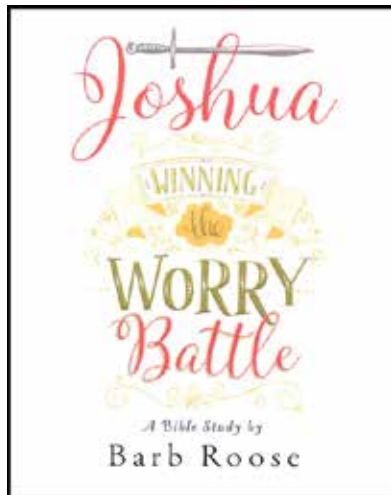


THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS
136TH YEAR OF MINISTRY
MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



BIBLE STUDY



One study reports that the average person spends 55 minutes per day worrying. Discover how God paved the way to victory for Joshua and the Israelites when they showed up and fought in faith. Barb Roose applies these principles and offers practical tools to use for victory as we show up and fight in faith the worry battle.

Joshua

Winning the Worry Battle

Bible Study for Women

Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Heritage Room

Questions to Melanie Black 388-6920

Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall

Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion

May 1 & May 15

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



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

United Methodist Women Sunday is May 2. We will present a special recognition pin.

Executive meeting is May 6 at 10:30 a.m.

The general meeting is at noon.

Bring your own lunch and drink and dessert will be provided.

Pastor Nicole will give the program.

Volunteer In Mission Projects

The VIM team has several projects in the next few months. All of the following projects will have electric hook-ups for RVer's and good places for sleeping for non-RVer's. Registration fee is \$100.00 per person.

May 9-14 Camp Chippewa near Ottawa, Kansas

May 23-28 Camp Lakeside near Scott City, Kansas

June 6-11 Alpha Christian Children's Home near Perry, Kansas

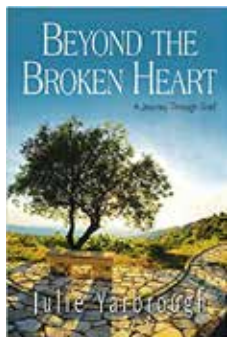
June 27 - July 2 Youthville in Newton, Kansas

July 18 - 29 Buckhorn Camp near Fort Collins, Colorado (7,800 ft. elevation)

If you are interested in any of these projects, please contact Chuck or Linda Buchmueller (620-770-0411) for details.

BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART: A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Pastor Nicole's next short term study will be a Bible study using *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief* on Wednesdays at 1:30p.m. Books are available through Cokesbury or Amazon. A daily devotion companion to the study, *Beyond the Broken Heart: Daily Devotions for Your Grief Journey*, is also available.



From the study's description: "How does the heart understand grief when it is broken by the death of a loved one? To survive and live forward, those who grieve must find answers. *Beyond the Broken Heart* is an eight-week support and ministry program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Author Julie Yarbrough chronicles her personal experience combined with a deep love of Scripture and years of leading grief support groups to create an authentic and deeply personal exploration of the grief journey. Previous participants have found this study to be powerful and to help them during their journey through grief.

This study began on Wednesday, April 21 and will continue on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

The Bible Study

Simultaneous in-person & Zoom Bible Study for Women

Alicia Van Slyke (620) 388-3836

This small group will focus on application for mothering/parenting in today's world. If you have ever sat down to read the Bible and found yourself lost, confused or just completely overwhelmed by it all, this is the study for you. The Bible Study is a study guide through the Bible which will help you to better understand the Word. You will grow your relationship with God and have a better understanding of His Word and how to relate it to your life today. Meets every other Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Entrusted

Simultaneous in-person & Zoom Bible Study for Women

Peggy Ellison (620) 770-0469 Wednesdays –10:00 a.m., Conference Room

In this study of 2nd Timothy, Beth Moore will challenge you to do the same. God has a plan for you. He has entrusted you with the gospel message and has gifted you to carry it. He's calling you to be His mighty servant, willing to face whatever difficulty you encounter as you carry out His mission.

The Walk — Lenten Study

Simultaneous in-person & Zoom Bible Study for Women

Pastor Nicole—(620) 770-0469 Wednesdays –10:00 a.m., Conference Room

In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church. In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith



KEAGAN DAVIDSON
Parents: Kevin & Kodi Davidson
Siblings: Kendal & Kyanna
Graduating from: Skyline High School
Attending: PCC for one year then
Wichita State University
Plans: To major in business



RUBY HOWELL
Parents: Pam & Jason Howell
Grandparents: Debbie Withers and
Wendell & Vicki Howell
Graduating from: Pratt High School
Attending: Washburn University
Plans: To major in political science

**Class
of
2021**



KYLE HAMPTON
Parents: Billy & Karen Hampton
Siblings: Adison and Cory Hampton
Graduating from: Skyline High School
Attending: Kansas State University
Plans: To receive a bachelor's degree
in mechanical engineering.



