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A Word from Pastor Jon



This month is a continuation of sharing some good articles concerning Christian community. Some youth shared with me not too long ago about how meaningful their small groups (huddles) were at Summer Games University (SGU). They were really touched and helped because of how people shared from their heart. All of that was possible because someone was willing to be honest which enabled them to move their conversations and relationships deeper than just a shallow or surface level.

My desire is to see us as a community of faith continue to grow closer to each other and identify ways we can uplift and affirm one another. I trust that from this article you will have a deeper appreciation for meaningful relationships that are built on honesty and trust. When we do this we become closer to each other and to Christ himself. I hope that this article will be help us along these very lines.

Willing to Be Honest

Winning the struggle to open up.

Zechariah 8:16–17; Colossians 3:9–10

Why We Wear Masks

1. We think people won't love us if they know what we're really like. If we feel our parents' love is conditional, we might carry into our adult relationships the fear that others will reject us if they find out we are "unworthy."
2. We're afraid people will think we're not "good Christians." "If I tell my non-Christian friends about my struggles, they will think I'm a hypocrite," Roxann explained. "And how can I tell my Christian friends? They might think I'm not a good Christian."
3. We think people don't care. When people ask, "How are you doing?" we perceive they are asking out of politeness and not because they want to know.
4. We're afraid of gossip. Gossip at one time or another has probably affected all of us. As a result, we are reluctant to confide in anyone.

Reasons to Unmask

1. We are called to honesty in our relationships. "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator" (Col. 3:9-10). To Paul, deceit is incompatible with the Christian walk. His honesty leads him to confess his failings to entire groups.

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2. We can't receive help if others don't know we need it. We are to "bear with each other" (Col. 3:13); "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thess. 5:11); and "love one another deeply, from the heart" (1 Pet. 1:22). But how can people support us if we pretend to be just fine?

3. Our honesty frees others to be honest. If we admit that we grapple with questions of faith, we give others permission to do the same.

4. Our honesty gives God the glory. Paul boasted about his weaknesses, "so that Christ's power may rest on me." We may think God will be glorified by our appearance of perfection. But God is truly glorified by our admission of weakness and our full dependence on His sufficient grace.

—SANDY SHEPPARD

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Take a few minutes and think on these things. When was a time you opened up to someone and felt good that you had? How can we encourage greater openness among ourselves? Among our congregation?

Care for One Another,

Pastor Jon

PARISH NEWS...



OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS	
October 2, 2016 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
October 9, 2016 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
October 16, 2016 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
October 23, 2016 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
October 30, 2016 24th Sunday after Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Ps 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

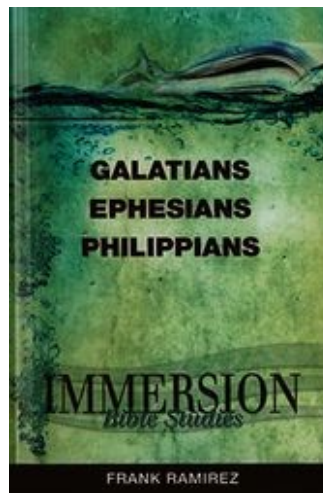
IMMERSION BIBLE STUDY

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Our study of Galatians continues on Sundays at Prairie Chapel: from 2:00 – 3:30PM in the Fellowship Hall and Mondays at Alburnett: from 6:30 – 8:00PM in the Confirmation Room.



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

World Communion Sunday Offering October 2



Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

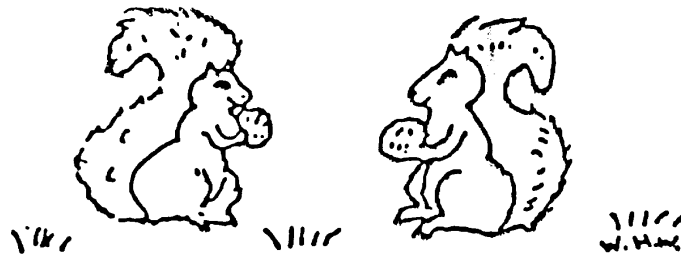
The offering will be taken on October 2; Communion will be served on October 16.

