

# THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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## A Word from Pastor Jon

I have a patch, not any patch. It's the mission patch of the Space Shuttle Challenger mission that ended in disaster. As many of you know I grew up around the space center in Florida. I remember like it was yesterday sitting in my friend's car as we watched the launch that beautiful clear day. Then in a moment disaster struck. I keep this



patch because it reminds me of who real heroes are. These astronauts and mission specialist understood very well the dangers they faced and any of them would have an element of fear about what they were doing. But, they move ahead in spite of the fear and dangers. **They press on. That's a hero.** Not some rock star, celebrity or a sports figure who happens to be popular today. It's people like the challenger crew, police officers, and firefighters. It's also teachers, counselors, yes even pastors who in spite of the fears of danger or failure continue to press on.

As we all read various scriptures about the events of Holy Week and we read about the fear of the disciples, and we have sympathy. We read about Thomas's skepticism, and we become judgmental. But, what if, Thomas and the other Disciples are truly afraid, the Disciples fear the known that is they know what happened to Jesus and that perhaps it could happen to them. Thomas fears the unknown that is what he has not seen. Fear resides in all of us. We can be fearful of the known and unknown.

Fear comes from knowing the dangers and risks that are inherent in the event or task. It might be a new challenge, a job that you want to go after, or a change that you want to make in life. ***Courage is acting in spite of those fears.***

We are all being challenged to look at change in our lives and our church. Sometimes we may feel afraid but like so many before us let's lean on each other and our faith in God. You never know what may come to pass for those who have the courage to **press on!**

<sup>13</sup> ... forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,  
<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 3:13-14 (NRSV)**

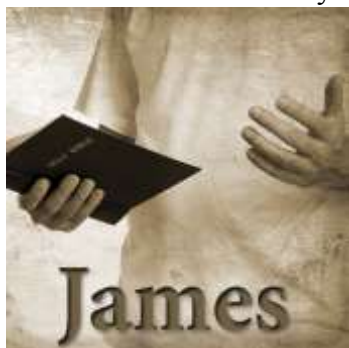
Faithfully yours,  
Pastor Jon

## Bible Study

### Book of James – *Practical Christianity*

Prairie Chapel Starts Sunday May 17 at 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Alburnett Starts Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



The purpose of this study is to present the practical message of James as found in his New Testament epistle and understand its implications for life today.

This study is a participatory study for students who want a challenging study. A variety of commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and reference materials will be made available for their use. This short term study will be conducted over 4-5 weeks with each session lasting approximately 90 minutes.

Some of the objectives of this study are:

- Present a basic overview of the book of James including background, themes, and unique characteristics.

- Students will become familiar with the use of study tools such as a study Bible, study guides, Bible dictionary, and a Bible commentary.

- Students will discuss the relationship between what we believe and how we behave based on the teaching of James.

- Compare and contrast what the letter of James says about “faith and works” with what is said about “faith and works” in Paul’s letters.

#### What to Bring...

- Your Bible

- A three ring notebook (1 ½ inch)

- Notebook paper

- Pen or pencil



Pastor Jon will be ordained at 9:00AM on Sunday, June 7, at the Iowa Annual Conference at the Iowa Events Center, Hy-Vee Halls B & C, in Des Moines.



<b>MAY LECTIONARY READINGS</b>	
May 3, 2015 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
May 10, 2015 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
May 14, 2015 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
May 17, 2015 7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17-6-19
May 24, 2015 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 31, 2015 Trinity Sunday 1st Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

THE JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Friday, May 15. Items may be submitted by email ([alburnettumc@fmtcs.com](mailto:alburnettumc@fmtcs.com) or [office@prairiechapelmarion.org](mailto:office@prairiechapelmarion.org)) or may be left in Virginia's box or folder at the 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

**Peace With Justice Sunday is May 31, 2015**

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will. Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Although you, and possibly even your congregation, may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace. When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad

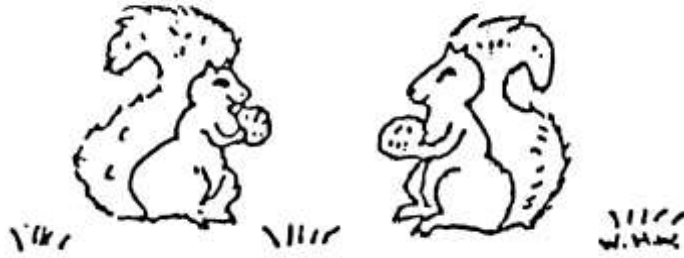
These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give. Will you continue to support Peace with Justice Sunday? Will you empower local Christians—in Pennsylvania and Arizona and Liberia—to build the kingdom of peace that Jesus ushered in?

In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan,

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” (Luke 4:18-19)

Through your giving good news is proclaimed to—and experienced by—the poor.

Thanks be to God!



## THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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

Alburnett Nursery Attendants Meeting: We will have a short meeting after church on Sunday, May 3, at 11:45AM in the sanctuary. The discussion will be concerning how we can provide Nursery support for young families.

SPPRC Meets the 2nd Wednesday (May 13) of the month at 7:00PM in Pastor's Jon's Office.

