

# 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 Season of Prayer

Prayer is simply a way in which to communicate and commune with our God. When we were new in our faith, words may have been plentiful as we prayed. As we matured in our faith, our communication with God transitioned more to communing with God, by spending quiet time in which to sense God's presence. Hopefully, during that time, we are listening more than talking.

As your Pastor and spiritual leader, on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> I called you to a season of prayer. During the month of June, would you give extra time for prayer? Pray for your church's mission and ministries, and pray for your pastor. Pray that God will fine tune our understanding of where God is leading us. If you have a committee meeting in June, make time in your agenda to pray together. Include these in your prayers:

Sunday: That we as a church will grow spiritually, becoming closer to God

Monday: That any selfish desires will decrease, and God's influence over us will increase

Tuesday: That we will be open to the Holy Spirit being active in our lives and our church

Wednesday: That our focus will be sharpened about who we are, who we should be, and the next steps for us as a church

Thursday: Clarity about our **mission** to our community

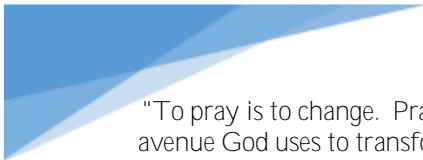
Friday: Clarity about how best to be in **ministry** to each other

Saturday: That God's compassion and grace will become the characteristics by which we as individuals and as a church are known

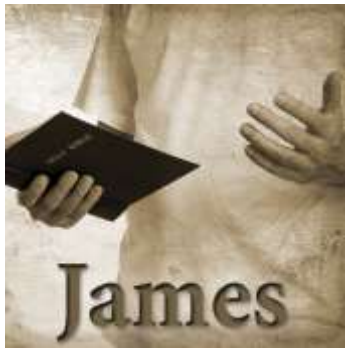
Will you join me? Be creative in how you find a way to remind yourself to pray.

Prayerfully yours,

Pastor Jon



"To pray is to change. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us. If we are unwilling to change, we will abandon prayer as a noticeable characteristic of our lives. The closer we come to the heartbeat of God the more we see our need and the more we desire to be conformed to Christ. **To pray is to change.**"



## **Bible Study** **Book of James – *Practical Christianity* continues:**

Prairie Chapel May 31, June 14, June 21, June 28 from 2:00–3:30PM.

Alburnett Tuesday, June 2, Monday, June 15, 22, 29 from 6:30–8:00PM.

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>JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS</b>	
June 7, 2015 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
June 14, 2015 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
June 21, 2015 Father's Day 4th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 17:1a,4-11,19-23,32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
June 28, 2015 5th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

THE JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Monday, June 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

PARISH NEWS...



Melody Gonzalez and Debora Haller will be leading us in worship on Sunday, June 21 at both Alburnett & Prairie Chapel United Methodist Churches. A free will offering will be received.

Debora Haller is a singer/songwriter from Austria. After studying and teaching music in Mannheim, Germany, she came to America to pursue a Master of Church Music at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY in 2012. She was part of the Doxology Vocal Ensemble throughout her education, and was involved in the released records "He still saves" and "O Great Redeemer." Since 2013 she has been involved at Sojourn Church as a singer and worship leader.

Melody Gonzalez is currently a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary studying to be a worship leader and a biblical counselor. She is a campus missionary intern at the University of Louisville in Kentucky where she ministers to young ladies and international students. She hopes to graduate in a year and to continue answering God's calling in her life.

Please join us as these talented young women minister to us, and invite your friends!





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

SPPRC Meets the 2nd Wednesday (June 10) of the month at 7:00PM in Pastor's Jon's Office.

No Ad Council meeting in June. Next Meeting is July 22.

COMPUTER INTRODUCTION CLASS: When: Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Where: Alburnett Community Historical Society Building, 106 S. Main Ave, Alburnett. Time: 10:00-11:00AM (Class could run a bit longer with questions). Cost: free will donations accepted, otherwise no fee will be charged. We will be covering the very basic items in using a computer. We will discuss how to attach items to an e-mail before sending, working with Excel, Facebook (If anyone is interested) and some shortcuts on the keyboard. Also, we will be going over any questions that anyone has. Please bring your laptop or iPad along if you have one. Please RSVP to Julie at 842-2664 or email [stjowe@gmail.com](mailto:stjowe@gmail.com).

