

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

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM

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A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



A Journey with Christ

Spring cleaning refreshing, renewal, we all need that in our lives. I want to lift up an opportunity for you to participate in something that is all of these and more, The Walk to Emmaus weekend.

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with what some call a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. It really is an experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle

Not only is this weekend beneficial for the individual but each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. This is one tool for leadership development for our churches.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

In every church where I have served, those who have participated in the Emmaus weekend have been enriched and blessed the church as a result. I would love to talk with you about the weekend. We're excited that a Men's and Women's set of weekends are being planned for this July.

You will find some brochures on the information table or in the foyer and I would like you to pick one of these up and read through it and prayerfully and consider going. We are planning an informational meeting so you can ask questions and hear what the weekend has meant to other people. This weekend can be a wonderful blessing to you, when you need it the most and a great blessing to the church too.

I look forward to talking with you about this.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. - Luke 24:15



APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS	
April 3, 2016 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31
April 10, 2016 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
April 17, 2016 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
April 24, 2016 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

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 APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Friday, April 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.

“The group is very diverse, and all of our events are open to any who want to share with Native Americans their culture and deep Christian spirituality.”

—Rose Brewer, Third Sunday Fellowship, St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Houston

YOUR GIFT CONNECTS AND UNITES

PARISH NEWS **Native American Ministries - April 10, 2016**
“Lots of” urban Native American Ministries - April 10, 2016
culture, language and even identity, by choice or force,” says the Rev. Robert Pierce, Texas Annual Conference Committee on Native American Ministries chair.

To help counteract that loss, the Texas Annual Conference Committee on Native American Ministries introduced the Third Sunday Fellowship six years ago. On the third Sunday each month, Native Americans gather to worship in Houston to share their love for God.

CONNECTING RESULTS IN UNITED WORSHIP

Native Americans worship God as they honor their heritage with a rotation of primarily Native American pastors. Musicians and the congregation sing traditional hymns in Native languages.

“We provide a safe place where people are understood and accepted,” says Rose Brewer, a CONAM member. “People find solace,” adds Brewer. “They really enjoy being in community with one another.”

PLEASE GIVE TODAY. YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS.

Your financial gift empowers local outreach and educates Native American seminary students to serve God faithfully. The United Methodist Native American Ministries Sunday offering also helps preserve a rich cultural heritage. Thank you for your generous gift.

Native American Ministries Sunday reminds United Methodists of the contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering benefits Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans.

United Methodists relate to Native American Ministries Sunday by learning about and reaching out to Native Americans in their communities and by encouraging Native Americans to consider becoming pastors and nurturing them in their journey.

Please give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday.



Acolyte Training Registration



Child's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Birthday _____ Male ___ Female ___

Grade _____ School _____

Parents' Names _____

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

Email Address _____

Parent: Please sign indicating your permission for your child to attend Acolyte Training Classes. Upon completion of the training, we would appreciate your cooperation in making sure your child is at church at the appropriate time on the day scheduled.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Return your signed form to Pastor Jon. Thank you.



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at www.alburnettumc.org

UMW MISSION REPORT: In 2015, the Alburnett UMW ladies have donated cash totaling \$914.50 for batting for quilts, camping scholarship, Upper Room and Camp Courageous. Thank you for your generosity!!

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.org or 319-842-2388.

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	
2/28	\$1425.06
3/6	\$785.00
3/13	\$1205.00
3/20	\$1011.11
3/27	n/a

Attendance	
2/28	62
3/6	57
3/13	51
3/20	71
3/27	n/a

The Church Chatterer...



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 SALLY GLASS
- 4 JILL HUNT
- 6 CARRIE OLMSTEAD
- 7 JUANITA REED
- 8 SYDNEY FRANKLIN
- 10 DWIGHT PLATE III
- 11 DON HAPPEL
- 11 GREG SMITH
- 11 HEATHER CARROTHERS
- 16 SHARON MOSS
- 17 CLETIS SLOAN
- 19 GERALD HOUTS
- 19 NATHAN HERSHEY
- 20 BLAKE SPERFSLAGE
- 20 BRENT SPERFSLAGE
- 20 PAT WACHAL
- 20 GREG GRITTON
- 22 SAVANNAH CAVES
- 22 RICK MCGRAW
- 22 BRIAN SCOTT
- 23 ROBBY MORRISON

