

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM

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SEPTEMBER

A Word from Pastor Jon



Confirmation 2015-2016

Confirmation training is that time when a youth claims their own faith or “confirms” that they intend to live as a disciple of Christ for themselves. The confirmation class at Alburnett and Prairie Chapel UM Churches is an intensive program taught by the pastor and a number of Confirmation leaders to seventh graders and others as appropriate.

Confirmation is the first part of our youth program. The other parts consist of 4:12 Youth Program for middle and high school, and Chrysalis which is a weekend experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. Our youth can attend once they are a sophomore in high school.

By its nature, Confirmation training is to be in-depth and challenging. Every student is encouraged to become very involved in the process of claiming their own faith through a variety of faith development learning experiences. Of course, because our students will be 7th graders, the assistance of parents is necessary. I request your help in the Confirmation training process.

We will be asking the Confirmation kids (Confirmands) to select someone to serve as a mentor. This has to be someone other than a Parent. Usually it is someone who is like a grandfather/grandmother figure or someone who is already a mentor figure in their life. The mentor will help the confirmands by:

- Making weekly contact to insure confirmand stays on task
- Encouraging confirmand in completing weekly assignments
- Visiting with confirmand, one-on-one, regularly
- Attending one confirmation class a month

An informational meeting for parents will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Alburnett UMC. It will be a brief meeting about the confirmation student and parent’s involvement in the confirmation process. This coming October we will start Confirmation classes and the Confirmands will be confirmed in September 2016.

If you have a mentor picked out in time please invite them to attend the informational meeting September 22nd.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

PARISH NEWS...

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

Nigerian United Methodists say "NA GODE" to Iowa United Methodists! For 25 years the Iowa United Methodist have covenanted with the United Methodist Church in Nigeria to share in the planning, promoting and funding of agreed upon programs and projects. Known as the Iowa Nigeria Partnership (INP), this program has been the recipient of Ingathering kits and funds. The primary focus of the INP is to assist the Nigerian church with their educational pursuits.

IOWA-NIGERIA KITS FOR 20145

BIRTHING KIT Plastic disposable drop cloth (like used in painting) **9' x 12' 2 pieces of cotton string 18" long (not thread) 1 pair vinyl gloves 2 single edge razor blades (wrap in cardboard, tape shut) 4 - 4" x 4" gauze squares 4 - 2" x 2" gauze squares 6 alcohol swabs 1 roll clear flexible adhesive tape, about 1" x 10 yards 1 tube antibiotic ointment (1 oz) Place items in gallon-size ziplock bag. (Value \$10 + \$2 for shipping) Be sure to label NIGERIA on box so it doesn't go to UMCOR.** Please note that many of these items are purchased in larger amounts (e.g., gloves in boxes of 50) so churches are encouraged to make multiple birthing kits.

INP KITS KNITTING KIT. 1 pair 10 inch needles, size 8 2 7-oz. skeins of yarn (acrylic, same dye lot of a worsted solid color) 1 crochet hook, size E 2 yarn needles, size 16 1 pair small scissors, size 4 or 5 Place needles in skein of yarn and place in appropriate size zip lock bag. (Value is \$15 plus \$2 shipping)

LAYETTE KIT. 1 receiving blanket 1 undershirt or onesie (small size) 2 diapers and 2 diaper pins 1 baby wash cloth 1 lightweight gown or sleeper (small size) Wrap all items in the blanket and pin. Place in appropriate size zip lock bag (let all the air out of the bag). (Value \$20 plus \$2 shipping)

PARISH NEWS...

TAILORING KIT. 1 package hand sewing needles 1 card white buttons (at least 6, ", flat) 1 package non-rusting straight pins 1 spool white thread (200 to 300 yards) 1 tape measure with centimeters (5/8" x 60") 1 spool dark thread (200 to 300 yards) 1 quality all purpose/sewing scissors (8") Place in appropriate size zip lock bag. (Value \$14 plus \$2 shipping.)

LIT KIT 1 spiral notebook (wideline), 70 sheets 1 package 3" x 5" white index cards 2 pencils #2 with eraser 1 Dry Erase board (approx. 8"x11") 1 hand pencil sharpener 1 package Dry Erase crayons (8) Place in appropriate-size zip lock bag. Value \$11 + \$2 shipping The LIT (Literacy) Kit will provide supplies for adults who take literacy classes in their church to learn to read and write in the Hausa language. Because of high motivation to be literate, these adults take classes seriously and within a few months are proficient in these skills and are able to read the Bible they receive for graduation.

