



Pratt  
First  
United  
Methodist  
Church

# MONTHLY MEMO

## OCTOBER 2024

GROW IN FAITH

SHARE IN WORSHIP

SERVE OTHERS

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## TIME WITH TIM

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It's hard to believe that it has been 90 days since I first walked through the doors of Pratt First UMC. The first three months seem to have just flown by. I've gotten to meet most of you and have gotten to know a lot of you much better through committees and functions at the church. So here's what I've learned about Pratt First UMC as a whole in my first three months.

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

*Sunday School*

8:30 a.m.

*Worship*

9:30 a.m.

Pratt UMC worships well. One of the reasons this is a fun church to pastor is that we have a good time praising and worshiping God on Sunday morning. The music, the children, the preaching (at least I like that part), and the fellowship, oh my - the fellowship.

I LOVE that when I step into the lectern for announcements that there are ALWAYS people visiting and talking and laughing and loving those around them. And as we sing and praise God, people are not afraid to show how much they love Jesus by lifting their voices to Him. It is a beautiful thing to experience such a joy filled worship every Sunday.

Pratt UMC serves well. I also love the fact that the people of PFUMC are such great servants. So many people in this church want to serve others in our mission field of the Pratt area, and beyond. Your faithful response to the clothing closet, Wednesday meals (We need a better name than snack suppers. Those are full on meals!). We had SO many people bring wonderful food for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast worship. (And 100 in attendance!!!) We have volunteers for youth and kids. We gave out water. Many of you have signed up for Hands on Parsons (I'm not sure where the rest of you are but please get signed up to worship outside the walls that day.) We have people serving at the grade school. We've had some lovely, caring, funeral meals. And it goes on and on and on. Be sure to check out the bulletin board outside the sanctuary by the office. Diane, being the amazing teacher she is (they never really retire) has set it up with newspaper clippings about where our people are serving outside our walls.

PFUMC wants to grow. It was obvious from the results of the envisioning process that pretty much everyone wants our church to grow. You've said so. It is obvious that this church has had and is having a major impact on your life. There have been 2 people who became members since I got here. (ok, one was Marva but she still counts!!!)

So it's time to share. It's time for each and every one of us to step outside our comfort zone and share how much PFUMC means to us. People are talking about us in the community. People are even talking about the ministries we have and how they might do them too. That is amazing! So let's not just keep it going, let's make this explode. Each week, find one way to share the love of Christ with others. Both the way Christ loves you and you sharing that love with others because Christ did love us first!

Also, each week, invite someone to come with you to church. If you like worshipping Sunday, why not invite someone to come with you. If you had extra tickets to a ball game or concert I bet you'd find a friend to go with. Well, consider this your extra ticket. Invite someone! And if they have an excuse... um, I mean reason to not come, say, ok, and invite them again later.

For us to grow we all need to be sure we are fulfilling our vows we take as members. Each and every week we must participate with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service AND OUR WITNESS if we truly want PFUMC to grow and to be here for our great great grandchildren.

Peace & Grace,  
Pastor Tim

## SHARE IN WORSHIP

### OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES

*Let's worship together:*

### Sermon Series: Created for Connection!

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title
October 6	Ephesians 4: 1-6	Among Christians

Join us for an Evening Service:  
Blessing of Pets 5:00 p.m. East Lawn

October 13	John 15: 1-12	With God
October 20 – Team Gear Sunday!	Hebrews 1: 23-25	With Community
October 27	Ephesians 2: 11-22	Across Barriers



# BLESSING OF THE PETS

**October 6th**  
**Bring your pet - dog, cat, bird, goldfish, gerbil, bunny, etc. - to the church at 5 p.m. for the blessing of the pets on the east lawn.**

**Get your neighbor to join you! Let's join together in honoring the furried, feathered, and finned parts of God's creation!**

Fun and fellowship at the **5th Sunday** service. John Wesley would be proud we gathered for a meal and learned about our Methodist history of communion.

Join us next Sunday; the door is open and you are welcome!



*Please wear your favorite Sports colors / shirts on October 20<sup>th</sup>! This could be a Pro Team, College Team, High School Team, Grade School Team - whatever!*



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September 29, 2024

Pratt UMC Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support of Pratt UMC's mission of providing the Grace, Love and Service of Jesus to our community, country and the world. Our offerings are running ahead of where we were at this same point in 2023! Keep in mind, we're not rolling in the dough and we've slipped in that pace of gain relative to 2023, but we are covering the expenses related to our Church's general budget. Pratt UMC received some financial assistance from the Great Plains UMC Conference in 2023 and we have applied for such from the Conference in 2024.

