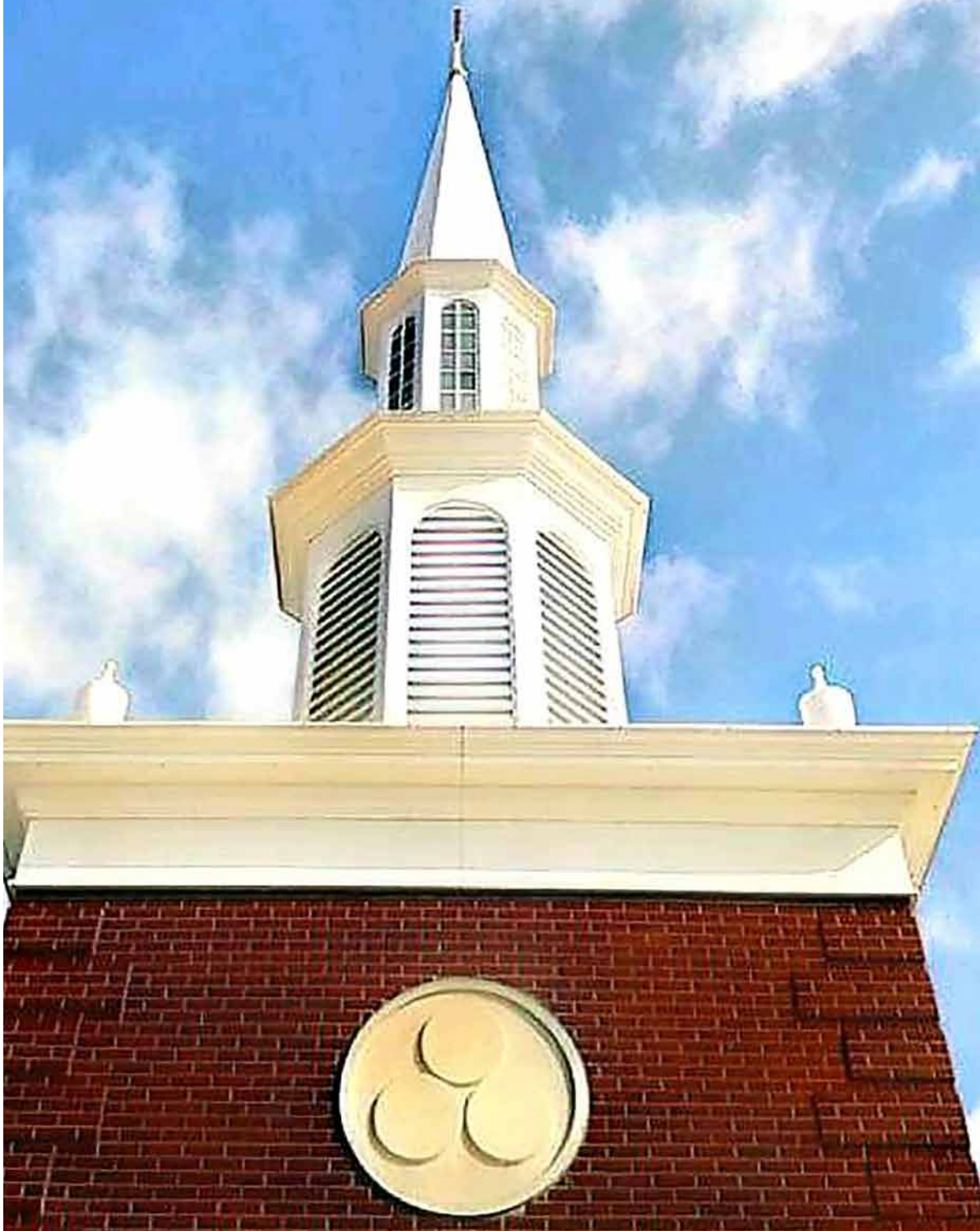


THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS

138TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



A Time for Reflection

As we enter into the Spring season and reflect on Lent and Easter, it is a good reminder that all things ending at some point, and we begin anew. In a few weeks our program portion of the youth groups will end, we now look forward to new activities in the summer. VBS will take place June 13, 14 and 15th from 9-12 pm. Look for more information to sign up in the weeks ahead. We also have activities planned for the older youth throughout the summer.

We are also planning Graduation Sunday for May 15th. This will also be our youth day; they will lead the 10:30 service. We reflect on a great school year and a productive and fun year of youth activities and learning. I have had a great time getting to know everyone and serving the church community. Congratulations to all graduates. Every new beginning comes from some other beginnings ending. Our faith in Christ lets us rest easy that there is only one Kingdom that does not end.

