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AND

THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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A Word from Pastor Jon



The New Year has begun!

I love new beginnings and I hope you do to. The year 2014 seemed to go so fast and we are beginning 2015. I know that this will be a challenging year for us as we continue to prepare for what God has in store for us and how we can better and more faithfully follow him in making disciples for the transformation of the world.

That is the mission of our church! We will start right here in our own church and community.

I am excited about launching a church wide study on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Bishop Robert Schnase, (Abingdon Press, 2007), in his book by the same name, offers insights on how congregations can become more fertile in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. It examines actions that churches and individuals can take to embody a more vibrant ministry, increase their spiritual potential, and excel in fruitfulness. The five practices are: radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity. We will use this book to begin honest conversations about the life and mission of our church and create a new vision for our own ministry.

I ask that you prayerfully join me in this season of study, evaluation and action. I will need people to help plan and organize this church wide emphasis that will start in spring of 2015. Are you interested in helping us accomplish this? This will be broken down into small tasks or groups so if you only have a little time you can still help and we need you. The first teams to be created will be a prayer team and communication team. Please contact me by calling the church office or send an email to me at jon.moss@iaumc.net and let me know that you are want to help in this emphasis. We'll find the right area for you to participate.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

Inclement Weather Policy

If inclement weather forces us to cancel our Sunday worship services and classes, we will communicate to the congregation by several methods. We will post weather related closures on KCRG Channel 9 TV. Additionally, we will post such notices on our websites www.alburnettumc.org, www.prairiechapelmarion.org, and on the Prairie Chapel Facebook page 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 are available.

If inclement weather forces us to cancel our Wednesday participation in 4:12 Youth Group we will post such notice on our websites by 3:00PM. Of course, even if we decide to hold services, your local conditions may warrant you staying at home. We want to encourage everyone to make good, safe decisions!



Thank you!!

I want to express my appreciation for all the expressions of love and care you have given my family and me over the holidays. I am always touched by your gracious and loving spirit. I so enjoyed sitting in my chair and reading the cards and notes that you sent us. Your gifts of love and appreciation touch our hearts and we are thankful to be here to serve you.

~Pastor Jon and family.

SENIOR LIVING

Moundview Manor Scott Meadows Trinity Pointe

Some of our Seniors have been enjoying a monthly trip to Walmart for just \$1.00. They have a chance to shop and have lunch "out." However, with the funds being cut from many government programs, this small bus service is to be no more. If any of you reading this would like to help continue this outing, just call Bev Pelley at 373-8302 and volunteer.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Follow us on our website: MarionSeniorLiving.com

Newsletter Deadline for February 2015

<u>Newsletter Articles due in Office</u>	January 15
<u>Your Newsletter Received</u>	January 29



Human Relations Day is January 18, 2015

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called “the least of these.” Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- ◆ An immigrant teenager in Texas’ poorest county, being recruited by a local gang.
- ◆ A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- ◆ An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work.

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that’s what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God’s children to realize their potential.

Equipping The United Methodist Church to Be the Church

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, allows the work of folks like Bruce and Becky Ballou to build relationships with those teens in Texas. Your gift allows Montey Payne to lead recovering addicts towards healing. And your gift helps Rev. Steve Burr find work for ex-offenders.

This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give. Will you continue to support Human Relations Day? Will you continue nurturing at-risk youth, strengthening communities’ self-improvement efforts and advocating for the oppressed?

Rev. I Maliik Safir, whose church works with those gripped by addiction in Little Rock, sums up the work of Human Relations Day by recalling Jesus’ story of the Good Samaritan: “to meet the poor, the disadvantaged and the underserved at the places where others have robbed them and help them to recover from the wounds of social inequality.”



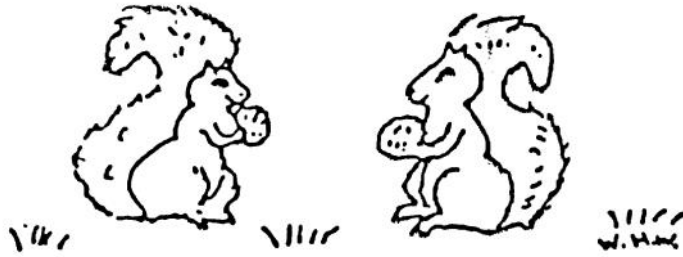
JANUARY LECTIONARY READINGS	
January 1, 2015 New Year's Day	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46
January 4, 2015 Epiphany Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
January 11, 2015 Baptism of the Lord; 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
January 18, 2015 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	I Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
January 25, 2015 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

HELP US KEEP UP TO DATE!

