

# 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



What are you thankful for this year? There is so much that we take for granted. We go to grocery stores where shelves are full of everything we could want much less need. Even in these difficult times we are truly blessed and yet around us are so many who are less fortunate. As we see how God has blessed us, the love of God within us seeks to bless others. There are many among us who are in need of the love and care of their church family here are Prairie Chapel and Alburnett. Reach out though a phone call, card, and certainly your prayers.

When we count our blessings let's be sure to be thankful not just for the material blessings that may surround us which can be gone so quickly but, let's be sure to be thankful for our family, friends, and community. Christ calls us to love God and neighbor and that is a wonderful way to express our gratitude for all the blessings that God has given us.

Once again we will be collecting nonperishable items to take to our local food pantries to help those in our community who need the most basic things this season.

I am especially thankful for the blessing of being your Pastor and the high calling of serving God here with you.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

### UNWRAPPING GOD'S GREATEST GIFT



Advent begins Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. We will start an exciting new Advent program, *Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected*. This joyful program explores some of God's unexpected qualities, presented over

the four weeks of Advent and the week of Christmas. Watch for more **information on this year's Advent focus.**



<b>NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS</b>	
November 1, 2015 All Saints Day	Revelation 7:9-17; Psalms 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
November 8, 2015 24th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
November 15, 2015 25th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8
November 22, 2015 Christ the King Sunday	2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
November 27, 2015 Thanksgiving Day	Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33
November 29, 2015 1st Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

**ARE YOU HEADED SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?**

Please let us know your winter address, so we can keep sending you the newsletter! Before you leave, drop a note to the office or leave a message or email. Thanks!!

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Prairie Chapel: [office@prairiechapelmarion.org](mailto:office@prairiechapelmarion.org) or 319-377-7506.

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 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Sunday, November 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.



*What no one person or congregation  
can do alone, we're doing together.*

### **Nurturing Christian Leaders Like Ricky Blue**

The son of two addicted parents, Ricky Blue had grown up without much hope for a future. But when Ricky's church family—Louisiana's Luling UMC—raised \$4000 for Ricky to begin college, hope was born. Then, the Gift of Hope Scholarship, made possible only by your generous giving to United Methodist Student Day, allowed Ricky to continue. Today Ricky is a certified candidate for ministry in the Illinois-Great Rivers Annual Conference.

*What no one person can do, we're doing together.*

### **Together We're Raising Up Gifted Christian Leaders**

When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students like Ricky to serve the world God loves. So although you can't meet every need you'd like to, your giving allows members of Christ's body, people like Ricky, to do it in Jesus' name.

### **Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?**

ALL SAINTS DAY: Celebrate on Sunday, November 1, with a special Litany of Remembrance service as we remember those who have passed away since we celebrated All Saints Day last year.

CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday November 18th at 6:30PM. We will meet at Prairie Chapel in Sanctuary.

## PARISH NEWS...

**HANGING OF THE GREENS NOVEMBER 22:** The Hanging of the Greens is a time of preparation done just before the first Sunday in Advent. It is based on the English tradition of decorating the home with wreaths, garlands, a Christmas tree, and evergreens for Advent and Christmas. In our church setting, it readies the sanctuary (and church family) for the season of Advent and Christmas. Please join us for the Hanging of the Greens immediately after the service on November 22 at both churches.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** Winter is fast approaching and it's time for us to be reminded how we will communicate to you when inclement weather forces us to cancel or delay our Sunday worship service and classes, we will post such notice in the



following locations:

- KCRG TV Channel 9
- KCRG TV Web Site - <http://www.kcrg.com/cancellations>
- Church Web sites ([www.alburnettumc.org](http://www.alburnettumc.org) or [www.prairiechapelmarion.org](http://www.prairiechapelmarion.org))

• Prairie Chapel will also post cancellations on their Facebook page  
These notices will be made by 8:00AM Sunday morning. If no such notice appears by this time, then you should assume we are having worship as planned. This decision will consider road conditions, access to our worship site, and whether power & heat is available. Of course, we also want to encourage everyone to make good, safe decisions regardless of whether we cancel the worship service or not.

**WHEN SOMEONE IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY IS HOSPITALIZED:** The purpose of pastoral care is to surround our hospitalized church family member with Christian prayers, love and presence. In order to do our part, we need help from you. When you or a family member needs to be hospitalized, please make sure that your registration is current and specifies Alburnett or Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church as your home church or community of faith. Without that information, we may not be aware that someone from our church family is in either of the hospitals.

Your spiritual care is important to us and it is also a crucial part of healing. Please help us supply that support by calling the Alburnett church office at 842-2388, Prairie Chapel office at 377-7506 or Pastor Jon anytime you are hospitalized.



## THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at [www.alburnettumc.org](http://www.alburnettumc.org)



### LOCAL MISSION PROJECT

We will continue to collect food for the Northeast Linn Food Pantry in Central City. Please bring non-perishable items to the church during November. They also accept cash to purchase perishable and other needed items. We will continue to collect during November so there will be plenty to distribute in time for Christmas. Thank you for your generous support!

