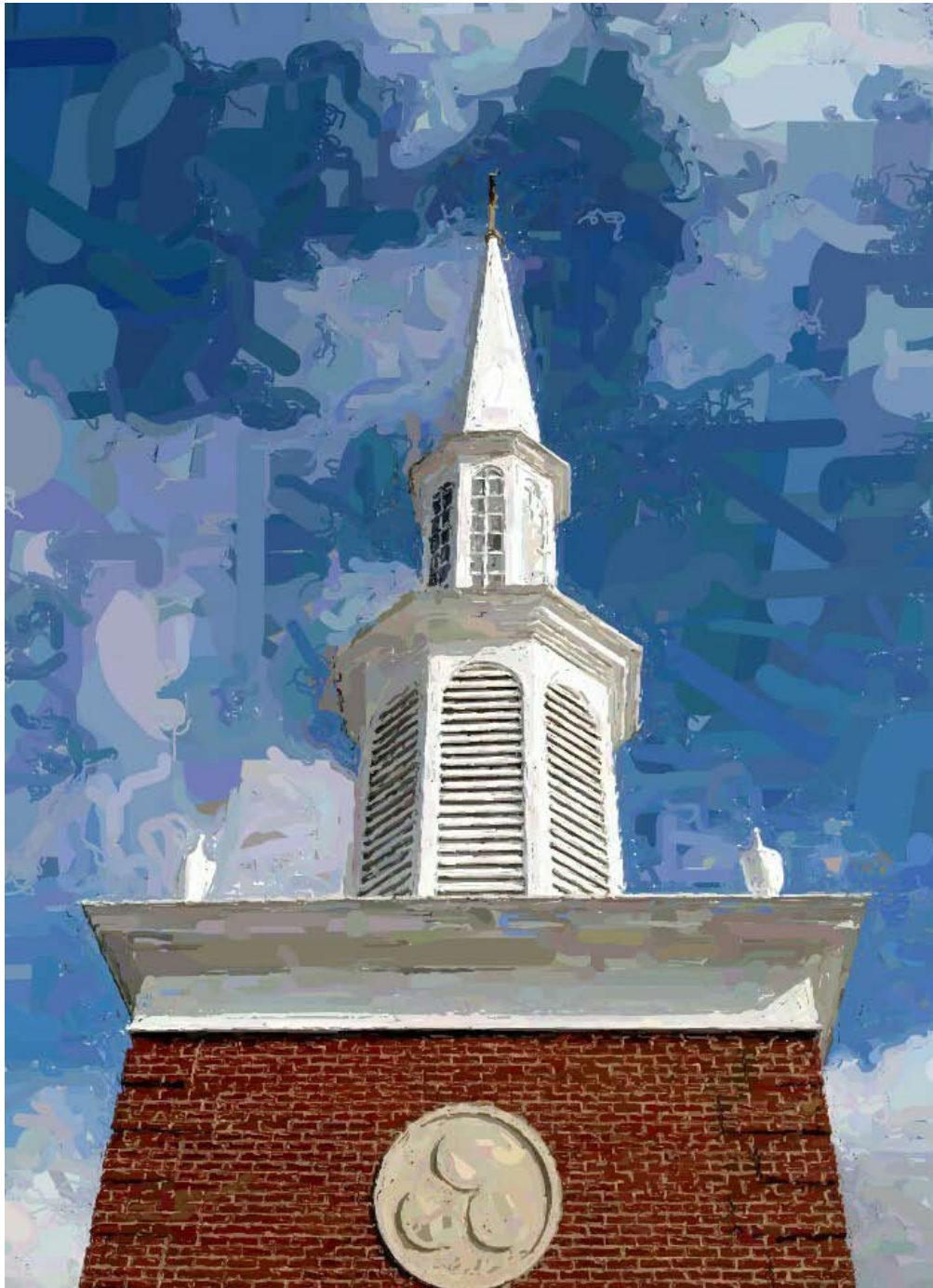


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First United Methodist Church

in Pratt, KS

EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY

Newness with Christ in 2018



It's a new year. Are we ready to open ourselves to the One seated on the throne, who in Revelation 21:5 says, "See, I am making all things new?"

As we begin a new year, I want to challenge you to begin thinking about what we can do "new" that will make us more vital and effective at being and making disciples of Jesus Christ. Are there new things we could do to our building to make it more hospitable and user friendly for the strangers that venture in to worship with us? Are there new ways we can get out of our building to begin to build relationships with strangers who don't venture in to worship with us?