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 New Web Site at
<http://www.alburnettumc.org>

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	
11/30	\$1180.00
12/7	\$1353.25
12/14	\$552.00
12/21	\$1503.38
12/28	\$1293.00

Attendance	
11/30	32
12/7	50
12/14	20
12/21	47
12/28	44

ALBURNETT UMC - LAY LEADERSHIP 2015
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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL Dave Kirk, Chairperson
 Recording Secretary Mary Moore
 Lay Leader To Be Filled
 Treasurer Julie Hoover
 Finance Secretary Carol Smith
 Church Historian TBD
 Chair of Trustees Bill Sloan & Tim Lange
 Chair of Finance Committee Julie Hoover
 Chair of SPPRC Mary Moore
 Chair of Missions Committee To Be Elected by Missions Committee
 Chair of Worship Committee Marcy Machacek
 Chair of Parsonage Committee Ardith Smith
 Lay Member to Annual Conference Mary Moore
 Membership Secretary Shirley Andrews
 Chair of Committee on Lay Leadership Pastor Jon C. Moss

TRUSTEES Co-Chairs are Bill Sloan & Tim Lange
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Roberta Cameron Don Happel Bill Sloan
 Paula Horak Alan Sperflage David Kirk
 Tim Lange Ken Andrews

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Ardith Smith Fill from Trustees June Smith

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE Mary Moore, Chairperson
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Pam Kirk Judy Burns Mary Moore

FINANCE COMMITTEE Chairperson Julie Hoover
 Finance Secretary Carol Smith
 Chair of Trustees Bill Sloan
 Lay Leader To Be Filled
 Lay Member to Annual Conference Mary Moore
 Ad Council Chair Dave Kirk
 SPPRC Representative To Be Appointed by SPPRC
 Church Treasurer Julie Hoover
 Pastor Jon C. Moss
 Member-At-Large To Be Filled

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP Pastor Jon Moss, Chairperson
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Marcy Machacek June Smith Roberta Cameron
 Don Happel

MISSIONS COMMITTEE Chairperson to be elected
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Bert Cameron _____ Cletus Sloan

WORSHIP COMMITTEE Marcy Machacek, Chairperson
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Rhonda Lange Julie Hoover Marcy Machacek
 Paula Horak

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Pam Kirk, Chairperson
 All Sunday School Teachers

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Shirley Andrews, Chairperson
 Carol Smith Shirley Andrews June Smith

The Church Chatterer...



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Madison Jo Martin-Enos
- 1 Laura Houts Hirl
- 1 Brady Scott
- 4 Krista McGraw
- 4 Stephanie Machacek Ascher
- 6 Robert Berry
- 7 Jalaa Weaver
- 7 Karmen Hershey
- 9 Virginia Burns
- 10 Joslyn McGraw
- 11 Carol Smith
- 12 Jennifer Berry
- 14 Alan Sperfslage

- 16 Ross Morrison
- 18 Bailey Hemphill
- 20 Peyton Scott
- 23 Kevin Johnson
- 25 Megan Volkl
- 27 Elaine Houts
- 27 Ken Andrews

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Charles & Freida Hite
- 24 Kent & Betty Wright

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

Ushers & Greeters



January Communion Steward:

Mary Moore

JANUARY GREETERS

- 1/4 Kevin Johnson &
- 1/11 Don & Janice Happel
- 1/18 Ken Andrews & Everett Schilling
- 1/25 The Shefelbine family

JANUARY USHERS

- 1/4 Tom & Mary Moore
- 1/11 Volunteers needed
- 1/18 Carol & Ardie Smith
- 1/25 The Shefelbine family

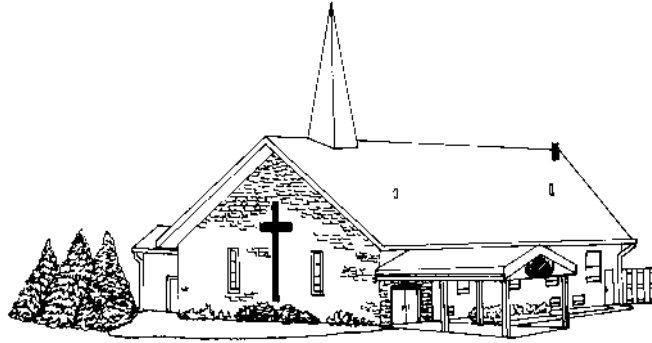
JANUARY BAKED GOODS

- 1/4
- 1/11
- 1/18
- 1/25

JANUARY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 1/4
- 1/11
- 1/18
- 1/25

