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A Word from Pastor Jon

Walking by...



The other day my daughter and I were in Cedar Rapids downtown area when someone approached us as we were walking along on the sidewalk. He was hungry and wanted to know if we would be willing to give him some money toward a meal. This was a moment where a need and a couple disciples converged. It reminded me of a story from Acts chapter 3:1-10 where some better known disciples, Peter and John, were going up to the temple and encountered a man who was lame from birth. He was brought daily to the gate of the temple where he would ask for alms (a gift donated to the needy or acts of charity in general). In this moment where, once again, a need and a couple disciples converged Peter said, "*I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you*" **and they** were an extension for the healing that this man needed. This moment was obviously wonderful for the lame man but it was transforming for the disciples as well.

As I read this story from Acts there were a few observations that struck me:

- People brought this man to the gate daily. They cared enough to continuously act on the behalf of others.
- **Peter looked intently at him. Peter didn't avoid eye contact but looked right at the need that was in front of him. Peter saw not just the need but the person as well.**
- **I can't help but wonder how many times had Jesus walked by this gate?** Did he see the man but did not heal him? Was it because some things were left for the disciples to experience on their own. That is what I tend to believe.

What an experience it must have been for the disciples to encounter such an overwhelming need and have something they could offer in order to **respond to the need before them.** "*...but what I have I give you...*"

What lies before us in the coming week, month, or year? What needs will we intersect with and how will we respond? Do we have something to offer? Are we consumed with the fire of His love and grace that will compel us to meaningful and intentional action right here in our own community? Will we look the need right in the eye and respond with compassion to the **people's need or will we walk on by?**

Perhaps some things are still left to His disciples to do. For my daughter and I, it was taking this young man into a food court for some lunch. I pray that God will help open our eyes to the needs that are all around us and we will be found faithful in responding to these needs in His name.

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Jon

**36TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING INGATHERING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015**

UMCOR Health Kit Materials

- 1 hand towel 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches; Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb sturdy and longer than 6 inches long; No pocket combs or picks please; Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers No emery boards, please.
- 1 bath-size soap 3 oz. and larger sizes only; No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content; Do not remove from original packaging.
- 1 toothbrush Adult size only; Do not remove from original packaging.
- 6 adhesive bandages ¾ inch to 1 inch-size; Common household Band-Aids.
- 1 One-gallon size sealable plastic bag
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

UMCOR Layette Kit Materials

- 6 cloth diapers - Prefolded or plain diapers only; No disposable diapers.
- 2 shirts - Undershirts or onsies.
- 2 washcloths - Infant size only; No adult washcloths.
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins - Must have protective plastic closures; No regular safety pins.
- 1 sweater or jacket - Must open from the front; May be hand knitted, crocheted, or sewn; Hooded sweatshirts are acceptable.
- 2 receiving blankets - Sizes may range from 28x28 inches to 32x32 inches; No crib blankets please.

Assembly Directions - Lay one of the receiving blankets flat on a table. Set aside the diaper pins and place all remaining items on top of the blanket. Fold the blanket around the items and secure the bundle with the diaper pins.

School Supplies are 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.

UMCOR BIRTHING KIT

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yard of clear 4-mil plastic sheeting
- **3 pieces of clean string, each 12" long**
- 1 clean single edge razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic for protection)
- **2 flannelette receiving blankets, 30" x 30" or 32" x 32"**
- Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT ALL KITS: 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.



AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS	
August 2, 2015 10th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
August 9, 2015 11th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
August 16, 2015 12th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
August 23, 2015 13th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
August 30, 2015 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Many Thanks for all the cards, flowers and well wishes in celebration of my 25th anniversary of employment! It made me feel special! It doesn't seem like it's been that long, and working for the churches has truly be a blessing.

Thanks again - Virginia Lyttle

THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Monday, August 17. 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.

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 SPPRC COMMITTEE will meet Aug. 12, 7:00PM at Alburnett UMC.

ALBURNETT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: Next Meeting is September 23.

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

Register now! Don't miss out on the fun Conquering Mount Everest with the Power of God. Date: August 3, 4, 5, 6.

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Omelet Breakfast Set-up September 18 at 3:30 pm

Omelet Breakfast - September 19th

Volunteers Needed

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	
6/28	\$513.00
7/5	\$2088.00
7/12	\$1000.00
7/19	\$538.00
7/26	\$692.00

Attendance	
6/28	34
7/5	18
7/12	31
7/19	32
7/26	35

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.

