

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM

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January
2016



A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



2016 is Here!

During the Christmas season you and I received Christmas cards from friends, family and colleagues. In some of the cards we received you may have found a letter that shared the experiences of the family from the year and the hope for a good year ahead. I like those letters because you can catch up a bit with friends or family members with whom you are separated by distance.

As I look back at 2015 it has been a year filled with a variety of events. We have had to say goodbye to people that we love and you have known for so many years. At the same time we have welcomed new people into our fellowship. Changes have been made that helped move us forward in several areas of our life together. We added a new staff member, Linda Goad, who is helping us in our music and **worship. The restructure of our Children's discipleship program at Alburnett** has proved to be working very well. The attendance and participation in worship has been increasing and we are thankful.

In 2016 we look forward to continuing our mission activities in the community around us. In addition to our mission we also look forward to ministry opportunities to those who consider our churches their place of worship and discipleship. Beginning in January we will have a membership class and plans are being made for our spring Bible study. We will walk through areas of the Gospel of John during Lent and Easter.

I am looking forward to 2016 and the many opportunities to enhance our faith journey and I know that there will be additional challenges for us as well. As I mentioned in a sermon a few weeks ago, **God loves us too much to leave us where we are. Let's be intentional** about our faith development and open to where God may be leading us. I am truly looking forward to the New Year with you!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon



JANUARY LECTIONARY READINGS	
January 1, 2016 New Year	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46
January 3, 2016 Epiphany Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
January 10, 2016 1st Sunday after the Epiphany Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 17, 2016 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
January 24, 2016 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
January 31, 2016 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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!!

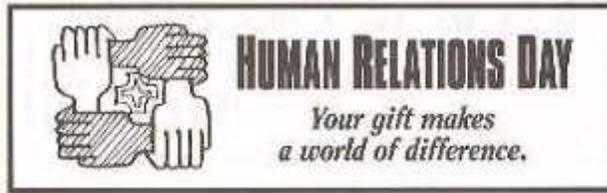
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Thank you!!
 Thank you for all the expressions of love and care you have given my family and I over the holidays. I do not take for granted your gracious and loving spirit. I so enjoyed reading the cards and notes that you sent us. Your gifts of love and appreciation touch our hearts and we are truly thankful and blessed to be here to serve you.
Pastor Jon and family.

THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Friday, January 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.

Human Relations Day is January 17, 2016



Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called “the least of

these.” Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas’ poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. **And that’s what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church.** To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls **all of our churches to participate in helping all God’s children to realize their potential.**

Equipping The United Methodist Church to Be the Church As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, allows the work of folks like Bruce and Becky Ballou to build relationships with those teens in Texas. Your gift allows Montey Payne to lead recovering addicts towards healing. And your gift helps Rev. Steve Burr find work for ex-offenders.

This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give.

JOINT WORSHIP COMMITTEE: The next meeting is Thursday, January 14 at 6:30PM at Prairie Chapel.

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! The first class will be January 12, 2016 at Alburnett starting at 6:30PM. The classes will rotate between Alburnett and Prairie Chapel 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 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 ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at www.alburnettumc.org

YOUTH DISCIPLE MESSAGE

September going forward has been a whole new experience for **teachers and youth, as we have gone back to the “One Room Sunday School” on a trial basis. We meet following “Passing of the Peace”** during church service. Attendance, offering, singing the Doxology, Bible lesson, activity, ending with prayer and together saying the **“Lord’s Prayer” has been the agenda. We are thrilled with the average attendance of 17 children.** We are especially thankful the Young Adults of these children can enjoy the church service while their children are becoming young disciples of the church.

This summer we will be evaluating this past year and see how we can adjust. We would like to prepare a schedule where we can rotate the teaching and activity for Sunday school so everyone has a chance to attend the worship service. Thanks to all for your participation. More to come.

