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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM

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A Word from Pastor Jon

Without Easter, the Christian faith is in vain.

That's what the apostle Paul says: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).

The reason for this is that Christ's Resurrection not only gives us hope for eternal life, but it also confirms that what Jesus said in his earthly life was true. Jesus said he would rise from the dead. If he hadn't, who would have taken his teachings seriously thereafter?

"But in fact **Christ has been raised from the dead**," Paul says (1 Corinthians 15:20). The resurrection was God's stamp of authenticity on Jesus, proclaiming, "Yes, Jesus is my Son. Yes, he has overcome death. Yes, what he told you is true. We can trust him! We can follow him!"

I trust that you will be able to join in as we celebrate and worship our mighty God. There will be special worship opportunities at our Churches during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. These include:

Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM at Prairie Chapel

Good Friday 7:00 PM at Alburnett UMC

Alburnett Community Easter Sunrise Service

7:00 AM at Alburnett Christian Church

Easter Service 9:00 AM at Prairie Chapel

Easter Service 10:30 AM at Alburnett UMC

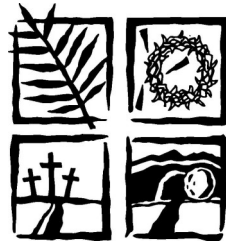
Within this newsletter you will also find information concerning the Easter offering and the mission activity it will be used to support. Please give prayerful consideration to the gift you will make.

We hope you can join us on Easter Sunday in celebrating Christ's resurrection.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

PARISH NEWS...



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2015 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

7:00PM at Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church

Good Friday Worship Service

7:00PM at Alburnett United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

7:00AM **Community Sunrise Service** at Alburnett Christian Church,

9:00AM Worship at Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church

10:30AM Worship at Alburnett United Methodist Church



NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTING SOON: 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

Church Office Hours are subject to variability; please call before stopping in.

Pastor Jon's phone: 319-651-4883. Alburnett Office: 842-2388, Prairie Chapel office: 377-7506

Pastor Jon's office hours: Mon-Tue @ Alburnett from 9:00AM-12:00NOON Thu @ Prairie Chapel from 9:30am-12:00NOON

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.

PARISH NEWS...

BECOMING A DISCIPLE-MAKING CONGREGATION WITH REV. JIM HARNISH ~ APRIL 24-25

St. Paul's UMC, 1340 3rd Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids. Sponsored by the East Central District Leadership Development Team

"Becoming Intentional About Making Disciples: Developing Your Congregation's Discipleship Pathway." A Workshop for persons in the EC District and friends throughout the IA Conference! This event will provide the tools to help your congregation build an intentional discipleship system in today's world.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: deadline Monday, April 20

You may register for Friday only (\$15); Saturday only (\$15) or Both Days (\$25)

Lunch is included if registered by April 20; after April 20, you will need to bring your own lunch.

Register **OnLine** and send your check payable to IA Annual Conference to EC District Office, 2200 Heritage Green Dr, Hiawatha IA 52233

OR mail your registration and check.

Name: _____

Church Name: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Needs: _____



Your help is needed to update our records. Each Sunday during April 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.



APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS

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| April 1, 2015 Wednesday of Holy Week | Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32 |
| April 2, 2015 Holy Thursday | Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35 |
| April 3, 2015 Good Friday | Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42 |
| April 4, 2015 Easter Vigil The number of readings may vary, but Exodus 14 and at least two other readings from the Old Testament should be used in addition to the New Testament readings. | <i>Old Testament Readings with Psalms:</i> Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 or Psalm 33; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13; Psalm 46; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Exodus 15:1b -13, 17-18; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-6; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Psalm 42; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 143; <i>Second Reading and Psalm:</i> Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 114. <i>Gospel Reading:</i> Mark 5 ⁰ :5-8 |
| April 5, 2015 Easter Day | Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18; or Mark 16:1-8 |
| April 12, 2015 2nd Sunday of Easter | Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31 |
| April 19, 2015 3rd Sunday of Easter | Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35 |
| April 26, 2015 4th Sunday of Easter | Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 |

THE MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Wednesday, April 15. 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... **Native American Ministries Sunday is April 19, 2015**

One tribe in North America has told this story for centuries: when people “pale as birch” crossed the great water in large canoes, they brought with them “The Black Book.” However, the bringers of the physical Book could not have known what it would mean and look like to be Native and a follower of Jesus.

Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors.

Supporting the Ministry of Christ Among Native People

Most Americans today recognize that the history following the arrival of the large canoes bore little resemblance to the one all Christians identify as Creator. That’s why the people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we’re able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations—like New York’s Onandaga Nation UMC and Nebraska’s Native American Sacred Winds congregation—to worship and serve as only they can.

This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give.

Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus

When you support Native American Ministries Day, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

Dr. Richard Twiss, a member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate from the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, asked:

“Will we be allowed to develop new ways of doing church that honor God’s purposes for the creative expression of our cultures? Will new ministry partnerships and coalitions form? Will you help be a part of this wonderful process of reconciliation, restoration and release?”

Say yes.



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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



PICTURE DIRECTORY: A new picture directory is in the works! Wear your Sunday Best and have your picture taken on Sunday, April 19 or Sunday, April 26, following the worship service. We will also be updating your contact information at that time.

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 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| 3/1 | \$638.00 |
| 3/8 | \$941.00 |
| 3/15 | \$635.00 |
| 3/22 | \$1182.00 |
| 3/29 | n/a |

| Attendance | |
|------------|-----|
| 3/1 | 31 |
| 3/8 | 34 |
| 3/15 | 43 |
| 3/22 | 42 |
| 3/29 | n/a |

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

THE ALBURNETT EASTER OFFERING will be donated to Camp Courageous. Camp Courageous is a year-round respite care and recreational facility for individuals of all ages with disabilities. The camp is non-profit organization.

The Church Chatterer...



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 SALLY GLASS
4 JILL HUNT
6 CARRIE OLMSTEAD
7 JUANITA REED
10 DWIGHT PLATE III
11 DON HAPPEL
11 GREG SMITH
11 HEATHER CARROTHERS
16 SHARON MOSS
17 CLETIS SLOAN
19 GERALD HOUTS
19 NATHAN HERSHEY
20 PAT WACHAL
20 GREG GRITTON
22 RICK McGRAW
22 BRIAN SCOTT
23 ROBBY MORRISON
24 MARVIN SUTTON

24 CAVAN HERSHEY
25 ANGIE MOSS
26 BEN MORRISON
28 WILLIAM FARE
29 SALLY KADLEC
29 KENT WRIGHT

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 TIM & RHONDA LANGE
6 ERIC & LAURA (GINGRICH) PITTS
8 TRAVIS & BRANDY STEVENSON
8 DAVID & MARCY MACHACEK
23 TOMMY & MARY MOORE
27 CARISSA & BRIAN LALA
27 TONY & WENDY WIEBOLD
28 GREGG & CYNTHIA SMITH
29 MICHAEL & PAM SHEFELBINE

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

APRIL COMMUNION STEWARD - Julie Hoover

Ushers & Greeters



Additional Communion Servers:

2 additional helpers are needed.

Please sign up!

APRIL GREETERS

5 Roger & Roberta Altes
12 Everett Schilling & Ken Andrews
19 Don & Janice Happel
26 *Volunteers needed*

APRIL USHERS

5 *Volunteers needed*
12 Ardie & Carol Smith
19 *Volunteers needed*
26 *Volunteers needed*

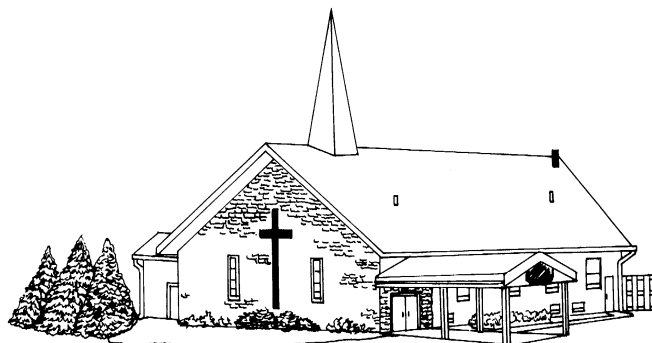
APRIL BAKED GOODS

5 Jeanne Bailey
12 Carol Smith
19 *Volunteers needed*
26 *Volunteers needed*

APRIL NURSERY

5 *Volunteers needed*
12 *Volunteers needed*
19 Lori Sperfslage
26 *Volunteers needed*

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



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our Web Site at www.prairiechapelm Marion.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:

| | |
|------|-----|
| 3/1 | 37 |
| 3/8 | 47 |
| 3/15 | 44 |
| 3/22 | 41 |
| 3/29 | n/a |

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs

approximately \$1485.