- 24 MARVIN SUTTON
- 24 CAVAN HERSHEY
- 25 ANGIE MOSS
- 26 BEN MORRISON
- 28 WILLIAM FARE
- 29 SALLY KADLEC
- 29 KENT WRIGHT

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 TIM & RHONDA LANGE
- 6 ERIC & LAURA (GINGRICH) PITTS
- 8 TRAVIS & BRANDY STEVENSON
- 8 DAVID & MARCY MACHACEK
- 23 TOMMY & MARY MOORE
- 27 CARISSA & BRIAN LALA
- 27 TONY & WENDY WIEBOLD
- 28 GREGG & CYNTHIA SMITH
- 29 MICHAEL & PAM SHEFELBINE

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

APRIL COMMUNION STEWARD - Marcy Machacek

Ushers & Greeters



APRIL GREETERS

- 3 Kevin Johnson
- 10 Dave & Marcy Machacek
- 17 Judy & Richard Burns
- 24

APRIL USHERS

- 3 David & Pam Kirk
- 10 Mary & Tommy Moore
- 17
- 24

APRIL BAKED GOODS

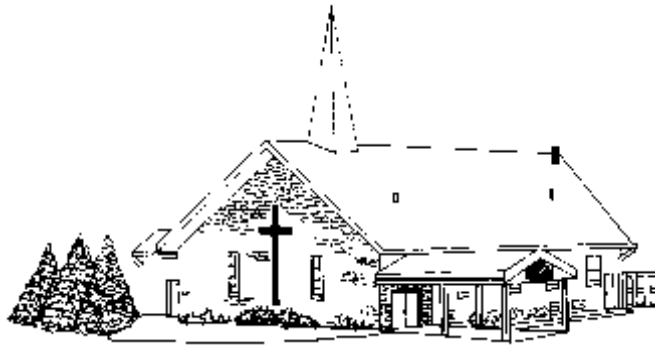
- 3 Shirley Andrews
- 10 Julie Hoover
- 17 Pam Kirk
- 24

APRIL NURSERY

- 3
- 10
- 17
- 24

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 the safety of all military, police, firefighters and EMT personnel.

PRESENCE:
Bring a Friend!!
Weekly Attendance:

2/28	50
3/6	46
3/13	45
3/20	56
3/27	N/A

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

2/28	\$1,388.00
3/6	\$2,168.58
3/13	\$1,440.00
3/20	\$1,447.00
3/27	N/A

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

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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.

CHURCH WORK DAY: April 2, 2016 from 9:00 to ? All hands are needed to spruce up, clean up, fix up and make our church yard and building spring clean. Lunch provided. Bring work gloves and tools, rakes, clippers, etc.

THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 DAVID MOONEY
- 6 MORGAN WALTZ
- 8 LINDSEY CLEMENS
- 9 TENLEY BACH
- 10 MARILYN KRIEGEL
- 11 ELAINE COLLET
- 13 DICK WALTHER
- 15 STEVE STEWART
- 15 GARY HANNA
- 15 ASHLEY FITZGERALD
- 16 SHARON MOSS
- 18 LAVERNE HENDERSON
- 18 NICHOLAS OLINGER
- 20 ERIC JENSEN
- 23 DORA NIELSON



- 23 ANNE ROBINSON
- 25 ANGIE MOSS
- 27 CELIA HENDERSON
- 29 JUSTIN MARTIN
- 29 TRENTON ROBERTSON

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 DAVID & JANICE ADAMS
- 12 ORVILLE & SHARON BANASIK
- 27 STEPHEN & KAREN MARTIN
- 28 DALE & BARB GARLINGHOUSE

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APRIL COMMUNION STEWARD - Emma Miller



APRIL USHERS/GREETERS

- 3 James & Judy Kotrba
- 10 Andrea Brown & Rae Kinkead
- 17 Dan & Virginia Lyttle
- 24 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse

APRIL ACOLYTES

- 3
- 10
- 17
- 24

Volunteers Needed

UMW: The next meeting is Thursday, April 21 at 1:00PM. Program & Devotions: Judy Kotrba. Hostesses: Margaret Meythaler and Laura Falcon. Mission Project - Layette Kits

COMMUNITY CLUB: will be held on Thursday, April 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!

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE: April 13-14. Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14, from 8:00AM-4:00PM. Household goods, clothing, toys, books, etc. You may start to bring clean items in good condition already priced to sell. Also seeking baked goods to sell. Sponsored by UMW.

♥ **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. ♥