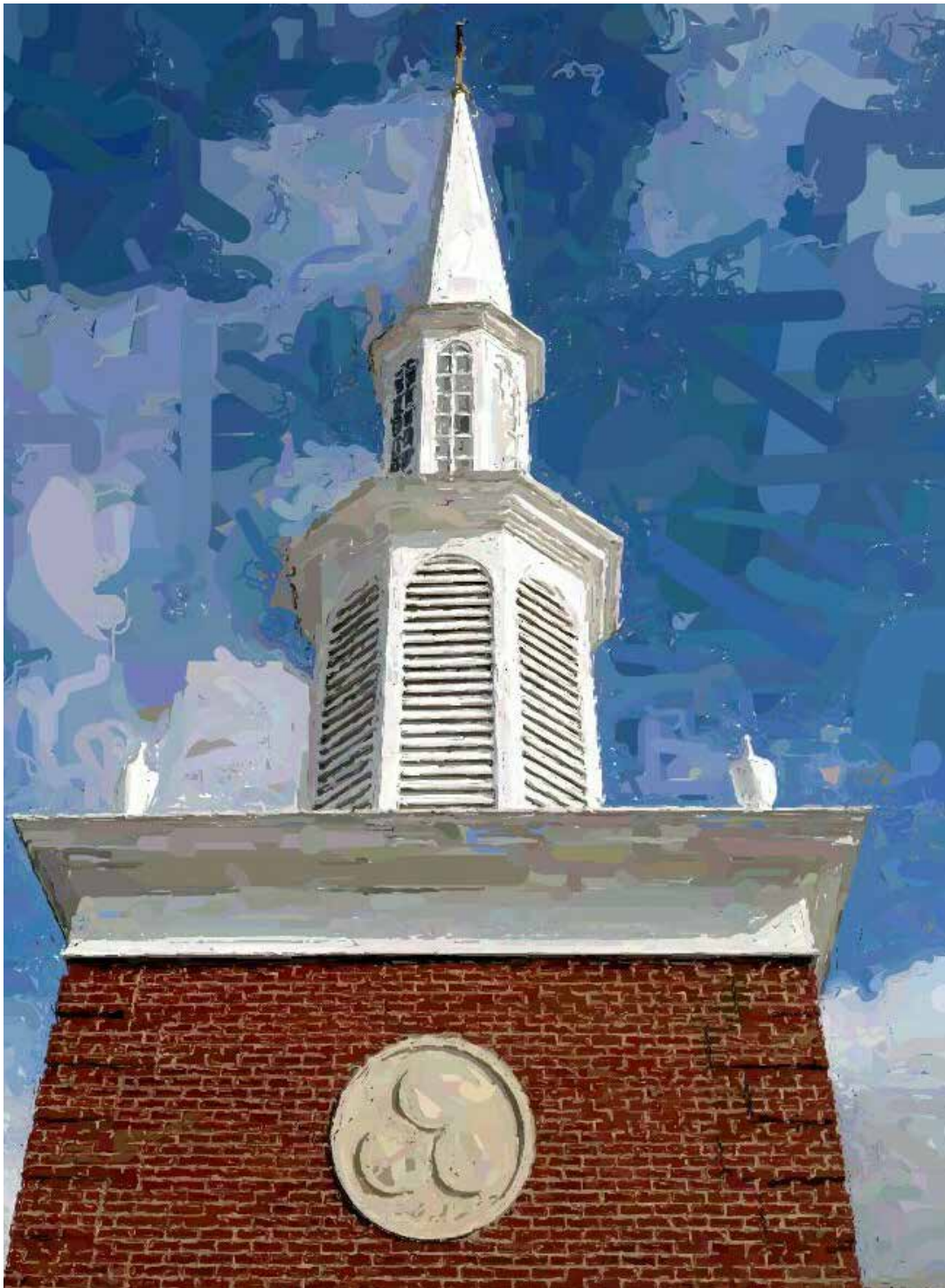


THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS

137TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



“If you want love and abundance in your life, give it away” –Mark Twain

This quote by Mark Twain seems confusing at first. Why would I give my abundance of anything away? An abundant life may include financial wealth, but it also includes having a rich life, full of meaning and joy. The word itself means a very large quantity of something. When we give love away to others in what ever form it takes, giving of our time or resources we get that back two-fold. Jesus taught that it is better to give than receive and God loves a cheerful giver.

The youth groups are growing in abundance since we started on September 8th. We have been blessed in abundance by cheerful givers that provide meals for the Middle School and High School groups. We are very grateful for each and everyone that has provided for us. As we move forward with our groups, we are always looking for ways that we can give back to our community. If you know of someone or a group in need, please contact me or Pastor Nicole so that we can consider helping with our time and resources that God has blessed us with. I am also grateful for volunteers that help with the youth groups every week.

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, Linda, Lynda & 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.

The Names of God

One of the best ways to know God's true character and grow closer to Him is to study His names. In *The Names of God*, Melissa Spoelstra leads women on an exploration of the many names of our triune God. By the end of this video study, we will not only know more about God but will know Him better—because through the discovery of God's names, we will discover Him!

