

THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
130TH YEAR OF MINISTRY



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November 2016

Newsletter for the First United Methodist Church in Pratt, KS

EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY

Focus on the positive



“Promote what you love, rather than bash what you hate.” I can’t tell you who said that originally, but I sure like it. I saw it on social media in reference to politics and the current election, but it is fitting for any setting that involves imperfect people working together for the common good.

This is really just another way of saying, “focus on the positive, rather than the negative.” The Apostle Paul said it this way: “Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

Geez, that’s difficult to do! I think I do a pretty good job of not contributing to all the political and religious bashing that comes from both ends of the conservative/liberal spectrum. But just because I’ve learned to keep my mouth shut (mostly) doesn’t mean I’m not thinking bashing thoughts. I truly believe that thinking something is every bit as bad as saying it. I also believe that what we think has a profound effect on how we treat and interact with others. And in a world in which we are treating and interacting pretty badly with people who have different opinions, beliefs, or viewpoints than our own, we need to do a lot more working together for the common good.

I know you’re probably thinking, “What can I do about it? I can’t change the way other people treat each other.” And you’re right. We can’t change the way other people treat each other. But we can change the way we treat other people. But it has to go a lot deeper than just holding our tongues. It has to come from within, beginning with the way we think. And that has to be intentional.

I don’t know about you, but I don’t control or ask for every thought that comes into my head. But I have some control over what I do with those thoughts. If it’s a thought that is negative or critical of others, I can choose to dwell on that thought until I am bashing what I hate. Or I can choose to turn my thought to something honorable or just or pleasing until I am promoting what I love. And wherever my thoughts go, my actions will follow.

We are imperfect people, but I think most of us truly do want the common good. Working toward that seems overwhelming, but it begins with each one of us, individually. No common good comes from bashing what we hate, whether in word or in thought. But common good improves with every word or thought that comes from love.

Think about these things. Because, do we really want to keep going in the direction we are going?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Marvin

November Newsletter

Jesus And Me

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who helped provide cookies and other treats for the EMS and Police and Sheriff's departments. They were well received and appreciated by all the departments. Also, thank you to those who helped drive- we couldn't do it without you!

Pictures are on the Jesus and Me Facebook page.

Christmas Program Practice

Christmas program practice will officially begin November 16 during our J.A.M. time. Jane Biles will be working with the kids, both in small and large groups to learn the songs. Those with speaking parts need to be off the book by November 16, as we have a limited time to learn songs and actions this year. The Christmas program will be December 11 during the 10 am service.

Doing Our Part to Keep Us Healthy

I have told the kids we are a church family, and as such, we look out for each other. One of the ways I am asking you to do that is to help keep sick germs out of the church as much as possible. We do have two children with auto-immune disorders, so are very susceptible to illness but don't have the strength to fight it off as an otherwise healthy person might.

Please stay home if you or your child(ren):

- Have/has a fever over 100.5
- Have/has a cough that disrupts normal activity
- Are vomiting or have diarrhea
- Have/Has strep throat, pink eye or other contagious disease



Upcoming Events

November 14

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week

November 16

Christmas Program practice starts

November 23

No J.A.M.

Important Announcements

If you haven't made your family Cross yet, please do so! We want each of our family's represented in our J.A.M. room!

Books of the Bible

We are learning the Books of the Bible! We will use song, dance, games, competition and repetition to help us do this. Please watch for a B.O.B. bookmark to be coming home.



A Kids' Musical
based on the shoe box ministry of
Samaritan's Purse

It is that time of year to start preparing for Operation Christmas Child. Our church will once again be a Relay Center for these gifts.

At this time, I am looking for people who would be willing to help during Collection Week. There are 2 hour time slots each day that our church will receive boxes, so you would greet those bringing boxes in, help them unload them, help complete the paperwork and prayer over the boxes and children receiving them.

I will be here for each shift as well as available by appointment. Below are the times we are open and there is a sign up outside my office door if you are willing to help. Thank you for helping make this possible again this year!

