

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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THE ALBURNETT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND
PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

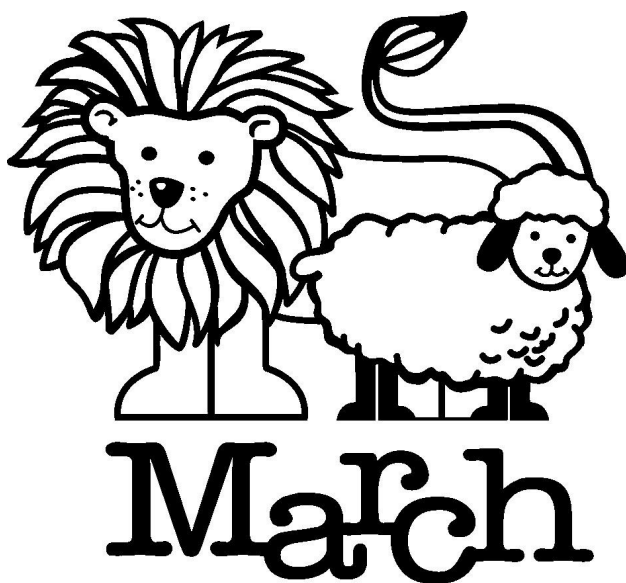
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A Word from Pastor Jon

A Call to Unplug

Perhaps you recall returning to work after vacation and you find all kinds of work that has piled up waiting for your return. So many emails and messages and the list goes on. Before you realize it, your first couple days have been spent in front of a computer screen and you may have had little interaction with people. You know the feeling. We spend a lot more time in front of electronic devices than we think. Next time you're in a waiting room look around at the people who are looking at their phone.

Adele Calhoun in her book *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* says "Normalcy includes having a cell phone, which makes me available and interruptible at meals, in the middle of conversations, in meetings" (p. 86). We have truly become interruptible and in addition to that, our work load and desire for efficiency often drives us to more faceless communication.

During this Lenten season I would like to ask you to join me in setting aside some time to unplug your electronic devices and talk to people face to face. Go visit someone. Use this time for reading scripture and having a prayer time. Pray for your family, friends, community, your church, your Pastor (who always needs your prayer). You can read *Cultivating Fruitfulness*, the devotional book we're reading together, as a congregation, during our Lent. Unplug from the electronic devices and plug into your spiritual life. We were created for personal interaction by a personal God. Too often we settle for times and relationships that circumstances will permit rather than intentional action on our part. We all need these uninterrupted spaces in our lives for the presence of God and others. I hope that you will join me in this effort because this practice of unplugging from some of the distractions and plugging into the presence of God can be a discipline that transforms us. Share with me and others how it goes!

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!

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



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.

Newsletter Deadline for April 2015

Newsletter Articles due in Office

March 15

Your Newsletter Received

March 27



MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS	
March 1, 2015 2nd Sunday in Lent	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38
March 8, 2015 3rd Sunday in Lent	Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
March 15, 2015 4th Sunday in Lent	Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
March 22, 2015 5th Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
March 29, 2015 Passion/Palm Sunday	Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)
March 30, 2015 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
March 31, 2015 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday is March 15, 2015

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Hurricane Sandy of 2012—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act. So don't be fooled by the word committee. Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world. The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do. *When You Give You Equip Christ's Body to Serve in His Name.*



Orders will be taken for Easter Lilies to honor a special person and decorate our church sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may order one by mailing a check for \$10.00 to...

For Alburnett UMC:

Alburnett UMC office, PO Box 88, Alburnett, IA 52202

For Prairie Chapel:

Prairie Chapel, 1817 Prairie Chapel Rd, Marion, Iowa 52302.

Deadline is March 22, 2015

Your Name _____

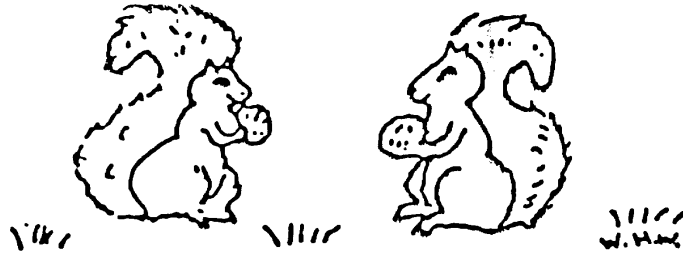
Number of Easter Lilies_____ (attach payment)

In Honor of _____

Or In Memory of _____

Take Home Easter Sunday _____

Leave to decorate church _____



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		Attendance	
2/1	Blizzard	2/1	Blizzard
2/8	\$770.00	2/8	44
2/15	\$1549.00	2/15	23
2/22	\$828.00	2/22	36

MISSIONS

We are going to focus again in March 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...

