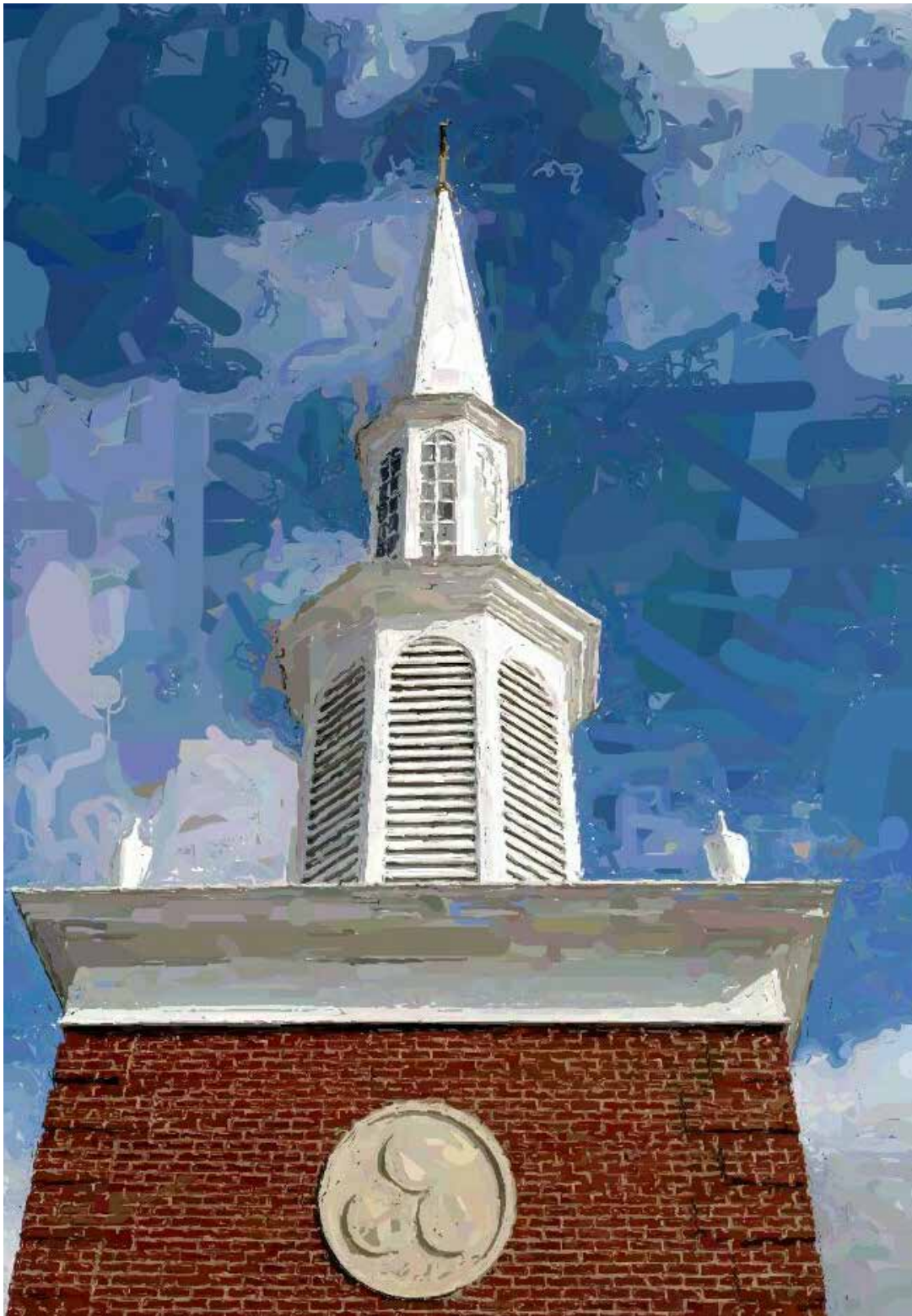


THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS

135TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

Fall has shown up and the changes can be felt in the air and seen in nature. There has been an energy in the air here at the church, too. In September, Church Council made the decision to allow many of the activities to resume and made some important decisions regarding worship.

Sunday October 18th, the youth Sunday School classes resumed. Masks are being required of the youth just as they are in the Pratt schools each day. Several of the adult classes decided not to resume at this time as they do not feel it is safe for them to do so. If your class is not meeting, yet you would like to attend, I am sure that you would be welcomed into one of the classes that is meeting. Masks are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** as a matter of safety and hospitality.

