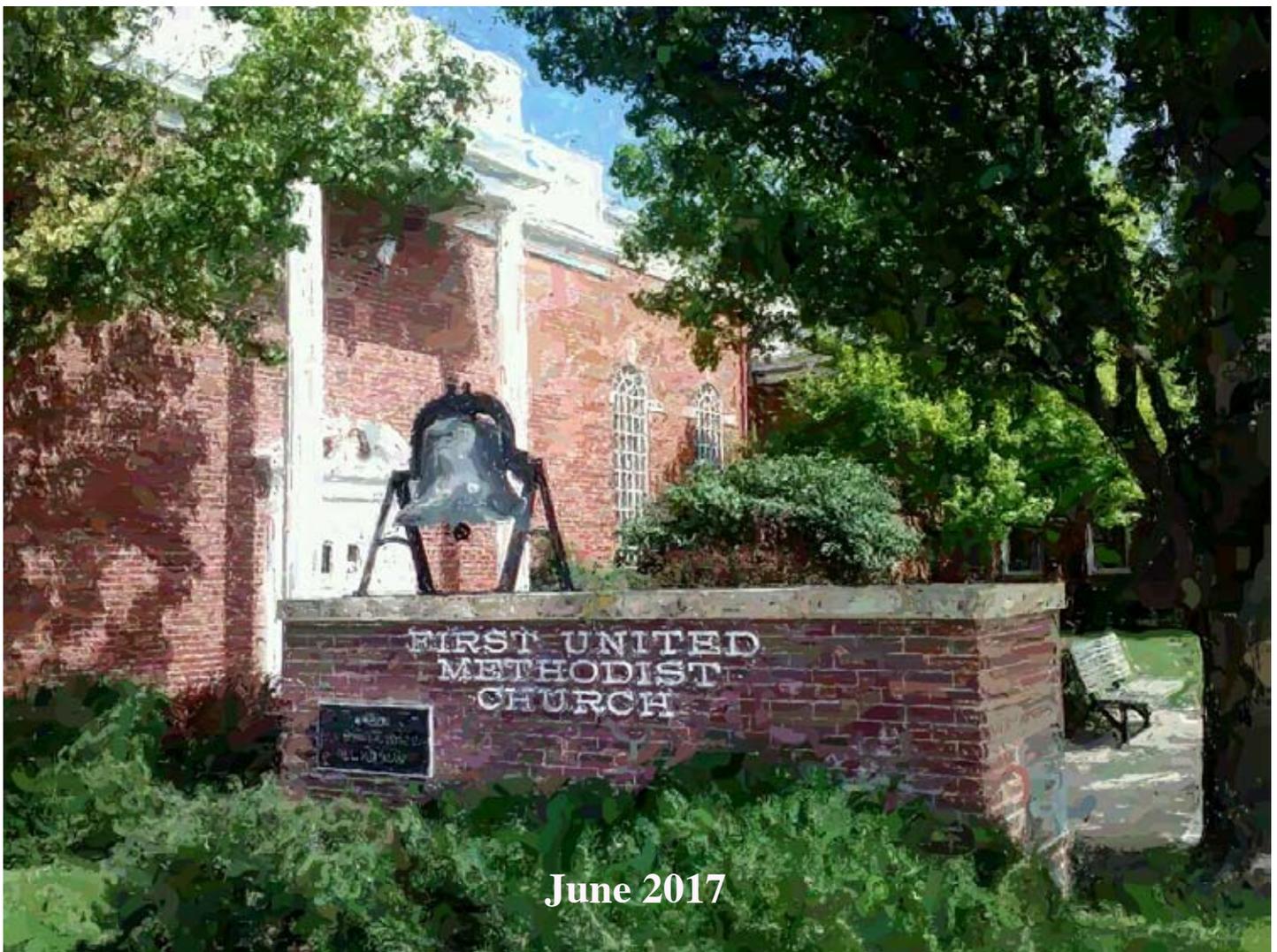


THE SPIRE

FIRST
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131ST YEAR OF MINISTRY



June 2017

Newsletter
for the
First United Methodist Church
in Pratt, KS

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EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY

Summer renewal with God



I must admit that I'm breathing just a little sigh of relief as I write this. It's May 15th...the school year is winding down. Confirmation class is completed. We've had our last JAM (Jesus and Me), our last Youth Groups, our last snack supper, until September.

Maybe that's why I love summer so much. Life just seems to slow down a bit in the summer. Don't get me wrong...I love all the activity that goes on around this church and in this community during the school year! But as Ecclesiastes says, there is a time for everything, which surely includes a time to catch our breath.

Maybe this would be a good time to renew or strengthen our relationship with God. Maybe this would be a good time to start that daily devotion. If you already have that daily devotion time, you know the peace it brings to your life, even when your life is extremely busy.

If you don't have that daily time of prayer and Scripture reading, maybe the slower pace of summer would be a good time to start a new habit. Is there anything regularly on your schedule that you get a reprieve from this summer? There's your opportunity.

