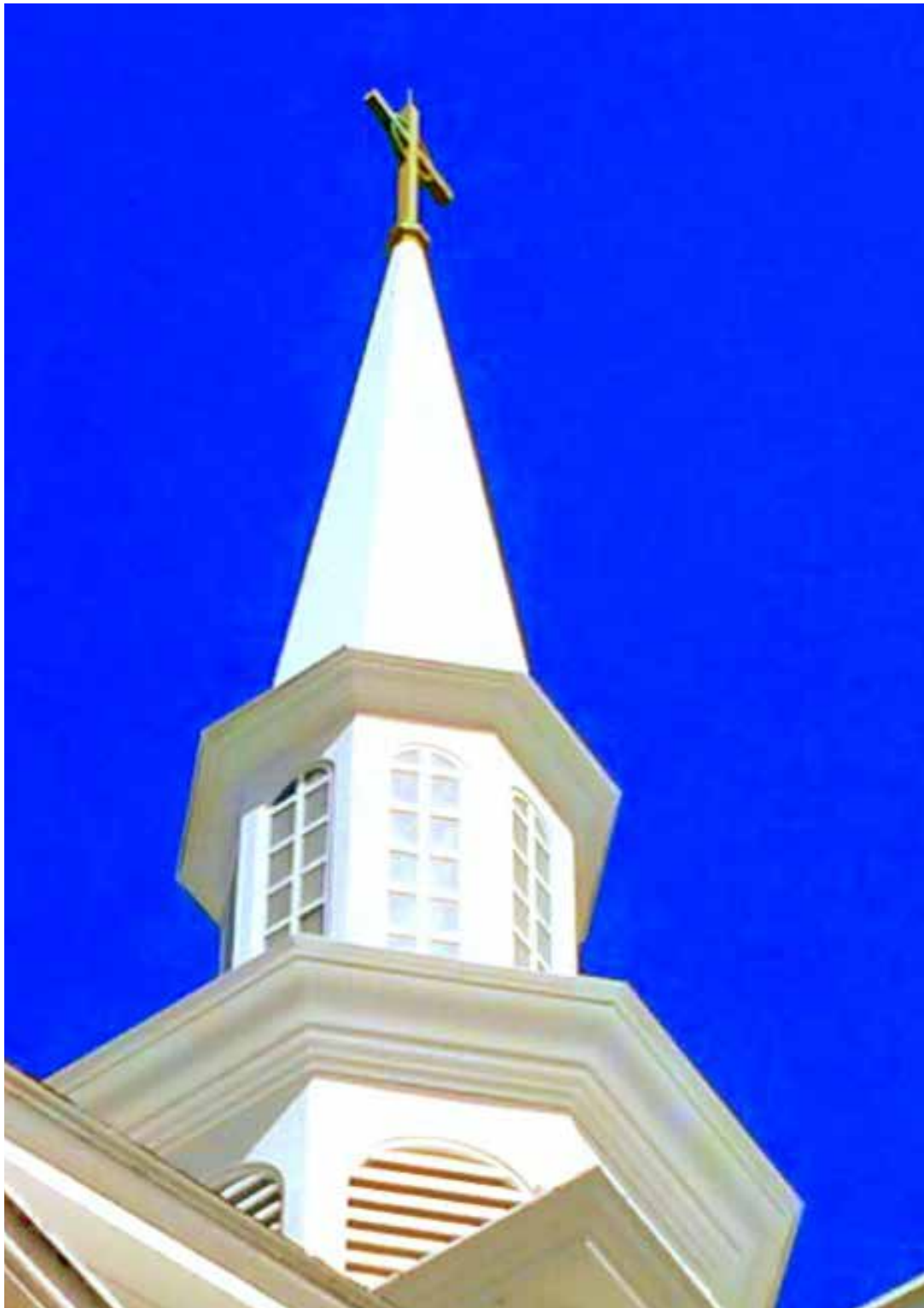


THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS

138TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



Tis the Season

Merry Christmas to one and all!! I am so grateful to have the opportunity to serve God in my capacity with the youth in our church. We have had a wonderful semester. Our youth groups are eager to learn and be together in fellowship. They are also willing to give of their time and talents. This is a blessing to the entire church. Most of all it is pleasing to God. Please continue to pray that the leaders of our church may minister to everyone in a positive light. Pray for our youth, that they may have their eyes opened to God and the peace he brings to their lives.

I am grateful for the volunteers that share in this vision as well. I pray that you all had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to the upcoming year.

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.

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: Tuesday, January 11, 2022

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



If your group is willing to serve a snack supper this spring,
please contact the church office!

Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall
Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion
January 15

Meet each first and third Saturdays at 7:30 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

January 1 Thomas Galle	January 8 Deb Withers	January 24 Eunice Proctor
January 1 Michelle Schmidt	January 9 Cade Clarkson	January 24 Dontez Ruiz
January 2 Barbara Harris	January 9 Kale Wilson	January 24 Rich Sanders
January 4 Katie Buhler	January 10 Kent Goyen	January 24 Tonya Younie
January 4 Ellen Hair	January 11 Marvin Proctor	January 25 Joe Kendall
January 5 Ian Clarkson	January 15 Genny Schmidt	January 25 Cara Riffey
January 5 Tracy Trimpe	January 16 Rosalie Rose	January 25 Denise Sanders
January 6 Nancy Bailey	January 17 Jordan Garrett	January 26 Janie Bishop
January 6 Ronnie Prater	January 18 Peyton Peissig	January 26 Kendra Elliot
January 6 Sharon Winklepleck	January 19 Gina Bates	January 27 Elizabet Ingles
January 7 Ron Ingram	January 19 Reagan Blasi	January 28 Vicki Howell
January 8 Kendyl Hanvey	January 22 Ryan Jarmer	January 28 Ronald Prater
January 8 Tom Post	January 23 Noah Malone	January 30 Eli Battin
January 8 Caiden Smiley	January 23 Lu Sherer	January 30 Jim Bergner
January 8 Kaidie Winklepleck	January 24 Betty Jean Baus	January 30 Ashley Fitzsimmons

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



January 27 Scott & Kendra Elliot



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.

January 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.

December 2021	January 2022	February 2022
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31 Office Closed New Year's Eve Holiday	1
2 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM One service- Church in the Sanctuary-Epiphany	3 5:30 PM Circles of Hope	4	5 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	6	7	8
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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.



"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli. If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."



“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

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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 or Jane Bolen at jane.bolen@yahoo.com

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