Weekly General Offerings:

| | |
|------|--------|
| 3/1 | \$1698 |
| 3/8 | \$1932 |
| 3/15 | \$1670 |
| 3/22 | \$2697 |
| 3/29 | n/a |

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who helped on our clean up day on March 28.

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on April 9 at 6:45PM. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck supper. We have lots of conversation and laughs and would love for you to join us!

EASTER EGG HUNT: The children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour from 10:15-11:15AM.

PICTURE DIRECTORY: A new picture directory is in the works! Wear your Sunday Best and have your picture taken on Sunday, April 19 or Sunday, April 26, following the worship service. We will also be updating your contact information at that time.

UMW News: Change to Meeting Date & Time. There will be a Bible Study in place of our regular UMW meeting, on Wednesday, April 22. "The Church and People with Disabilities" will be led by Deb & J.R. Streff. We will start the day at 9:00AM with coffee, juice and rolls. Bible Study starts at 9:30AM and ends at 2:30PM, with a break for lunch at 11:30AM. There will be a short business meeting following the study. This will take the place of our regular April meeting. Bring a sack lunch; beverage will be provided.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL EASTER OFFERING will be donated to Matthew 25 ministries in Cedar Rapids...Since the flood of 2008, Matthew 25 has worked to rebuild and redevelop flood-impacted neighborhoods through a variety of programs, such as the Block by Block program, which restored nearly 300 homes. Today, Matthew 25 offers a virtual "toolbox for neighborhood building", which includes: Home repair assistance and micro loans; Energy efficient, affordable new home construction; Tool lending library for home repair, lawn and garden; Advocacy and information for new homeowners, potential homeowners, and renters and Mini-grants for neighborhood improvement projects.

Cultivate Hope exists to help build sustainable, healthy communities. The program focuses on teaching kids and families how to grow, eat and preserve fresh, high quality food right in their own neighborhoods. With the support of numerous volunteers, Mathew 25 created Iowa's first urban farm education center in 2012. The two-acre farm is located close to downtown Cedar Rapids on empty lots that had houses before the 2008 flood. This once devastated area now produces food and helps build community on the Northwest side and in greater Cedar Rapids. Through Cultivate Hope, Matthew 25 has also established four school gardens at local schools and provides weekly garden related instruction. We will be expanding to a fifth school garden this year.

Help support Matthew 25 with a generous donation on Easter Sunday, or mail a check to the church.

THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 DAVID MOONEY
6 MORGAN WALTZ
7 JACK SCOTT
8 LINDSEY CLEMENS
9 TENLEY BACH
10 MARILYN KRIEDEL
11 ELAINE COLLET
13 DICK WALTHER
15 STEVE STEWART
15 GARY HANNA
15 ASHLEY FITZGERALD
16 SHARON MOSS
18 LAVERNE HENDERSON
18 NICHOLAS OLINGER



20 ERIC JENSEN
23 DORA NIELSON
23 ANNE ROBINSON
25 ANGIE MOSS
27 CELIA HENDERSON
29 JUSTIN MARTIN
29 TRENTON ROBERTSON

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

11 DAVID & JANICE ADAMS
12 ORVILLE & SHARON BANASIK
27 STEPHEN & KAREN MARTIN
28 DALE & BARB GARLINGHOUSE

***APRIL COMMUNION STEWARD* - Kathy Clemens**

Additional Communion Servers: Emma Miller and Dale Garlinghouse



APRIL USHERS/GREETERS

5 Stephen & Karen Martin
12 Barb & Dale Garlinghouse
19 James Jordan & Holly Ryan
26 Tim & Kathy Clemens

APRIL ACOLYTES

5 Lillebergs
12 Volunteers needed
19 Volunteers needed
26 Jayda & Lillie Bowman

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



CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE: Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17, from 8:00AM-4:00PM. Household goods, clothing, toys, books, etc. You may start to bring clean items in good condition **already priced to sell** after Easter. Plants and baked goods are always appreciated and sell well, too. Proceeds will go to various mission projects.