

# THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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I want to offer a word of thanks for all the cards and special recognition that you blessed me with on the special occasion of my ordination. I was really touched by the many cards and personal messages I received. I thank you so much for that and for being with me in this sacred moment of Ordination.

**So what does Ordination mean?** To me ordination is recognition and service. Ordination is the church's recognition of your call to ministry. An Ordained elder is called to the church and to people. The Book of Discipline says that *Ordination to this ministry is a gift from God to the church. In ordination, the church affirms*

*and continues the apostolic ministry through persons empowered by the Holy Spirit.*

For those like myself, who have felt called to ministry and have entered a process of examination so that the church can evaluate ones gifts and graces for ministry and at the same time we pursued higher education and various other requirements, ordination is the fulfillment of this part of the journey of faith. The laying on of hands with the prayer of Bishops, Elders, and colleagues along with the historic words of the Bishop to “take thou authority”, is a powerful moment. It marks a life of leadership in “Service, Word, Sacrament, and Order.

But the seal of ordination is not a sign of special holiness, or a mark of being set aside for a special position in the culture of the Church. Ordained persons are authorized to preach and teach the word of God, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, equip and mentor the laity for ministry, exercise responsible pastoral oversight, and diligently administer the Discipline of the Church.

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Ordination is also service. I, like all followers of Christ, am called to a life of discipleship to love and serve others. Ordination is the sacred moment when the church marks the transition of those called to pastoral leadership or some other form of specialized ministry within the body of Christ. It is important to remember that the Ordained are NOT above and NOT below the laity but, set apart for pastoral leadership.

It is my honor to be called to service our Lord right here at Alburnett & Prairie Chapel, shoulder to shoulder with you. Thank you for the love and support that you have shown me.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon



## Vacation Bible School!

July 13-14-15-16 from 9:00AM-2:00PM at Prairie Chapel  
August 3-4-5-6 from 6:00-8:00PM at Alburnett UMC

**School Supplies will be on Sale!**

**UMCOR 2015 School Kit Materials**

- 1 pair blunt scissors (Rounded tip only; No plastic scissors, please.)
- 3 pads of paper (Spiral - or top-bound pads; 150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad; Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or loose-leaf paper is acceptable; No composition books.)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (Must be at least 1 inch long; Remove from packaging.)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler (Hard or flexible)
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 2-inch or larger-size eraser (
- 1 24-count box of crayons (Only 24-count boxes, please.)
- 1 14x16 inch cloth bag (Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable; Heavy-duty fabric only, such as denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc.; Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used.

**Assembly Directions**

Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into the cloth bag. Fold over the top of the bag so loose items don't fall out.

**Important Notes**

All items must be new.

No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please; Cartoon characters are acceptable.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.

Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

**WORSHIP TIMES SWITCH:** Alburnett will worship at 9:00AM and Prairie Chapel at 10:30AM, beginning July 5.

**THE JOINT WORSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on **Wednesday, July 1** from 6:30-8:00PM in the Fellowship Area/Sanctuary at Alburnett United Methodist Church.



<b>JULY LECTIONARY READINGS</b>	
July 5, 2015 6th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
July 12, 2015 7th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
July 19, 2015 8th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 26, 2015 9th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Wednesday, July 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



## THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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

**THE JOINT WORSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet July 1, 6:30PM at Alburnett UMC.

**THE JOINT SPPRC COMMITTEE** will meet July 8, 7:00PM at Alburnett UMC.

**ALBURNETT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:** Next Meeting is July 22.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Alburnett Community VBS will be held at the United Methodist Church.

Pick up Registration Forms early and don't miss out on the fun and Conquering Mt. Everest with the Power of God.

Theme: Everest - Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

Date: August 3, 4, 5, 6

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

### 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	
5/31	\$576.00
6/7	\$574.00
6/14	\$469.00
6/21	\$1191.00
6/28	n/a

Attendance	
5/31	33
6/7	41
6/14	32
6/21	40
6/28	n/a

**The Church Chatterer...**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 MARVIN SUTTON JR.  
2 KARL QUAAS  
4 WAYNE VOLKL  
7 ARDITH SMITH  
8 PAMELA SHEFELBINE  
9 LEAH HORAK  
13 JAMES HILL  
17 CHARLES QUAAS  
18 ADRIENNE HERSHEY  
20 NORMA SUTTON  
21 TRENT JORDAN  
22 ERIKA EDWARDS  
23 BRANDI SARGENT  
23 JUDY LEIDIGH  
24 RON HOOVER