I often hear people lament about the declining state of the Church. But the state of the church corresponds directly with the state of individual relationships with God. If we, as individuals, are not spending the time to build and strengthen our individual relationships with God, we can't expect the church to do anything but decline.

This congregation is vital and active and it is truly fun and exciting to be a part of it. But if you want to see this congregation explode and truly transform our community and our world for the sake of Jesus Christ, take some time this summer as you are catching your breath to strengthen your individual relationship with God. You and the Church will be blessed!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Marvin

YOUTH NEWS

June 2017

Another school year is over! Kids are busy with baseball, swimming, camps, 4H, and jobs! We won't meet at our normal Wednesday night time this summer, but look for pop up events as the summer goes on! If you haven't received texts from me call to make sure you are on the list so you don't miss out!

Mega Sports Camp

Looking for something to do the week of June 5-9th? We would love to have your help at VBS, even if you can only help a day or two! Call and we will find the best place for you to serve!

School's out but I'm still at work planning for next year! If you need anything I will be at the church on Wednesdays or you can always call me! **Kelli 620-388-3416**

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

June Newsletter

Jesus And Me

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Dear Parents,

I just want to Thank You for sharing your children with me the last two years. It has been my privilege and honor to get to know, work with and learn alongside them. I have made many memories along the way that I will cherish for years to come.

Camp Horizon

Please watch for information regarding transportation to Camp Horizon in mid-July. We hope to travel together like we did last year, and look forward to that time for kids to get to know one another and have a week away from distractions to focus on their own relationships with God as well as each other.

Mega Sports Camp VBS

As I write this, we have 104 kids pre-registered for VBS this year. Along with 60 staff members, that makes for 164 snacks each day, 160 servings for lunches sent home and doesn't include the children in the nursery yet. It is going to be an AWESOME week! Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers, as God will be moving in many ways that week!



Upcoming Events

June 3

VBS Information Meeting

June 5

VBS

June 9

Miss KS Ice Cream Social

July 24

Camp Week

Important Announcements

VBS Training will be offered June 3 at 10 a.m. If you are helping with VBS, this will be the best time to get information.

VBS will be JUNE 5-9, 9 a.m.-Noon this Summer. Registration is OPEN and online, so be sure to get registered! We will be offering Basketball, Baseball, Cheerleading and Football and have an amazing staff lined up for the week!

*A Benefit for the
Clark County Wildfire Relief Fund*

Free Will Donation



*Sloppy Joes &
Homemade Ice Cream*



Friday, June 9th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

***BEFORE** the
Miss Kansas Parade*

Hosted at the

First United Methodist Church

A Project of the Outreach Ministries,

the OTC Puppet Ministry and many other church volunteers

United Methodist Women News

The UMW women recently collected a variety of items to send to Newton's Secure Care facility for young girls between the ages of 12-18. Several boxes of items were delivered by Linda Buchmueller and Janell Mead.

The ladies in the picture who received the gifts are Allison Pate (Director of programing at Netwon) and Nickaila Sandate (EmberHope Vice-President of Programing).

They were ecstatic. "We go through sooo much body wash, deodorant, shampoo and conditioners. We were also very pleased with the hair accessories, various underclothing, and feminine hygiene products."

"Oh shoes!!! You do not know how many times when the police pick up a girl and they bring her to us, that she is barefoot. These will be so helpful."

When asked if there was anything on the list that they would not use, they looked the list over and said, "Oh no. We will use all of these things."

Youthville/EmberHope has 2 cottages that house up to 12 girls in each cottage. They have the need to open a third cottage and plan to do so very soon. They gave statistics that on an average 71% of the girls in the Secure Care cottage and 44 % of the girls in the Residential Youth Care are there because of human sex trafficking.

Both Allison and Nickaila said, "Be sure to tell your church ladies how thankful we are for their generosity."

Linda said that she, Janell, and 5 other women spent a day painting the classroom in the Secure Care Cottage. They were all very touched when interacting with the teenagers who worked along side them.

Linda said, "I could not let myself think about what all these young girls have been through already in their short lives. These girls are my granddaughter's age. They should still be innocent."



COMPLETED MISSION PROJECTS FOR 2017

VIM has been active in 2017. Projects completed so far this year are light construction through the Dulac Community Center in Dulac, Louisiana, painting and light construction through Southside Community Center in San Marcos, Texas, sewing curtains, painting and refurbishing summer cabins at Camp Jefferson near Fairbury, Nebraska, staining and finishing 12 bunk beds, painting, construction of the hammock village and outdoor games- 9 square in the air and human foos ball at Camp Horizon near Ark City, Kansas.

The first week of May was spent at Youthville in Newton, Kansas. Steve and Janell Mead were also part of this team. Their expertise in yard work resulted in transforming the overgrown trees and bushes into beautiful landscapes. The team also did a lot of painting and maintenance work in the cottages. Youthville staff gave us the statistics that on an average 71% of the girls in the Secure Care cottage and 44% of the girls in the Residential Youth Care cottage are here because of human sex trafficking. It was a very touching experience working with these girls ages 12-18.