Without question, Pratt UMC will continue to be a cornerstone church in the Pratt community and please prayerfully consider the role you will play in making the future bright through your gifts, prayer, and service!

Kent Moore, Chair  
Pratt UMC Finance



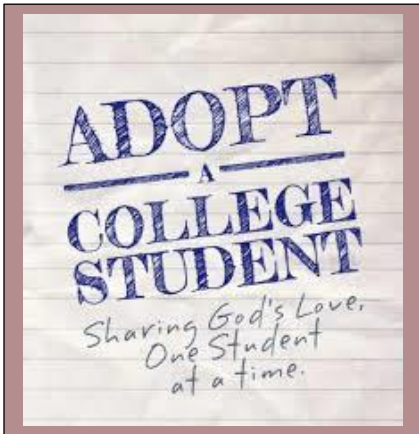
*Diane Ladenburger*  
*Outreach Chair*

Your friendly Outreach Committee was very busy in September! We had a very successful clothing drive for the Hope Closet. Thank you, members, for all your donations. We are delivering over 7 full totes. Dea Brown will be delivering these on Thursday for us.

We feel very blessed by the outpouring of support for our Back To Church Drive. We have had several new families attending our church. Two welcome bags were delivered which included some homemade bread made by Karen Pinkall.

Last but not least, our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch was an overwhelming success. We appreciate each and every one of you that brought food and those that attended.

**THANK YOU!**



Terrí Olsen has matched 7 college students with members for the "adopt a college student".

We are awaiting addresses on several others. Thank you for volunteering to help with this special project.



**Operation Christmas Child** will start this month!

Pat Schwartz will pick up 75 boxes for us in Hutchinson and we will begin our campaign October 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Pat Schwartz for driving to Hutchinson and getting the boxes.

Our goal is to have 75 + boxes to send overseas. We are planning a couple of box filling parties for both the youth and parishioners. (dates to be announced)

### Interested in serving on the Outreach Committee?

Our mission is to serve our church, community and world. We meet 3-4 times a year for an hour meeting to discuss our goals and sign up for committees we can help facilitate. We like new ideas and new members to join us!

If you would be interested in being on the Outreach Committee please contact either Pastor Tim, Diane Ladenburger (620)450-7403 or Pat Schwartz. (620)388-5474.

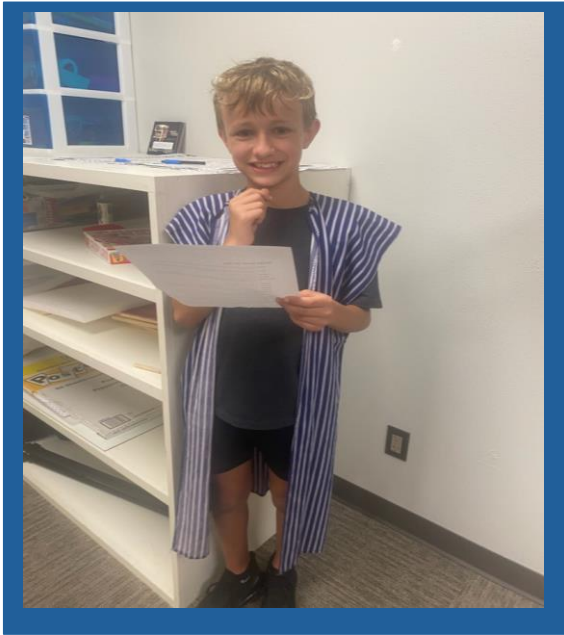
Outreach Committee Members: Diane Ladenburger and Pat Schwartz, Co-Chairman  
Andrea Johnsrud, Cassie Goyen, Carrie Vahsholtz, Dea Brown, Elly Fowler, Hallie Riffey, Lisa Austin, Lyda Kasselmann, Nancy Boland, Terry Olsen, and Whitney Briggeman.

The Staff, Pastor, Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Char Pauls has been hired as part-time bookkeeper to handle the church finances.

Char is a life-long Methodist who has over 20 years of bookkeeping experience with an ag business and 30 years of farm bookkeeping.

Please welcome Char to our church.

