

# THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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THE ALBURNETT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND  
PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

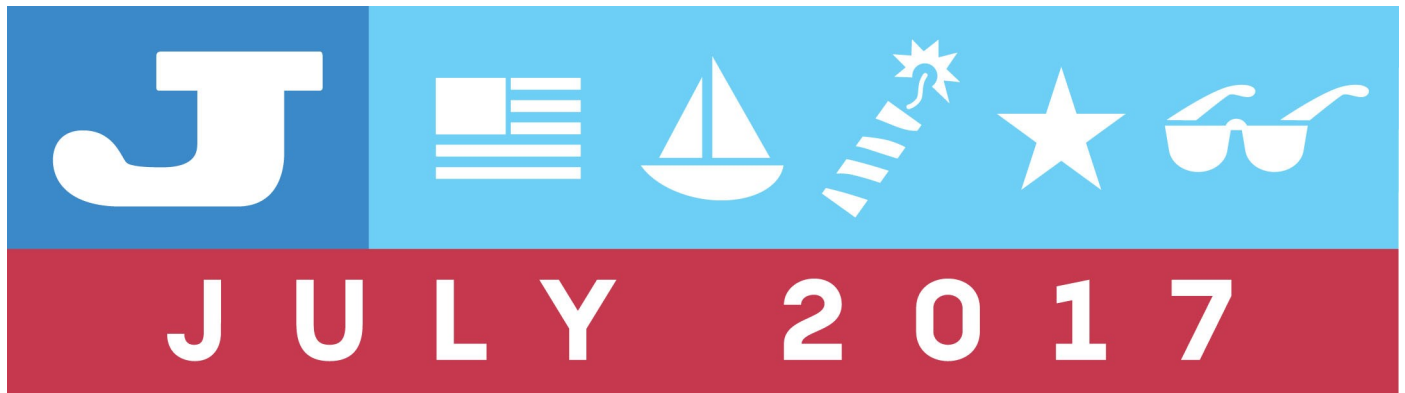
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## A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



### *What it Means to be Created in the Image of God*

When we look back at the creation story found in Genesis chapter 1, we see that we have been created in God's own image (Genesis 1:26-27).

What it doesn't mean is that we look like God or that God looks physically like us. The Scripture tells us that God is Spirit (John 4:24). God is neither male nor female, which is why we try not to over use male pronouns when referring to God.

So, what does it mean to be made in the image of God? Dr. Timothy Tennent in his book, *Thirty Questions*,\* says that being created in the image of God generally refers to three distinct capacities that have been granted to the human race.

1. Spiritual capacity – We were meant to reflect God's nature in the world. We are to mirror God's image in the world-God's love, grace, and holiness.
2. God is relational – We have the capacity to know God by God's grace, and to communicate with God. We have the capacity to be in relationship. We can love God and neighbor.
3. The image of God gives us the capacity to represent God in the world – We are His ambassadors in the world.

Too often people get their identity from culture, vocation, accumulation of material things, or even from our human sexuality. However, our identity really comes from being created in the image of our God. Our greatest purpose is in reflecting that image to the world. In every sense, we have been created to love God and our neighbor.

This is where we get our identity. Let's mirror that image as we enjoy this life together.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

\*Timothy C. Tennent, *Thirty Questions: A Short Catechism On the Christian Faith* (Wilmore, KY: Seedbed Pub., 2012), 15-16.

**Newsletter Deadline for August 2017**  
 Newsletter Articles due in Office      Monday, July 17  
 Newsletter Folding Party              Wednesday, July 26



<b>JULY LECTIONARY READINGS</b>	
July 2, 2017 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
July 9, 2017 5th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
July 16, 2017 6th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23, 2017 7th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30, 2013 8th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**BLOOD DRIVE:** On Monday, July 24 from 2:30-5:30PM there will be a blood drive at Alburnett United Methodist Church. Make an appointment by calling 800-747-5401 or sign up on the website [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)

**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.



## THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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### 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	
5/28	\$780.00	5/28	38
6/4	\$750.00	6/4	30
6/11	\$1515.00	6/11	22
6/18	\$785.00	6/18	30
6/25	\$512.00	6/25	30

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### GREAT NEWS ON ALBURNETT PARKING LOT FUND



As of May 28th, we have received \$12,200.00 from gifts and designated memorials toward our goal of \$15,000.00.

This leaves a balance of just \$2,800.00. The current schedule is for work to start the week of July 24th depending on the completion of the city street repairs. Thank you to all those who gave to this project. I could not be prouder of our people that consider Alburnett UMC their spiritual home. - Pastor Jon

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**"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.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

The Church Chatterer...