JUNE MISSION TRIPS

Wakon Fowler, Jan Blasi and Emma Fowler will be participating in a medical mission campaign to San Jose de Quero, Peru, in June. They will be going with a team from the Roswell UMC in Georgia, the same team they have gone with before. This campaign will take place in the mountains close to Huancayo, which is where Louise Reimer served as a missionary. About fifty people will participate in the campaign, including about equal numbers of American and Peruvians. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and serve.

Work with TMS-Global (formerly The Mission Society) continues for Louise Reimer as she is headed to Ghana in June with a group of 7 college students. These young women are studying for a career in some form of medicine, and they are interested in pursuing missionary work. The other team leader is Dr. Cam Gongwer who served as a missionary in Ghana for 14 years. They will be in a hospital setting and visit other missionaries in Ghana who are doing other types of work. Please pray for these young women for spiritual growth and discernment for their futures.

Volunteer In Mission

The preliminary calendar is out for Great Plains VIM opportunities in 2017. Look at your calendar and see which opportunities work for you. We will be going to 5 United Methodist conference camps where lodging and meals are included with the registration fee.

Contact Chuck and Linda Buchmueller – 620-770-0411

We participated in 9 projects this year traveling to Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, 2 sites in Nebraska and 4 sites in Kansas. We helped with various projects including: put up paneling, prep work before flooring was installed, built 7 wheel chair ramps, replaced a privacy fence, repaired the covered wagon at Camp Horizon, built bunk beds, built pew/benches, built 3 rabbit hutches, cleaned carpet, applied many gallons of paint and enjoyed several sewing projects.

Dates and places for VIM in 2017

Registration fee \$150 per person per project

June 11-16 – Camp Norwesca-Chadron, Nebraska

June 18-23 – Camp Comeca-Cozad, Nebraska

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

June Birthdays

June 1 Helen Bailey	June 12 Cole Winklepleck	June 17 Chris Shrack
June 1 Nathan Buchmueller,	June 12 Elyse Birdsong	June 17 Deb Goyen
June 2 Shelley Patton	June 12 Caden Schowengerdt	June 17 Curt Wilson
June 2 Gary Barker	June 13 Darrel Wehling	June 19 Rick Barker
June 2 Charmaine Swanepoel	June 13 Steve Mead	June 19 Lisa Austin
June 2 Suzanne Moore	June 13 Cathy Millen	June 19 Katherine Shanline
June 4 Craig Wilson	June 13 Emma Shrack	June 21 Jean Tharp
June 4 Albert Kendall	June 14 June Daughhetee	June 22 Charles Kizzire
June 7 Merle Rose	June 14 Marsha Shrack	June 23 Lois Gray
June 7 John Mathes	June 15 Denise Dover	June 23 Darrel Brehm
June 7 Brent Hoener	June 15 Natalie King	June 25 Jeff Shanline
June 9 Pat Gilham	June 16 Darrell Shumway	June 27 Jackson Baker
June 10 Opal Hemphill	June 16 Chelsea Shrack	June 27 Brantley Gish
June 10 Juanita Belcher	June 17 Wendell Howell	June 29 Summer Younie
June 10 Makala Orler	June 17 Georgie Fowler	

June Anniversaries

June 2 David & Peggy Ellison	June 11 Bill & Jane Biles
June 2 Tim & Kelli Barker	June 12 Gary & Genny Schmidt
June 2 Robert & Kelli Smiley	June 14 Trent & Jenny McAtee
June 4 Kyle & Whitney Briggman	June 17 Tom & Rebecca Post
June 5 Darrel & Dena Henke	June 20 Bryan & Erin Kirby
June 6 Milt & Madeline Martin	June 21 Nathan & Nikke Humble
June 6 Wakon & Brenda Fowler	June 23 Robert & Karen Pinkall
June 7 Tanner & Alison Peissig	June 26 Don & Pat Schwartz
June 8 Chuck & Cheyenne Gish	June 27 Kevin & Shari Gates
June 10 Kent & Suzanne Moore	

June 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.

May 2017							June 2017							July 2017						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 1:00 PM UMW Executive Committee Meeting	2	3 10:00 AM Vacation Bible School Training
4 1:00 PM Vacation Bible School Setup 3:00 PM Linda Louderback Retirement Celebration, Wellington FUMC	5 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	6 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	7 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	8 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	9 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 4:00 PM Outreach/Puppets Sponsoring Sloppy Joe's & Ice Cream 4:00-6:00	10 6:00 PM Pitch Party
11 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 7:00 PM Home Front Concert, Municipal Building	13 7:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26	27	28	29	30	1

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!



I have created a QR (quick read) code that once scanned will take you to the website. The home page is then viewable from your mobile phone. Other QR codes can be generated for facebook, church event info, videos... ect. You should be able to download the code by clicking on it for printing in the bulletin and Spire. Let me know if you have questions, email me or call at 620-341-8473

Your web servant, Sherri Ewertt

Recycle at FUMC

REDUCE,
REUSE,
RECYCLE,
REJOICE!

I have been in the garden for many days, and I love to hear the birds singing. That is wonderful. For June I like the song "This is my Father's World, and to my listening ears all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.

Happy Father's DAY and Happy Gardening.

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



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