

# THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 2016



## A Word from Pastor Jon



### **Rediscovering the True Wonder of Christmas**

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th, and we will start a new Advent emphasis, *The Wonder of Christmas*. This program explores four elements of the Christmas story that teach us about the wonder of God's great love for us:

1. a star
2. a name
3. a manger
4. a promise

As we look to these wonder-filled aspects of the Christmas story, we will rediscover that the true wonder of Christmas is found in the love of Christ and made real in our hearts when we share that love with others.

This transformational program will include special sermons and worship experiences. Join us this Advent as we embrace and celebrate the true wonder of Christmas, believing that because of God's great love and light in Jesus Christ, anything is possible!

In this newsletter, you will find several opportunities for you and your family to participate in special Advent and Christmas events as we focus and worship Emmanuel, God with us.

Pastor Jon

Parish News...

**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>
- WMT Radio
- Church Web sites ([www.alburnettumc.org](http://www.alburnettumc.org) or [www.prairiechapelmarion.org](http://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.



DECEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS	
December 4, 2016 2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12
December 11, 2016 3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
December 18, 2016 4th Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25
December 24, 2016 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
December 25, 2016 Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14
December 31, 2016 Watch Night/New Year	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS


  
Sunday, December 4 from 5:00-7:00PM: Live Nativity at Prairie Chapel UMC.
   
Sunday, December 11 at 10:30AM: Children's Christmas Program during the Worship Service at Alburnett UMC.
   
Sunday, December 18 at 9:00 and 10:30AM: One Voice Choir at both Prairie Chapel and Alburnett United Methodist Churches.
   
SUNDAY DECEMBER 18 AT 6:00PM: Children's Christmas Program and more at Prairie Chapel UMC.
   
Saturday, December 24 at 5:00PM: Christmas Eve Service at Prairie Chapel UMC.
   
Saturday, December 24 at 7:00PM: Christmas Eve Service at Alburnett UMC.
   
Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 and 10:30AM: Christmas Day Services at Prairie Chapel and Alburnett UMC's with One Voice Choir.

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, fill out the back of a prayer card, drop a note to the office or leave a message or email. Thanks!!  
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 Prairie Chapel: [office@prairiechapelmarion.org](mailto:office@prairiechapelmarion.org) or 319-377-7506.



**A BIG THANK YOU** to both Prairie Chapel and Alburnett United Methodist Churches for the prayers, love and support during the time of our loss of our son Scott Blackford. God bless each and every one of you. Bud & Kris Blackford

**Newsletter Deadline for January 2016**  
Newsletter Articles due in Office Thursday, December 15  
Newsletter Folding Party Wednesday, December 21



PARISH NEWS...

Order a beautiful Poinsettia to honor or remember a loved one. Place your order no later than Sunday, December 4, by mailing or dropping this form to the church office or call Virginia Lyttle at 377-6807. Cost for each Poinsettia is \$10.00 (includes tax).

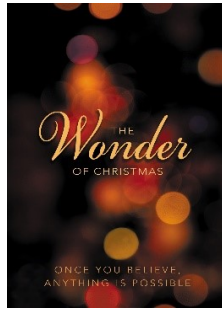
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

Plants may be picked up following the Christmas Day Service, or left to decorate the church for the remainder of Christmastide. Please indicate your preference:



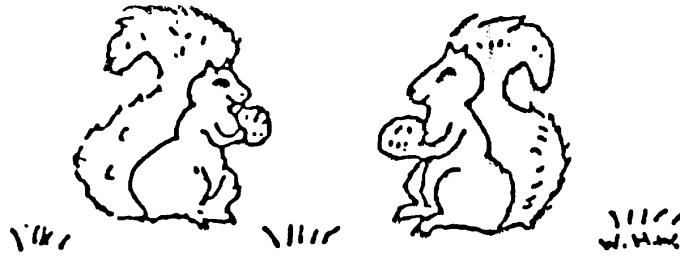
**REDISCOVER THE TRUE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS**

