

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A Word from Pastor Jon



February is here and we are approaching the season of Lent. After the baptism of Jesus, Matthew tells us (4:1-11) that Jesus was sent into the wilderness by the Spirit, where he fasted and prayed for 40 days. During his time there he was tempted by Satan, but found strength to resist the temptations, and after his 40 days of wilderness experience Jesus was ready to launch his ministry.

There is no doubt that we all face various challenges or changes in our lives, and Lent is a season where we focus on our lives and our relationship with God. It is a time when we seek God for direction and insight concerning our lives and our pathway forward. We all need to take some serious time to pray and listen for God.

As we start our Lenten study on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, it will be a time for us to broaden our understanding and listen for God to speak to us in regards to these key practices that will enhance our effectiveness as a church. I am asking that you obtain *Cultivating Fruitfulness*, the devotional book we will read together as a congregation during our Lenten focus on the Five Practices. Members of every household are encouraged to read these devotions, Scriptures, prayers, and challenges together. Each week, we'll read together about the practice that we'll focus on in the upcoming Sunday worship. Would you join me in this study? I pray that you will. The books are being ordered and will be available before we start the study on Sunday February 22nd.



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!



The Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at Alburnett on February 18th at 7:00pm.

SENIOR LIVING

Moundview Manor Scott Meadows Trinity Pointe
This past year has been one of Celebration as Marion Senior Living Community has reached its milestone 20th year in existence. Growing from the small seed of an idea in 1994, Marion Senior Living Community has blossomed to become a campus composed of three buildings housing over 100 seniors. This could not have happened without YOUR dedication and support!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Follow us on our website: MarionSeniorLiving.com

Newsletter Deadline for March 2015

Newsletter Articles due in Office

February 15

Your Newsletter Received

February 27



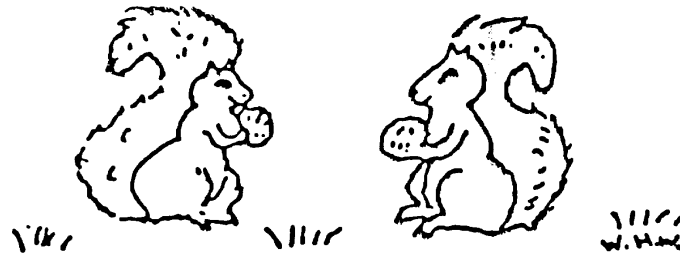
FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS	
February 1, 2015 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28
February 8, 2015 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
February 15, 2015 Transfiguration Sunday	2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
February 18, 2015 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February 22, 2015 1st Sunday in Lent	Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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

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		Attendance	
1/4	\$836.38	1/4	28
1/11	\$655.00	1/11	35
1/18	\$557.00	1/18	45
1/25	\$1191.00	1/25	34

Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone who gave their time to help decorate the church for the Christmas season and those who also helped to take down and store them. We had a great time with our luncheons together after and hope to make this an annual event. We will keep the tradition going by beginning to decorate the Sunday before the first Sunday of Advent and the Sunday after Epiphany with soup furnished, and participants bringing a dish to share. Many hands make light work! The Worship committee.

MISSIONS

We are going to focus in February on the Health Kit. See the list below for items you can donate, and please read carefully, because only certain items and sizes can be put in these kits. There is a collection box in Fellowship Hall. Thank You! ~the Mission Committee

- ☐ 1 hand towel (15 x 25 up to 17 x 27, No kitchen towels)
- ☐ 1 wash cloth ☐ 1 comb (8 in. long and sturdy)
- ☐ 1 toothbrush (unopened in original packaging)
- ☐ 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up in wrapper; no Ivory)
- ☐ 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (3/4 inch)

The Church Chatterer...