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	
11/29	\$945.00
12/6	\$1383.00
12/13	\$850.00
12/20	n/a
12/27	n/a

Attendance	
11/29	65
12/6	82
12/13	81
12/20	n/a
12/27	n/a

THE ALBURNETT TRUSTEES will meet on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30PM in the Confirmation/Meeting Room. On the agenda: Election of a Chairperson, discussion of memorial gift for kitchen, and schedule the parsonage inspection.

The Church Chatterer...



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 MADISON JO MARTIN-ENOS
- 1 LAURA HOUTS HIRL
- 1 BRADY SCOTT
- 4 KRISTA MCGRAW
- 4 STEPHANIE MACHACEK ASCHER
- 7 JALAA WEAVER
- 7 KARMEN HERSHEY
- 9 VIRGINIA BURNS
- 10 JOSLYN MCGRAW
- 11 CAROL SMITH
- 12 JENNIFER BERRY
- 14 ALAN SPERFSLAGE

- 15 CHARLEIGH HENRIKSEN
- 16 HAIDEN WEST
- 16 ROSS MORRISON
- 18 BAILEY HEMPHILL
- 20 PEYTON SCOTT
- 23 KEVIN JOHNSON
- 25 MEGAN VOLKL
- 27 ELAINE HOUTS
- 27 KEN ANDREWS
- JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES
- 24 KENT & BETTY WRIGHT

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

*JANUARY **COMMUNION STEWARD** - Mary Moore*

JANUARY GREETERS

- 3 *Volunteers needed*
- 10 Don & Janice Happel
- 17 Ken Andrews & Ev Schilling
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 Ardie & Carol Smith

JANUARY USHERS

- 3 *Volunteers needed*
- 10 *Volunteers needed*
- 17 *Volunteers needed*
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

JANUARY BAKED GOODS

- 3 *Volunteers needed*
- 10 *Volunteers needed*
- 17 *Volunteers needed*
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

JANUARY NURSERY

- 3 *Volunteers needed*
- 10 *Volunteers needed*
- 17 *Volunteers needed*
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

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

SAFE PATHWAY PROJECT: We would like to express our appreciation to members and friends who donated toward the community “Safe Pathway” project. These are the names we know of: Roger & Roberta Altes, Jeanne Bailey, Richard & Judy Burns, Ron & Julie Hoover, Elaine Houts, David & Pam Kirk, Mildred Kirk, David & Marcy Machacek, Tom & Mary Moore, Jon & Sharon Moss, Juanita Reed, Ardith & Carol Smith, Rick & Melissa Smith, Alan & Dana Sperfslage. If your name should be here please forgive us and contact the church office so we may recognize you.

FROM THE LIONS: Thank you so much for your substantial gift of \$2000 to the Lions Trail Project. It is greatly appreciated! ~Alburnett Lions.

ALBURNETT UMC - LAY LEADERSHIP 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL **Dave Kirk, Chairperson**
 Recording Secretary Mary Moore
 Lay Leader To Be Filled
 Treasurer Julie Hoover
 Finance Secretary Carol Smith
 Church Historian TBD
 Chair of Trustees To be Elected
 Chair of Finance Committee Julie Hoover
 Chair of SPPRC Mary Moore
 Chair of Missions Committee Judy Burns
 Chair of Worship Committee Marcy Machacek
 Chair of Parsonage Committee Ardith Smith
 Lay Member to Annual Conference Mary Moore
 Membership Secretary Shirley Andrews
 Chair of Committee on Lay Leadership Pastor Jon C. Moss

TRUSTEES **Chairperson or Co-Chairs To Be Elected at First Meeting**

-- 2016 --	-- 2017 --	-- 2018 --
Don Happel	Bill Sloan	Dave Machacek
Alan Sperflage	David Kirk	Richard Burns
	Ken Andrews	

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE - Trustees will appoint people

-- 2016 --	-- 2017 --	-- 2018 --
Fill from Trustees	June Smith	Ardith Smith

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE **Mary Moore, Chairperson**