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.





SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS	
September 6, 2015 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37
September 13, 2015 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
September 20, 2015 17th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
September 27, 2015 18th Sunday after Pentecost	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Marion Senior Living Community is sponsoring a Lasagna Dinner on September 10 from 5:00-7:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 155 Boyson Road, Marion. Carry out is available. The meal, which is **catered by Zio Johno's, includes lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert** and a beverage. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 3-10. Children under three are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door, from board members or from the website: marionseniorliving.com

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 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, September 15. 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.



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at www.alburnettumc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes will resume on Sunday, September 13 at 9:00AM.

OMELET BREAKFAST FOOD PREP & SET UP: Friday, September 18 from 3:30-5:00PM. Sign up to help and donate at church on Sunday.

OMELET BREAKFAST—Saturday, September 19, 7:00-11:00AM.

SEPTEMBER LOCAL MISSION PROJECT: We are raising funds to buy sections of concrete for the 8-foot wide walking/bike trail to be installed from the City to the Martin sports complex. The projected cost will be around \$40,000.00 and almost half of the money has been secured. Make checks out to Alburnett United Methodist Church and write "Safe Pathway" in the memo. Thank you!

VBS - 2015—Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. 51 crew kids along with 30 volunteers reached "Everest." A huge Thank You to all of the Crew Leaders, Crew Youth Leaders, Station Leaders (Base Camp (music) Bible Expedition, Imaginary Station (IMS), KidVid Cinema, Games), and of course the Mountain Treats served each day by the staff of Shirley/Kenny Andrews, Mary Moore, Evert Shilling, Howard Powers, June Smith and Dorothy Sherman. Also want to Thank Judy, Lori, Dana and others who were able to help with the planning, organizing, set up/tear down. . With the Power of God we were able to accomplish all the goals that we set for ourselves.

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	
8/2	\$576.00
8/9	\$650.00
8/16	\$698.00
8/23	\$916.00
8/30	\$920.00

Attendance	
8/2	29
8/9	28
8/16	24
8/23	32
8/30	45

The Church Chatterer...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 KAREN BEYER
2 KEELY SLOAN
2 KIM GINGRICH
6 KELLY HEMPHILL
6 ERIC COLEMAN
11 EVERETT SCHILLING
11 MILDRED KIRK
15 DANIEL KADLEC
15 JANET SCHWIEGER
16 KYLE HITE
19 JIM POWERS
19 CARISSA LALA
20 CALLIE WRIGHT
20 CASSIDY HENLE



20 KATHY HINDMAN
25 JULIE HOOVER

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 GREG & BETH GRITTON
4 DAVE & JANET SARGENT
10 JEFF & HEATHER CARROTHERS
14 CHARLES & BILLIE JO QUAAS
15 GALE & PAT JORDAN
20 WAYNE & SHELLY VOLKL
21 ADAM & KERRY SLOAN
26 DALE & PAULA HORAK
28 ALAN & DANA SPERFSLAGE

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

SEPTEMBER **COMMUNION STEWARD** - Mary Moore

Ushers & Greeters



SEPTEMBER GREETERS

6 Ardie & Carol Smith
13 Jeanne Bailey &
20 Dave & Marcy Machacek
27 *Volunteers needed*

SEPTEMBER BAKED GOODS

6 Carol Smith
13 Judy Burns
20 Marcy Machacek
27 Pam Kirk

SEPTEMBER USHERS

6 Bart & Kim Gingrich
13 Richard & Judy Burns
20 *Volunteers needed*
27 David & Pam Kirk

SEPTEMBER NURSERY

6 *Volunteers needed*
13 Kim Gingrich & Amy Gingrich
20 *Volunteers needed*
27 *Volunteers needed*

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

THE JOINT SPPRC COMMITTEE will meet Sept. 9, 7:00PM at Alburnett UMC.

ALBURNETT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: will meet September 23 at 8:00PM.



We are launching a New Sunday School Program!

Join us at 9:00AM on
Sunday, September 13.

New Sunday School Program at Alburnett UMC
Starting September 13th we will begin a new approach in our teaching methods for Sunday School. It will consist of three sections: music, teaching, and activities. Our children will move through each of these **three sections, which will be based around the theme of that Sunday's** lesson. We will engage a team-teaching approach, where teachers will rotate in and out of their teaching responsibilities on a regular basis.