Are there ways we can go beyond Sunday morning worship to renew our spirits through Bible study, prayer, music, fellowship? Because renewal in the world around us begins with renewal in our individual hearts. We can begin to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by praying, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit with me." (Psalm 51:10)

The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 6:4, "Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." And in II Corinthians 5:17, he wrote, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

My prayer for 2018 is that the newness of our life with Christ will infuse the First United Methodist Church of Pratt, Kansas with a willingness and a desire to step out of our comfort zone and renew our individual spiritual lives so that the new and right spirit within us will bring newness of life to our church family, our community, and our world.

Will you join me in that prayer?

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Marvin

YOUTH NEWS

January 2018

First Youth Group meeting of the year will be January 3, 2018



Middle School & High School will both be starting 2018 with this series. We will cast a vision for this year and tackle some tough topics in the process.

Starts January 3rd!

Super Bowl Sandwich Sales begin

January 10th!

Happy New Year!!!

Kelli Barker 620-388-3416



PRATT FUMC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR SPRING SEMESTER

Attention: High School Graduates & College Students



Applications for Pratt FUMC scholarship awards for the Spring Semester 2018 are available and must be submitted online at www.prattumc.org.

1. Look under the "Ministries" tab and click on "Scholarship."
2. You will need to click two places: one for Scholarship Application Instructions and one to fill out the actual scholarship application on-line.

If you are a member of the Pratt First United Methodist Church, you are eligible to apply. Please follow the application directions carefully, complete the application on-line and submit requested materials to the church office by January 8, 2018. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$1000 to each student who qualified for the scholarship this past semester. The Committee will meet to review the completed applications January 17. – A. C. Boland, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

CALLING....

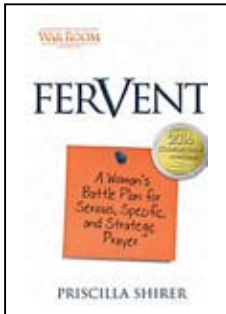
**Singles, Couples, Anyone
who is interested in taking an
adventure this fall into...**

Dig deeply into this letter from Paul to the Philippians and explore with Louise Reimer the truths about JOY! Bring your Bibles. No study guide is required.



Wednesdays
at 6:00 p.m.
Seekers Classroom
(Basement)

STUDY GROUPS FOR WOMEN



If you have an enemy . . . and he's dead set on destroying all you hold dear and keeping you from experiencing abundant life in Christ. What's more, his approach to disrupting your life and discrediting your faith is specific. Personalized. Targeted.

Contact Peggy Ellison 770-0469 to reserve a book.
We will meet in The Heritage Room.



In a world of uncertainty, pain, and struggle, where do you find solid assurance and unshakeable truth? The Shelter of God's Promises by Sheila Walsh is a video series with book available for those wanting a deeper study. Join us as we search Scripture for what God has promised us and how those promises provide the foundation for daily confidence, joy, and hope.

Contact Peggy Ellison 770-0469 if you prefer a book.

Men of Faith

January 6 at 7:00 a.m.

in Fellowship Hall

Breakfast, Devotions, Discussion, and Fellowship



Awareness Event with Carl Chinn



Carl Chinn is an authority on security operations and readiness in faith-based organizations (primarily churches). He regularly speaks to law-enforcement, security professionals and ministry leaders. His website (www.carlchinn.com) is used by ministries and law enforcement to develop or improve operational resilience and interfaith / interagency cooperation. His book “Evil Invades Sanctuary is available on his website and at Amazon.com.

Chinn has participated in White House conference calls, serves on the ASIS Houses of Worship committee, is a sector chief for the FBI Denver Infragard program and a speaker for the U.S. Attorney’s Colorado Office PHOW (Protecting Houses of Worship) events. He has been an expert witness, testified before state legislators and is often interviewed by written and broadcast media regarding violence at American churches.

He is President of the Faith Based Security Network (FBSN); a public charity committed to improving the safety of American communities by inspiring faith based organizations to be intentional about the security of their people. The FBSN advocates for churches to work with each other and their local law enforcement to form networks of community readiness. The FBSN develops and connects such networks across the U.S. to improve best practices and share information on real threats.

Carl is a 1977 graduate of Pratt High School and the son of Jack and Mary Chinn of Pratt. He and his wife (Deana, the daughter of Skip and Lorena Miracle of Pratt) live in Colorado Springs where they raised their 5 children. They now have 15 grandchildren.