Amen.

See you at the Church.



Puppets
will meet again in the fall



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.

Class of 2022



DAWSON MALONE
PRATT HIGH SCHOOL
GOING TO
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY



LUKE JEROD SCHMIDT
SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL
GOING TO PCC AND THEN TO KU
TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN FORENSIC
ACCOUNTING



GRANT YOUNIE
PRATT HIGH SCHOOL
GOING TO
OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

**Congratulations
Graduates**



JENNA BETH FITZSIMMONS
BS IN ANIMAL SCIENCE &
AGRIBUSINESS CERTIFICATE
FROM FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduation Sunday — May 15

**Graduation Breakfast
Fellowship Hall 8:30 a.m.**

Humble Scholarship—Last Call

The Pratt First United Methodist Church Endowment Committee encourages members of our church to apply for the Humble Scholarship. Two scholarships of \$1,500.00 per semester are available for undergraduate or graduate students who meet the requirement of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Submit the application by May 1 and recipients will be selected by the committee.

The application and scholarship information are on the church Website: www.prattumc.org. Go to Youth, Scholarship and Humble Endowment Scholarship. Complete the application and submit.



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.

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the 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



Executive Board
May 5 at 12:30 p.m.



Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall

Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion

May 7 & 21

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



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,

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

KANSAS, Ottawa – Camp ChippewaMay 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

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 HomeOctober 2-13, 2022

Team Leader: Bob Moore RV/nonRV

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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

May 2 Faye Kuhn	May 13 Zackerey Beltz	May 25 Kendall Davidson
May 4 Abigail Faulkner	May 13 Jeff Jones	May 26 Mike McFall
May 5 Pat Brant	May 13 Kimberly LaPrairie	May 27 Jesse Blasi
May 5 Delaine Riggs	May 13 Carla Stotts	May 27 Zane Eck
May 5 Cale Thompson	May 16 Jim Nixon	May 27 Mary Gordon
May 6 Pat Barker	May 17 Adriana Briggeman	May 27 Dalene Hughes
May 7 Daniel Prater	May 17 Kallen Briggeman	May 28 Elize Cilliers
May 8 Sarah Blasi	May 19 Tenley Kirby	May 28 Hadley Goyen
May 8 Arlan Hair	May 19 Wayne Parsons	May 28 Roger Harris
May 8 Nikki Humble	May 20 Robert Pinkall	May 28 Barbara McCall
May 9 Delories Moore	May 20 Connor Smiley	May 29 Lou Lynne Moss
May 10 Kerri Boldt	May 21 Jerry Campbell	May 29 Hayden Riffey
May 11 Garret Smith	May 21 Andrew Hanvey	May 31 Nayeli Ingles
May 12 Brett Houdyshell	May 22 Konli Sterling	May 31 Eric Larrison
	May 24 Ryan Blasi	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



May 1 Jayson & Elly Sneath
May 2 Weston & Cassie Goyen
May 2 Phil & Rose Lunt
May 5 Dave & Michelle Schmidt
May 21 Michael & Carol Bonham

May 21 Andrew & Jessica Hanvey
May 27 Pat & Mary Gordon
May 28 Jeff & Amy Jones
May 31 William & Janice Keller



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.

May 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.

April 2022	May 2022	June 2022
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <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 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Youth , N'Caahoots 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 3:45 PM J.A.M. 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 PM The Study 6:30 PM SPRC Committee Meeting 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30 PM UMW Executive Committee 2:00 PM UMW General Meeting 	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men of Faith
8 <p>Mother's Day</p> <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 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Youth , N'Caahoots 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 3:45 PM J.A.M. 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:15 PM Endowment Committee Meeting 	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
15 <p>Graduation Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Graduate Breakfast 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Only one service, Youth will be doing the service 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Youth , N'Caahoots 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 7:00 PM Rebekah Guild 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Sarah Guild 9:30 AM Naomi Guild 	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men of Faith
22 <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 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Youth , N'Caahoots 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	25 <p>No Activities</p>	26	27	28
29 <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 	30 <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	1	2	3	4

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.
 Youth, NCahoots 7:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Ladies Prayer Group, FH 8:00 a.m.
 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 J.A.M. 3:45 p.m.
 Puppets 4:00 p.m.
 Snack Supper 5:00 p.m.
 Youth-Middle School 6:00 p.m.
 Youth-High School 7:00 p.m.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, ALL
for keeping the Little Free Pantry
stocked with food for whoever might need it.

Blessings on you!!

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

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ENJOY BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY



We have a table full of free books in the church library.

Come in and see if there is anything that you would like to have.

While you are there check out our Suggested Reading on the shelf.

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