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jordyn Callahan
2 Blaine McGraw
4 Kevin Lawrence
5 Shelly Volkl
5 Ryan Burns
6 Deborah Rempt
10 Pat Lawrence
12 Elise Smith
12 Luke Smith
12 Nicole Smith
13 Mary Moore



13 Marcus Hite
15 Lorrie Timmerman
18 Jill Moore Logston
18 Kristina Lange
18 Karen Bolton
21 Susan Cobley Reese
21 Donald Powers
27 Dale Horak
28 Karen Seltrecht

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

Ushers & Greeters



February Communion Steward:
volunteer needed

FEBRUARY GREETERS

2/1 Sperfsлагe
2/8 Ken & Shirley Andrews
2/15 Julie Hoover & Jeanne Bailey
2/22 Don & Janice Happel

FEBRUARY USHERS

2/1 Sperfsлагe
2/8 Ardie & Carol Smith
2/15 Ken Andrews & Ev Schilling
2/22 Howard Powers

FEBRUARY BAKED GOODS

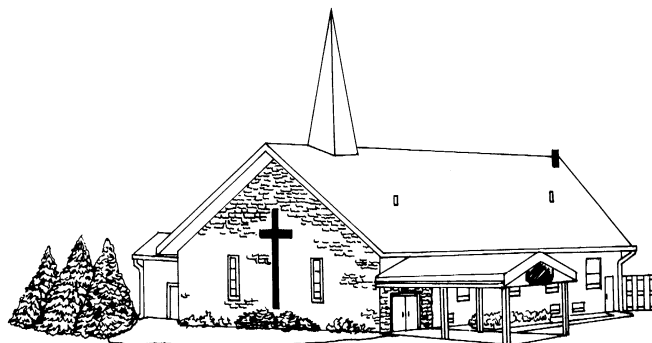
2/1 Cindy Scott
2/8 Shirley Andrews
2/15 Howard Powers
2/22 Carol Smith

FEBRUARY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

2/1 Cindy Scott
2/8 Lori Sperfslage
2/15
2/22

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

ALBURNETT BLOOD DRIVE - On February 11, from 2:30 - 6:30PM,
at Alburnett United Methodist Church. You may make an
appointment by calling 1-800-747-5401.



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 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:

1/4	\$2186
1/11	\$1431
1/18	\$1208
1/25	\$1111

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

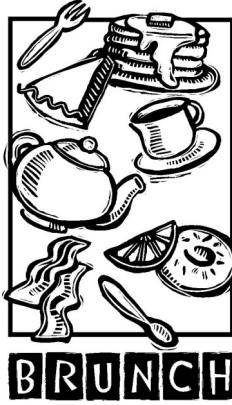
Weekly Offerings:

1/4	36
1/11	52
1/18	42
1/25	55

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to our generous congregation for supporting the Mission Projects of Prairie Chapel

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30PM at the church. See you there!

United Methodist Women: The UMW will next meet on Wednesday, February 11 at 12:00PM for our annual lunch out. Details to be announced.



SAVE YOUR APPETITE!

A brunch to help fund the playground is set for February 8 after church. Menu includes eggs, pancakes, sausages, biscuits & gravy, fruit, pastries/coffee cake, milk, juice, coffee, all for a free will offering.

FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT - HEALTH KITS

We will be collecting items for the UMCOR Health Kit during the month of February. Please bring these items to the church.

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- ☐ 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages ($\frac{3}{4}$ inch)



An "all church" Work Day is set for Saturday, March 28 (the day before Palm Sunday) starting at 9:00AM. Lunch will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE and keep in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning: The UMW will sponsor a Rummage Sale April 15-16.



PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Cindy Ditzenberger
3 Leann Bowman
3 Erik Lilleberg
4 Dana Nietert
8 Roni Eberle
11 Vicki Martin
13 Barbara Waltz
14 Faith Martin
11 Paul Cory



15 Jeanna Lilleberg
15 Kevin Thompson
19 Faye Neal
25 Stephen Martin
25 Dana Ditzenberger
28 Tim Clemens

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

FEBRUARY COMMUNION STEWARD - Emma Miller



FEBRUARY USHERS/GREETERS

2/1 Kevin Banasik & Orv Banasik
2/8 Dan & Virginia Lyttle
2/15 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
2/22 Tim & Kathy Clemens

FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

2/1 Volunteers needed
2/8 Nebergalls
2/15 Volunteers needed
2/22 Emily & Blake Ritze

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



Find us on
Facebook

Many pictures of Prairie Chapel events, past and present, have been posted on Facebook. Check it out!!