Operation Christmas Child Volunteer Sign Up

Please sign up to help greet, unload the shoe boxes, record how many were brought in and pray with those bringing them in.

Date	Time	Name	Home Phone/Cell	Email
11/14/16	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Marilyn Shanline		
11/15/16	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Diana Harris		
11/16/16	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Marilyn Shanline		
11/16/16	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Jane Biles		
11/17/16	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.			
11/18/16	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.			
11/19/16	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.			
11/20/16	Load up Trailer 12 p.m.			
11/21/16	8 a.m. – 10 a.m.			



SNACK SUPPER SCHEDULE 2016-17

Hey everyone! Faye Kuhn and Ruth Ann Barker have agreed to be our snack supper coordinators for this coming year. They have worked on the schedule and have called to make sure these are workable dates. Please be responsible for all changes and make contact with those people involved. If you make a change, please call Jackie at the church office to let her know. (672-6473) As soon as you have decided what your group is serving call the office. Sometimes this information is posted a week ahead or needed. Thanks for all your help.

Nov. 2 - CAYA (Brenda Fowler)	Jan. 4 - CAYA (Brenda Fowler)	March 1 - Puppets (Deb Withers)
Nov. 9 - UMW Board (Kim Claycamp)	Jan. 11 - M & M's (Liz Krehbiel)	March 8 - Camp Funding (Liz Krehbiel)
Nov. 16 - Outreach - (Faye Kuhn)	Jan. 18 - UMW Bd. (Kim Claycamp)	March 15 - Women's Bible Study (Lois Gray)
Nov. 23 - OFF	Jan. 25 - Naomi Guild (Beth Rose)	March 22 - Spring Break - OFF
Nov. 30 - Open ???	Feb. 1 - Faith Builders (Kelli Barker)	March 29 - Circles (Jeanette Siemens)
Dec. 7 - Youth (Robbie)	Feb. 8 - Youth (Robbie)	Apr. 5 - Youth (Robbie)
Dec. 14 - 50/50 (Marge Barker)	Feb. 15 - Seekers (Ruth Ann Barker)	Apr. 12 - Rebekka Guild (Diana Harris)
Dec. 21 - OFF	Feb. 22 - Outreach (Faye Kuhn)	Apr. 19 - Naomi Guild (Beth Rose)
Dec. 28 - OFF		Apr. 26 - Mission Trip (Linda Broce)
Dec. 30 - OFF		May 3 - Ground Breakers (Mary Gordon)
		May 10 - Staff

Meet Loaf Greeters for November & December

Thanks to our 10:40 a.m. Meet Loaf Greeters for November and December.
Feel free to trade during these months to cover vacation times!
Your ministry to new people is greatly needed and appreciated!



Sunday, November 6—Mark & Earlene Ploger, Howard & Lois Gray, Renee Wilson
Sunday, November 13—Chris & Michelle Pfannenstiel, Dean Fitzsimmons
Sunday, November 20—Marvin & Eunice Proctor, Mary Gordon
Sunday, November 27—Mark & Earlene Ploger, Howard & Lois Gray, Renee Wilson
Sunday, December 4— Chris & Michelle Pfannenstiel, Dean Fitzsimmons
Sunday, December 11—Marvin & Eunice Proctor, Mary Gordon
Sunday, December 18 — Mark & Earlene Ploger, Howard & Lois Gray, Renee Wilson
Sunday, December 25—Chris & Michelle Pfannenstiel, Dean Fitzsimmons

If you are not a MEET LOAF GREETER but would enjoy greeting and meeting visitors in our church following the morning services, please give the church office a call and we'll get you on the list.

