

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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Alburnett United Methodist Church
319-842-2388
E-MAIL: alburnettumc@fmtcs.com
SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church
319-377-7506
E-MAIL office@prairiechapelmarion.org
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM

THE REVEREND JON MOSS, PASTOR
Cell Phone 319-651-4883

Pastor Jon's email: jon.moss@iaumc.net

February
2016

A decorative graphic for the month of February 2016. The word "February" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below it, the year "2016" is also in a similar cursive font. To the right of the text, there are two stylized birds, one above the other, facing each other. Between them are several hearts of varying sizes and musical notes, creating a romantic and artistic theme for the month.

A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



As we approach the season of Lent we are studying the Sermon on the Mount found in **Matthew's Gospel**. We began the series with the Beatitudes, as Jesus reverses our understanding of happiness. We will look at what it means to be salt and light in the world and embracing our role. I trust we will better understand our relationship with God and others during this study.

During Lent we will look at some major themes from the Gospel of John which is considered the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. I ask that you join me in reading through the gospel to enhance this season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal. We will walk through pages filled with rich images and profound truths. My prayer is that we will come to not only to deepen our belief in Jesus Christ, but as John puts it, "may have life in his name."

Be sure to participate in our Lenten study as well as the special services noted below.

Ash Wednesday February 10th at Prairie Chapel 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday March 24th at Alburnett 7:00 pm
Good Friday March 25th at Prairie Chapel 7:00 pm
Community Easter Service March 27th at Alburnett 7:00 am

Faithfully yours,


Pastor Jon



FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS	
February 7, 2016 Transfiguration Sunday 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-43
February 10, 2016 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February 14, 2016 1st Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
February 21, 2016 2nd Sunday in Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
February 28, 2016 3rd Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

SAVE A TREE AND SOME POSTAGE!!

Would you be willing to receive your newsletter by email?
Please send an email to the office or give us a call.
Alburnett: alburnettumc@fmtcs.com or 319-842-2388
Prairie Chapel: office@prairiechapelmarion.org or 319-377-7506.

	<p>Thank you!! Thank you for all of the prayers and cards and well wishes following my shoulder surgery. Recovery is slow but sure!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">~Virginia Lyttle</p>
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THE MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Monday, February 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.

PARISH NEWS...

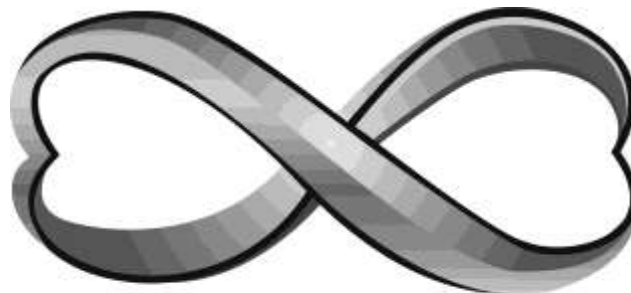
Join us Wednesday
February 10 at 7:00PM
at Prairie Chapel for
Ash Wednesday
worship as we begin
the season of Lent.



Blood donors help save lives, will you give?
We are scheduling donors for our
upcoming blood drive and want to invite
you to help save lives by giving blood. The
Blood Center can produce multiple
products from every whole blood donation.

To schedule your donation or if you have questions, please
contact Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at 800-747-
5401.

Alburnett Community Blood Drive
Date: Wednesday, February 24



Love Never Ends



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at www.alburnettumc.org

A special thanks to all those who helped decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Their work enhanced our worship and made our space so beautiful.

Marcie Machacek
Worship Committee

Thank You to Pastor Jon and members of the church: Thank you so much for opening your church up to our family for a luncheon after our **father's funeral It made us feel so welcome** and was a wonderful closure. Bless you all - Christine and Scott, family of Dale R. Newman.



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	
12/20	\$1153.00
12/27	\$2180.00
1/3	\$870.00
1/10	\$591.00
1/17	Subzero cold
1/24	\$1050.00
1/31	n/a

Attendance	
12/20	57
12/27	?
1/3	57
1/10	51
1/17	Subzero cold
1/24	53
1/31	n/a

Membership Class



If you would like to learn more about church membership, our Methodist heritage, 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 the membership class" and we'll take it from there!