### 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	
10/4	\$538.00
10/11	\$757.00
10/18	\$632.00
10/25	\$1111.00

Attendance	
10/4	42
10/11	67
10/18	52
10/25	54

**The Church Chatterer...**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1 KARRYL ANDERSON  
4 JUSTICE CALLAHAN  
5 BRIE SPERFSLAGE  
6 ROBERTA ALTES  
6 BETTY WRIGHT  
9 BRETT HOUTS  
10 TRICIA REDIG  
11 BILLIE JO QUAAS  
11 TAYLER ETZEL  
12 KERRI SLOAN  
13 DAVID KIRK  
15 MICHAEL HENLE

**BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES**

16 LUCY STEVENSON  
17 PAM MARTIN  
17 TERI JOHNSON  
22 PAM KIRK  
24 BEV LAWRENCE  
25 TANNER SLOAN  
27 AVERY REED  
30 ROGER ALTES

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

5 DAVE & MARILYN HART

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

*NOVEMBER COMMUNION STEWARD* - Marcy Machacek

**Ushers & Greeters**



*NOVEMBER GREETERS*

1 Jeanne Bailey & Julie Hoover  
8 Kevin Johnson  
15 Everett Schilling & Ken Andrews  
22 Don & Janice Happel  
29 Matt & Carrie Olmstead

*NOVEMBER BAKED GOODS*

1 Kerri Sloan  
8 Carrie Olmstead  
15 Shelly Burns  
22 Janice Happel  
29 Judy Burns

*NOVEMBER USHERS*

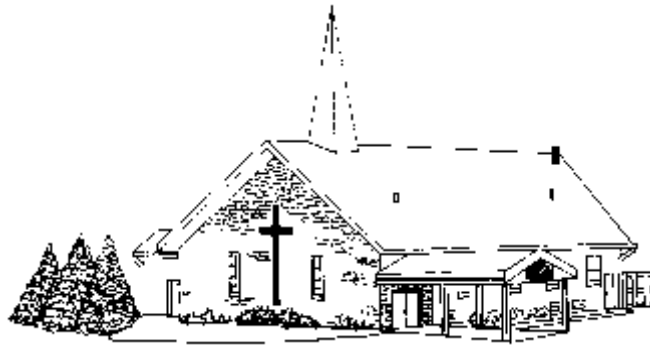
1 Dorothy Sherman  
8 Ardie & Carol Smith  
15 *Volunteers needed*  
22 *Volunteers needed*  
29 Richard & Judy Burns

*NOVEMBER NURSERY*

1 Andrea Brown  
8 Carrie Olmstead & Shelly Burns  
15 Kristi Caves & Kerry Sloan  
22 Cindy Scott  
29 Kelly Hemphill & Carrie Olmstead

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

**THE JOINT SPPRC COMMITTEE** will meet on November 11, 7:00PM at Alburnett UMC.



# 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 safety for farmers doing harvest work. Pray for those with health concerns, and the home-bound. Pray for those recovering from illness/surgery. Pray for peace.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

10/4	42
10/11	44
10/18	50
10/25	40

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly General Offerings:

10/4	1621.50
10/11	1314.00
10/18	n/a
10/25	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS...to all who donated food and helped with the soup supper. It was a great success. Thanks to everyone who donated cash and items and worked to complete kits for the annual InGathering.

The Joint SPPRC Committee will meet November 11 at 6:30PM at Alburnett UMC.  
The Prairie Chapel Administrative Council will not meet in November.

*Thank You!* We want to thank our neighbors, friends and church community for all your love, caring, prayers and hugs. It feels so good to have your support during this time of our loss of Jack. He would have loved to have been at the last party of his life, but he had a great view of it all! From the family of Jack Scott with love: Julie, Sharon & Roy, Jeff, Christopher & Sarah and Zelda.

**THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING** will be donated to CROP, which benefits hunger relief here in Linn County and around the world. We will also be collecting non-perishable groceries in the Cornucopia each Sunday, for the local food banks.



**THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Albert Martin
- 2 Teresa Seibert
- 5 Judy Kotrba
- 5 Kimberly Jordan
- 8 Chip Kohl
- 9 Olivia Nietert
- 9 Samantha Smith
- 11 Aiden Miles Clemens
- 11 Jennifer Thompson
- 12 Sue Zier
- 13 Nolan Nietert
- 17 Jeff Scott



- 18 Orv Banasik
  - 23 Jack Walther
  - 25 Preston Martin
  - 25 Carrie Robertson
  - 25 Reg Eberle
  - 30 Trevor Coberly
- NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**
- 8 Norm & Dora Nielson
  - 23 LaVerne & Celia Henderson
  - 27 Darrell & Donna Timm

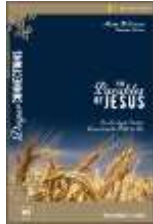
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**Ushers & Greeters**

	<i>NOVEMBER COMMUNION STEWARD - volunteer needed</i>	
	<i>NOVEMBER USHERS/GREETERS</i>	<i>NOVEMBER ACOLYTES</i>
1	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	1
8	Paul & Dorothy Martin	8
15	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	15
22	Tim & Kathy Clemens	22
29	James Jordan & Holly Ryan	29

**Volunteers Needed**

Young Adults Bible Study The Parables of Jesus Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. In six engaging, interactive small group sessions, with this Deep Connection DVD you will gain new insights into his parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life. With maps and pictures, outlines, key Scripture verses, discussion questions, plenty of room for note taking, and a personal five-day Bible study for each session, **the participant's guide will help you get the most out of The Parable of Jesus, both in your group and in applying what you learn to your life.**



Starting: November 1, 2015 at 9:15AM Leader: Kevin Banasik Room: Downstairs

**UMW: Next Meeting Thursday, November 19 at 1:00. Program and Devotions: Kris Blackford. Hostesses: Amber Jordan & Margaret Meythaler. Thank Banks and Business Meeting. INGATHERING NOVEMBER 7th @ Cedar Falls Mission Project: Hats, gloves and mittens**

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on November 5 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!