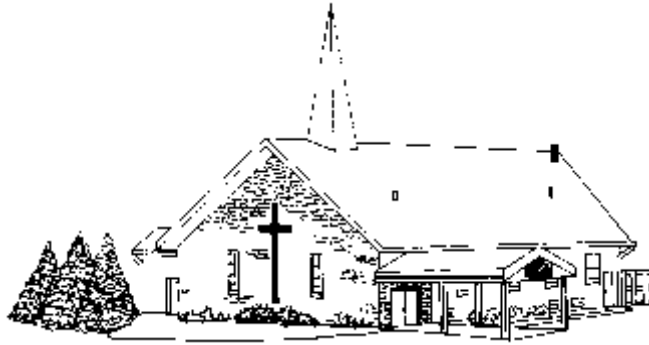
There are three reasons why we want to try this:

- 1) Incorporate worship experience into the learning process.
- 2) Provide an option for parents to have their children participate in Sunday school while parents are free to attend worship service.
- 3) Enhance the opportunities to expand the number of teachers by using a rotation-based approach schedule.

Each Sunday children will go to worship with their parents or other adults and then after the time of passing the peace, the children will be led to the Educational Wing downstairs where they will participate **in our Children's Discipleship program.**

This all starts Sunday September 13th at 9:00AM. We are excited about this approach and are looking forward to your participation.

Pastor Jon and the Education Committee



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: Prayers for all those recovering from surgery and those facing treatments and therapy. Pray for students getting back to work in a new school year. Pray for Peace.

PRESENCE:
Bring a Friend!!
Weekly Attendance:

8/2	44
8/9	41
8/16	53
8/23	59
8/30	46

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

8/2	\$2196
8/9	\$878
8/16	\$1594
8/23	\$1361
8/30	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to our Sunday School teachers, as we embark on another school year. "Train children in the right way, and when old they will not stray" ~Proverbs 22:6 NRSV

The Joint SPPRC Committee will meet September 9 at 6:30PM at Alburnett UMC.
The Prairie Chapel Administrative Council will meet on September 16 at 7:30PM.

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 PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Anastasia Scott
5 Joel Robertson
5 Justin Nielson
8 Laura Falcon
12 Scott Blackford
17 Susan Jensen
18 Gertrude Scott
19 Keith Weller
21 Crystal Dietiker
21 Virginia Lyttle
21 Dustin Smith
23 Jody Speas
25 Dennis Sejkora
27 Lilly Bowman
27 Brian Sejkora



27 Tyler Clemens
28 Walter Falcon
28 Darcie Coberly
30 Easton Morgan Clemens

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 Dick & Connie Walther
5 Roy & Sharon Bowers
7 Wayne & Linda Blackford
11 Dana & Cindy Ditzenberger
15 Joe & Barb Trumm
23 Dave & Donna Mooney
24 Reg & Roni Eberle
30 Jeff & Sharon Scott

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SEPTEMBER COMMUNION STEWARD - Emma Miller

SEPTEMBER USHERS/GREETERS

6 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
13 Paul & Dorothy Martin
20 James Jordan & Holly Ryan
27 Tim & Kathy Clemens

SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

6 *Volunteers needed*
13 *Volunteers needed*
20 *Volunteers needed*
27 Tessaly Robertson

UMW: September 17 at 1:00PM - Election of Officers. Program & Devotions: Lois Martin. Hostesses: Irene Thompson & Mary Ann Beckner. Business Meeting: Soup Supper planning.

MISSION PROJECT - Literacy Kits

1 spiral notebook wide rule (70 sheets)	2 pencils, #2 with erasers
1 package 3x5 white index cards	1 hand pencil sharpener
1 package dry erase crayons (8)	1 dry erase board 8x11
1 gallon Ziploc bag	

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JOIN US FOR A
HAYRIDE

BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
HAY RACK RIDE AND PICNIC:
Sunday, September 13 at 4:00PM
at the home of Wayne & Linda
Blackford. RSVP by Friday,
September 11 to Kathy
Clemens, 319-350-1281.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT
PRAIRIE CHAPEL: Classes
are available for children aged 3
and up. Sunday School will
resume on September 7. The
worship service is at 10:30AM,
with Sunday School from 9:15–
10:15AM.

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on September 10 at 6:30PM.
Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck supper. We have lots of
conversation and laughs and would love for you to join us!