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 or 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 Church Chatterer...



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 JORDYN CALLAHAN
- 2 BLAINE MCGRAW
- 4 KEVIN LAWRENCE
- 5 SHELLY VOLKL
- 5 RYAN BURNS
- 6 DEBORAH REMPT
- 9 RYAN SMITH
- 10 PAT LAWRENCE
- 12 ELISE SMITH
- 12 LUKE SMITH
- 12 NICOLE SMITH

- 13 MARY MOORE
- 13 MARCUS HITE
- 18 JILL MOORE LOGSTON
- 18 KRISTINA LANGE
- 18 KAREN BOLTON
- 21 SUSAN COBLEY REESE
- 21 DONALD POWERS
- 27 DALE HORAK
- 28 KAREN SELTRECHT

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

FEBRUARY **COMMUNION STEWARD** - *Volunteer needed*

Ushers & Greeters



FEBRUARY GREETERS

- 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

Volunteers Needed

FEBRUARY USHERS

- 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

Volunteers Needed

FEBRUARY BAKED GOODS

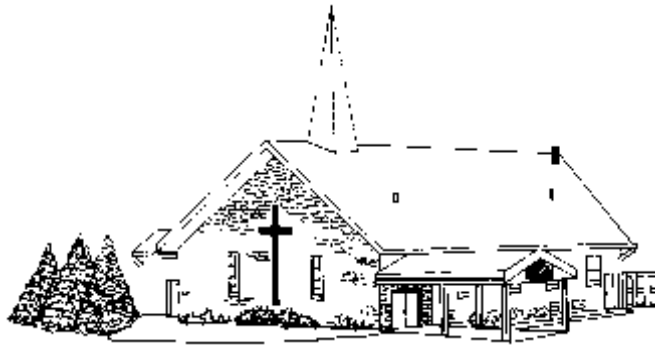
- 7 *Volunteers needed*
- 14 Jill Hunt
- 21 *Volunteers needed*
- 28 *Volunteers needed*

FEBRUARY NURSERY

- 7 *Volunteers needed*
- 14 Jill Hunt
- 21 *Volunteers needed*
- 28 *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. Prayers for all those recovering from surgery, illness or injury and those undergoing treatments. Pray for all service men and women, for their safe return to their homes.

PRESENCE:
Bring a Friend!!
Weekly Attendance:

12/20	81
12/27	61
1/3	49
1/10	46
1/17	Subzero cold
1/24	50
1/31	n/a

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

12/20	\$1978.25
12/27	\$1739.50
1/3	\$2066.00
1/10	\$1862.50
1/17	Subzero cold
1/24	\$2540.50
1/31	n/a

SERVICE: **BIG THANKS.....to our generous congregation for supporting the Mission Projects of Prairie Chapel**

A special thanks to all those who helped decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Their work enhanced our worship and made our space so beautiful.

Kevin Banasik
Worship Committee

THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cindy Ditzenberger
- 3 Leann Bowman
- 3 Erik Lilleberg
- 4 Dana Nietert
- 8 Roni Eberle
- 11 Vicki Martin
- 13 Barbara Waltz
- 14 Faith Martin
- 11 Paul Cory



- 15 Jeanna Lilleberg
- 15 Kevin Thompson
- 19 Faye Neal
- 25 Stephen Martin
- 25 Dana Dizenberger
- 28 Tim Clemens

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FEBRUARY COMMUNION STEWARD - Volunteer needed

FEBRUARY USHERS/GREETERS

- 7 James & Judy Kotrba
- 14 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
- 21 Kevin Banasik & Orv Banasik
- 28 Tim & Kathy Clemens

FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

- 7 Volunteers needed
- 14 Jayda & Lilly Bowman
- 21 Volunteers needed
- 28 Volunteers needed

UMW: on Wednesday, February 17. Lunch Out @ 12:00, location TBA. Let Emma know by Monday, February 15th if you plan to attend
 On February 20, 9:00-3:00 we will Host District Leaders Meeting.
 Mission Project-Health Kits

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on Thursday, February 4, 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!

LOOKING AHEAD: The Trustees have set an All-Church Work Day for April 2, 2016. The UMW has set the dates for a Spring Rummage Sale: April 13-14.