

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM

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A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



Already...

I was talking with someone recently and they asked me if I had noticed the leaves have started to change. My reply was, "Already?" It's hard to miss that the season is changing but I did. I began to look around and it seemed like every tree had some degree of leaves beginning to change. As I drove by one of our church member's farm I noticed that they had begun to harvest corn. All of a sudden I realized that summer was coming to an end already. Where did the time go?

So often it seems that life goes by so fast. Our children are growing up, another school year has begun. And yet there are still new opportunities before us. Change is good! Change can awaken us from being in auto-pilot and cruising on by without paying attention.

Certainly we can see some changes at church as well. Sunday school is back in gear and it is wonderful to see the buzz of activity occurring. It's great to see the children running down the stairs heading to class. I am very thankful and appreciative of all those who are engaged in the ministry of the church and reaching out to one another. At the same time people are also at work in mission to our community and world. All of this activity is a sign of life and purpose. So let's be thankful and don't take the changes for granted.

Our annual charge conference will be held on November 18th at Prairie Chapel starting at 6:30PM. We will hear about the overall ministries of our church and continue some dialog about other opportunities for us to be the church in the midst of change and growth. I pray that we will all be praying about ways that we will fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

Pastor Jon will be taking a couple days for spiritual renewal in October (dates have not been confirmed).

Revive Conference is being held October 16 & 17. Pastor Jon will be attending along with other Iowa Evangelical United Methodist Clergy. The Men's Walk to Emmaus is October 22 - 25 and Pastor Jon will be attending.



| OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS | |
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| October 4, 2015 World Communion Sunday 19th Sunday after Pentecost | Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16 |
| October 11, 2015 20th Sunday after Pentecost | Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31 |
| October 18, 2015 21st Sunday after Pentecost | Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45 |
| October 25, 2015 22nd Sunday after Pentecost | Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52 |



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 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 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Thursday, October 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.

**Survey of Gifts and Talents
In service of the Lord**

Check off all you are interested in; one form per family member. Family members coming home for the holidays are welcome to be a part of our worship services too.



- ☐ Bell Choir
- ☐ Instrumental Soloist (what is your instrument? _____)
- ☐ Song leader to teach new hymns
- ☐ Vocal Small Group
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Instrumental Small Group (type? _____)
- ☐ Drama - Readings - Skits
- ☐ Puppets

Your Name _____

Phone # _____

Please submit to the church office or drop in the basket at the church.

World Communion Sunday is October 4, 2015

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in **their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically** had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

36TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING INGATHERING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

UMCOR KITS

HEALTH KITS help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect and are used as teaching tools with children. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves. Add \$1 for toothpaste to be purchased by the UMCOR Depot. • 1 new hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27") • 1 new washcloth • 1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger) • 6 band aids (3/4") • 1 large, sturdy comb (not pocket sized) • 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper (no child-sized) • 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers) Lay out hand towel and lay washcloth flat in center. Place rest of items on top of washcloth. Fold sides of towel to cover items. Fold 1 end of towel so it covers all items. Grasp bundle of items and roll over rest of towel tightly. Place tightly rolled bundle in zip lock bag. (Value \$12 plus \$2 shipping)

SEWING KITS foster independence rather than dependence. Cottage industries often grow out of sewing classes where these kits are used to practice skills. • 3 yards cotton or cotton-blend fabric (one piece) • 1 sewing scissors • 1 new spool matching thread (medium to large size) • 1 package hand sewing needles • 5-8 matching flat buttons on card or fastened together Wrap sewing notions in fabric. Seal in zip lock bag. (Value \$18 plus \$2 shipping)

SCHOOL KITS provide tools for education, which changes lives. In countries where children don't have books, school supplies or classrooms, a school kit may be their only educational resource. • 3 Notebooks, approx. 8" x 11" wide ruled • 1 2 1/2" eraser (210 to 250 sheets total) spiral or bound • 1 blunt scissors (metal) • 1 30 cm metric ruler • 1 hand pencil sharpener • 1 box of 24 crayons (ONLY 24) • 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers All items are placed in a sturdy cloth bag, 14" wide x 16" long (finished size) with 22" handles. Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into cloth bag. Fold over top of bag so loose items don't fall out. Do not put loose items in zip lock bags. (Value \$11 plus \$2 shipping) Empty school bags are also needed and are valued at \$3 each.

LAYETTE KITS provide women with basic supplies for the needs of their new babies . • 6 cloth diapers • 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits (Onesies) • 2 gowns or sleepers • 2 baby washcloths • 2 diaper pins with plastic closures • 1 sweater or jacket open in the front • 2 receiving blankets (30" x 30" or 32" x 32") Bundle items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins. (Value \$35 plus \$2 shipping) Important Notes about all kits: All items must be new.

NOTES ABOUT KITS: 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.



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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LOCAL MISSION PROJECT

Our Local Mission Project will be collecting food for the Northeast Linn Food Pantry in Central City. Please bring non-perishable items to the church during October. They also accept cash to purchase perishable and other needed items. We are collecting for the food pantry in October so they have these items in time for distribution before Thanksgiving. 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 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| 9/6 | \$840.00 |
| 9/13 | \$888.00 |
| 9/20 | \$954.00 |
| 9/27 | \$1195.50 |

| Attendance | |
|------------|----|
| 9/6 | 35 |
| 9/13 | 59 |
| 9/20 | 55 |
| 9/27 | 67 |

The Church Chatterer...

