

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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A Word from Pastor Jon



If holidays can be said to be a color, for me, Thanksgiving is a "brown holiday" mixed in with the reds, yellow, and orange colored leaves we all enjoy this time of year. We are not quite ready for the frenzied red of the secular Christmas. Brown is a peaceful, earthy tone that I see in the area as I am driving around with enjoying the sight of fallen leaves, dried cornstalks and landscapes at rest after the harvest.

A peaceful color is appropriate for the day. Other than a trip to the grocery store, there is, thank God, no shopping season in preparation for Thanksgiving. There are no office parties, no tinsel and no obligatory gift exchanges. More than any other special day, Thanksgiving remains private and personal. And, as someone has said, no one is "complaining that they have somehow taken the thanks out of Thanksgiving."

No one has needed to make that complaint, for even the most hardened of us recognize that undeserved blessings come our way. Some who are less conversant with the vocabulary of the church might substitute "good luck" or "opportunities" for "blessings," but the fact remains that the majority of us are aware that life graces us with gifts we've done nothing to earn. Most of us absorbed the meaning of Thanksgiving Day as first-graders when we portrayed Pilgrims in construction paper hats or bonnets or friendly Indians in cardboard feathers we'd colored with crayons. We learned that the day was for offering thanks.

Christians have an advantage at Thanksgiving because we know who to thank. Our faith provides a perspective that enables us to see that boons and bounty are not something owed to us, but gifts from a loving God. Christians understand that even in hard times, when obvious blessings seem scarce, we are still abundantly graced with life itself -- a wonderful gift -- and with the abiding presence of God.

I am thankful for my family, friends, the life that God has given me, and certainly the congregations that I have been blessed to love and serve. As you offer thanks to God on this day set apart, may the brown peace of gratitude flood your soul.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

Inclement Weather Policy



Winter is fast approaching and it's time for us to be reminded how we will communicate to you when inclement weather forces us to cancel or delay our Sunday worship service and

classes, we will post such notice in the following locations:

KCRG TV Channel 9

KCRG TV Web Site - <http://www.kcrg.com/cancellations>

Church Web sites

Prairie Chapel will also post cancellations on their Facebook page

These notices will be made by 8:00AM Sunday morning. If no such notice appears by this time, then you should assume we are having worship as planned. This decision will consider road conditions, access to our worship site, and whether power & heat is available. Of course, we also want to encourage everyone to make good, safe decisions regardless of whether we cancel the worship service or not!

Newsletter Deadlines for Fall 2014

Your Newsletter Received

November 26th

December 29th

Newsletter Articles due in Office

November 14th

December 15th

SENIOR LIVING

Moundview Manor Scott Meadows Trinity Pointe

WHO DOES THE CHORES?

Our very able and capable maintenance man, Jerry LaBaw, is in charge of keeping the "physical plants" up and running at Moundview Manor, Scott Meadows, and Trinity Pointe. He will do everything from changing light bulbs to repairing the heating system. Jerry has had experience in many phases of maintenance and is available during business hours and after for emergencies. Residents must turn in a written request for maintenance items in their apartments.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

MarionSeniorLiving.com

United Methodist Student Day is November 30



“I want to be a bridge between the people who make policy for hostile areas and the people who are most affected by violence.” ~Jill Baggerman, United Methodist Student Day Scholarship recipient

United Methodist Student Day scholarship recipient Jill Baggerman is studying to be a peacemaker as a graduate student at the United Nations University in Tokyo.

Baggerman credits her home church with the first stage of preparation to change her world: “The church gave me plenty of training and practice in leading.” She led Bible studies throughout high school and an adult mission trip to India.

“My long-term goal,” she explained, “is to make a significant contribution to preventing a conflict by bringing solutions to the root causes.”

EMPOWERED STUDENTS ARE PREPARED STUDENTS.

But Baggerman couldn't have done it without help. She received a United Methodist Student Day scholarship as she worked her way through the University of Texas. “It was difficult to study for classes and work at the same time,” she said. “But if the church doesn't help, then who will? That is why this scholarship is significant.”

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY. YOUR FINANCIAL HELP MATTERS.

Your donation today empowers students preparing to help the suffering while speaking the truth in love. The United Methodist Student Day offering provides scholarships and student loans for United Methodist students like Baggerman. Thank you for making a gift today.

United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The offering provides scholarships and student loans for qualified United Methodist applicants.

Please give generously on United Methodist Student Day Thank You!