The High School Youth Group resumed meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 in late September. They have had a kickoff barbecue, met for study and fellowship, and worked at the community food pantry. The Middle School Youth Group is meeting from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We are hoping for a fun “kick-off” event in the next couple weeks as well. There will be food for those who need to come to Youth Group straight from practice! Again, masks are required for youth group when meeting indoors/in the youth room.

JAM is a work in progress! We have a team of coordinators working on JAM and getting volunteers. They will let us know when they have their crew and plans in place. Masks will be required for JAM, as well.

You may have also seen some changes in regard to worship. In September, church council made the decision to continue with a single worship service for time being due to attendance numbers and COVID-19. We have made some changes to our worship service with the addition of two traditional hymns. If you join us on Facebook Live, you may have noticed some improvements to sound and video. We are working to make worship a welcoming space to glorify God whether you are able to join us in person or on-line. With that said, I also encourage you to continue to make decisions to participate to your comfort and safety levels. I have heard from several people that they are unable to attend in-person due to health concerns. I have heard concerns about the lack of masks. I will say this again. Masks are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** as a matter of safety and hospitality. They lessen the spread of airborne droplets. They also protect the at-risk populations who live and worship among us. I know wearing a mask is not our favorite thing to do, however, it is part of loving our neighbor.

FUMC Worship Service

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.

Also, Sunday School Classes have resumed at 9:00 a.m.

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION



On November 1, we will celebrate communion at Pratt First UMC during worship. For those who worship with us online, I invite you to have bread and juice, coffee and donuts, or crackers and water- whatever elements you have available- to observe the means of grace that we call communion.

For those who are unable to join us in-person or online, I invite you to come by Pratt First UMC between 1:00-2:00 p.m. to receive communion from Pastor Nicole. There are two ways you can do this:

- 1) in your car (through the window) or
- 2) as “walk-up” communion.

You are invited to enter and exit the east parking lot off of North Main Street. If you would like to receive “walk-up” communion, park in the middle of the lot as to not impede the flow for cars. If you would like to receive “in car” communion you will circle the outside of the lot. Pastor Nicole will be in the east parking lot.

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.

Attending College/ University/Technical School This Fall? 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

November 1 Pat Schwartz
November 2 Louis Keeling
November 2 Sally Laprad
November 2 Grace May
November 5 Kyle Hampton
November 6 Kim Declue
November 7 Alaena Endsley
November 7 Glenda Houdyshell
November 8 Phil Lunt
November 9 Jane Bolen
November 9 Dave Schmidt
November 9 Brent Uphoff
November 10 Janice Keller
November 11 Margie Bennett
November 12 Ruth Ann Barker
November 12 Victoria Black

November 12 Rodney Lesh
November 13 Dawson Snider
November 13 Stacie Tharp
November 14 Ethan Demuth
November 15 Bonnie Albers
November 15 Tanner Peissig
November 16 Alexis Eubank
November 16 Lisa Fincham
November 16 Larry Huff
November 16 Louise Reimer
November 17 Donna Swisher
November 17 Scott Younie
November 18 Jenna Fitzsimmons
November 18 Jack Galle
November 19 Lynette Freeman
November 19 Deb May

November 20 Logan Barker
November 20 Shirley Lawton
November 20 Kenneth Lewton
November 21 Cole Freeman
November 22 Marie Eubank
November 22 Kelsey Potter
November 23 Whitney Galle
November 23 Larry Northway
November 23 Ailene Teegarden
November 25 Cooper Gates
November 26 Awie Cilliers
November 27 Jeanette Garretson
November 28 Tim Kuhn
November 29 Maddox Riffey
November 30 Wakon Fowler
November 30 Nathan Humble

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 3 Vicki & Wendell Howell
November 6 Danielle & Jeremy Demuth
November 18 Melanie & Tom Black

November 19 Kim & Joe Kendall
November 26 Beth & Merle Rose
November 27 Kerri & Charles Boldt
November 28 Glenda & Ron Sibley

Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall
Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion

Saturday, November 7 & 21 at 7:30 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.

October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study, Alichia Van Slyke 	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM UMW Executive Committee 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study, Zoom 	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men of Faith
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	9	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study, Zoom 	13	14
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22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Youth Thanksgiving Dinner, Take Out 7:00 PM Boys Scouts 	23	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed Thanksgiving 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed 	28
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MONDAYS

Quilters 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Ladies Prayer Group 8:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study 10:00 a.m.


THURSDAYS


Ladies Bible Study, Zoom 5:30 p.m.


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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:

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