United Methodist Women News

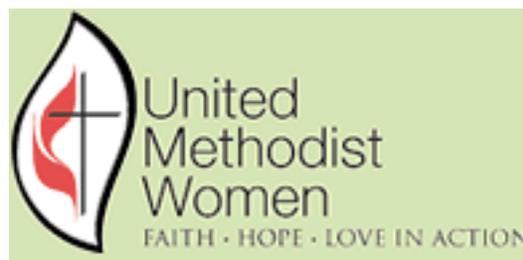
The UMW would like to thank everyone who participated in the UMCOR mission Sunday. We appreciate all the items and/or money that was donated. The health kits will be assembled in January at the general meeting. So, it is not too late. If you did not have a chance to donate to this mission and would still like to, contact the church office and they will help you.

Helen Bailey and her daughter Karla are stepping down from the mission of serving all of our funeral dinners. Kay Sewell and Kim Claycamp have met with Helen, gathered information, talked with small groups of women and now are implementing a plan for teams to be assembled to serve the future meals. With many women participating none should have to help too many times a year. All women will be asked to help with this mission. You will be contacted to help serve or donate food. Please pray for this new plan and how you will be willing to be of serve.

The UMW are preparing for the new year and would like to invite you to join our purpose to know God, to grow in fellowship and to expand the missions of the church locally and globally. Watch the Spire for more information and whom you can contact.

Watch for upcoming information about the “Taste of Christmas” fundraiser to support our local missions. It will be held on November 29th.

Kim Claycamp
UMW President





We Invite You to United Methodist Women

An invitation to Membership...

Our Purpose:

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Joining this group of committed women is a unique opportunity - no matter who you are or where in your life you are at this moment - to move in harmony with other women who have been responding to this Purpose for over one hundred years.

To the woman

*who finds meaning in her church and is drawn to its fellowship,
who wants to combine fellowship with study, worship and outreach opportunities,
who feels she has gifts that are to be shared with others, who seeks a supportive community
to affirm her own sense of purpose and commitment to God...*

United Methodist Women invites you to:

*“grow spiritually through worship, Bible study and prayer, celebrate the person you are becoming
in Jesus Christ, develop meaningful and lasting relationships,
share who you are and your gifts, take action and make a difference in your community and the
world.”*

Please contact:

Kim Claycamp, UMW President

(620) 770-0281

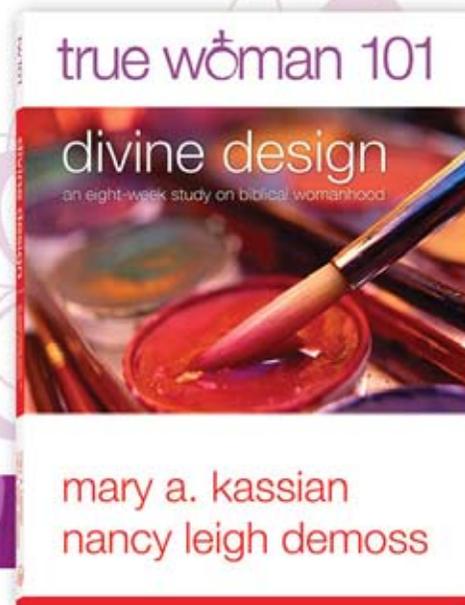
Terry Olsen

672-1488

true woman 101 divine design

God's design for *True Womanhood* is nothing less than *spectacular!*
Find out how in this *eight-week Bible study* with Mary Kassian and Nancy Leigh DeMoss.

TRUEWOMAN101.COM



Ladies,

As you attend Pratt FUMC or are in a current or have been in a previous study group at First United Methodist Church, we want you to know about our fall women's study, True Woman 101, which started Wednesday, September 14th. The following link is a 7 minute preview of the study (the video is in the 2nd frame down). <https://www.truewomanbooks.com/true-woman-101/leaders-resources/>

Day 1 is online: http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/product_slideshow?sku=403568&actual_sku=403568&slide=2

If you need the church to order a book for you, please contact me. The first order will be placed on September 11th.