The United Methodist Church, will be hosting an awareness event with Chinn as the primary speaker, which is open to the Pratt community on Monday, 1/8/18. There will be no charge, but a collection will be taken for the Faith Based Security Network.

LOCATION: United Methodist Church, 100 North Jackson Street. Pratt, KS 67124

TIME: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

COST: Free (an offering will be taken)

January Birthdays

January 1 Thomas Galle	January 8 Deb Withers	January 23 Lu Sherer
January 1 Michelle Schmidt	January 9 Cade Clarkson	January 24 Betty Jean Baus
January 2 Barbara Harris	January 9 Kale Wilson	January 24 Eunice Proctor
January 2 Betty Onstott	January 10 Kent Goyen	January 24 Rich Sanders
January 4 Katie Buhler	January 11 Marvin Proctor	January 24 Ken VanBlaricum
January 4 Ellen Hair	January 15 Gale Carroll	January 24 Tonya Younie
January 5 Ian Clarkson	January 15 Genny Schmidt	January 25 Joe Kendall
January 5 Tracy Trimpe	January 16 Rosalie Rose	January 25 Cara Riffey
January 6 Nancy Bailey	January 17 Jordan Garrett	January 25 Denise Sanders
January 6 Ronnie Prater	January 19 Gina Bates	January 26 Janie Bishop
January 6 Sharon Winklepleck	January 19 Reagan Blasi	January 26 Kendra Elliot
January 7 Ron Ingram	January 19 Pat Klassen	January 27 Elizabet Ingles
January 8 Tom Post	January 21 Delaney Skaggs	January 28 Vicki Howell
January 8 Caiden Smiley	January 22 Ryan Jarmer	January 28 Ronald Prater
January 8 Kaidie Winklepleck	January 23 Noah Malone	January 30 Jim Bergner
		January 30 Ashley Fitzsimmons

January Anniversaries

January 18 Darrel & Sharon Brehm

January 27 Scott & Kendra Elliott

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	Click on the ONLINE GIVING
	tab and create your profile. Mobile app also available. "GivePlus" is the free download on Google Playstore / Also available at I Phone App Store

January 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.

December 2017	January 2018	February 2018
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Church Office Closed	2	3 Regular Activities Resume	4 12:30 PM UMW Executive Meeting 2:00 PM UMW General Meeting	5 10:00 AM Mom's Day Out	6 7:00 AM Men of Faith
7 7:00 PM Boys Scouts	8 7:00 PM Church Security Awareness Seminar	9 7:00 PM Endowment Committee	10 7:00 PM Trustees Committee	11	12 10:00 AM Mom's Day Out	13 6:00 PM Pitch Party
14	15	16 6:30 PM Scholarship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Rebekah Guild	17 8:30 AM Sarah Guild 9:30 AM Naomi Guild 2:00 PM Martha Guild	18	19 10:00 AM Mom's Day Out	20
21 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	22	23	24	25	26 10:00 AM Mom's Day Out	27
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Regular Happenings

Sunday:

- 8:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday:

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 10:00 a.m. Moms' Group

Wednesday Activities

- 7:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group, CR
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study, Heritage Room
- 5:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Jesus & Me, Basement
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Band Practice
- 7:15 p.m. High School Youth

FUMC Service Times

8:15 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Recycle at FUMC

Happy New Year! Here are some facts from The Story of Stuff by Anne Leonard or www.storyofstuff.com

In the past three decades, one-third of the planet's natural resources base have been consumed.

In the United States, we have less than 4% of our original forests left. We each see more advertisements in one year than people 50 years ago saw in a lifetime.

So in 2018, keep aware of water use, recycling everything you can think of, and make a resolution to do whatever it takes to save the earth! Through the last few years we United Methodist Women have appreciated having recycling news published in the Spire, but this will be the last article.

Love, The Recycling Team of Helen Bailey, Kim Claycamp/ Betty Eubank, and Annette Van Blaricum.

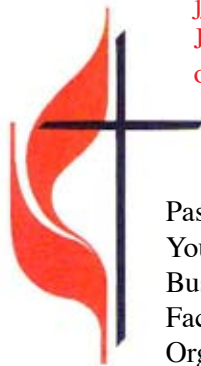


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1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



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 jjohnson@prattumc.org or Jane Bolen jane.bolen@yahoo.com of your address.

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