

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



Make the most of the situation...

You have probably heard or been told to *make the most of a situation*. Sometimes that is not what we want to hear. We would rather have the situation over than continue in a situation that is unpleasant or difficult. But the reality is that often this is where we can experience the most growth in our life. When you think about it, every miracle was preceded by a difficult situation.

During this time of Lent, what sacrifice have you been called to make? Has God spoken to you about things in your life that need to be dealt with? They maybe hard but what blessing is in store for you as you are obedient to Christ? What richness and strength will be yours for overcoming something that has held you back for so long? Perhaps you need to express forgiveness to someone or even forgive yourself.

Lent is really a time for cleaning house. As Jewish families prepared to celebrate Passover, they begin by cleaning their homes. They sweep everywhere as they attempt to remove **anything that shouldn't be there**. Likewise for us as Christians, Lent is a time for us to remove all the clutter and dust that has built up in our lives, some of which has accumulated over years.

When we open our hearts to God and seek his will over ours we are not only taking up our cross but we open ourselves to greater possibilities. Sure, the self-examination and dealing with difficult situations are painful at times, but the aftermath of healing, restoration, and grace are the miraculous results that bring life and joy into our midst. **Make the most of this Lenten season and don't settle for time to just pass by. Easter is coming!**

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon



MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS	
March 6, 2016 4th Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 13, 2016 5th Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
March 20, 2016 Passion/Palm Sunday	Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
March 21, 2016 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
March 22, 2016 Tues. of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
March 23, 2016 Wed. of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
March 24, 2016 Holy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
March 25, 2016 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
March 26, 2016 Easter Vigil	Old Testament Readings & Psalms: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 or Psalm 33; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13; Psalm 46; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-6; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Psalm 42; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 143; New Testament Reading & Psalm: Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 114; Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12
March 27, 2016 Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18; or Luke 24:1-12

THE MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, March 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...

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY: 9:00AM Worship and
Sunday School at Alburnett
9:15AM Sunday School and 10:30am
Worship at Prairie Chapel



MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:00PM Worship service at Alburnett UMC

GOOD FRIDAY: 7:00PM Worship service at Prairie Chapel UMC

EASTER SUNDAY: 7:00AM Community Sunrise Service @ Alburnett UMC

9:00AM Easter Worship Service at Alburnett UMC

10:30AM Easter Worship Service at Prairie Chapel UMC

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: If 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.

PARISH NEWS...

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING MARCH 6, 2016

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

So don't be fooled by the word committee.

WHEN YOU GIVE YOU EQUIP CHRIST'S BODY TO SERVE IN HIS NAME

That's because your generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through One Great Hour of Sharing. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not "they." We.

Will you continue to give to One Great Hour of Sharing? Will you continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster?

When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)

As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at www.alburnettumc.org

UMW MISSION REPORT: The UMW Sewing team put together and donated the following Lap Robes and Quilts between December 15, 2014 and December 30, 2015:

- Veterans Hospital in Iowa City 17
- Red Cross 7
- Willow Gardens Care Center 14
- Hiawath Care Center 10
- Crestview Acres 12
- Willis Dady 1 twin size
- Camp Courageous 8 twin size

A total of 69 lap robes and blankets were completed and donated. The group works on this project the 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:00AM. You are welcome to join us or just stop by to see what we are doing!

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	
1/31	\$1024.00
2/7	546.00
2/14	\$1965.00
2/21	\$1041.00
2/28	n/a

Attendance	
1/31	52
2/7	45
2/14	58
2/21	57
2/28	n/a

The Church Chatterer...

