

THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS

136TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER





MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Communion

John 17

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 14:1-3

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

14 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.



GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

PRAYER VIGIL

AT 6:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

AT 7:00 P.M.



EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 4
AT 7:00 A.M.
SUNRISE SERVICE
ON THE EAST LAWN

EASTER SERVICE
AT 10:00 A.M.
IN THE SANCTUARY

Mathew 28:5-7

⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.⁷ And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you”



SPRING 2021 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

College Students:

This is a friendly reminder to apply for the Spring 2021 General Scholarship. The deadline for application is Monday, January 11, 2021. Information is located on the church webpage under "Youth." Please follow the directions for either First-time Application or Renewal. If you have questions, email suzan_patton@yahoo.com.

Commitment to Students

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.

Happy Easter
April 4th



**Attending College/ University/Technical School?
2020-2021**

Our church is asking all Pratt First United Methodist Church members or friends, who plan to attend college/university or technical school this fall, 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 summer: cell phone _____

Parent's phone _____

Parent's name _____

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1 Elizabeth Norrish	March 14 Chelsee Hoener	March 21 Donna Smith
March 2 Jim Bob Lewton	March 14 Martha Kramer	March 22 Marleigh Bates
March 5 Lynda Arnett	March 15 Steve Parsons	March 22 Brenda Campbell
March 5 Clinton Riggs	March 16 Hayden May	March 23 Cole Fincham
March 8 Ron Sibley	March 17 Milt Martin	March 26 Ryan Lunt
March 9 Dianne Thomas	March 18 Robin Patton	March 27 Kevin Davidson
March 11 Addison Millen	March 18 Kevin Riffey	March 28 Yolande Swanepoel
March 11 Terry Olsen	March 18 Roy Winklepleck	March 29 Amy Jones
March 12 Clinton Skaggs	March 19 Janet Black	March 29 Louise Kempton
March 13 Lois Kennedy	March 21 Shari Gates	March 30 James Fitzsimmons
March 14 Jolene Barnes	March 21 Virginia Houdyshell	March 30 Gary Schmidt
March 14 Pat Gordon		March 31 Marie Hanson



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



March 9 Brett & Glenda Houdyshell
March 10 Micheal & Katrina Clymer
March 11 Arlan & Ellen Hair

March 16 Kevin & Kodi Davidson
March 26 Awie & Elize Cilliers
March 26 Wayne & Flo Parsons

FUMC Worship Service each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Check weekly for updates during these unpredictable times

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 10:00 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.

No Sunday School Classes are meeting at this time.

March 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.

February 2021	March 2021	April 2021
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	1 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	2	3 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison	4 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black	5	6
7 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Boys Scouts	8 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	9	10 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison 7:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting	11 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	15 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison	18 8:15 PM Endowment Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black	19	20
21 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Boys Scouts	22 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	23	24 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison	25 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	29 Holi 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	30	31 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison	<p>MONDAYS Women's Bible Study every other Monday 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAYS Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>THURSDAYS Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m</p>		

April 2021

Check weekly for updates for activities and services during these unpredictable times

4 Easter 7:00 AM Sunrise Service, East Lawn 10:00 AM Easter Service in Sanctuary	5 Church Office Closed 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	6	7 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison	8 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black	9	10
				1 April Fools' Day	2 Good Friday 6:00 AM Prayer Vigil 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	3
				10:00 AM UMW Executive Committee, Conference Room 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, Melanie Black 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion		

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DOWS ESSENTIAL CONNECTION

DIG IN

New text, email system

We have a new text and email system to share information about things going on at the church. If you would like to keep updated on things going on here, text CONNECT to (620) 254-8885. You can also follow this link:

<https://textinchurch.com/groups/familyform/MjA4Mjkw> to get set up.

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Office Hours:
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

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