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



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our New Web Site at www.prairiechapelmarion.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, injury and those undergoing treatments.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

11/30	\$1898
12/7	\$1452
12/14	\$1416
12/21	\$1891
12/28	\$1155

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

11/30	64
12/7	38
12/14	56
12/21	44
12/28	39

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who donated, loaned, set up, cleaned up, and otherwise helped at this year's Living Nativity. We had a good crowd.

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

United Methodist Women: The UMW will next meet on January 15 at 1:00PM.

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 ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL Wyatt Blackford, Chairperson
 Recording Secretary Connie Walther
 Lay Leader Wayne Blackford
 Treasurer Karen Martin
 Finance Secretary Barb Garlinghouse/Kevin Banasik
 Church Historian Kathy Clemens
 Chair of Trustees Bud Blackford
 Chair of Finance Committee Stephen Martin
 Chair of SPPRC Dale Garlinghouse
 Chair of Missions Committee Lois Martin
 Chair of Worship Committee Kevin Banasik
 Lay Member to Annual Conf. Mary Moore (Alburnett)
 Membership Secretary Mary Ann Beckner
 Chair of Committee on Lay Leadership Pastor Jon C. Moss
 UMW President Emma Miller
 Sunday School Superintendent Kathy Clemens
 Camping, Adult, & Family Ministries Tim & Kathy Clemens
 Youth Coordinators Kathy Clemens & Wayne Blackford
 Communications Coordinator Virginia Lyttle
 Trustees Bud Blackford, Chairperson
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Jared Bowman Orville Banasik Dan Lyttle
 Kevin Banasik Bud Blackford Tim Clemens
 Marcia Jordan Connie Walther
 SOCIAL CONCERNS
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Kris Blackford Kathy Clemens Emma Miller
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
 Sunday School Superintendent Kathy Clemens
 Sunday School Treasurer Dan Lyttle
 Youth Coordinators Kathy Clemens & Wayne Blackford
 Camping, Adult, & Family Ministries Tim and Kathy Clemens
 STAFF PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE Dale Garlinghouse,
 Chair
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 David Martin Sharon Banasik Dale Garlinghouse |
 LeeAnn Bowman
 FINANCE COMMITTEE Stephen Martin, Chairperson
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 SPRC Representative Dale Garlinghouse
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 Pastor Jon C. Moss
 LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Sharon Banasik Wyatt Blackford Kevin Banasik
 Marcia Jordan Kris Blackford Dale Garlinghouse
 Wayne Blackford Jeff Jordan Dick Walther
 MISSIONS COMMITTEE
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Carrie Robertson Sharon Banasik Lois Martin
 WORSHIP COMMITTEE Kevin Banasik, Chairperson
 -- 2015 -- -- 2016 -- -- 2017 --
 Wyatt Blackford LeAnn Bowman Mary Ann Beckner
 Dora Nielson Barb Garlinghouse Kevin Banasik
 Emma Miller

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Natalie Nielson
- 4 Joe Trumm
- 10 Irene Thompson
- 10 Sharon Bowers
- 11 Loyd Martin
- 17 Dale Garlinghouse
- 18 Reagan Robinson
- 19 Judy Nietert
- 21 Willis Dettman
- 24 Lois Martin



- 26 Emma Miller
- 30 Margaret Kneef
- 31 Michael Clemens

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Bud & Kris Blackford
- 16 Greg & Natalie Nielson
- 26 Loyd & Lois Martin

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

DECEMBER COMMUNION STEWARD - Emma Miller



JANUARY USHERS/GREETERS

- 1/4 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
- 1/11 Tim & Kathy Clemens
- 1/18 Volunteers needed
- 1/25 James & Judy Kotrba

JANUARY ACOLYTES

- 1/4 Volunteers needed
- 1/11 Regan & Colt Nebergall
- 1/18 Volunteers needed
- 1/25 Olivia & Kale Nebergall

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