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 6

Newsletter Deadline for November 2016

Newsletter Articles due in Office
Newsletter Folding Party

Monday, Monday, October 17
Wednesday, October 26



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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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		Attendance	
8/28	\$876.20	8/28	47
9/4	\$965.00	9/4	35
9/11	\$1160.00	9/11	63
9/18	\$681.36	9/18	56
9/25	\$702.00	9/25	33

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School is in full swing. "The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me." Bibles were presented to Brayden Hemphill, Laken Caves, Evan Burns and Cooper Franklin as 2nd graders. Perfect timing as we will be learning the books of the Bible. I have witnessed personally all children anxious to look up Bible Verses in class.

The children will be singing the second Sunday of the month. With a lot of after-school activities, practice will take place after Sunday School for 10 minutes. We recognize there are activities right after Church, so we can be flexible with your child leaving immediately after Church.

Fall produce is being harvested from the garden: Watermelon, squash, tomatoes and cucumbers. A great project for the kids to work together to plant, grow and reap not only in the garden but in their faith in the Lord. They have loved sharing with the congregation.

~Education Committee

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION SERVICE

Starting in September we will have an additional Communion Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month after the worship service. This is for anyone who would like to participate or those who missed Communion on the first Sunday, and for our Sunday School teachers and workers who are leading Children's Discipleship Classes each week. As others are in the fellowship hall after service feel free to come into the sanctuary and join in a short communion service. That's the 3rd Sunday of the month starting September 18th.

- Pastor Jon

OCTOBER MISSIONS PROJECT

Thank you for your generous donations towards our Health Kits. Our missions focus for October will be to accept donations to pay for the shipping of our Health Kits from September. We also need to send money for toothpaste to be provided by UMCOR to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. In order to complete and send our Health Kits, we will have a special offering on the first and third Sunday in the month of October. Members can also designate their donations in the regular offerings on the other Sundays or place their donations in the bank with the display in Fellowship Hall. Thank you again for your support to help those in need.

~The Missions Committee

Serving God as an Usher

Ushers serve God today by:

- directing visitors,
- helping take up the offering,
- lending a hand to pastors, and
- stepping in when urgent needs arise. (The first priority of an usher is, after all, the safety of those who are worshipping.)

When you do this, you're joining with centuries of people who have loved God and have valued *the event* that takes place when God's people gather together in worship.

So, be part of caring for the community of faith. The effective usher does more than pass out bulletins. You are often the first impression that is made on a guest on behalf of the church.

There is a sheet with usher responsibilities/instructions on the information table in the fellowship hall for you to review. If you would like to be an usher or want more information then write your name, contact information, and the word "Usher" on the communication card on the back side of the prayer card in your bulletin and put it in the offering plate.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 DEANNA WHEELER
2 DAVID SARGENT
3 BRAYDEN HEMPHILL
4 MIKAELA STEVENSON
4 JUDY BURNS
4 RICK SMITH
6 BART GINGRICH
7 ROBIN MORRISON
8 JENICE STER
11 ELIZABETH WHEELER
19 BILL SLOAN
22 JANET SARGENT

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

27 JENNY (MOORE) JOHNSON
28 KARA LAWRENCE
30 CARA (BECKER) DIX
30 CINDY SCOTT
31 ELIZABETH SPERFSLAGE

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 BRIAN & CINDY SCOTT
24 ALAN & LORI SPERFSLAGE
26 JEREMY & LINDY HARTL

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

Wednesday, October 12 - Confirmation Photo, Dinner, & Rehearsal for parents, sponsors and confirmands, 5:30-7:15PM Alburnett Fellowship Area. **Confirmation Students should wear dark slacks and white shirt.**



Confirmation

AGENDA

5:30PM Class Picture
5:50PM Dinner
6:30PM Rehearsal
7:00PM Youth Ministry - Discussion

Sunday, October 16 - Confirmation Sunday and Holy Communion. Confirmands & families, please arrive at the church by 10:15AM.