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 MARVIN SUTTON JR.
- 2 KARL QUAAS
- 4 WAYNE VOLKL
- 7 ARDITH SMITH
- 8 PAMELA SHEFELBINE
- 9 LEAH HORAK
- 12 COLE HUNT
- 13 JAMES HILL
- 18 ADRIENNE HERSHEY
- 20 NORMA SUTTON
- 21 TRENT JORDAN
- 22 ERIKA EDWARDS
- 23 BRANDI ROETHLISBERGER



- 23 JUDY LEIDIGH
- 24 RON HOOVER
- 25 LINDA HAMILTON
- 26 DEBRA THEIN
- 27 MIKE SHEFELBINE

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 16 RICK & KRISTA MCGRAW
- 18 BILL & CLETIS SLOAN
- 30 ERIC & JENNIFER SLOAN
- 31 BECKY & KARRYL ANDERSON

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

**MISSIONS:** Our July missions project concerns our military veterans. The Veteran Outreach Center of Cedar Rapids provides help to veterans in our area. Currently, their greatest need is food for their pantry which serves approximately 80 veterans. We are asking you to provide non-perishable food items as well as toilet paper and paper towels. Please remember the men and women who have given so much for freedom and our country. Thank you.

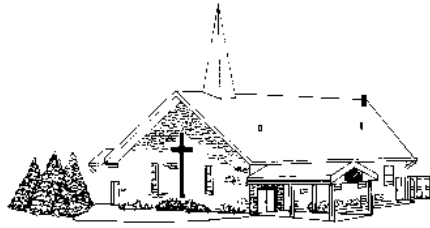
# Puzzle!

Read the Old Testament book of Ruth, which is a great love story. Then search for the words below, which are all from that book.

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 D E B O T B A O M C H X Q A I R  
 X W T Q Y R L M C T E B I Z P  
 N A A H A R V E S T E B I Z B  
 P O G V N Z E R F I R I L S B F  
 N A N O M U H V L M K S E J J  
 L G O I M D L E O C F G H I J  
 C L L L H L Y A E T F R B O D  
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 E I G D J U D A I S T W K V H O  
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Barley, Bethlehem, Boaz, David, Elimelech, Gleaning, Grain, Harvest, Jesse, Judah, Kilion, Kinsman, Mahlon, Mara, Moab, Naomi, Obed, Orpah, Ruth, Sandals, Threshing, Vinegar, Winnow

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# 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 those recovering from illness and surgery, and undergoing treatments or in hospice care. 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:

5/28	36
6/4	55
6/11	39
6/18	52
6/25	73

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

Weekly Offerings:

5/28	\$986.00
6/4	\$2460.00
6/11	\$1385.00
6/18	\$1487.00
6/25	\$1512.00

**SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....**to the volunteers who keep our church going from week to week, and to all prayer warriors.



### **JULY MISSION PROJECT: Catherine McAuley Pantry**

- Dried beans
- White rice (not instant)
- White pasta
- Peanut Butter
- canned tuna or chicken
- canned fruit
- canned tomato products
- cereal

Please leave your donations in the basket at church.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 SARAH MOSS
- 2 EMMA WALTHER
- 2 ERIN PETERSEN
- 5 BUD BLACKFORD
- 7 COURTNEY CLEMENS
- 7 JANICE ADAMS
- 8 CINDY WITTENBURG
- 9 STEPHANIE CORY
- 9 LAURA DIXON
- 10 JEREMY WALTZ
- 11 JIM KOTRBA



- 12 SHANNON KRIEGEL
- 13 CARLY MARTIN
- 15 DAN LYTTLE
- 17 BRITTNEY YEISLEY
- 18 JACOB WALTZ
- 23 MARIA MARTIN
- 23 DARRELL TIMM
- 25 JEFF JORDAN
- 28 WAYNE BLACKFORD

- 29 STACY MASON
- 30 BRANDON YEISLEY

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 ALBERT & VICKI MARTIN
- 9 CLETIS & CARLENE REINHARDT
- 9 MARK & INEZ MATTKE
- 15 DARYL & MARIA MARTIN
- 19 MARK & DANA NIETERT
- 20 COREY & TERESA SEIBERT
- 30 JEREMY & BARBARA WALTZ

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**July Communion Steward: Emma Miller**



Ice Cream Social

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Join us Sunday, July 23 from 5:00-7:00PM for Good Food and Home-made Ice Cream! Help is needed to make Ice Cream at 4:00pm on Saturday, July 22.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Join the fun July 24-28 from 4:30-8:00PM at VBS – “Operation Overboard.” Supper & Snacks will be provided. Sign up at church or call Kathy Clemens at 377-0949. Donations to help purchase supplies are welcome.



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**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UMW: Next Meeting is July 20 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Hostess: Paula Patterson      Final prep for Ice Cream Social  
Volunteers Needed

**Mission Project-Catherine McAuley House Pantry**

**COMMUNITY CLUB** will meet on Thursday, July 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!