

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM

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A Word from Pastor Jon



March will begin our season of Lent. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as many of you carefully prepare for big events in your life, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our **hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.**

The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years **Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast** in the wilderness as his preparation for his public ministry. The forty days of Lent begin with our Ash Wednesday service held at Prairie Chapel on March 5th at 7:00PM. Lent continues through holy week, not counting Sundays which are reserved for worship celebration.

We will prepare our hearts by taking a fresh look at a famous parable found in Luke chapter 15, the parable of the Prodigal Son based on the book *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller.

We will find this text and Lenten series contains the essentials of the Christian message no matter if you are new to the faith or a lifelong believer. In fact you may be surprised by the fresh approach to this passage.

If the adjective Prodigal means recklessly extravagant or having spent everything, then it really is not the son that is prodigal, but as we will discover over the 6 week series, it is God that is the Prodigal. In this story Jesus is showing us the God who is prodigal toward us, his children. God's reckless grace is our greatest hope. Will you join me in prayer that this Lenten season and series will be a good time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter and a time of personal transformation as we all better understand God's extravagant grace towards us.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon



MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS	
March 2, 2014 Transfiguration Sunday	Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
March 5, 2014 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
March 9, 2014 First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
March 16, 2014 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
March 23, 2014 Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
March 30, 2014 Fourth Sunday in Lent	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? I would love to talk with you about Church Membership. If you would like to learn more about church membership and what it means to be a member, please let me know or call the church office, leave your name, contact information, and say "I'm interested in membership" and we'll take it from there! ~Pastor Jon



Will meet March 11, at 7:00PM at Prairie Chapel Fellowship Area. We will be planning out the Agape Meal celebration as well as the Holy Week & Easter Services.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) will meet on Thursday March 13, at 7:00PM in the Alburnett UMC Fellowship Area.



THE APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Thursday, March 20. Items may be submitted by email (alburnettumc@fmtcs.com or office@prairiechapelmarion.org) or may be left in Virginia's box or folder at the church.

PARISH NEWS...

PICTURED ROCKS CAMP: We have another exciting summer planned for 2014. This year we will discover who Jesus is and how knowing Him enables us to be our true selves. We brought back your favorite camps, added some new ones and created some new activities. All campers receive a water bottle and group photo of their week and any Picture Rock camper registered by March 21 will receive a free t-shirt during their week of camp.

NEVER BEEN TO PICTURED ROCKS? Sign up for “A Taste of Camp” on May 31 from 2:00-8:00pm. Come check out the camp and learn more about Picture Rocks during an afternoon of fun and food - all at no cost! This is a great opportunity to experience what camp is allabout, meet the staff and sample some camp activities including swimming, s'mores, and much more. Pre-register for this event by calling or emailing the camp office by Saturday, May 17th. 866-651-1223 or PicturedRocks.Camp@iaumc.org

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY - March 30, 2014

Your GIFT TODAY . . . Helps a Child Smile, a Family Recover and a Community Rebuild After Disaster Strikes.

“It’s more important than ever that churches like ours rise up. We’ve got to be community for people who (now) don’t have one. We must light the darkness for others.”
—The Rev. Tish Malloy, First United Methodist Church, Moore, Okla.

Worshippers arriving June 2, 2013, at First United Methodist Church in Moore, Okla., found the church lacked electricity. They didn’t need it. The Son powered that Sunday morning service.

For almost two weeks, the church had charged into the chaos caused by a tornado May 20. Two dozen people died. Thousands of homes were gone. When another round of deadly tornadoes struck May 31, church members kept giving and serving even without electricity and water.

EQUIPPED TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE The senior pastor, the Rev. Tish Malloy, threw open the doors of the church and prepared to give, proclaiming, “We have life!” Children scurried to select activity kits. Additional folding chairs appeared as the crowd grew. Passing the peace of Christ now held extra meaning.

With your generous gift, First Church in Moore, Okla., can continue as a long-term UMCOR recovery center.

YOUR GIFT MATTERS TO SURVIVORS OF DISASTER. Your donation to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables UMCOR to serve children, families and communities when disaster strikes. Thank you for giving generously today.

One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. The offering provides administrative support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief as it responds to disaster survivors and people in need around the world.

