

THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS

135TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER



Friends Are Forever



When I first approached my wife about becoming a pastor back in 1996, she told me, “No way.” She wasn’t thrilled about the prospect of leaving our friends and having to make new friends just to have to leave them behind the next time we moved. I told her not to look at it as leaving friends behind, but building a whole network of friends all over the state.

After about a year, she told me she heard God calling us into ministry too, and our adventure began. And now that we are preparing to move for the seventh time, this time to another state, I’m having to tell myself not to look at it as leaving friends behind, but building a whole network of friends in a new state.

I have been honored to be your pastor in Pratt for the last five years. But I trust that God has great things in store for us at the First United Methodist Church in Goldthwaite, TX, and God has great things in store for you at the First United Methodist Church in Pratt. It’s not all about me, and it’s not all about you. It’s all about God. And Romans 8:28 reminds us that “...all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

My last Sunday in the pulpit in Pratt will be June 14th. Sherri and I will vacation the last two weeks of June by packing and moving and getting settled in before my new appointment begins on July 1st. We’re so thankful for the five years we got to spend in Pratt, and while I will no longer be your pastor, friends are forever.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Marvin

FUMC reopened sanctuary May 24; in person worship now available

Beginning Sunday, May 24th, First United Methodist Church of Pratt reopened our sanctuary so in person worship is now available. We will continue to have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. throughout the month of June. We will no longer have worship on Facebook Live. Instead, we will record our worship service and upload it to the church's Facebook page as soon as possible following the service.

Sunday morning worship will certainly not immediately return to "normal." There are 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. We cannot emphasize this enough: **THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK TO COVID 19 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.

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.

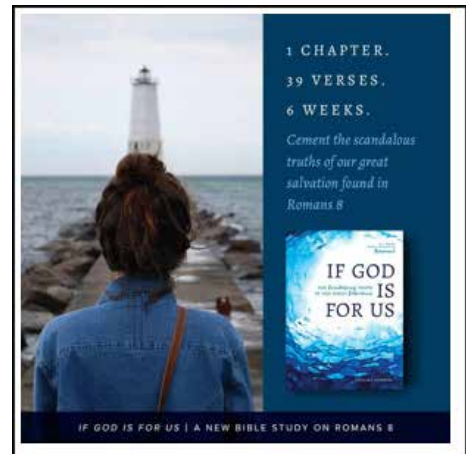
See you there...

Thursdays

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 resume meeting



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Fellowship Hall


Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion

Saturday, June 6 at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Additional church activities will begin again when we are allowed



Bring a sack lunch
(finger foods)
\$5 for each child
on Fridays
from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Beneath our tangible landscape lurks an invisible spiritual realm where unseen battles rage.

It's real and it's dangerous.

Are you prepared to uncover Satan's cunning deceptions, and resist his schemes?

Wednesday 6pm
Basement
Come As You Are Room
Tom Black 672-8000

Men's Group Study - Starting Soon

YOUTH and CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jesus and Me, Middle School and High School YOUTH Group

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.

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 / wguard@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

June 1 Helen Bailey
June 1 Nathan Buchmueller
June 2 Gary Barker
June 2 Suzanne Moore
June 2 Shelley Patton
June 2 Charmaine Swanepoel
June 3 Kaden Barker
June 4 Albert Kendall
June 4 Craig Wilson
June 6 Owen Utter
June 7 Brent Hoener
June 7 John Mathes
June 7 Merle Rose
June 10 Makala Fitzsimmons

June 10 Opal Hemphill
June 12 Elyse Birdsong
June 12 Caden Schowengerdt
June 12 Cole Winklepleck
June 13 Steve Mead
June 13 Cathy Millen
June 13 Richard Rose
June 13 Emma Shrack
June 13 Darrel Wehling
June 14 June Daughhetee
June 15 Denise Dover
June 15 Natalie King
June 16 Darrell Shumway

June 17 Georgie Fowler
June 17 Deb Goyen
June 17 Wendell Howell
June 17 Curt Wilson
June 19 Lisa Austin
June 19 Katherine Shanline
June 21 Jean Tharp
June 22 Charles Kizzire
June 23 Darrel Brehm
June 23 Lois Gray
June 25 Jeff Shanline
June 26 Michaela Freeman
June 27 Brantley Gish
June 29 Summer Younie

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 2 Kelli & Tim Barker
June 2 Peggy & David Ellison
June 2 Kelli & Robert Smiley
June 4 Whitney & Kyle Briggeman
June 5 Dena & Darrel Henke
June 6 Brenda & Wakon Fowler
June 6 Madeline & Milt Martin
June 7 Alison & Tanner Peissig
June 10 Suzanne & Kent Moore

June 11 Jami & Christopher Battin
June 11 Jane & Bill Biles
June 12 Genny & Gary Schmidt
June 14 Jenny & Trent McAtee
June 17 Rebecca & Tom Post
June 21 Nikki & Nathan Humble
June 23 Karen & Robert Pinkall
June 26 Molly & Robert Dunaway
June 26 Pat & Don Schwartz
June 27 Shari & Kevin Gates



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY JUNE 21

Proverbs 23:24

The father of a righteous child has great joy;
a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.

June 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.

May 2020	June 2020	July 2020
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3 ■ 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	4 ■ 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	5	6 ■ 7:30 AM Men of Faith, Fellowship Hall
7 ■ 10:00 AM Worship Service	8	9	10 ■ 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting, FH	11 ■ 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	12	13
14 ■ 10:00 AM Worship Service	15	16	17 ■ 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	18 ■ 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	19	20
21 Father's Day ■ 10:00 AM Worship Service	22	23	24 ■ 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	25 ■ 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

When we are able to resume regular activities.....

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 8:15 A.M.

WORSHIP/SANCTUARY AT 10:30 A.M.

Join us for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

MONDAYS

Quilters 9:30 a.m.
Monday Morning Moms 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Ladies' Prayer Group 7:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
J.A.M. 4:00 p.m.
Youth-5th & 6th Grade 6:00 p.m.

Puppets 5:30 p.m.
Snack Supper 5:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
.Youth Group-7th & 8th grade 6:00 p.m.
Praise Band 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group (High School) 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Ladies' Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mom's Day Out 10:00 a.m.

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1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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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 jjohnson@prattumc.org or Jane Bolen jane.bolen@yahoo.com of your address.

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Praise Band Director Don Buhler
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