Suzan Patton, SPPRC Chair



**These pictures are from both Path Finders and Trail Blazers re-enacting a play about Joseph... and how God is always with us.**



*Fun, Fellowship, Faith and Food...that's what Wednesday nights are for!*



*How fortunate we are to have great teachers such as Sue Buhler and Charmaine Swanepoel! They really know how to teach the Word of God and share the love!*

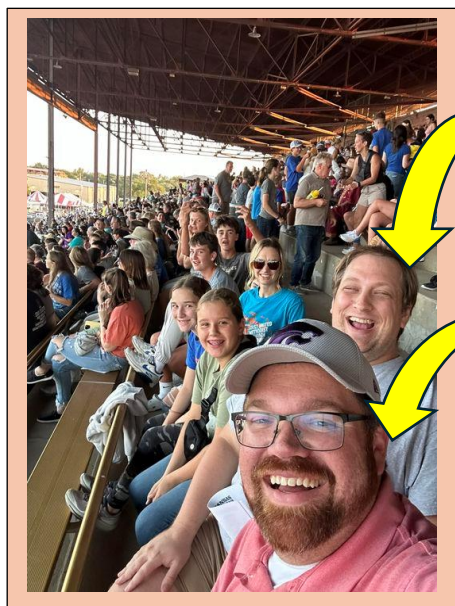




Anyone up for a Hot Dog?



## Ben Jones, Director of Discipleship



*Our District Superintendent, Zach, and his family came to the Kansas State Fair for the Casting Crowns concert and all were surprised to have seats right next to the youth group from First United Methodist Church in Pratt!*



*Kids enjoying having fun together after a long day at school and after a good Word from God!*



*Chips, anyone?*



*Whatever is going on here... this looks intense!*



## Those in Care Facilities:

Donna Barker	Glee Becker	Mary Bergner
Jesse Byers	Lynette Curtis	Edna Harris
Dean Hoover	Martha Kramer	Barbara Krehbiel
Annette Lee	Cathy Millen	Bob Moore
Janis Moore	Eunice Proctor	Marvin Proctor
Mary Ann Rose	Arlene Scronce	Phil Shrack
Mary Ann VanBlaricum		Priscilla White
Evelyn Winklepleck		

## October Birthdays

October 3	Devlin Brown Kodi Davidson
October 4	Kenton Ladenburger
October 6	Aria Brown
October 9	Sue Buhler
October 10	Bob Millen
October 11	Steve LaPrad
October 13	Kyanna Davidson
October 14	Crystal Shanline Andre Swanepoel Marvin Thomas
October 15	Carrie Vahsholtz
October 16	Cheyenne Brown
October 17	Alan Hanson
October 19	Mark Fincham
October 20	Christopher Battin
October 22	Paula Blasi
October 23	Cassie Goyen
October 25	David Mathes George Sherer
October 26	Madison Moore
October 27	A.C. Boland Nathan Houdyshell

No October Anniversaries Listed....

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## Mission Statement:

The mission of Pratt UMC is to connect all people to the gospel of Jesus Christ in an environment of love, grace and service for the transformation of lives.

## Vision Statement:

Our vision for the Pratt UMC is a vibrant, growing church that nurtures and strengthens our Christian faith while modeling the love and compassion of Jesus Christ through outreach programs and service to our community and world.

# October



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 am T.O.P.S.	<b>** = Normal Wednesday Activities</b> 2 8:00 am Join Pastor Tim @ N'CaHoots 8:30 am Ladies Prayer Group 1:00 p.m. Sewing for the Soul Quilters 4:00 pm Puppet Practice 5:00 pm Snack Supper 6:00 pm Path Finders & Trail Blazers 6:00 pm Middle School Youth 7:00 pm Senior High Youth 7:00 pm Trustees Committee Mtng	3 10:00 am UWF Executive Board Meeting	4	5
World Communion Sunday 6 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Blessing of Pets 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5:30 pm Circles 7	9:00 am T.O.P.S. 8	9 **Normal Wednesday Activities 8:00 am Leadership League	10	11	12 10:30 am Mildred Riley Funeral
13 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5:30 pm Circles 14	9:00 am T.O.P.S. 15	16 **Normal Wednesday Activities 7:00 pm Rebekah Guild	17 9:30 am Naomi Guild	18	19
20 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt/Colors to Church Today!	5:30 pm Circles 21	9:00 am T.O.P.S. 22	23 **Normal Wednesday Activities	24	25	26
27 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5:30 pm Circles 28	9:00 am T.O.P.S. 29	30 **Normal Wednesday Activities	31		