United Methodists relate to **One Great Hour of Sharing** by supporting UMCOR’s ongoing work, responding in times of disaster and telling the story of UMCOR’s ministry.

Hot Topics Sermon Series



Pastor Jon is planning a future sermon series titled "Hot Topics" and rather than come up with his own list he would like to hear what's on your mind. What are the hot topics or issues you would like to see addressed. If there is a subject that you would like to see Pastor Jon cover then write it down and give it to Pastor Jon or turn it into the office. While he may not be able to cover all the subjects turned in, we will try to pick several of your most requested topics.



Your help is needed to update our records. Each Sunday during March there will be cards available in the foyer for you to update your contact information. This information is critical as we are expanding our communication tools. Please take a few minutes to fill out one of these cards (please print clearly) and place the card in the offering plate or in the special basket in the foyer. Please contact the

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CHURCH RECORD UPDATES

ONE CARD PER PERSON --- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ---

Name			
Address			
City/State/Zip			
Telephone	HM	Cell	Other
e-Mail			
*1 Birthday			
*1 Anniversary			
Text Messages	Can we send text messages to your cell phone? YES [] NO []		
*1	Only the month and day will be identified outside the office use.		
	We will include all your phone numbers & e-mail in future church directory unless indicated for "Office Use Only" by an 		

Please place in the offering plate, give to an usher, or place in the basket in the foyer

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins on Sunday March 9. Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead** Saturday night before you go to sleep!!
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THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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HEALTHY CHURCH MOMENT: We wouldn't read the newspaper if the news were the same every day. The same applies to Worship. Keeping the form consistent is comforting but the content needs to change.

How to make sure worship stays fresh:

- God is the focus of worship
- Worship is experimental
- Worship is about content, not form
- Worship is highly participatory
- Worship values creativity
- Worship is more than words

~Healthy Church Initiative
Pam Kirk and Mary Moore

FINANCIAL FACTS

Fact: 2013 Expenses Budget: \$70,362

Fact: \$5,863.50 needed per Month for Expenses

Fact: \$1,353 needed per Week for Expenses

Contributions	
2/2	\$1043.38
2/9	\$887.00
2/16	\$420.00
2/23	\$1217.00

Attendance	
2/2	36
2/9	40
2/16	26
2/23	44

Note: the Bietz property monthly payment is \$225.16.
Thank you for your continued Pledged Contributions.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Rita Schuchman
3 Pastor Jon Moss
4 Lori Sperflage
6 Janice Happel
6 Justin Plate
8 Beth Gritton
9 Jeff Carrothers
15 Laura Gingrich
15 Logan Morrison
16 Kelsey Henle
16 Andrea Boddicker



17 Cutter Shefelbine
19 Mackinze Carrothers
23 Jason Gritton
28 Kyle Sloan
29 Jack Martin-Enos

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

19 Kevin & Bev Hines
24 Richard & Judy Burns

If your special day is not listed here, please contact Virginia Lyttle at the church office.

*MARCH **COMMUNION STEWARD** - Volunteers needed*

Ushers & Greeters



MARCH GREETERS

2 Julie Hoover
9 *Volunteers needed*
16 *Volunteers needed*
23 *Volunteers needed*
30 *Volunteers needed*

MARCH USHERS

2 *Volunteers needed*
9 *Volunteers needed*
16 *Volunteers needed*
23 *Volunteers needed*
30 *Volunteers needed*

MARCH BAKED GOODS

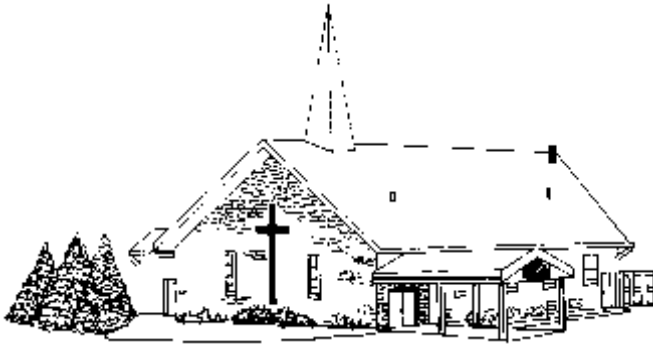
2 Kristi Caves
9 *Volunteers needed*
16 *Volunteers needed*
23 *Volunteers needed*
30 *Volunteers needed*

MARCH NURSERY

2 Kristi Caves
9 *Volunteers needed*
16 *Volunteers needed*
23 *Volunteers needed*
30 *Volunteers needed*

Please add *your name* to the sign-up sheet at the church.