Remember:
Set your clocks back
Daylight Saving Time
Ends Sunday,
November 1, 2014

Daylight-Saving Time Ends



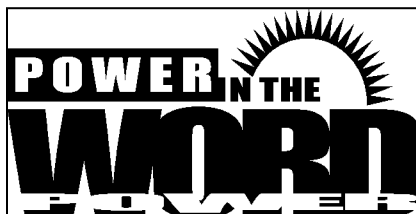
ALL SAINTS DAY: Celebrate on Sunday, November 2, with a special **Litany of Remembrance** service as we remember those who have passed away since we celebrated all saints day last year.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: The Hanging of the Greens is a time of preparation done just before the first Sunday in Advent. It is based on the English tradition of decorating the home with wreaths, garlands, a Christmas tree, and evergreens for Advent and Christmas. In our church setting, it readies the sanctuary (and church family) for the season of Advent and Christmas. Please join us for the *Hanging of the Greens* immediately after the service on November 23rd at both churches.



UMC RESPONSE TO THE EBOLA CRISIS: The United Methodist Church and its partners are responding to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa. The deadly virus has claimed lives in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

The church effort involves treatment, prevention, communication and public education. The response is a joint effort by West African United Methodist church leaders and regional health boards, denominational health facilities, missionaries and the denomination's general agencies.



NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

November 1, 2014 All Saints Day	Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 34:1–10, 22; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12
November 2, 2014 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 3:7–17; Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13; Matthew 23:1–12
November 9, 2014 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30
November 23, 2014 Christ the King Sunday	Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46
November 27, 2014 Thanksgiving Day	Deuteronomy 8:7–18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6–15; Luke 17:11–19
November 30, 2014 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

ARE YOU HEADED SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

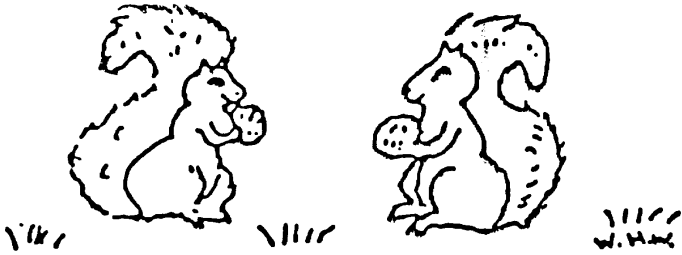
UPDATE



Your help is needed to update our records. Each Sunday 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 office if you would like a card mailed or e-mailed to you.

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



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at <http://www.fmtcs.com/web/alburnettumc/>

Alburnett - Youth Bake Sale



Right after the Worship Service

November 23, 2014

Help your youth as they raise funds to furnish the youth room with

chairs and general decor update for the new Middle School Small Group Meetings. We need your help so please plan to visit and support the Youth Bake Sale!

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	
10/5	41
10/12	33
10/19	39
10/26	n/a

Attendance	
10/5	1137.38
10/12	1139.00
10/19	533.00
10/26	n/a

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

Dorothy Sherman has a new phone number: 319-929-9039. Update your contact list!

The Church Chatterer...

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ROY QUAAS
- 3 CHARLES HITE
- 4 JUSTICE CALLAHAN
- 5 BRIE SPERFSLAGE
- 6 ROBERTA ALTES
- 6 BETTY WRIGHT
- 9 BRETT HOUTS
- 10 TRICIA REDIG
- 11 BILLIE JO QUAAS
- 11 TAYLER ETZEL
- 12 KERRI SLOAN
- 13 DAVID KIRK
- 15 MICHAEL HENLE

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 MARGARET MILLARD
- 16 LUCY STEVENSON
- 17 PAM MARTIN
- 17 TERI JOHNSON
- 22 PAM KIRK
- 24 BEV LAWRENCE
- 25 TANNER SLOAN
- 27 AVERY REED
- 30 ROGER ALTES

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 DAVE & MARILYN HART

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

Ushers & Greeters



November Communion Steward:

Mary Moore

NOVEMBER GREETERS

- 2 Tommy & Mary Moore
- 9 Dorothy Sherman & Julie Hoover
- 16 Don & Janice Happel
- 23 volunteers needed
- 30 volunteers needed

NOVEMBER USHERS

- 2 Everett Schilling & Ken Andrews
- 9 volunteers needed
- 16 volunteers needed
- 23 volunteers needed
- 30 David & Pam Kirk

NOVEMBER BAKED GOODS

- 2 Carol Smith
- 9 Shirley Andrews
- 16 Janice Happel
- 23 Julie Hoover
- 30 Pam Kirk

NOVEMBER NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 2 Lori Sperfslage
- 9 Pam Kirk
- 16 volunteers needed
- 23 volunteers needed
- 30 volunteers needed

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

Doris Frazier moved at the end of October.