-- 2016 --	-- 2017 --	-- 2018 --
Judy Burns	Mary Moore	Pam Kirk

FINANCE COMMITTEE **Julie Hoover, Chairperson**

Finance Secretary Carol Smith
 Chair of Trustees TBD in January 2016
 Lay Leader To Be Filled
 Lay Member to Annual Conference Mary Moore
 Ad Council Chair Dave Kirk
 SPPRC Representative To Be Appointed by SPPRC
 Church Treasurer Julie Hoover
 Pastor Jon C. Moss
 Member-At-Large To Be Filled

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP **Pastor Jon Moss, Chairperson**

-- 2016 --	-- 2017 --	-- 2018 --
June Smith	<i>Open</i>	Marcy Machacek
Don Happel		

MISSIONS COMMITTEE **Judy Burns, Chairperson**

-- 2016 --	-- 2017 --	-- 2018 --
Judy Burns	Cletus Sloan	Carrie Olmstead
		Pam Kirk

WORSHIP COMMITTEE **Marcy Machacek, Chairperson**

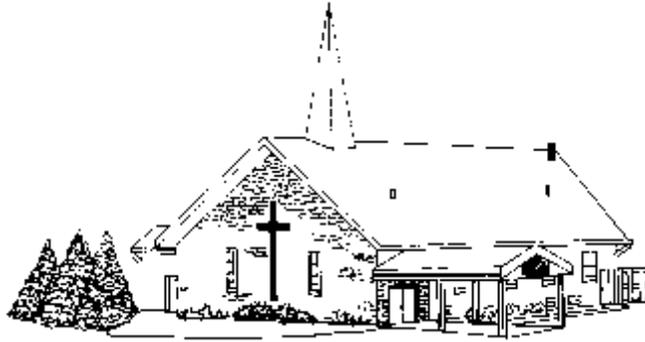
-- 2016 --	-- 2017 --	-- 2018 --
Julie Hoover	Marcy Machacek	Rhonda Lange (TBD)
	Paula Horak	

EDUCATION COMMITTEE **Pam Kirk, Chairperson**

All Sunday School Teachers

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE **Shirley Andrews, Chairperson**

Carol Smith	Shirley Andrews	June Smith
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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 Peace. Prayers for all those recovering from surgery, illness, injury and those undergoing treatments.

PRESENCE:
Bring a Friend!!
Weekly Attendance:

11/29	56
12/6	60
12/13	69
12/20	n/a
12/27	n/a

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

11/29	\$0.00
12/6	\$1979.00
12/13	\$1274.00
12/20	n/a
12/27	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who donated, loaned, set up, cleaned up, and otherwise helped at this year's Live Nativity. We had a good crowd.



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Natalie Nielson
- 4 Joe Trumm
- 10 Irene Thompson
- 10 Sharon Bowers
- 11 Loyd Martin
- 17 Dale Garlinghouse
- 18 Reagan Robinson
- 19 Judy Nietert
- 21 Willis Dettman
- 24 Lois Martin



- 26 Emma Miller
- 30 Margaret Kneef
- 31 Michael Clemens

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Bud & Kris Blackford
- 16 Greg & Natalie Nielson
- 26 Loyd & Lois Martin

If Your Special Day is not listed here, please drop a note to or call Virginia Lyttle at the Church Office.



JANUARY COMMUNION STEWARD - Lois Martin

DECEMBER USHERS/GREETERS

- 3 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
- 10 Olivia Nebergall & Wyatt Blackford
- 17 Spencer & Amber Jordan
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 Tim & Kathy Clemens

DECEMBER ACOLYTES

- 3 *Volunteers needed*
- 10 Nebergalls
- 17 *Volunteers needed*
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHILI LUNCH: Thanks for your support! We raised just under \$600 which will help our assigned family have a Merry Christmas with gifts, food and a holiday meal!

~The Young Adult Bible Study Class

UMW: Next Meeting is January 21 at 1:00PM. Hostesses: Carrie Robertson & Leah Nebergall. Program: Connie Walther. Mission project: Baby sweaters and jackets.

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on January 7 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.

