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The text 'May 2016' is written in a large, elegant, black calligraphic font. The word 'May' is on the top line, and '2016' is on the bottom line. Four small, black silhouette birds are perched on the letters: one on the 'M', one on the 'y', one on the '1', and one on the '6'. The birds are facing right.

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## **A Word from Pastor Jon**

The United Methodist Church's top legislative body will meet at the Oregon Convention Center, on **May 10-20, 2016**. General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church and meets every four years. It is the only body that speaks for the church and can set official policy for the denomination.

During General Conference, delegates discuss and vote on petitions and resolutions. Delegates wrestle with today's issues in light of scriptural teachings and the church's understanding of that teaching. These actions result in a revision of the Book of Discipline (the denomination's book of law), and the Book of Resolutions (policies of the denomination on current social issues).

Several major issues face delegates to the 2016 General Conference:

- Restructuring the ministries of the general church and changes to General Agencies
- Calling for limited tenure for bishops
- Changes in the ordination process for elders and deacons

**Human sexuality is one of the major issues delegates will face.**

Some groups are petitioning General Conference on the denomination's stance and statements on homosexuality. Some propose either removing or adding less-restrictive language to the Social Principles. Others call for upholding the current language and denominational standards which is in part found in paragraph 161 of the Book of Discipline.

*We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God. All persons need the ministry of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care*

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*of a fellowship that enables reconciling relationships with God, with others, and with self. The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching. We affirm that God's grace is available to all. We will seek to live together in Christian community, welcoming, forgiving, and loving one another, as Christ has loved and accepted us. We implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons.*

One point for all of us to remember at the local level, is that we are the Church going into General Conference, and regardless of the decisions that are made, we must be the Church at the conclusion of General Conference. The impact on how we live out the results of General Conference could be significant. Please join me in taking time to pray for the delegates. This is a difficult issue to address and so much is not known. We must



MAY LECTIONARY READINGS	
May 1, 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22:-22:5; John 14:23-29
May 5, 2016 Ascension day	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
May 8, 2016 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26
May 15, 2016 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17,25-27
May 22, 2016-Trinity Sunday 1st Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 8:1-14; Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
May 29, 2016 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 96; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

<b>Newsletter Deadline for June 2016</b>	
<u>Newsletter Articles due in Office</u>	May 16
<u>Newsletter Folding Party</u>	May 23

**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 Church Chatterer...



## THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at

<http://www.alburnettumc.org>

### 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	
3/27	\$775.00
4/3	\$1120.00
4/10	\$1030.00
4/17	\$1410.00
4/24	\$851.00

Attendance	
3/27	69
4/3	54
4/10	57
4/17	39
4/24	47

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 HILDA MARTIN
- 3 SUE MEINEKE
- 6 AMY COLEMAN WRIGHT
- 9 TRAVIS STEVENSON
- 12 LEE ROBERT SLOAN
- 12 HOWARD POWERS
- 13 SUE BECKER
- 15 LANDON MCGRAW
- 15 ROBERT MOYER
- 16 JOSHUA MCGRAW
- 18 LORI REED



- 18 JEANNE BAILEY
- 21 MICHELLE MOYER FIELDS
- 22 DONNA HOUTS
- 29 ADDISON SLOAN
- 30 KOREY JOHNSON

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 BART & KIM GINGRICH
- 12 RON & JERRIS RICHARDSON
- 27 DON & JANICE HAPPEL

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



**May Communion Steward & Servers:**  
Judy Burns and volunteers needed

***MAY GREETERS***

- 5/1 Dave & Marcy Machacek
- 5/8 Dorothy Sherman
- 5/15 Matt & Carrie Olmstead
- 5/22 *Volunteers needed*
- 5/29 *Volunteers needed*

***MAY USHERS***

- 5/1 *Volunteers needed*
- 5/8 *Volunteers needed*
- 5/15 *Volunteers needed*
- 5/22 *Volunteers needed*
- 5/29 *Volunteers needed*

