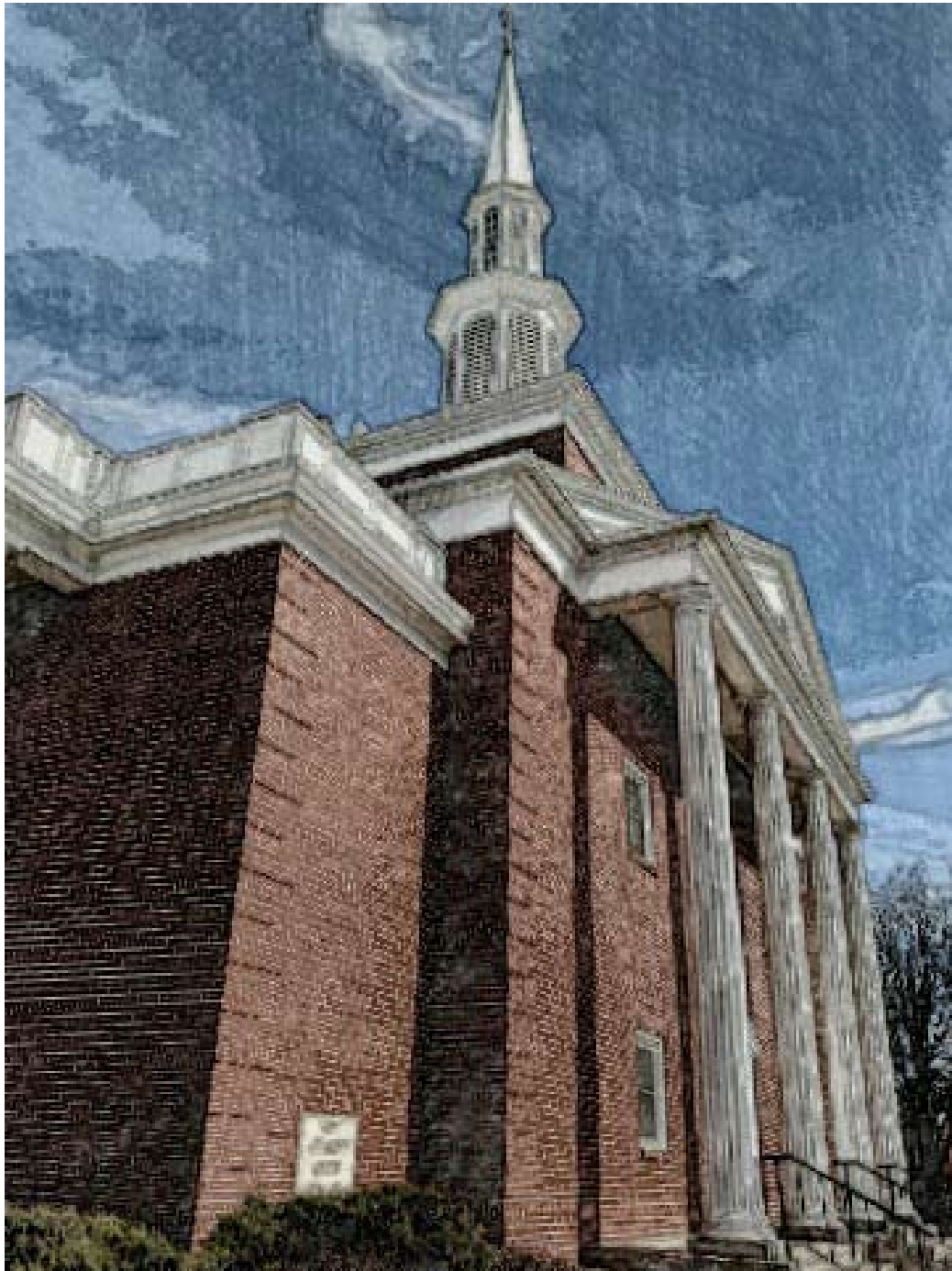


# THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
131ST YEAR OF MINISTRY



July 2017 Newsletter

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for the

First United Methodist Church

in Pratt, KS

## EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY

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## Growth can be different for everyone



Wherever we may be on our journey of discipleship, there is always room for growth. For some of you, growth might look like regular church attendance. For others, it might be adding Sunday School or other small group participation to your regular worship attendance. For some, growth might look like going an extra mile and giving even beyond that 10% tithe you're already giving. For others, it might look like an increase toward that 10% tithe. For many, growth could include beginning or increasing time spent individually in prayer and in God's Word.

