

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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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



Holy week is fast approaching us as we continue our Lenten journey this year with the theme of **BOOT CAMP FOR THE SOUL**. This time of preparation continues through Holy Week. The first Sunday of Holy Week is commonly called either “Palm Sunday” or “Passion Sunday.” There is a dual emphasis during Holy Week as reflected in the two names for the first Sunday of Holy week. Palm Sunday focus is on the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to the shouts of “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Mark 11:9). The “Passion Sunday” focus is on Jesus’ suffering. Both moods are present in Holy Week.

Then we come to what is known as *The Great Three Days* “sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch—from sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection¹. During these days, the community journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden.

We have special services planned for Holy Week that provide you the opportunity to draw closer to Christ. I want to invite you to participate in the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Services as a way in which we pay attention to what Jesus Christ has done for us through his passion, death, and resurrection.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

¹*The United Methodist Book of Worship* (Nashville, Tenn.: United Methodist Pub. House, ©1992), 320.



In these times of great uncertainty about the future of The United Methodist Church, the Wesleyan Covenant Association stands together as an alliance to advance vibrant, scriptural Christianity within Methodism. We are a coalition of congregations, clergy, and laity from all around the world that are committed to promoting ministry that combines a high view of Scripture, Wesleyan vitality, orthodox theology, and Holy Spirit empowerment. We encompass a broad range of worship styles and ministry practices. What links us together is our desire to witness to the transforming power of God to change and redeem human lives and societies. We have come together to support, network, and encourage one another. We invite clergy, laity and congregations from around the world to become members of the Wesleyan Covenant Association.

Pastor Jon, a charter member of the Wesleyan Covenant Association, will be attending the "*We Believe in the Church*" conference April 28 – 29 in Memphis where we will gather for two days of worship and discussion around what we believe about the church and how we can live that out in each of our congregations.



NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY
Our Giving Allows Native Americans
to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus

When you support Native American Ministries Day, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

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 or 319-842-2388

Prairie Chapel: office@prairiechapelmarion.org or 319-377-7506.



APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS	
April 2, 2017 5th Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
April 9, 2017 Passion/Palm Sunday 6th Sunday in Lent	Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippeans 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
April 10, 2017 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
April 11, 2017 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14); 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
April 12, 2017 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
April 13, 2017 Holy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 14, 2017 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
April 15, 2017 Easter Vigil	Number of readings may vary, but should include Exodus 14 plus two other OT Readings + the NT readings. Bracketed texts are responses to the reading preceding them. Old Testament Readings & Psalms: Genesis 1:1-2:4a [Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 or Psalm 33]; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 [Psalm 46]; Genesis 22:1-18 [Psalm 16]; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 [Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18]; Isaiah 55:1-11 [Isaiah 12:2-6]; Ezekiel 36:24-28 [Psalm 42]; Ezekiel 37:1-14 [Psalm 143] 2nd Reading & Psalm: Romans 6:3-11 [Psalm 114;] Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10
April 16, 2017 Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18; or Matthew 28:1-10
April 23, 2017 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
April 30, 2017 3rd Sun of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Newsletter Deadline for May 2017	
<u>Newsletter Articles due in Office</u>	Saturday, April 15
<u>Newsletter Folding Party</u>	Friday, April 21



Order an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of someone special and decorate our church sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Fill out the below information and include \$10; mail to

Alburnett United Methodist Church

PO Box 88

Alburnett, Iowa 52202

Or

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church

1817 Prairie Chapel Road

Marion, Iowa 52302

Deadline is Monday, April 3.

Name _____

Number of Easter Lilies _____

In Honor of _____

Or in Memory of _____

Take home Easter Sunday _____ or leave to decorate church _____

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00PM at Prairie Chapel

Friday, April 14

Good Friday Worship Service at 7:00PM at Alburnett UMC

Sunday, April 16 Easter

Sunrise Service at 7:00AM at Alburnett Christian Church

Easter Worship Service 9:00AM at Prairie Chapel UMC

Easter Worship Service 10:30AM at Alburnett UMC



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at
<http://www.alburnettumc.org>

FINANCIAL FACTS

Fact: 2017 Expenses Budget: \$85,000
Fact: needed per Month for Expenses: \$7,083
Fact: needed per Week for Expenses: \$1,635

Contributions		Attendance	
2/26	1155.00	2/26	56
3/5	945.00	3/5	36
3/12	1187.00	3/12	56
3/19	1270.00	3/19	50
3/26	n/a	3/26	n/a

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

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.