AUGUST COMMUNION STEWARD - Judy Burns

Ushers & Greeters



AUGUST GREETERS

- 2 Howard Powers & Julie Hoover
- 9 Ardie & Carol Smith
- 16 *Volunteers needed*
- 23 *Volunteers needed*
- 30 Ken Andrews & Everett Schilling

AUGUST USHERS

- 2 Mary & Tommy Moore
- 9 Richard & Judy Burns
- 16 Shirley & Ken Andrews
- 23 *Volunteers needed*
- 30 *Volunteers needed*

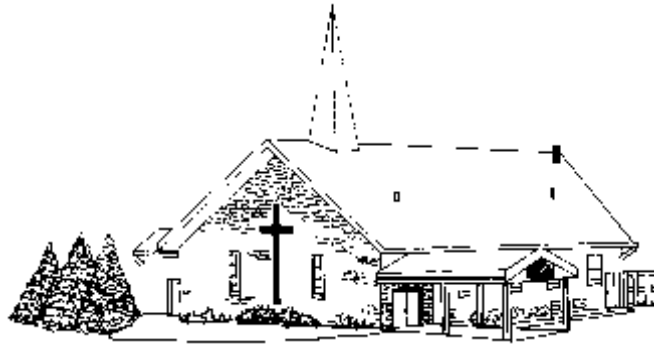
AUGUST BAKED GOODS

- 2 Elise & Nicole Smith
- 9 Judy Burns
- 16 Shirley Andrews
- 23 Julie Hoover
- 30 Jeanne Bailey

AUGUST NURSERY

- 2 Lori Sperfslage
- 9 *Volunteers needed*
- 16 *Volunteers needed*
- 23 *Volunteers needed*
- 30 *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

STEWARDSHIP

When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...

PRAYERS: Pray for Peace. Pray for those in the hospital and in care centers. Pray for our military both at home and abroad.

PRESENCE:
Bring a Friend!!
Weekly Attendance:

6/28	35
7/5	49
7/12	48
7/19	80
7/26	48

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

6/28	\$1019
7/5	\$2727
7/12	\$1516
7/19	\$1805
7/26	\$835

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who helped with VBS, teachers, workers, leaders, and those who donated money & supplies!

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on August 6 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!

UMW IS COLLECTING CHILDREN'S BOOKS for a Conference Literacy Challenge. Please bring new or gently used Children's Books for ages 0-12 to the church; there will be a collection box in the Narthex. Thanks!

The Joint SPPRC Committee will meet August 12, 6:30PM at Alburnett UMC.
The Prairie Chapel Administrative Council will next meet on September 16.

THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Barbara Trumm
- 4 Mary Ann Beckner
- 7 Sabra Ehlert
- 8 Angie Kisling
- 10 Becky Sejkora Miller
- 11 Matt Wittenburg
- 13 Karen Martin
- 14 Michael Seibert
- 17 Heidi Clemens
- 17 Logan Blackford
- 17 Casey Robertson
- 18 Alexis Marie Dietiker
- 19 Allison Beckner
- 20 Logan Mason
- 21 Nick Ritze
- 23 Debra Beckham
- 23 Whitney Thompson
- 25 Sharon Sejkora



- 26 Kevin Banasik
- 26 Megan Banasik
- 26 Brett Blackford
- 27 Travis Robertson
- 29 Julie Miller
- 29 Jayda Bowman
- 31 Twyla Hutchins

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 DeWayne & Mary Ann Beckner
- 1 Anthony & Stacy Mason
- 4 Don & Irene Thompson
- 6 Chip & Holly Kohl
- 7 Kevin & Allison Beckner
- 10 Tim & Kathy Clemens
- 26 Becky & Steve Miller

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AUGUST COMMUNION STEWARD - Dan Lyttle

AUGUST USHERS/GREETERS

- 2 *Volunteers needed*
- 9 *Volunteers needed*
- 16 James & Judy Kotrba
- 23 Tim & Kathy Clemens
- 30 *Volunteers needed*

AUGUST ACOLYTES

- 2 Nebergall family
- 9 *Volunteers needed*
- 16 *Volunteers needed*
- 23 *Volunteers needed*
- 30 *Volunteers needed*

UMW: No Meeting in August. The Nominating Committee will meet. We are collecting new socks & underwear for the needy.

MISSION PROJECT - SCHOOL KITS: All items must be new. **No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please; cartoon characters are acceptable.**

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