Alburnett Administrative Council will meet Wednesday, May 27, at 8:00PM.

Alburnett Trustees will meet May 27th at 6:30-7:45PM

### 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	
3/29	\$2173.00
4/5	\$1557.50
4/12	\$839.00
4/19	\$1400.00
4/26	\$901.00

Attendance	
3/29	53
4/5	73
4/12	50
4/19	31
4/26	48

Note: the Bietz property monthly payment is \$225.16.

Thank you for your continued Pledged Contributions.

**The Church Chatterer...**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 HILDA MARTIN
- 3 SUE MEINEKE
- 6 AMY COLEMAN WRIGHT
- 9 TRAVIS STEVENSON
- 12 LEE ROBERT SLOAN
- 12 HOWARD POWERS
- 13 SUE BECKER
- 15 ROBERT MOYER
- 16 JOSHUA MCGRAW
- 18 LORI POLESKY
- 18 JEANNE BAILEY
- 21 MICHELLE MOYER FIELDS
- 22 DONNA HOUTS
- 29 ADDISON SLOAN
- 30 KOREY JOHNSON



**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 BART & KIM GINGRICH
- 4 JILL & KENNETH HUNT
- 12 RON & JERRIS RICHARDSON
- 27 DON & JANICE HAPPEL

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

**MAY COMMUNION STEWARD - Julie Hoover**

**Ushers & Greeters**



*MAY GREETERS*

- 3 Dave & Marcy Machacek
- 10 Ardie & Carol Smith
- 17 Don & Janice Happel
- 24 Ken & Shirley Andrews
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

*MAY BAKED GOODS*

- 3 Marcy Machacek
- 10 *Volunteers needed*
- 17 Leasha Henricksen
- 24 Janice Happel
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

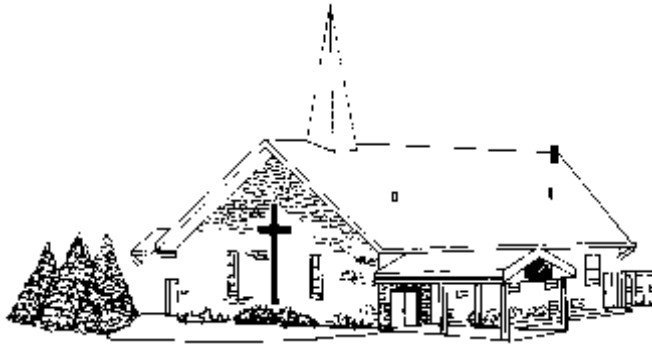
*MAY USHERS*

- 3 *Volunteers needed*
- 10 Ken Andrews & Everett Schilling
- 17 Ardie & Carol Smith
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

*MAY NURSERY*

- 3 Lori Sperfslage
- 10 *Volunteers needed*
- 17 *Volunteers needed*
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

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



# THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our Web Site at [www.prairiechapelmarion.org](http://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. Safety for farmers in the fields and on the roads. Pray for all service men and women. Pray for those recovering from illness and surgery, and undergoing treatments.

PRESENCE:  
Bring a Friend!!  
Weekly Attendance:

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

3/29	27
4/5	102
4/12	34
4/19	61
4/26	46

3/29	\$1820
4/5	\$2500
4/12	\$1635
4/19	
4/26	\$1391

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who donated to, helped at and shopped at our Rummage Sale April 15-16.

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on May 7 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!

The Prairie Chapel Administrative Council will not meet in May or June. The next scheduled meeting is July 15 at 7:30pm.



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mark Neal
- 2 Carol Yeisley
- 3 Frank Lamb
- 5 Jordyn Cory
- 8 Paula Patterson
- 8 Beth Martin
- 10 Jim Dettmann
- 11 Brad Wittenburg
- 16 Jarod Bowman
- 20 Sandra Liegl
- 20 Inez Mattke
- 20 Chris Christiansen
- 20 Paul Martin

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Kaycee Cory
  - 21 Norm Nielson
  - 21 Corey Seibert
  - 21 Ethan Lilleberg
  - 23 Wyatt Blackford
  - 24 Blane Beckner
  - 24 Sharon Scott
  - 26 Mark Nietert
  - 30 Timothy Lyttle
  - 31 Trent Coberly
- MAY ANNIVERSARIES
- 26 Dan & Virginia Lyttle

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

MAY COMMUNION STEWARD - Lois Martin



MAY USHERS/GREETERS

- 3 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
- 10 Tim & Kathy Clemens
- 17 Kevin Banasik & Orv Banasik
- 24 Paul & Dorothy Martin
- 31 James Jordan & Holly Ryan

MAY ACOLYTES

- 3 Emily & Blake Ritze
- 10 Jayde & Lilly Bowman
- 17 Volunteers needed
- 24 Nebergalls
- 31 Volunteers needed

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



**UMW NEWS:** The Annual Tour is on May 6. We will meet at 8:00AM at Prairie Chapel. We are touring Vinton. We should be home by around 3:00-4:00PM. Please RSVP to Kathy Clemens by May 4th.

The Mother-Daughter-Friend Tea is & Friend Tea  
May 21st. RSVP by May 18th.