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 DEANNA WHEELER
2 DAVID SARGENT
4 MIKAELA STEVENSON
4 JUDY BURNS
4 RICK SMITH
6 BART GINGRICH
7 ROBIN MORRISON
8 JENICE STER
11 ELIZABETH WHEELER
19 BILL SLOAN
22 JANET SARGENT
27 JENNY (MOORE) JOHNSON



28 KARA LAWRENCE
30 CARA (BECKER) DIX
30 CINDY SCOTT
31 ELIZABETH SPERFSLAGE

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 BRIAN & CINDY SCOTT
24 ALAN & LORI SPERFSLAGE
26 JEREMY & LINDY HARTL

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

OCTOBER **COMMUNION STEWARD** - Julie Hoover

Ushers & Greeters



OCTOBER GREETERS

4 Dorothy Sherman
11 Kevin Johnson
18 Ardie & Carol Smith
25 Don & Janice Happel

OCTOBER BAKED GOODS

4 Jull Hunt
11 Andrea Brown
18 Shirley Andrews
25 Janice Happel

OCTOBER USHERS

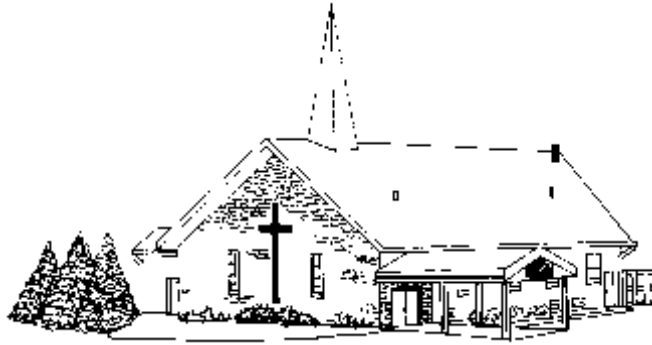
4 *Volunteers needed*
11 Everett Schilling & Ken Andrews
18 Shirley & Ken Andrews
25 Dick & Judy Burns

OCTOBER NURSERY

4 Jill Hunt
11 Carrie Olmstead & Kelly Hemphill
18 Cindy Scott & Julie Hoover
25 Shelly Burns

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

THE JOINT SPPRC COMMITTEE will meet Oct. 14, 7:00PM at Alburnett UMC.



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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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. Prayers & Sympathy to Julie, Sharon & Jeff Scott and Zelda Kinkead, on the death of Jack Scott on September 11. The funeral service was held on Thursday, September 16.

PRESENCE:
Bring a Friend!!
Weekly Attendance:

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| 8/30 | 46 |
| 9/6 | 48 |
| 9/13 | 39 |
| 9/20 | 54 |
| 9/27 | 34 |

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

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| 8/30 | \$1770 |
| 9/6 | \$1446 |
| 9/13 | \$1547 |
| 9/20 | \$1198 |
| 9/27 | \$1125 |

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who helped with the playground project during the summer. What a great space for the kids!

The Joint SPPRC Committee will meet October 14 at 6:30PM at Alburnett UMC.
The Prairie Chapel Administrative Council will not meet in October.

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on October 1 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!

THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

October Birthdays

1 Anne Lyttle
1 David Weller
2 Lorna Kertesz
4 Spencer Jordan
5 Carlene Reinhardt
6 Trista Sauser
7 Stephanie Seibert
9 Tyler Stewart
11 Alan Beckner
11 John P. Dixon
12 Mackenzie Mattke
13 Raymond Nietert
16 Michelle Seibert
18 Linda Blackford
21 Dorothy Martin



26 DeWayne Beckner
26 Julie Scott
26 Jeff Nielson
26 Colt Nebergall
28 Rick Martin
28 Bill Nielson
30 James Jordan
30 David Beckner
31 Greg Nielson

October Anniversaries

9 Erik & Jeanna Lilleberg
30 Frank & Phylliss Lamb

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OCTOBER COMMUNION STEWARD - Emma Miller

OCTOBER USHERS/GREETERS

4 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
11 Paul & Dorothy Martin
18 James & Judy Kotrba
25 Tim & Kathy Clemens

OCTOBER ACOLYTES

4 Jayda & Lilly Bowman
11 Reed & Ross Petersen
18 *Volunteers needed*
25 *Volunteers needed*

UMW: Next Meeting Thursday October 15 at 1:00PM. Program and Devotions: Sharon Bowers Hostesses: Judy Kotrba & Carlene Reinhardt. Business Meeting and In-Gathering Projects; Discuss Soup Supper final plans.

In-Gathering Project Work Days: Oct 1,8,15,22,&29
& Nov 5 beginning at 9:30AM.

Soup Supper

Oct 18, 5-7PM

Volunteers Needed

MISSION PROJECT - Knitting Kits

1 pair 10" needles size 8 2 yarn needles size 16
1 crochet hook size E 1 small pair scissors size 4-5
2 7oz. skeins yarn (acrylic same dye lot worsted solid color)
1 gallon Ziploc bag