I Peter 2:2 says, "Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation..." II Peter 3:18 says, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." As disciples of Jesus Christ, we should never be content with where we are, we should never be simply standing still. We should always be growing. There is always room for growth in our spiritual lives. We can always grow closer to God through times of personal devotion, as well as through times of service to others.

When church members are asked what they would like to see in their church's immediate or long term future, they almost always say they would like to see the church grow. Church growth is directly dependent on the growth in discipleship of the individual members. Are you one of those who says you want to see our church grow? How are you growing in discipleship so that the growth you want to see in our church may be realized?

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Marvin

# YOUTH NEWS

July 2017

**We are having pop up youth events all summer long!**

Check out our webpage for the most up to date information and events!

<http://prattumc.org/youth.html>

If you are a parent of a student (5th - 12th grade) or a student and would like to be reminded about upcoming events contact Kelli to be added to text messages!

Wilson Lake Retreat  
August 5th- 6th

For more Information  
Or claim your spot:

Call Kelli  
620-388-3416



August 5th- 6th 2017



Wilson Lake

*As a group we will be leading the church service  
on Sunday Morning.*



*Boating, Camping, Eating, & Fellowship,  
the perfect end to Summer!*



*For more information & to reserve your spot:*

*Call Kelli 620-388-3416*

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## APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 3 PRATT FUMC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR FALL SEMESTER

Attention: High School Graduates & College Students

Applications for Pratt FUMC scholarship awards for the Fall Semester 2017 are available in the church office and online at [www.prattumc.org](http://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 **July 3rd, 2017**. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$600 to each student who qualified for the scholarship this past semester. The Committee will meet to review the completed applications in July. – Don Buhler, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

### Church Members

Please check the kitchen shelf for containers and pans that have been left from snack suppers, funeral meals, etc.

There is a white crock pot that has been there for months.

### New Books at Church Library

The Groundbreakers Sunday School class has presented three new books to the church library.

*Real Music* (with CD) in memory of Dr. James Van Blaricum

*What If God* in memory of John Fowler

*The Greatest Generation* in memory of Ben Bailey

## Funeral Meals Info and Meal Teams

In the fall of 2016 the United Methodist Women Executive Board discussed a new plan on how funeral meals would be handled in the church. They developed the following Mission Statement: “It is the policy of the Women of the First United Methodist Church, Pratt, KS to do everything reasonably possible to accommodate the request for a fellowship meal before or after a funeral service or memorial. There is no charge; however, donations are accepted. Members of the church provide this service as a ministry in the spirit of Christian love.”

The goal was to involve more members in the church and share the workload. The response has been very positive and many women were willing and happy to be a part of the new plan.

There are five funeral meal teams with co-leaders that rotate throughout the year. A list of the teams and co-leaders are included in the Spire. The team co-leaders and members are to be commended and thanked as they have served meals for the families who have lost loved ones.

If you would like to be a part of this vital church ministry for bereaved families and are not on the list, please contact Kim Claycamp, Kay Sewell, or one of the team co-leaders.

