

THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS

135TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

JULY 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.

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, July 4 at 7:30 a.m. at Donald's Servateria



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.

COLORADO, Bellvue – Buckhorn Camp**July 5-16, 2020**
Team Leaders: Bill & Janet Ward RV/nonRV
(H) 620-221-2973/ (C) 620-229-1393 / wgward@ispkansas.com

KANSAS, Ottawa – Camp Chippewa**August 9-14, 2020**
Team Leaders: Rick and Annette Holbrook RV/nonRV
Rick: 316-765-4363 / imreholbrook8@gmail.com Annette: 316-648-4083 / imaholbrook8@gmail.com

KANSAS, Scott City – Camp Lakeside**September 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

July 1 Pam Westhoff
July 3 Jarrett Bates
July 3 Suzanne Harris
July 3 Brianna Houdyshell
July 3 Nancy Kerr
July 6 Makenzie Smith
July 7 Aaron Blasi
July 7 Prudence Lewton
July 7 Madden Wilson
July 7 Grant Younie
July 8 Jeanne Carson
July 11 Jean Bergner
July 11 Janis Jilg
July 12 Charles Boldt
July 12 Scott Nicholson
July 12 Jonathan Prater

July 12 Alma Walker
July 12 Megan Younie
July 13 Chris Freeman
July 13 Howard Gray
July 16 Bev Aldrich
July 17 Leigh Baus
July 17 Andi Brunson
July 17 Chris Hoener
July 17 Adison Smith
July 18 Karen Smith
July 19 Paul Klassen
July 19 Mackenzie Shanline
July 20 Brystle Wilson
July 21 Mike Patton
July 22 Lu Kramer
July 22 Trent McAtee

July 23 David Hearn
July 25 Diana Harris
July 26 Sandy Ray
July 27 Lee Bates
July 27 Jeanize Cilliers
July 27 Muriel Jones
July 27 Maryann Rose
July 27 Riley Thompson
July 28 Linda Dick
July 28 Annette Lee
July 29 Amber Chisham
July 29 Verneene Forsberg
July 29 Barbara Krehbiel
July 30 Stan Reimer
July 31 Mark Schmidt
July 31 Mike Sewell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 6 Brenda & Jerry Campbell
July 11 Rosalie & Richard Rose
July 13 Summer & Kevin Younie
July 16 Sue & Don Buhler
July 17 Edna & Roy Harris

July 20 Jean & Sam Bailey
July 20 Denise & Kris Dover
July 24 Nancy & Fred Kerr
July 24 Faye & Tim Kuhn
July 25 Delaine & Clinton Riggs
July 26 Jeanette & Kelly Garretson



MATTHEW 12:18-21

- 18 “Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.
- 19 He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.
- 20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory.
- 21 In his name the nations will put their hope.”

July 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.

June 2020	July 2020	August 2020
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Pastor Nicole's first day 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	2 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study, Zoom	3 Church Office Closed	4 Fourth of July 7:30 AM Men of Faith, Donald's Servateria
5 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	6 Scholarship Applications Due	7	8 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting, Conference Room	9 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study, Zoom	10	11
12 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	13	14	15 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	16 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study, Zoom	17	18
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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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provided by
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to your daily
devotionals

created by
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Houdyshell.

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Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



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