ALBURNETT UNITED METHODIST - MARCH 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School			7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service @ Prairie Chapel			Turn your clocks ahead!
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight Saving Time begins 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School		7:00pm Joint Worship Comm. @ Prairie Chapel	9:00am UMW Workday & Meeting 6:00pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Joint SPPRC	9:30am Music Selection Team		
16	17	18	19	20	Newsletter Deadline 21	22
9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School			6:00pm Confirmation Class			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School			6:00pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Administrative Council			
30	31					
9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School			Office Hours are subject to variability please call before stopping in. Pastor Jon's phone: 319-651-4883. Alburnett Office: 842-2388, Mon-Wed-Fri 8:30-10:30AM. Prairie Chapel office: 377-7506, Tue-Thu 8:30-10:30AM.			



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our Web Site at www.prairiechapelmario.org

STEWARDSHIP

When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...

PRAYERS: Pray for Peace. Prayers for all those recovering from surgery, illness or injury and those undergoing treatments. Pray for all service men and women, for their safe return to their homes.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly General Offerings:

2/2	45
2/9	61
2/16	34
2/23	40

2/2	\$2571
2/9	\$1270
2/16	\$1398
2/23	\$1492

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who helped with and ate at the pancake brunch on February 9.

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on March 13 at 7:00PM, one week later than usual due to the Co-Op supper on the 6th. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck supper. We have lots of conversation and laughs and would love for you to join us!

ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY: Come help us on Cleanup and Work Day on Saturday, March 29, beginning at 9:00AM. Everyone is encouraged to come and help clean up, spruce up and fix up our church building and property. Many Hands make Light Work! Lunch provided.

THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 CARLEY TRUMM
- 4 NICOLE LILLEBERG
- 3 JON MOSS
- 4 CHRISTOPHER GRISWOLD
- 5 CLETUS REINHARDT
- 6 TESSALY ROBERTSON
- 8 CONNIE WALTHER
- 10 ZACHARY GARLINGHOUSE
- 13 BRENTON BLACKFORD
- 13 PATRICK CORY
- 14 MARK MATTKE
- 17 BETHANN THOMPSON
- 19 MATT MARTIN
- 20 MITCH MARTIN

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 REGAN NEBERGALL
- 21 ROY OLINGER
- 22 DAVID MARTIN
- 23 DONNA MOONEY
- 23 CALEB MASON
- 24 TRACI POSTLETHWAIT
- 25 ALANNA NIETERT
- 25 KRIS BLACKFORD
- 27 OLIVIA NEBERGALL
- 31 HOLLY BLACKFORD HALL
- MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
- 14 DENNIS & SHARON SEJKORA
- 25 PATRICK & STEPHANIE CORY

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MARCH COMMUNION STEWARD - volunteer needed



MARCH USHERS/GREETERS

- 2 Barb & Dale Garlinghouse
- 9 Volunteers needed
- 16 Volunteers needed
- 23 Volunteers needed
- 30 Volunteers needed

FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

- 2 Volunteers needed
- 9 Volunteers needed
- 16 Volunteers needed
- 23 Nebergalls
- 30 Volunteers needed

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the church.

UMW NEWS: UMW will meet Thursday, March 20 at 1:00PM.

Program & Devotions: Leann Bowman

Hostesses: Carrie Robertson & Leah Nebergall

PRAIRIE CHAPEL IS ON FACEBOOK!! If you are a current Facebook user please come check out our page, just search for Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church. (If you are not a current Facebook user, it is free and it only takes a minute.) If you like what you see hit the "Like" button and keep up to date with church events, weather cancellations, mission work and much more. Please share



our page with your friends and let them know about our little country church with a large heart for others. If you have questions or need help with this please email Leann Bowman at isu_cloneme@yahoo.com

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