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

1 Roger & Roberta Altes
19 Kevin & Bev Hines
24 Richard & Judy Burns

Ushers & Greeters



March Communion Steward: Marcy Machacek

MARCH GREETERS

3/1 Bart & Kim Gingrich
3/8 Volunteers needed
3/15 Sperflages
3/22 Don & Janice Happel
3/29 Jeanne Bailey & Julie Hoover

MARCH BAKED GOODS

3/1 Kim Gingrich
3/8 Marcy Machacek
3/15 Volunteers needed
3/22 Volunteers needed
3/29 Volunteers needed

MARCH USHERS

3/1 Volunteers needed
3/8 Dave & Marcy Machacek
3/15 Sperflages
3/22 Volunteers needed
3/29 Volunteer needed

MARCH NURSERY ATTENDANTS

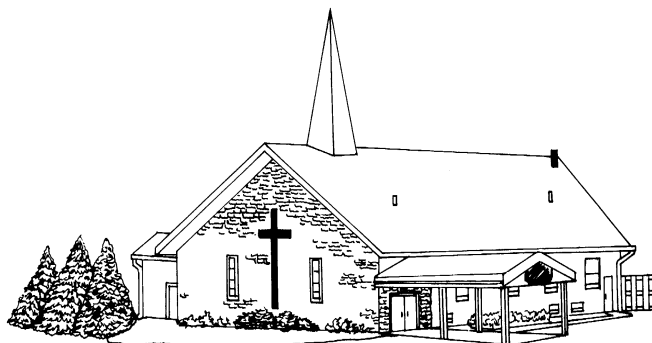
3/1 Volunteers needed
3/8 Volunteers needed
3/15 Kim Gingrich
3/22 Volunteers needed
3/29 Volunteers needed

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

ALBURNETT UNITED METHODIST - MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship			5:00 4:12 Youth			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	6:30pm Boy Scouts		9:00 UMW Work Day & Meeting 5:00 4:12 Youth			
Newsletter Deadline 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
One Great Hour of Sharing 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship			5:00 4:12 Youth			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	6:30pm Boy Scouts		5:00 4:12 Youth 6:30pm SPPRC & Committee Meetings 8:00 Ad Council	6:30pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting		
29	30	31				
9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship						

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THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our New 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 those affected by winter storms & cold weather. Pray for all service men and women, for their safe return to their homes.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

2/1	Blizzard
2/8	58
2/15	37
2/22	41

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

2/1	Blizzard
2/8	\$1,744
2/15	\$1,822
2/22	\$1,821

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who helped with and ate at the pancake brunch on February 8.

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: The UMW will next meet on Thursday, March 19 at 1:00PM. Program & Devotions: Emma Miller. Hostesses: Carrie Robertson & Leah Nebergall.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...

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
20 REGAN NEBERGALL



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
19 JIM & JUDY KOTRBA
25 PATRICK & STEPHANIE CORY

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

MARCH COMMUNION STEWARD - Dan Lyttle

Ushers & Greeters



MARCH USHERS/GREETERS

3/1 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
3/8 Nate, Suzi & Keeler Juilfs
3/15 Kevin & Orv Banasik
3/22 Tim & Kathy Clemens
3/29 Wyatt Blackford & Chelsea Dill

MARCH ACOLYTES

3/1 Volunteers needed
3/8 Emily & Blake Ritze
3/15 Volunteers needed
3/22 Volunteers needed
3/29 Volunteers needed

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

MARCH MISSION PROJECT: For March we will be collecting items for Birthing Kits. Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex.

1 hotel size soap • 2 flannel receiving blankets (30x30 or 32x32)



ALL HANDS ON DECK! An All Church Work Day is set for Saturday, March 28 (the day before Palm Sunday) starting at 9:00AM. Lunch will be provided.



Many Hands Make Light Work!



PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST - MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School				6:30PM Community Club		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	6:30pm 4-H					
Newsletter Deadline 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
One Great Hour of Sharing 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School			7:30 Administrative Council	1:00pm UMW Meeting		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School			6:30PM SPPRC meeting @ Alburnett UMC			9:00am All Church Work Day
29	30	31				
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SAVE THE DATE and keep in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning: The UMW will sponsor a Rummage Sale April 15-16.