THANK YOU .....The church and members are my "rock". Thank you for kind words, cards, food and hugs. Every kindness you showed to me and my family was a blessing. Pastor Jon, you captured the essence of our father, Roy Quaas, with your funeral message.  
 -Mary Moore and the family

**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	
5/3	\$749.00
5/10	\$655.50
5/17	\$822.00
5/24	\$1885.00
5/31	n/a

Attendance	
5/3	40
5/10	35
5/17	41
5/24	59
5/31	n/a

**The Church Chatterer...**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 RODNEY SMITH  
3 NANCY BAHR  
7 JERRIS RICHARDSON  
8 RICHARD BURNS  
8 ETHAN LOGSTON  
9 DUSTIN LANGE  
12 THERESA PHILIPP  
13 BRANDY STEVENSON  
13 DANA SPERFSLAGE  
15 JEREMIAH MCGRAW  
17 MARILYN HART  
24 BECKY ANDERSON  
26 DORIS FRAZIER  
28 JUNE SMITH  
30 RHONDA LANGE



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

3 MICHAEL & BELINDA HENLE  
4 GERALD & ELAINE HOUTS  
4 KENNETH & JILL HUNT  
10 ARDITH & CAROL SMITH  
21 KEN & SHIRLEY ANDREWS  
26 RYAN & SHELLY BURNS  
28 DAVE & PAM KIRK

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

*JUNE COMMUNION STEWARD* - Marcy Machacek

**Ushers & Greeters**



*JUNE GREETERS*

7 Alan & Dana Sperfslage  
14 Josh & Leasha Henricksen  
21 Tommy & Mary Moore  
28 *Volunteers needed*

*JUNE USHERS*

7 Alan & Dana Sperfslage  
14 Richard & Judy Burns  
21 David & Pam Kirk  
28 *Volunteers needed*

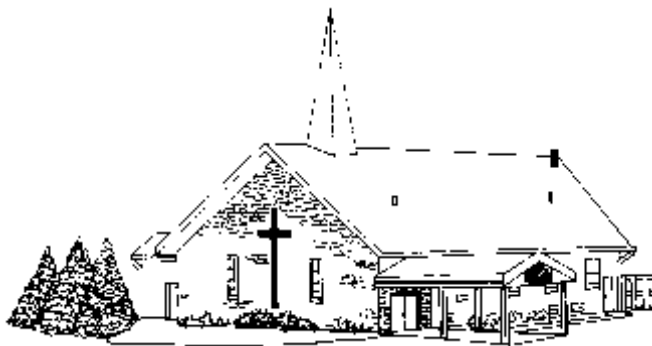
*JUNE BAKED GOODS*

7 Marcy Machacek  
14 Judy Burns  
21 Pam Kirk  
28 *Volunteers needed*

*JUNE NURSERY*

7 *Volunteers needed*  
14 *Volunteers needed*  
21 *Volunteers needed*  
28 *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:

5/3	47
5/10	39
5/17	49
5/24	57
5/31	n/a

5/3	\$1742.50
5/10	\$1230.00
5/17	\$1235.08
5/24	\$1553.50
5/31	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who helped with the UMW Salad Supper and to Kathy Clemens for wonderful program.

**COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on June 4 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!**

RECEPTION: Join us on Sunday, June 14, from 4:00-6:00PM to honor Pastor Jon on the occasion of his ordination! He will be ordained on June 7 at the Iowa Annual Conference meeting. .

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



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Margaret Meythaler
- 2 Zachary Nielson
- 6 John Sawyer
- 7 Kasey Nebergall
- 8 Anna Olinger
- 10 Lucas Lilleberg
- 12 Dianna Smith
- 19 Roy Bowers
- 20 Jeff Yeisley
- 22 Pauline Olinger
- 25 Abby Ritze
- 26 Phyllis Lamb
- 28 Leah Nebergall
- 28 Caitlin Robertson
- 28 Hannah Lilleberg
- 29 Marcia Jordan
- 29 Chris Novak



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Rick & Faith Martin
- 3 Paul & Dorothy Martin
- 5 Leann & Jarod Bowman
- 5 Crystal & Anthony Dietiker
- 7 Travis & Carrie Robertson
- 14 Walter & Laura Falcon
- 15 Spencer & Amber Jordan
- 17 Kasey & Leah Nebergall
- 18 Jeff & Marcia Jordan
- 23 Matt & Jamie Walther
- 23 Nick & Abby Ritze
- 24 Imre & Lorna Kertesz
- 24 Willis & Karon Dettman

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JUNE COMMUNION STEWARD - Volunteers needed



JUNE USHERS/GREETERS

- 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

**Volunteers Needed**

JUNE ACOLYTES

- 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

**Volunteers Needed**

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

UMW MEETING: June 18 @ 7:00PM. Program & Devotions Judy Kotrba. Hostesses: Sharon Scott & Emma Miller.

MISSION PROJECT-SEWING KITS: All items must be new.

- 3 continuous yards of fabric (Cotton or cotton blend only; No heavy duty, corduroy, knit, etc. No patriotic, religious, holiday, camouflage, or military patterned fabric please.)
- 1 pair fabric scissors      •1 spool thread, medium to large spool;
- 1 package hand sewing needles in original packaging.
- 5-8 buttons, 5/8-inch size or larger; No loose buttons; Leave buttons in original packaging or fasten all together.
- 1 One-gallon size sealable bag.  
Place kit in the plastic bag and seal.