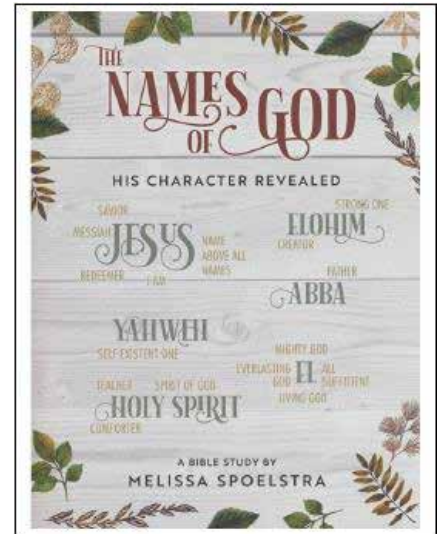
The Names of God, Melissa Spoelstra

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, The Parlor

Melanie Black 620-388-6920 for more information

Promo link

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/video/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/35890-the-names-of-god/35894-previews-and-more/114835-the-names-of-god-promo>



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



The church will be purchasing Poinsettias for the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one in memory or in honor of a loved one, the cost is \$28.00



Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall
Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion
November 6 & 20



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



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United Methodist Women News

UMW Executive Board will meet in Fellowship Hall on Thursday
November 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Heath kits will be assembled in Fellowship Hall on
November 18 at 10:00 a.m.



PSALM 100:4
ENTER HIS GATES WITH
THANKSGIVING
AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE;
GIVE THANKS TO HIM AND
PRAISE HIS NAME.

**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 _____



Circles of Hope has started a new classes for 2021! Circles of Hope is part of a national organization that works with people experiencing poverty. Class members are called Circles Leaders because they are encouraged to lead and direct their own lives with the financial education and caring support they receive from the meetings.

Circles meets every Monday at First United Methodist Church from 5:30-7:30 pm. The evening starts with a family style dinner provided by organizations, churches, families, & businesses in our Pratt community! RuthAnn Barker of FUMC is the Circles meal coordinator. She is supported by help from Kay Bishop.

Free childcare is also provided.

For more information, please contact: Kate & Mike Cummins, Circles of Hope coordinators at circlesofhopekc@gmail.com or 620-388-0647

Thank you, Billie Blair

Are you tired of living paycheck to paycheck?

Break free with Circles of Hope!

How can Circles help?

- Helps people to live a healthier financial life
- Teaches how to use your gifts and skills
- Offers a place to share your story and be understood
- Shows how to become a better role model for your kids
- Be recognized and respected for who you are
- Allows you a bigger voice in our community
- Set goals, make progress and achieve results



Circles of Hope works with folks experiencing financial hardships who are seeking to learn how to manage their finances. They look at their income and outgo, learn about budgeting, goal setting, consider how to improve their credit score and learn helpful resources in the Pratt area. Building supportive relationships with others in Circles is an additional benefit.



For more information about the starting date for the next class or to learn more, contact:

Kate & Mike Cummins at
circlesofhopekc@gmail.com
(620)388-0647

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 1 Pat Schwartz	November 12 Ruth Ann Barker	November 20 Logan Barker
November 2 Louis Keeling	November 12 Victoria Black	November 20 Shirley Lawton
November 2 Sally Laprad	November 13 Dawson Snider	November 20 Kenneth Lewton
November 2 Grace May	November 13 Stacie Tharp	November 21 Cole Freeman
November 5 Kyle Hampton	November 14 Ethan Demuth	November 22 Marie Eubank
November 6 Kim Declue	November 15 Bonnie Albers	November 22 Kelsey Potter
November 7 Alaena Endsley	November 15 Tanner Peissig	November 23 Whitney Galle
November 7 Glenda Houdyshell	November 16 Alexis Eubank	November 23 Larry Northway
November 8 Phil Lunt	November 16 Lisa Fincham	November 25 Cooper Gates
November 9 Jane Bolen	November 16 Louise Reimer	November 26 Awie Cilliers
November 9 Dave Schmidt	November 17 Donna Swisher	November 27 Jeanette Garretson
November 9 Brent Uphoff	November 17 Scott Younie	November 28 Tim Kuhn
November 10 Janice Keller	November 18 Jenna Fitzsimmons	November 29 Maddox Riffey
November 11 Margie Bennett	November 18 Jack Galle	November 30 Wakon Fowler
November 11 Amber Fitzsimmons	November 19 Lynette Freeman	November 30 Nathan Humble
	November 19 Deb May	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 3 Jenny & Patrick Blasi	November 19 Kim & Joe Kendall
November 3 Vicki & Wendell Howell	November 26 Beth & Merle Rose
November 6 Danielle & Jeremy Demuth	November 28 Glenda & Ron Sibley
November 18 Melanie & Tom Black	

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.



November 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Circles of Hope 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Praise Team Meeting 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Confirmation Class 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 9:30 AM Community Office Hrs 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 1:00 PM Sewing for the Soul Quilters 3:45 PM J.A.M. 4:00 PM Puppets 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM UMW Executive Board Meeting 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men of Faith 		
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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.

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DIG IN

ENJOY BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

We have four new books in the Church Library that were donated by Eda Woolf Nixon. They are: *Easter Stories*, *First White Frost*, *If I Should Die Before I Live*, and *Red*.

These books are in the UMW section.

We have noticed a few books have been checked out several months ago. Perhaps you have not been coming to the church because of Covid, but whenever possible, please return them if you are finished reading them so we can keep our lists current.

If you have a book you would like to see in our library, please let us know.
Ginny Houdyshell and Marilyn Kennedy.

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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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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