Ushers & Greeters



October Communion Steward & Servers:

Marcy Machacek, Julie Hoover

OCTOBER GREETERS

2 Dorothy Sherman &
9 *Volunteers needed*
16 Dale & Paula Horak
23 Ardie & Carol Smith
30 *Volunteers needed*

OCTOBER BAKED GOODS

2 Julie Hoover
9 *Volunteers needed*
16 Cindy Scott
23 Carol Smith
30 *Volunteers needed*

OCTOBER USHERS

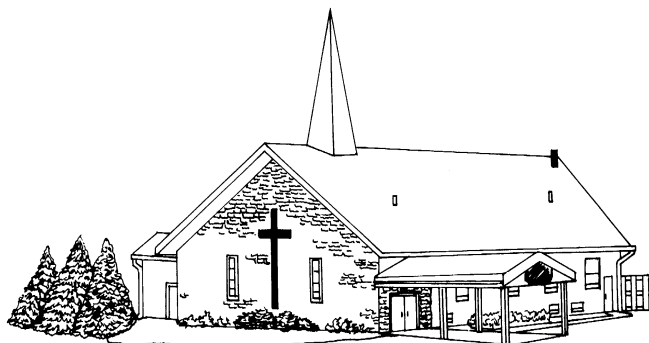
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9
16
26
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Volunteers Needed

OCTOBER NURSERY ATTENDANTS

2 *Volunteers needed*
9 *Volunteers needed*
16 Cindy Scott
23 *Volunteers needed*
30 Lori Sperfslage

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



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our Web Site at www.prairiechapelm Marion.org

STEWARDSHIP

*When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...***PRAYERS:** Prayers for all those recovering from surgery and those facing treatments and therapy. Pray for farmers working on the harvest. Pray for Peace.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

8/28	45
9/4	39
9/11	39
9/18	16
9/25	42

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

8/28	\$1,771.40
9/4	\$2,486.00
9/11	\$1,621.00
9/18	\$310.00
9/25	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....thanks to everyone serving on our church committees.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30PM at the church. We will have guest speakers Larry & Jane Kies, who are missionaries in Zimbabwe, Africa. Come and hear about their work with Africa University. See you there!

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church Fall Soup Supper

Your choice of soup, sandwich and dessert:

Turkey Noodle, Chili, or Potato Corn Chowder;

Turkey or Ham Salad Sandwiches; Pies, Bars, or Cake.

Sunday, October 16, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm.

Free Will Offering

October Birthdays

1 Anne Lyttle
1 David Weller
2 Lorna Kertesz
4 Spencer Jordan
5 Carlene Reinhardt
6 Trista Sauser
7 Stephanie Seibert
9 Tyler Stewart
11 Alan Beckner



11 John P. Dixon
12 Mackenzie Mattke
13 Raymond Nietert
16 Michelle Seibert
18 Linda Blackford
26 DeWayne Beckner
26 Julie Scott

26 Jeff Nielson
26 Colt Nebergall
28 Rick Martin
28 Bill Nielson
30 James Jordan
30 David Beckner
31 Greg Nielson

October Anniversaries

9 Erik & Jeanna Lilleberg
30 Frank & Phyliss Lamb

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

OCTOBER COMMUNION STEWARD - Emma Miller

& SERVERS - Dale Garlinghouse and volunteer needed



OCT. USHERS/GREETERS

2 Dan & Virginia Lyttle
9 Andrea Brown & Olivia Nebergall
16 Tim & Kathy Clemens
23 James Jordan & Holly Ryan
30 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse

OCTOBER. ACOLYTES

2 *Volunteers needed*
9 Nebergalls
16 *Volunteers needed*
23 *Volunteers needed*
30 *Volunteers needed*

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

TRUNK OR TREAT AT PRAIRIE CHAPEL Sunday, October 30 following the worship service the children will dress up in costume and collect goodies from cars in the parking lot. Decorated cars welcome!!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEET ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
at 1:00PM**

Program and Devotions: Maria Martin

Hostesses: Virginia Lyttle & Amber Jordan

Business Meeting and In-Gathering Projects

Discuss Soup Supper final plans

In-Gathering Project Work Days: Oct 6,13,20,27

& Nov 3 beginning at 9:30AM

October Mission Project – Knitting Kits

1 pair 10” needles size 8

2 yarn needles size 16

1 crochet hook size E

1 small pair scissors size 4-5

2 7oz. skeins yarn (acrylic same dye lot worsted solid color)

1 gallon Ziploc bag