25 LINDA HAMILTON  
26 DEBRA THEIN  
27 MIKE SHEFELBINE

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

5 MARVIN & NORMA SUTTON  
16 RICK & KRISTA MCGRAW  
18 BILL & CLETIS SLOAN  
30 ERIC & JENNIFER SLOAN  
31 BECKY & KARRYL ANDERSON

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

*JULY COMMUNION STEWARD* - Julie Hoover

**Ushers & Greeters**



*JULY GREETERS*

5 Ken Andrews & Everett Schilling  
12 Ardie & Carol Smith  
19 Dave & Marcy Machacek  
26 Tommy & Mary Moore

*JULY USHERS*

5 Elise & Nicole Smith  
12 *Volunteers Needed*  
19 Richard & Judy Burns  
26 David & Pam Kirk

*JULY BAKED GOODS*

5 Elise & Nicole Smith  
12 Julie Hoover  
19 Marcy Machacek  
26 Pam Kirk

*JULY NURSERY*

5 *Volunteers needed*  
12 *Volunteers needed*  
19 *Volunteers needed*  
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.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. For storm and flood victims in Iowa and elsewhere, and for all our friends and family recovering from surgery, injury, and undergoing treatments for illness.

PRESENCE:  
Bring a Friend!!  
Weekly Attendance:

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

5/31	49
6/7	39
6/14	41
6/21	48
6/28	n/a

5/31	\$1306.50
6/7	\$1740.25
6/14	\$747.00
6/21	\$2663.00
6/28	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to the volunteers who keep our church going from week to week, and to all prayer warriors.

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on July 2 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!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join us Sunday, July 26 from 5:00-7:00PM for Good Food and Homemade Ice Cream! Help is needed to make Ice Cream at 4:00PM on Saturday, July 25.

The Joint Worship Committee will meet July 1, 7:00PM at Alburnett UMC.  
The Joint SPPRC Committee will meet July 8, 6:30PM at Alburnett UMC.  
The Prairie Chapel Administrative Council will meet July 15 at 7:30PM.



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sarah Moss
- 2 Emma Walther
- 5 Bud Blackford
- 7 Courtney Clemens
- 7 Janice Adams
- 8 Cindy Wittenburg
- 9 Stephanie Cory
- 9 Laura Dixon
- 10 Ryne Nietert
- 10 Jeremy Waltz
- 11 Jim Kotrba
- 12 Shannon Kriegel
- 13 Carly Martin
- 15 Dan Lyttle
- 17 Brittney Yeisley
- 18 Jacob Waltz
- 23 Maria Martin



- 23 Darrell Timm
- 25 Jeff Jordan
- 28 Wayne Blackford
- 29 Stacy Mason
- 30 Brandon Yeisley

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Albert & Vicki Martin
- 9 Cletis & Carlene Reinhardt
- 9 Mark & Inez Mattke
- 15 Daryl & Maria Martin
- 19 Mark & Dana Nietert
- 20 Corey & Teresa Seibert
- 30 Jeremy & Barbara Waltz

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

JULY COMMUNION STEWARD - Emma Miller



JULY USHERS/GREETERS

- 5 *Volunteers needed*
- 12 *Volunteers needed*
- 19 Kevin Banasik & Orv Banasik
- 26 Tim & Kathy Clemens

JULY ACOLYTES

- 5 *Volunteers needed*
- 12 Nebergall family
- 19 *Volunteers needed*
- 26 *Volunteers needed*

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Join the fun July 13-14-15-16 from 9:00AM-2:00PM at VBS - "Everest - Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Lunch & Snacks will be provided. Sign up at church or call Kathy Clemens at 377-0949. Donations to help purchase supplies are welcome.

UMW MEETING: July 16 @ 7:00PM. Program & Devotions: ? Hostesses: Laura Falcon & Dorothy Martin

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

- 1 large new bath towel 24-27x44-52
- 1 bath size bar soap in wrapper
- 1 new toothbrush in original or sealed package
- 1 wash cloth
- 2 spiral notebooks 10 1/2x8 wide rule 3 hole 70-80 sheets each
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 hand pencil sharpener
- \$1.00 for toothpaste
- 2 gallon Ziploc bag

Place kit in the plastic bag and seal.