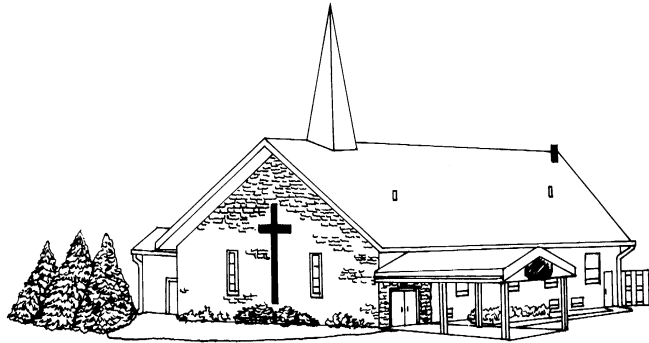
***MAY BAKED GOODS***

- 5/1 Marcy Machacek
- 5/8 Carrie Olmstead & Kelly Hemphill
- 5/15 *Volunteer needed*
- 5/22 *Volunteer needed*
- 5/29 *Volunteer needed*

***MAY NURSERY ATTENDANTS***

- 5/1 *Volunteers needed*
- 5/8 Kelly Hemphill & Carrie Olmstead
- 5/15 *Volunteers needed*
- 5/22 *Volunteers needed*
- 5/29 *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](http://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 **safety for farmers in the fields and on the roads.** Pray for all service men and women. Pray for those recovering from illness and surgery, and undergoing treatments.

### PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

3/27	86
4/3	51
4/10	50
4/17	44
4/24	46

**GIFTS:** Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

3/27	\$2212.75
4/3	\$2509.12
4/10	\$2050.00
4/17	\$1402.50
4/24	\$1286.00

**SERVICE:** BIG THANKS.....to everyone who donated to, helped at and shopped at our Rummage Sale April 15-16. Thanks to everyone who helped make the Heart-to-Heart supper a success: Young Adult Class, 4-H Girls, Relaxed Fit band and attendees!

**COMMUNITY CLUB** will meet on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30PM at the church. See you there!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** The UMW will next meet on **Wednesday, May 4** for our annual Mystery Tour. Details to be announced. **SALAD SUPPER MAY 19 @ 6:30PM:** Hostesses: Holly Ryan, Cindy Wittenburg, Karon Dettman, Laura Falcon. Program: Kathy Clemens.



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Mark Neal  
 2 Carol Yeisley  
 3 Frank Lamb  
 5 Jordyn Cory  
 8 Paula Patterson

8 Beth Martin  
 10 Jim Dettmann  
 11 Brad Wittenburg  
 16 Jarod Bowman  
 20 Sandra Liegl  
 20 Inez Mattke  
 20 Chris Christiansen  
 20 Paul Martin  
 20 Kaycee Cory  
 21 Norm Nielson

21 Corey Seibert  
 21 Ethan Lilleberg  
 23 Wyatt Blackford  
 24 Blane Beckner  
 24 Sharon Scott  
 26 Mark Nietert  
 30 Timothy Lyttle  
 31 Trent Coberly  
**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**  
 26 Dan & Virginia Lyttle

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

**MAY COMMUNION STEWARD & SERVERS - Lois Martin &**



**MAY USHERS/GREETERS**

1 Volunteers needed  
 8 Rae Kinkead & Andrea Brown  
 15 James Jordan & Holly Ryan  
 22 James & Judy Kotrba  
 29 Paul & Dorothy Martin

**MAY ACOLYTES**

1  
 8  
 15  
 22  
 29

**Volunteers Needed**

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

**MAY MISSION PROJECT - Tailoring Kits**

- 1 package hand sewing needles
- 1 - 8" sewing scissors
- 1 package non rusting straight pins
- 1 tape measure with centimeters (5/8x60)
- 1 card white buttons (6 flat 1/2")
- 1 gallon Ziploc bag
- 1 spool white and 1 spool dark thread (200-300 yards)

**FALCON 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

60th Anniversary Open House for Wally & Laura Falcon  
 on Sunday, June 5 from 2:00-4:00PM  
 at Horseshoe Falls Lodge  
 Pinicon Ridge Park in Central City.

We hope you will join us and our families  
 Lesley & Daryl, Andrew, Mary Hallet and A.J.  
 to mark the milestone.

No gifts, please.