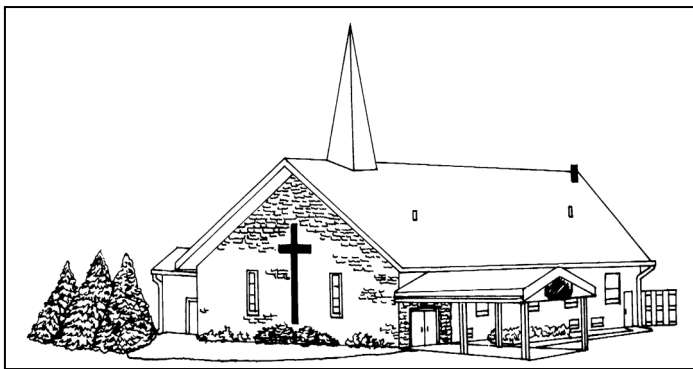
Her new address is:

Doris A. Frazier

John Knox Village

1912D NW Cherry Street

Lee's Summit, Missouri 64081



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

STEWARDSHIP

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

PRAYERS: Pray for safety for farmers doing harvest work. Pray for those with health concerns, and the home-bound. Pray for those recovering from illness/surgery. Pray for peace.

PRESENCE:
Bring a Friend!!
Weekly Attendance:

10/5	44
10/12	46
10/19	43
10/26	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.
Weekly Offerings:

10/5	\$2,222
10/12	\$1387
10/19	\$784
10/26	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....Thank you to all who donated food and helped with the soup supper. It was a great success. Thanks to everyone who donated cash and items and worked to complete kits for the annual InGathering.

UMW NEWS: Next Meeting Thursday, November 20 at 1:00PM.
Program and Devotions: Donna Timm. Hostesses: Laura Falcon & Vicki Martin. Business Meeting and Thank Banks.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, November 6 at 7:00PM at the church. See you there!



Prairie Chapel will be hosting a Kids Outreach Food packing event on November 15 from 9:00-11:00AM. This will be a

cooperative effort with the Indian Creek 4-H club. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Volunteers are needed to come at 8:00AM to be core volunteers to make sure materials are in place, etc. There will be a bucket in the Narthex for additional donations to purchase more food to pack. If you have any questions call Marcia Jordan 319-929-1872. For more information about the Outreach program, visit their website at www.outreachprogram.org/



Anyone interested in playing in the Handbell Choir, to perform on Sunday, December 14 in worship, please contact Dora Nielson, 377-2927.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Prairie Chapel's Thanksgiving



Offering will be given to CROP. The Walk took place the first Sunday of October, but we can still donate to help feed hungry people right here in Linn County and across the country. We will receive the offering on

Sunday, November 23. *We will also be collecting non-perishable groceries in the Cornucopia each Sunday.*

THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Albert Martin
- 2 Teresa Seibert
- 5 Judy Kotrba
- 5 Kimberly Jordan
- 8 Chip Kohl
- 9 Olivia Nietert
- 9 Samantha Smith
- 11 Aiden Miles Clemens
- 11 Jennifer Thompson
- 12 Sue Zier
- 13 Nolan Nietert
- 17 Jeff Scott
- 18 Orv Banasik




- 23 Jack Walther
- 25 Preston Martin
- 25 Carrie Robertson
- 25 Reg Eberle
- 30 Trevor Coberly

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Norm & Dora Nielson
- 23 LaVerne & Celia Henderson
- 27 Darrell & Donna Timm

If Your Special Day is not listed here, please drop a note to or call Virginia Lyttle at the Church Office.

NOVEMBER COMMUNION STEWARD - Lois Martin

<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>	NOVEMBER USHERS/GREETERS	NOVEMBER ACOLYTES
	2 Paul & Dorothy Martin	2
	9 volunteers needed	9
	16 James & Judy Kotrba	16
	23 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse	23
	30 volunteers needed	30

Volunteers Needed

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



I just wanted to thank everyone who participated in the card shower for Marie Kendall's 80th birthday party celebration. She was surprised, thrilled and had great fun opening up all of the cards that I placed in a decorated basket. By the time I delivered the basket to her on Saturday, 10/5 she had received 85 cards and since then 16 more have trickled in. I'd say it was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who helped to make it possible. Thank you again!

God bless all of you, Julie Kendall Fry

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						Thanksgiving InGathering Daylight Saving Time Ends
All Saints Day Observance 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1:00 Middle School Youth Group		Voting Place				
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Secretary's office hours: Mon-Wed-Fri @ Alburnett from 8:30-10:30AM. Tue-Thu 8:30-10:30AM @ PRAIRIE CHAPEL FROM 8:30-10:30AM.

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