Would you like to experience the wonder of Christmas as never before? The new Advent program, *The Wonder of Christmas*, will lead us in exploring four elements of the Christmas story that teach us about the wonder of God's great love for us:

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a name                      a promise

As we look to these wonder-filled aspects of the Christmas story, we will rediscover that the true wonder of Christmas is found in the love of Christ and made real in our hearts when we share that love with others. It all starts on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**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 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	
10/30	\$1220	10/30	44
11/4	\$1725	11/4	62
11/13	\$965	11/13	69
11/20	\$1176	11/20	54
11/27	n/a	11/27	n/a

**THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be on December 11th during the Worship Service.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Transition has been made for the next 6 weeks of Sunday School. Stacy Franklin and Kelly Hemphill have volunteered to continue with the lesson and crafts. The kids are also continuing to learn new songs under direction of Linda. Make sure you don't miss their praises during Church Service.

The B-I-B-L-E, continued valuable time spent with your children.

**FRIENDSHIP**

Exodus 33: 11

Ruth 1:6-22

1 Samuel 18:1-4

**FORGIVENESS**

Matthew 18:15-35

Luke 3:3

Acts 13:38-39

**FEAR**

Genesis 15:1

Joshua 1:6-9

Psalms 25"12-14

Blessings...

~Education Committee

The Church Chatterer...

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 REED CALLAHAN
- 2 DANA BURNS
- 3 CHALISE HITE SWANSON
- 3 LINDY HARTL
- 3 ROBBIE CARROTHERS
- 4 BEN HUNT
- 4 MARCY MACHACEK
- 5 PAT JORDAN
- 6 CONNIE MOYER
- 12 KERRI SLOAN
- 12 ADAM REED
- 13 LANCE HORAK

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 ELEANOR FLITSCH
- 17 PAULA HORAK
- 19 ROBIN BODDICKER OETH
- 26 MARK HITE
- 29 DELORES JOHNSON
- 30 JESSICA MCGRAW COOK
- 31 TIM LANGE

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 JON & SHARON MOSS

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



DECEMBER MISSIONS PROJECT

It is time to prepare for the cold weather of winter again. We are collecting new or gently used hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, children's snowpants, socks, and boots for needy children in our area. These donated items will be given to our local HACAP center and school. Thank you for your help!

~The Missions Committee

Ushers & Greeters



December Communion Steward: Pam Kirk

DECEMBER GREETERS

- 4 *Volunteers needed*
- 11 Matt & Carrie Olmstead
- 18 Ken Andrews & Ev Schilling
- 25 *Volunteers needed*

DECEMBER BAKED GOODS

- 4 Judy Burns
- 11 Carrie Olmstead
- 18 Elise & Nicole Smith
- 25 *Volunteers needed*

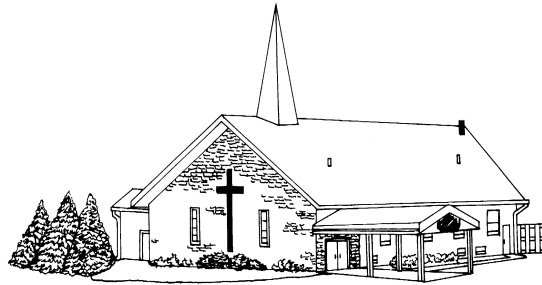
DECEMBER USHERS

- 4 *Volunteers needed*
- 11 Richard & Judy Burns
- 18 Ken Andrews & Ev Schilling
- 25 *Volunteers needed*

DEC. NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 4
- 11
- 18
- 25 **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. Prayers for all those recovering from surgery, illness, injury and those undergoing treatments. Travel mercies for college students returning home for the holidays and all those heading south for the winter.