**BROOKLYNN NICOLE
HUMBLE**
Parents: Nate & Nikki Humble
Siblings: Quinton
Graduating from: Pratt High School
Attending: PCC to play softball and
graduate with an Associates degree
in 2022
Plans: To continue her education but
is unsure if she wants to be a teacher or
study to be in pharmacy

2021 Graduates



T'LANE TOBIN

Parents: Todd & Angie Tobin

Siblings: Tyler & Taylor

Graduating from: Skyline High School

Attending: Wichita State University
in the fall

Plans: Unsure of her major at this time



BRYNN WILSON

Parents: Clay Wilson and
Andrea Bethards

Siblings: Kale & Madden Wilson
and Tate Bethards

Graduating from: Pratt High School
Attending: Wichita State University
in the fall

Plans: To pursue a degree in
elementary education



ELLY FOWLER

Parents: Wakon & Brenda Fowler

Siblings: Emma and Evan

Grandparent: Georgie Fowler

Graduating from: Eric Fischer Academy in
Esthetics (beautification of skin)

Plans: To work for Fulfill Med Spa,
opening in June in Pratt



GRADUATION SUNDAY
SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING SUNDAY
MAY 16, 2021

Dear Pratt United Methodists,

For many years our church congregation has provided hundreds of scholarship dollars for graduating high school seniors and college students. This ministry rewards the exemplary students who have been active in our church. The money collected from this special offering, plus money from designated gifts, fund our Pratt UMC student scholarships for the entire year. Last year, due to Covid, a special offering was not requested.

This year the Scholarship Committee asks you to consider donating to our church scholarship fund on Graduation Sunday, May 16th. Your contribution will provide 2021-2022 fall and spring semester scholarships. If you cannot be in attendance May 16th, please leave your offering in the church office or mail it to the church at Box 316, Pratt, KS 67124. Also, please write "Scholarships" in the memo of your check so it goes into the correct fund.

Thank you for your generosity in helping our college students. The investment we all make in our church youth will reap rewards for our church, our community, and our nation.

Blessings,

The Scholarship Committee

Suzan Patton, Chair

Arica Malone, Ruth Ann Barker, Chris Battin, Linda Broce, Karen Smith, Ron Sibley, Alicia Van Slyke



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.

Pastor Nicole requests feedback— All Church Children/Youth Ministries Survey

Pastor Nicole would like some feedback in regard to children/youth ministries. Questions in the survey include what do you see as most important for these ministries, how will you support these ministries, what traditions in these ministries have you enjoyed. There are also questions about Confirmation as Pastor Nicole making plans for it. This survey is not only for parents, everyone can take it! Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XX8SVV7>

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

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 summer: cell phone _____

Parent's phone _____

Parent's name _____

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 2 Faye Kuhn	May 11 Garret Smith	May 22 Konli Sterling
May 4 Abigail Black	May 12 Brett Houdyshell	May 24 Ryan Blasi
May 4 Kay Lesh	May 13 Zackerey Beltz	May 25 Kendall Davidson
May 5 Pat Brant	May 13 Jeff Jones	May 26 Mike McFall
May 5 Delaine Riggs	May 13 Carla Stotts	May 27 Jesse Blasi
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 Wayne Parsons	May 28 Roger Harris
May 8 Arlan Hair	May 20 Robert Pinkall	May 28 Barbara McCall
May 8 Nikki Humble	May 20 Connor Smiley	May 29 Lou Lynne Moss
May 9 Delories Moore	May 21 Jerry Campbell	May 29 Hayden Riffey
May 10 Kerri Boldt	May 21 Andrew Hanvey	May 31 Nayeli Ingles
		May 31 Eric Larrison



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 1 Elly & Jayson Sneath
May 2 Cassie & Weston Goyen
May 2 Rose Ann & Phil Lunt
May 5 Michelle & Dave Schmidt



May 21 Carol & Michael Bonham
May 21 Jesssica & Andrew Hanvey
May 27 Mary & Pat Gordon
May 28 Amy & Jeff Jones
May 31 Janice & William Keller

FUMC Worship Service each Sunday

at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and 10:00 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 10:00 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.

Sunday School Classes are meeting again!

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 2021	May 2021	June 2021
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	7:30 AM Men of Faith
2 UMW Sunday 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	3 5:30 PM Ladies' Bible Study	4 6:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole, Disciple Fast Track	5 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 9:30 AM Community Office Hours 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison 11:45 AM Post Lenten Lunch 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul Quilters 1:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole, Grief Study 7:00 PM Youth Group	6 10:30 AM UMW Executive Committee Conference Room 12:00 PM UMW General Meeting	7	
9 Mother's Day 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	10 5:30 PM Ladies' Bible Study	11 6:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole, Disciple Fast Track	12 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison 11:45 AM Post Lenten Lunch 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul Quilters 1:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole, Grief Study 7:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group	13 9:00 AM Quilt of valor 5:15 PM Endowment Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall	14	7:30 AM Men of Faith
16 Scholarship Sunday Senior Sunday 8:00 AM Church in Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary	17 5:30 PM Ladies' Bible Study	18 6:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole, Disciple Fast Track	19 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Peggy Ellison 11:45 AM Post Lenten Lunch 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul Quilters 1:30 PM Bible Study, Pastor Nicole, Grief Study 6:00 PM Rebecca Guild, Fellowship 7:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group	20	21	7:00 PM Boy Scouts
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30 One Service Only 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Potluck Picnic following church, chicken provided	31 Church Office Closed Memorial Day	1	2	3	4	

SUNDAYS

Church Service 8:00 a.m.
Church Service in Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

MONDAYS

Ladies Bible Study, Heritage Rm 5:50p.m.
Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
every other Monday


WEDNESDAYS


Ladies Prayer Group, FH 8:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study, Conf. Rm 1:30 p.m.
Senior High Youth Group 7:00 p.m.


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DIG IN

**ENJOY BOOKS
IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY**

We have many new books in the Church Library that we hope you will enjoy so we invite you to check them out. Some of them are on our 2021 UMWshelf and the rest are on the suggested reading shelf. Some of the books were purchased and some were donated. We will have more next month.

If you have a type of book that you would like to have in our library, please call Marilyn Kennedy or Ginny Houdyshell.

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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