~Education Committee



Find us on
Facebook

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

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

The Church Chatterer...

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 SALLY GLASS
- 4 JILL HUNT
- 6 CARRIE OLMSTEAD
- 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 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.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE wishes to thank everyone for their willingness to take part in our hospitality and worship service. Having many church members involved makes a pleasant experience.

And a big thank-you to Don and Janice Happel for setting up, making coffee, serving, and cleaning up each Sunday for our fellowship hospitality time after church. We appreciate what you do for us!!

Ushers & Greeters



April Communion Steward: Judy Burns

APRIL GREETERS

- 2 Dave & Marcy Machacek
- 9 Roger & Roberta Altes
- 16 Julie Hoover & Jeanne Bailey
- 23 Tommy & Mary Moore
- 30 Brent & Blake Sperfslage

APRIL USHERS

- 2 Lori & Elizabeth Sperfslage
- 9 Ardie & Carol Smith
- 16 Judy & Richard Burns
- 23 Ken Andrews & Everett Schilling
- 30 Alan & Dana Sperfslage

APRIL BAKED GOODS

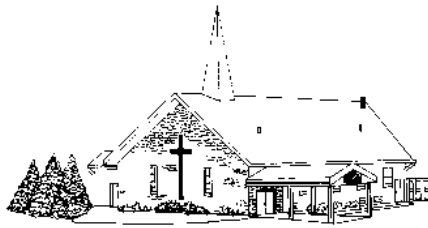
- 2 Jerry & Linda Goad
- 9 Cindy Scott
- 16 Marcy Machacek
- 23 Carol Fox
- 30 Leasha Henriksen

APRIL NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 2
- 9
- 16
- 23
- 30

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. Pray for our elected officials, that God may give them wisdom.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

2/26	51
3/5	51
3/12	38
3/19	43
3/26	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

2/26	\$1,670.50
3/5	\$1,826.75
3/12	\$1,537.50
3/19	\$1,611.51
3/26	n/a

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

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE: Wednesday, April 5, 8:00-5:00 and Thursday, April 6, 8:00-2:00. On Thursday from noon-2:00 is \$2.00 bag sale. All proceeds go to our mission projects. People can start to bring items this right away and leave in the basement along the walls. Items need to be marked otherwise they are 50 cents. Baked goods are also needed and volunteers to help set up, clean up and be present during the sales. All hands on deck!

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY: April 22, 9:00am - ?? Bring your yard work tools, work gloves, and a salad or dessert to share at noon. Sandwiches will be provided. Clean Up, Fix Up, Spruce Up! Many hands make light work!

PRAIRIE CHAPEL UMW: Meeting on April 20 at 1:00PM. Program: Connie Walther. Hostesses: Margaret Meythaler & Laura Falcon. Short Business Meeting: discuss Ice Cream Social.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 CARLA FOLLENSBEE
- 3 DAVID MOONEY
- 6 MORGAN WALTZ
- 8 LINDSEY CLEMENS
- 9 TENLEY BACH
- 10 MARILYN KRIEDEL
- 11 ELAINE COLLET
- 13 DICK WALTHER
- 15 STEVE STEWART
- 15 GARY HANNA

- 15 ASHLEY FITZGERALD
- 16 SHARON MOSS
- 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
& SERVERS - Dale Garlinghouse **AND 1 MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

APRIL USHERS/GREETERS

APRIL ACOLYTES



- 2 Rae Kinkead
- 9 Tim & Kathy Clemens
- 16 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
- 23 James & Judy Kotrba
- 30 James Jordan & Holly Ryan

- 2
- 9
- 16
- 23
- 30

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

MISSIONS: The **Easter Offering** will go to the Mission of Hope Women's Shelter (opening soon). Mission of Hope Shelters are located at 209 and 211 Park Ct. SE in Cedar Rapids. Homelessness need not mean hopelessness. Adult men and women are welcomed with a kind word, a warm shower, a clean bed, and a hot meal. Mission of Hope Shelter provides safe housing for individuals including the formerly incarcerated, persons in recovery, the homeless, and others in need of emergency shelter.

April InGathering Kit – Layettes

- 6 diapers
- 2 gowns
- 2 diaper pins
- 2 receiving blankets
- 2 shirts or onesies
- 2 baby washcloths
- 1 sweater or jacket.

Please place your donations in the basket in the narthex.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, April 6 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!