In Christian Love,  
UMW Board

Funeral Meal Teams				
Team 1 Co-Leaders	Team 2 Co-Leaders	Team 3 Co-Leaders	Team 4 Co-Leaders	Team 5 Co-Leaders
<b>Beth Rose</b>	<b>Ruth Ann Barker</b>	<b>Juanita Belcher</b>	<b>Nancy Boland</b>	<b>Liz Krehbiel</b>
<b>Betty Eubank</b>	<b>Faye Kuhn</b>	<b>Terry Olsen</b>	<b>Linda Buchmueller</b>	<b>Karen Hampton</b>
Members:	Members:	Members:	Members:	Members:
Marjorie Barker	Lynda Arnett	Bev Aldrich	Jeanette Allison	Lisa Austin
Jane Bolen	Megan Austin	Kelli Barker	Helen Bailey	Jean Bailey
Sharon Brainier	Nancy Bailey	Betty Baus	Gina Bates	Keri Boldt
Linda Broce	Sarah Blasi	Norma Carlson	Kaye Beam	Shirley Boots
Sue Buhler	Pat Brant	Sherri Ewertt	Jane Biles	Kim Claycamp
Jeanne Carson	Pam Brown Lucas	Lisa Fincham	Melanie Black	Kerri Copus
Kim DeClue	Georgeanne Davault	Georgie Fowler	Nancy Brown-McClain	Peggy Ellison
Kodi Davidson	Danielle Demuth	Lynette Freeman	Denise Dover	Jeree Fitzsimmons
Joyce Frazier	Lois Gray	Jessica Gatz	Darlene English	Brenda Fowler
Jeanette Garretson	Michelle Holderman	Diana Harris	Sarah Eubank	Jessica Hanvey
Mary Gordon	Ginny Houdyshell	Carol Hartsel	Marjorie Gillig	Dena Henke
Marie Hanson	Janis Jilg	Calora Hayse	Janet Hearn	Marilyn Kennedy
Betty Heape	Darci Jones	Nikki Humble	Dalene (Dick) Hughes	Nancy Kizzire
Margaret Hilt	Sally LaPrad	Martha Kramer	Erin Kirby	Barbara Krehbiel
Vicki Howell	Kay Lesh	Jane Maphet	Pat Klassen	Diane Ladenburger
Diane Ingram	Cathy Millen	Janell Mead	Lu Kramer	Arica Malone
Nancy Kerr	Delores Moore	Janis Moore	Nancy Neelly	Jenny McAtee
Prudy Lewton	Avis Mardis	Suzan Patton	Flo Parsons	Becky McFall
Rose Ann Lunt	Barb Prater	Brenda Riffey	Earlene Ploger	Suzanne Moore
Jan Meyer	Eunice Proctor	Margie Scott	Rex Anna Prater	Charla Pauls
Eda Woolf-Nixon	Hallie Riffey	Pearl Shank	Genny Schmidt	Karen Pinkall
Betty Norrish	Barbara Sangster	Crystal Shanline	Lu Sherer	Marilynn Shanline
Shelley Patton	Amy Slade	Marilyn Stewart	Barbara Shinkle	Karen Smith
Louise Reimer	Charmaine Swanepoel	Ruth Anna Stotts	Kelli Smiley	Tracy Stark
Michelle Schmidt	Marilyn Van Slyke	Stacie Tharp	Emily Tharp	Annette Van Blaricum
Pat Schwartz	Priscilla White	Stephanie Thompson	Jean Tharp	Rose Wehling
Carla Stotts	Renee Wilson	Alichia Van Slyke	Ani Uphoff	Debbie Withers
Sharon Winkelpleck	Heather Winkelpleck	Deb Veach		
Funeral Meal Coordinator-Special Courtesy Committee Chair: Kay Sewell				



## Volunteering In Mission

The VIM Team of the Great Plains has been busy this past month. The second week of June the team was at Camp Norwesca near Chadron, Nebraska. The Phoenix amphitheater was built from reclaimed wood following the 2012 forest fire. Also, part of the main lodge was painted. The third week of June the team was at Camp Comeca near Cozad, Nebraska. A cabin was remodeled and a worship platform was constructed. The construction was not completed yet and there was inquiry about being able to host a celebration. If you are interested in knowing more about the VIM activities, contact Steve and Janell Mead, Don Buhler or Chuck and Linda Buchmueller

Working in Norwesca



Working in Comeca



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### Dates and places for VIM in 2017

Registration fee \$150 per person per project

Contact Chuck and Linda Buchmueller – 620-770-0411

July 16-21– Alpha Christian Children’s Home-Perry, Kansas

August 6-18-Lake Michigan - United Methodist Camp-Pentwater, Michigan

September 17-22 – Camp Lakeside-Scott City, Kansas

October 8-19 – Alpha Christian Children’s Home-Perry, KS

## FUMC New Service Times Starting on July 9

8:15 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall

9:15 Sunday School

10:15 Fellowship Time

10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary

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### **Give Online. It's Easy!**

- Set up and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time contributions
- View your online giving history

***NOW AVAILABLE!***

Go to: [www.prattumc.org](http://www.prattumc.org)