**PRESENCE:**  
Bring a Friend!!  
Weekly Attendance:

10/30	\$1862.00
11/4	\$2344.50
11/13	\$1506.50
11/20	\$726.00
11/27	n/a

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

10/30	43
11/4	63
11/13	50
11/20	43
11/27	n/a

**SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....**to everyone who helped assemble kits, who helped transport and deliver everything to InGathering and who stayed to help sort and repack kits and load the big trailer!! Thank you to everyone who helped at Hanging of the Greens and to Emma Miller for organizing the Lunch!!

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UMW** will meet on December 3 at 9:00AM for our Christmas Brunch. Our Prayer Partners will be revealed and we will have our cookie bake. These cookies will be used for our church Live Nativity the next evening, December 4 from 5:00-8:00PM.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY PARTY:** Come at 7:00PM Dec. 31; play games, eat, and stay until the New Year begins! Bring your own beverage, pizza, snacks and games to share!

**SAVE THE DATE- Jan. 15, 2017:** Prairie Chapel is having a family night at the Marion YMCA! Yes, that's right! It's been too many years since we've done this, so mark your calendars now. The fun starts at 6:00PM and goes until 9:00PM. We have the whole Y: gym, pool, weight room and a room for our food. Watch for more details in the January newsletter.



**PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...**

**December Birthdays**

- 1 Jennie Clemens
- 2 Tristan Dietiker
- 3 Holly Ryan
- 4 Sarah Trumm
- 6 Brynn Bowman
- 6 Josh Garlinghouse
- 7 Sandra Dettmann Aird
- 7 Chloe Beckner
- 13 Rupert Kneef
- 13 Donna Timm
- 14 Kenneth Dixon



- 14 Codie Yeisley
- 15 Kale Nebergall
- 16 Christine Adams
- 17 Kevin Beckner
- 18 Dianna Moyer
- 20 Denise Mooney
- 23 Karon Dettman
- 23 Genevieve Scott

- 25 Jim Shatto
- 26 Sharon Banasik
- 27 Paige Victoria Martin
- 28 Matthew Walther
- 28 Jamie Walther
- 29 Caelee Yeisley
- 30 Kathy Clemens

- December Anniversaries**
- 2 Jeff & Karla Nielson
  - 13 David & Beth Martin
  - 19 Chris & Julie Novak
  - 21 Jon and Sharon Moss

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

**DECEMBER COMMUNION STEWARD—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
& SERVERS -**



**DECEMBER USHERS/GREETERS    DECEMBER ACOLYTES**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Dan &amp; Virginia Lyttle</li> <li>11 <i>Volunteers needed</i></li> <li>18</li> <li>25 Tim &amp; Kathy Clemens</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6</li> <li>13</li> <li>20</li> <li>27 <i>Volunteers needed</i></li> </ul> |
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**Please add *your name* to the sign-up sheet at the church.**

**DECEMBER MISSIONS/CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** In December, we are starting a crusade called "Homes for Haiti." Sukup Manufacturing in Sheffield, Iowa has designed these homes for "Go Serve Global" from their grain bin models. In 2013, our church purchased a home and the statistics are out. After the hurricane two months ago, the two villages of these homes survived; a few with only minimal damage. Up to 60 people crammed themselves into these homes for protection. Our church is putting out a challenge. We want to send two homes. They cost \$7,000 each. The first one is being bought now, with money from our general funds. The challenge is to match that with this crusade. Watch for displays on the bulletin board and other areas around the church. Let's all join together to build another home for people in one the poorest nations. Let's see how God can use up. Our Christmas offering wout to Prairie Chapel Church with "Homes for Haiti" in the memo.ill be going toward this second home, but your giving can start now. Checks can be made

**COMMUNITY CLUB** will meet on Thursday, December 1 at 6:30PM at the church. For Christmas we are collecting personal care items for men and women in shelters. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck supper. We have lots of conversation and laughs and would love for you to join us!. See you there!

**Christmas Program:** Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday, December 18, at 6:00PM for our annual Sunday School Christmas Program. Cookies and beverages provided following a visit from a special guest.