

THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN PRATT, KS

137TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Love Thy Neighbor

Last night as we were coming home from the Newsboys concert, one of the youths brought up a topic. Within discussing that topic, the phrase ‘love thy neighbor’ came up. Everyone defines this in different ways according to their experience. Is this a version of the Golden Rule? Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, the first lesson that we learned in JAM this fall. We are to “love thy neighbor as thyself.” In a world filled with hate, despair and division let us all remember that respecting others and regarding their needs and desires as highly as we regard our own is a good rule of thumb. Simple but profound, real talk from real teenagers.

Our fall youth programs have started and we have two weeks under our belt. We are still looking for 1 or 2 volunteers for the JAM program to teach and help with activities. This group meets from 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. So far it has been a great group of kids to work with, but we need your help, time and creativity to make it the best. The Junior Hi program has had ten attending with Clay Wilson, Jeremy Demuth and Jami Battin helping. Ani Uphoff and Dave Schmidt are helping with the High School program, and I appreciate all their time and help. We have many activities planned for the fall.

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!

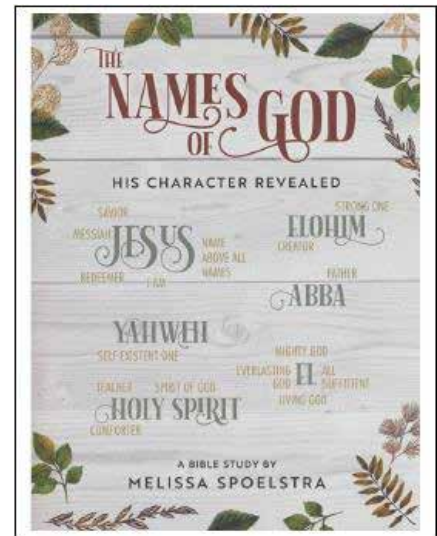
The Names of God, Melissa Spoelstra

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



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The Greeter Committee is planning to begin anew once covid precautions can be lifted. We need you to help make our church a welcoming congregation. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please contact Pat Schwartz: 620-388-5474 or donpat.schwartz@gmail.com

1 Peter 4:8-9 New International Version (NIV)

Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Men of Faith

Fellowship Hall
Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion
October 2 & 16

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



Genesis 8:22

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.



**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

October 1 Karellen Larrison	October 14 Crystal Shanline	October 23 Cassie Goyen
October 2 Jeff Malone	October 14 Andre Swanepoel	October 23 Glenda Sibley
October 3 Kodi Davidson	October 14 Marvin Thomas	October 25 Margaret Hilt
October 3 Avis Mardis	October 15 Rebecca Post	October 25 David Mathes
October 4 Dallie Winklepleck	October 15 Carrie Vahsholtz	October 25 Edie Nixon
October 5 Jenny Blasi	October 16 Cheyenne Osborn	October 25 George Sherer
October 5 Nicholas Blasi	October 16 Debbie Trinkle	October 26 Chuck Buchmueller
October 6 Aria Brown	October 17 Alan Hanson	October 26 Jerry Larrison
October 7 Nicole Eck	October 17 Neala Morgan	October 26 Madison Moore
October 9 Katelin Brunson	October 17 Rainie Rogers	October 27 A.C. Boland
October 9 Sue Buhler	October 18 Kim Garrett	October 27 Nathan Houdyshell
October 10 Bob Millen	October 19 Mark Fincham	October 27 Mary Fern Woods
October 11 Rystal Hoeme	October 20 Christopher Battin	October 28 Kim Potter
October 11 Marilyn Kennedy	October 21 Darrel Henke	October 28 Adam Younie
October 11 Steve Laprad	October 21 Arica Malone	October 30 Norman Forssberg
October 13 Kyanna Davidson	October 22 Paula Blasi	October 30 Cindy Moore
October 13 Heather Skaggs	October 22 Scott Elliot	October 31 Dean Fitzsimmons
October 14 Tallan Peissig	October 22 Alizay Mazzanti	October 31 Nancy Kizzire
	October 22 Luke Schmidt	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 4 Joshua & Dedra Rathgeber
October 12 Curtis & Rosie Haste
October 22 Lucas & Jennifer Newell

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!



October 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
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 7:30 AM Men of Faith
3 10:00 AM Confirmation Sunday 10:00 AM Church in the Sanctuary 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 5:30 PM Circles of Hope	5 5:00 PM Praise Band Meeting 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Confirmation Session	6 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 4:00 PM J.A.M. 4:00 PM Puppets 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM High School Youth Group	7	8	9
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SUNDAYS

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