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

## July Birthdays

July 1 Pam Westhoff	July 12 Charles Boldt	July 22 Trent McAtee
July 1 Bethany Mullins	July 12 Scott Nicholson	July 23 David Hearn
July 3 Ivan Hilt	July 12 Jonathan Prater	July 25 Diana Harris
July 3 Suzanne Harris	July 12 Megan Younie	July 26 Sandy Ray
July 3 Nancy Kerr	July 13 Howard Gray	July 27 Muriel Jones
July 3 Brianna Houdyshell	July 13 Chris Freeman	July 27 Maryann Rose
July 3 Jarrett Bates	July 16 Bev Aldrich	July 27 Lee Bates
July 6 Makenzie Smith	July 17 Chris Hoener	July 27 Jeanize Cilliers
July 7 Prudence Lewton	July 17 Leigh Baus	July 27 Riley Thompson
July 7 Aaron Blasi	July 17 Andi Brunson	July 28 Annette Lee
July 7 Grant Younie	July 17 Adison Smith	July 28 Linda Dick
July 7 Madden Wilson	July 18 Karen Smith	July 29 Barbara Krehbiel
July 8 Jeanne Carson	July 19 Paul Klassen	July 29 Verneene Forssberg
July 11 Jean Bergner	July 19 Mackenzie Shanline	July 29 Amber Chisham
July 11 Janis Jilg	July 20 Brystle Wilson	July 30 Stan Reimer
July 12 Alma Walker	July 21 Mike Patton	July 31 Mike Sewell
	July 22 Lu Kramer	July 31 Mark Schmidt

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## July Anniversaries

July 6 Jerry & Brenda Campbell	July 22 Darrel & Rose Wehling
July 11 Richard & Rosalie Rose	July 24 Fred & Nancy Kerr
July 13 Kevin & Summer Younie	July 24 Tim & Faye Kuhn
July 16 Don & Sue Buhler	July 25 Clinton & Delaine Riggs
July 17 Roy & Edna Harris	July 26 Kelly & Jeanette Garretson
July 20 Denise & Kris Dover	July 31 Mark & Earlene Ploger



# July 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 672-3198 by the 20th of the month before the next Spire.

June 2017	July 2017	August 2017
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7:00 PM Boy Scouts						
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	Scholarship Applications Due	Church Office Closed				6:00 PM Pitch Party
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:15 AM Worship in Fellowship Hall 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Fellowship Time 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 10:30 PM Worship in the Sanctuary		7:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
7:00 PM Boy Scouts	Camp Week	Camp Week	Camp Week	Camp Week	Camp Week	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

## Regular Happenings

### Sunday:

- 8:15 a.m. Informal Service
- 9:05 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. 50/50-Kum Double Class, Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### Monday:

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

## Wednesday Activities Start again in the fall

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice
- 7:30 p.m. High School Youth



## Pitch Party

**Every 2nd Saturday**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Bring a snack!**

# Recycle at FUMC

## Someone's trash is someone's treasure

Our backyard alley had 7 empty cardboard boxes that I recycled and I took 7 boxes to consignment and now it is our 7th month. Happy 4th of July, and we are happy to have Freedom.

Love from the UMW Helen Bailey, Kim Claycamp and Annette Van Blaricum

REDUCE,  
REUSE,  
RECYCLE,  
REJOICE!

<b>Pratt County Recycling Center</b> Tues. - Fri. 7:00-4:00    1102 South Main    Closed Mondays & Holidays Sat. 7:00-1:00    620-672-4107		<b>Pratt County Household Hazardous Waste Facility</b>	
<b>Acceptable Items</b> Clear, Brown & Green Glass Pete #1 (soft drinks) HDPE #2 (Clorox) Mixed plastic #3-7 Milk Jugs Magazines Newspaper with Inserts White paper Colored paper Tin cans Aluminum cans Phone books Paperback books Corrugated cardboard Chip board		<b>Unacceptable Items</b> Tissue paper Paper towels Aluminum Foil Plastic binders Styrofoam (all) Window glass	<b>Auto Related</b> Antifreeze Auto Batteries Used oil Wiper fluids
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Please Rinse and Separate all Containers</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Don't Leave Items Outside</u></p>		<b>Workshop Related</b> Oil based paints Latex paints Paint thinners Paint & varnish removers Stains and varnishes Fluorescent ballasts	<b>Household Related</b> Abrasive cleaners Ammonia Bleach Disinfectants Drain cleaners Furniture polish Household batteries Poisons Herbicides Aerosols Oven Cleaners Rechargeable batteries Cell phones

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8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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](mailto:jjohnson@prattumc.org) or Jane Bolen [jane.bolen@yahoo.com](mailto:jane.bolen@yahoo.com) of your address.

### Staff

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Youth Director..... Kelli Barker  
Business Manager ..... Jacqueline Johnson  
Facilities Coordinator..... Louis Keeling  
Organist/Pianist .....Jane Biles  
Audio/Video Coordinator.....Sherri Ewertt  
Nursery.....Georgie Fowler