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 RITA SCHUCHMAN
- 2 ALLY OLMSTEAD
- 3 PASTOR JON MOSS
- 4 LORI SPERFSLAGE
- 6 JANICE HAPPEL
- 6 JUSTIN PLATE
- 8 BETH GRITTON
- 9 JEFF CARROTHERS
- 15 LAURA GINGRICH
- 15 LOGAN MORRISON
- 16 KELSEY HENLE
- 16 ANDREA BODDICKER
- 17 CUTTER SHEFELBINE



- 18 JACKSON SCOTT
- 19 LAKEN CAVES
- 19 MACKINZE CARROTHERS
- 23 JASON GRITTON
- 28 KYLE SLOAN
- 29 OWEN HENRICKSEN
- 29 JACK MARTIN-ENOS

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 ROGER & ROBERTA ALTES
- 19 KEVIN & BEV HINES
- 24 RICHARD & JUDY BURNS

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

MARCH COMMUNION STEWARD - Volunteer needed

Ushers & Greeters



MARCH GREETERS

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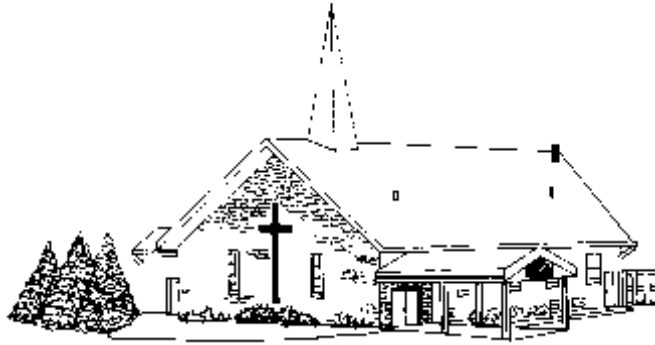
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Volunteers Needed

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

EASTER OFFERING: The Easter Offering will be sent to the Cedar Rapids Veterans Outreach Center for the purchase of Gas Cards. The Outreach Center offers assistance to homeless veterans in need of clothing, health care, food, hygiene, VA supported housing and vocational rehabilitation.



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:

1/31	46
2/7	44
2/14	38
2/21	48
2/28	N/A

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

1/31	\$1,964.50
2/7	\$1,557.50
2/14	\$866.00
2/21	\$2,023.00
2/28	N/A

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to our faithful office volunteers who have been helping with newsletter & bulletin folding!

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. Prairie Chapel: office@prairiechapelmarion.org or 319-377-7506.

EASTER OFFERING: We will donate our Easter Offering to Mission of Hope in Cedar Rapids. Mission of Hope's vision is to provide a 24/7 Christ-centered ministry offering physical, emotional, and spiritual help to former offenders and others in need. Just as our Shelter is open 24/7, we desire that the Mission be also – providing Bible studies, worship services, and prayer around the clock, day and night.

THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 CARLEY TRUMM
- 4 NICOLE LILLEBERG
- 3 PASTOR JON MOSS
- 4 CHRISTOPHER GRISWOLD
- 5 CLETUS REINHARDT
- 6 TESSALY ROBERTSON
- 8 CONNIE WALTHER
- 10 ZACHARY GARLINGHOUSE
- 13 BRENTON BLACKFORD
- 13 PATRICK CORY
- 14 MARK MATTKE
- 17 BETHANN THOMPSON
- 19 MATT MARTIN
- 20 MITCH MARTIN
- 20 REGAN NEBERGALL
- 22 DAVID MARTIN



- 23 DONNA MOONEY
- 23 CALEB MASON
- 24 TRACI POSTLETHWAIT
- 25 ALANNA NIETERT
- 25 KRIS BLACKFORD
- 27 OLIVIA NEBERGALL
- 31 HOLLY BLACKFORD HALL

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 DENNIS & SHARON SEJKORA
- 19 JIM & JUDY KOTRBA
- 25 PATRICK & STEPHANIE CORY

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MARCH COMMUNION STEWARD - Volunteer needed

MARCH USHERS/GREETERS

MARCH ACOLYTES

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UMW: The next meeting is Thursday, March 17 at 1:00PM. Program & Devotions: Kris Blackford. Hostesses: Dora Nielson and Leann Bowman.

Mission Project - Birthing Kits

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on Thursday, March 3, 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 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. Heart-to-Heart Dinner Saturday, April 16, 6:30PM. Sponsored by the Young Adult Class. The cost will be \$20.00 and RSVPs should be sent to Kevin Banasik at kevinb@linncsb.com by April 9.