

THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS
138TH YEAR OF MINISTRY
MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



A TIME FOR ACTION

As we approach March it seems fitting that we talk about ACTION. As we approach Lent it is a time to reflect on our ACTION. The meaning of ACTION according to the dictionary is the state or process of doing something or being active, something done such as an act or deed. When we think about ACTION in the bible there are too many examples to list. What better example than the book of Acts. The apostle Luke wrote the book of Acts, it looks at the start of the church and the acts of the apostles. It is a book about action and about a church called to action. The action of the apostles started very closely to the resurrection, something we are getting ready to celebrate. We celebrate it once a year on Easter. However, we as Christians are called to ACTION every day!

We are called to serve in our own ways, with the gifts that God has given us, we are called to make disciples of others, we are called to give to the poor, we are called to pray for others..... ACTION is what we were created for, as humans it is in our nature. Let us be mindful of our ACTION each day, let us as Christians purposeful with our ACTIONS.

The youth in our church have been engaged in ACTION in several ways this year. It is my prayer that they hear their call to ACTION in each of their own way as we continue to learn about Jesus and his love for us.

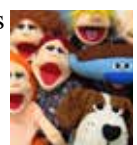
Until next time, see you at the Church!

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 & 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: 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



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

UMW Executive Board will meet in Fellowship Hall
on March 3 at 10:00 a.m.
Special event is March 26

A "Brunch" of Tablescape



*United Methodist Women Mission Event
Saturday, March 26, 2022
at 10:00 a.m.*

*Join the United Methodist Women for a brunch at a
beautifully decorated table. In the Fellowship Hall at the
First United Methodist Church. All proceeds will be
donated to area mission projects.*

*Tickets will be sold at the church office (672-6473)
or contacting Genny Schmidt and Jeanette Garretson*

Tickets are \$10.00

Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall
Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion
March 5

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



**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

Contact Team Leaders for more information. All skill levels needed Registration Fee: \$150/person/project

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

March 1 Elizabeth Norrish

March 2 Jim Bob Lewton

March 3 Kathryn Mumma

March 3 Jayden Thompson

March 5 Clinton Riggs

March 8 Ron Sibley

March 9 Dianne Thomas

March 11 Addison Millen

March 11 Terry Olsen

March 12 Clinton Skaggs

March 14 Jolene Barnes



March 14 Pat Gordon

March 14 Chelsee Hoener

March 14 Martha Kramer

March 15 Steve Parsons

March 16 Hayden May

March 17 Milt Martin

March 18 Robin Patton

March 18 Kevin Riffey

March 18 Roy Winklepleck

March 19 Janet Black

March 21 Shari Gates

March 21 Virginia Houdyshell



March 21 Donna Smith

March 22 Marleigh Bates

March 22 Brenda Campbell

March 23 Cole Fincham

March 26 Ryan Lunt

March 27 Kevin Davidson

March 28 Yolande Swanepoel

March 29 Amy Jones

March 29 Louise Kempton

March 30 James Fitzsimmons

March 30 Gary Schmidt

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



THANK YOU

Thank you for remembering our mother, Velma Simmons, With the many cards, plants and phone calls we received. At 107 years of age, she had a wonderful life with good health. We appreciate your kindness in remembering us at this time. The family of Velma Simmons.

**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.

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 2022	March 2022	April 2022
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Youth, N'Caahoots 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 11:45 AM Lenten Luncheon 3:45 PM J.A.M. 4:00 PM Puppets 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM UMW Executive Committee 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men of Faith
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Church in the Sanctuary 11:45 AM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Youth, N'Caahoots 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 11:45 AM Lenten Luncheon 3:45 PM J.A.M. 4:00 PM Puppets 5:00 PM Snack Supper 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 			
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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 has discussed the items that are being put into the Little Free Pantry. We have been finding caned goods that are 5 years old being put into the Pantry as well as many as ten dried egg packets, several large sacks of dried peas, big quantities of instant potatoes, many bags of rice and spaghetti. These items are not being taken and they take up room in the Pantry that could be for items

that folks use. We thank all who do help keep the Pantry stocked!

Blessings on you!!

For information: Ed Boots. 620-388-3480 or <esboots@cox.net

ENJOY BOOKS
IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Kay Sewell donated two new books for the UMW reading program.

She Persisted by Chelsea Clinton and *Cinderella Liberator* by Rebecca Sel it .

Sarah Guild has donated *Jesus Calling* in memory of Jean Brown

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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

Staff

Pastor.....Nicole Schwartz-Eck
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Praise Band Director Don Buhler
Audio/Video Coordinator..... Jeremiah Eck