

# THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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THE ALBURNETT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND  
PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM

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## **A WORD FROM PASTOR JON**



So far, this year we are focusing on God's Unbreakable Promises. These promises reassure us in troubling times. When things in our life are in a state of flux, our God is rock solid and worthy of our trust. As we look to the future and envision new ministry opportunities we will rely on God's Unbreakable Promises to see us through the discernment process. During the month of February, we will finish up this theme and then transition into ideas around a vision for our churches. You will want to listen carefully to the messages at the end of February as they will prepare us for developing our vision. I'm looking forward to working with you and seeing how God will guide us in this process. One thing I want to assure you of in relation to developing a vision for our churches, is that it will not be a vain effort in which we have a nice slogan but give little further attention to it. We will use this vision to guide our actions so that we accomplish the things that God lays on our hearts.

"Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time. Action with vision is making a positive difference." -Joel Barker

We want to make a difference for the Kingdom of God in our community. Please make this part of your prayers as we prepare for our next steps.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** Winter is here, 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.albumettumc.org](http://www.albumettumc.org) or [www.prairiechapelmarion.org](http://www.prairiechapelmarion.org))
- [www.facebook.com: PastorJonIA](https://www.facebook.com/PastorJonIA) and [Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church](https://www.facebook.com/PrairieChapelUnitedMethodistChurch)

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.

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FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS	
February 5, 2017 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 111:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20
February 12, 2017 6th Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
February 19, 2017 7th Sunday after the Epiphany	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48
February 26, 2017 Transfiguration Sunday	Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

**ALBURNETT LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:** The committee will meet on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00PM in the confirmation room downstairs.

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:** The committee will meet on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00PM in the fellowship hall downstairs.

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We will need some volunteers to help us with some very basic Word and Excel data entry projects coming in 2017. If you could volunteer about 2 to 3 hours a month it would be very helpful.

If you would be willing to help just write "Yes, I can Help" on a prayer card with your name, email, or phone number and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Jon. Thank you for your service!



**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

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS?**

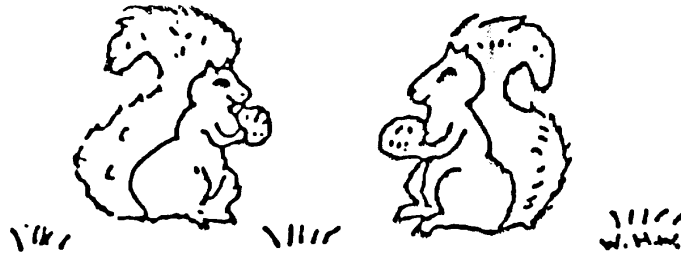
Please let us know your new address, so we can keep sending you the newsletter! Would you prefer to receive the Newsletter by email? Fill out the back of a prayer card, drop a note to the office or leave a message or email. Thanks!!

Alburnett: [alburnettumc@fmtcs.com](mailto:alburnettumc@fmtcs.com) or 319-842-2388

Prairie Chapel: [office@prairiechapelmarion.org](mailto:office@prairiechapelmarion.org) or 319-377-7506.

#### **Newsletter Deadline for March 2016**

Newsletter Articles due in Office Wednesday, February 15  
Newsletter Folding Party Wednesday, February 22



## 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		Attendance	
12/25	\$1345.00	12/25	n/a
1/1	\$825.00	1/1	27
1/8	\$1890.25	1/8	54
1/15	\$1432.52	1/15	47
1/22	\$1534.00	1/22	45
1/29	n/a	1/29	n/a

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We have been very blessed to have had volunteers to teach Sunday School on a rotation schedule. We are still looking for people to volunteer for the last 2 sessions. Feb.19-April 9 and April 9-May 21. We need 2 volunteers for the Feb 19-April 9 session and 1 volunteer for the April 9-May 21 session, to work with Leasha Henriksen.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 16 or Memorial weekend May 28. This is a great time for families to worship together. A nursery will be available for 3yrs and younger.

And thanks again to all that have volunteered so far: Judy Burns, Carrie Olmstead, Shelly Burns, Kelly Hemphill, Stacy Franklin, Kristi Caves, Cindy Scott, and Leasha Henriksen. I hope I didn't miss anyone, I know there were probably some people that filled in and we thank you also. Prayers for a Safe and Healthy Winter.

~Education Committee

### **PARKING LOT REPAIR AND RESURFACING TO BEGIN**



In a special meeting on January 11th, the Administrative Council approved a recommendation by the Trustees to repair and resurface our parking lot. After years of fundraising we have \$22,000 of the \$35,250 needed. We will try and raise \$15,000.

Separate from the parking lot we will try and upgrade the lighting as we are able. This is a big step for our church and we are thankful for all of those who have helped make this happen. Look for some activity in the May timeframe! Praise God!

**FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT:** In February, the Mission project will be supporting the Alburnett High School Post Prom. Post Prom is a party for the students that is alcohol and drug free, safe and fun after the prom. Donations will help pay for rental of the YMCA, food, entertainers, prizes, and rental of games, such as inflatables. It is attended by a very high percentage of juniors and seniors, even those students who choose not to attend prom are welcome. A donation box will be placed in Fellowship Hall for your contributions. Thank you for your support.  
~The Missions Committee

### **CHURCH CARPET FUND ESTABLISHED**

Do you know when the current carpet was installed? If you guessed 1974 you would be correct. That means the carpet is 42 years old. Now we know why its wearing out. We have had inquiries about setting up a fund to replace the upstairs carpet. So, that fund has been established and you can contribute to it if you would like. We'll keep you posted on the progress.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

**"Like" Pastor Jon's Facebook Page:** It will have Information on Alburnett Services &

Activities. **Like page:** [www.facebook.com/PastorJonIA](http://www.facebook.com/PastorJonIA)  
His posts on Parish information will also appear on the Prairie Chapel Facebook Page.

The Church Chatterer...

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 JORDYN CALLAHAN  
2 BLAINE MCGRAW  
4 KEVIN LAWRENCE  
5 SHELLY VOLKL  
5 RYAN BURNS  
6 DEBORAH REMPT  
9 RYAN SMITH  
10 PAT LAWRENCE  
12 ELISE SMITH  
12 LUKE SMITH  
12 NICOLE SMITH  
13 MARY MOORE



13 MARCUS HITE  
18 JILL MOORE LOGSTON  
18 KRISTINA LANGE  
18 KAREN BOLTON  
21 SUSAN COBLEY REESE  
21 DONALD POWERS  
27 DALE HORAK  
28 KAREN SELTRECHT

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



**Spaghetti  
Dinner**

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER - ALBURNETT SPAGHETTI DINNER:** The youth will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 11 from 4:00PM-7:00PM. All they ask is for a donation. Come on out and enjoy a nice dinner together and help raise money for our youth so they can attend Summer Games in July.



Ushers & Greeters

**February Communion Steward: Julie Hoover**

**FEBRUARY GREETERS**

5 Carrie & Matt Olmstead  
12 Ardie & Carol Smith  
19 *Volunteers needed*  
26 *Volunteers needed*

**FEBRUARY USHERS**

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12  
19  
26

**Volunteers Needed**

**FEBRUARY BAKED GOODS**

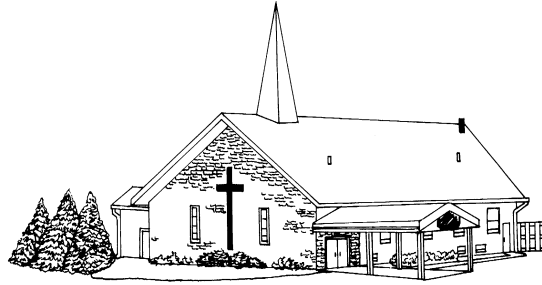
5 Carrie Olmstead  
12 Carol Smith  
19 Shelly Burns  
26 Amy Schrader

**FEBRUARY NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

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12  
19  
26

**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 or injury and those undergoing treatments. Pray for all service men and women, for their safe return to their homes. Pray for our new President and his administration.

### **PRESENCE:**

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

12/25	\$2208.00
1/1	\$1559.00
1/8	\$1603.00
1/15	\$1497.00
1/22	n/a
1/29	n/a

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

Weekly Offerings:

12/25	44
1/1	43
1/8	29
1/15	42
1/22	30
1/29	n/a

**SERVICE:** BIG THANKS.....to our generous congregation for supporting the Mission Projects of Prairie Chapel. Homes for Haiti total at this printing is \$5386—only \$1614 to go!!

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UMW:** The UMW ladies will have a day out for lunch on Wednesday, February 15. More info to follow. This will take the place of our regular meeting

**DRESSES FOR HAITI:** There will be a sewing day on Thursday, February 16 from 9:00-3:00. More info to follow.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Cindy Ditzenberger  
3 Leann Bowman  
3 Erik Lilleberg  
4 Dana Nietert  
8 Roni Eberle  
11 Vicki Martin  
13 Barbara Waltz



14 Faith Martin  
11 Paul Cory  
15 Jeanna Lilleberg  
15 Kevin Thompson  
19 Faye Neal

25 Stephen Martin  
25 Dana Dizenberger  
28 Tim Clemens

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**FEBRUARY COMMUNION STEWARD - Lois Martin  
& SERVERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



**FEBRUARY USHERS/GREETERS**

5  
12  
19  
26

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**FEBRUARY ACOLYTES**

5  
12  
19  
26

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

**MISSIONS:** In December, we started a crusade called "Homes for Haiti." We are very close to our goal of \$7000, with a total of \$5386 as of this printing—only \$1614 to go!! Checks can be made out to Prairie Chapel Church with "Homes for Haiti" in the memo. We will also be collecting non-perishable grocery items for Food Pantry Fill up. **DRESSES FOR HAITI:** UMW is sponsoring a sewing day on Thursday, February 16 from 9:00-3:00. Everyone is welcome to help. More info to follow.



**COMMUNITY CLUB** will meet on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30PM at the church. 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!