What: True Woman 101 by Mary Kassian & Nancy Leigh Demoss

Where: FUMC Parlor

When: 6:00pm-7:00pm on Wednesdays

Please join us and bring a friend,

Peggy Ellison

620-770-0469

November Birthdays

November 1	Pat Schwartz	November 12	Victoria Black	November 20	Logan Barker
November 2	Sally LaPrad	November 13	Stacie Tharp	November 21	Dale Withers
November 2	Louis Keeling	November 13	Dawson Snider	November 21	Cole Freeman
November 2	Grace May	November 14	Ethan Demuth	November 22	Marie Eubank
November 4	Aleigh Dunaway	November 15	Bonnie Albers	November 22	Kelsey Potter
November 5	Kyle Hampton	November 15	Jeff Mardis	November 23	Ailene Teegarden
November 6	Kim DeClue	November 16	Larry Huff	November 23	Larry Northway
November 7	Glenda Houdyshell	November 16	Louise Reimer	November 23	Whitney Galle
November 7	Alaena Endsley	November 16	Lisa Fincham	November 25	Janice Norman
November 8	Phil Lunt	November 16	Alexis Eubank	November 25	Cooper Gates
November 9	Jane Bolen	November 17	Donna Swisher	November 26	Merle McCune
November 9	Dave Schmidt	November 17	Scott Younie	November 26	Awie Cilliers
November 9	Brent Uphoff	November 18	Shirley Gibbons	November 27	Jeanette Garretson
November 10	Janice Keller	November 18	Jack Galle	November 28	Tim Kuhn
November 11	Mary Bergner	November 18	Jenna Fitzsimmons	November 29	Martha Wade
November 11	Margie Bennett	November 19	Deb May	November 30	Wakon Fowler
November 12	Rodney Lesh	November 19	Lynette Freeman	November 30	Nathan Humble
November 12	Larry Riffey	November 20	Shirley Lawton	November 30	Nolan Pfannenstiel
November 12	Ruth Ann Barker	November 20	Kenneth Lewton		

November Anniversaries

November 3	Jenny & Patrick Blasi	November 19	Kim & Joe Kendall
November 4	Linda & Gerald Dick	November 24	Mary & Gale Carroll
November 6	Danielle & Jeremy Demuth	November 26	Beth & Merle Rose
November 11	Marje & Carter Barker	November 27	Kerri & Charles Boldt
November 18	Melanie & Tom Black	November 28	Glenda & Ron Sibley



Leviticus 7:15
*The meat of their
fellowship offering
of thanksgiving
must be eaten
on the day
it is offered;
they must leave none
of it till morning.*

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

October 2016	November 2016	December 2016
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 1:00 PM UMW Executive Committee Meeting	2 5:00 PM Snack Supper 7:00 PM SPRC Meeting	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	7	8 Election Day	9 5:00 PM Snack Supper 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	10 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	11 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	12 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 6:00 PM Pitch Party
13	14 Operation Christmas Child	15 Operation Christmas Child	16 Operation Christmas Child 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM J.A.M. Christmas Program Practice	17 Operation Christmas Child	18 Operation Christmas Child	19 Operation Christmas Child
20 Operation Christmas Child 11:00 AM Thanks-for-Giving Dinner 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	21 Operation Christmas Child	22	23 Church Office Closed No Wed. Activities	24 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving	25 Church Office Closed	26
27	28	29 6:30 PM Taste of Christmas	30 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM J.A.M. Christmas Program Practice	1	2	3

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
- 10:40 a.m. Meet Loaf, FH
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday:

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

Wednesday Activities begin again Sept.7

- 7:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group, CR
- 4:15 p.m. Puppets
- 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. Middle School
- 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Senior High

Friday:

- 10:00 a.m. Mom's Day Out



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

Give thanks to the Lord!
As your family and friends gather around the table, Try using glass dishes and cloth napkins to share in the recycling mode!

Happy Thanksgiving
From the UMW Recycling Team
Helen Bailey, Kim Claycamp, and
Annette Van Blaricum

REDUCE,
REUSE,
RECYCLE,
REJOICE!



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