

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM

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A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



It's hard to believe that September is here already. The summer just seemed to fly by and here we are the beginning of a new year as Sunday School is about to start up. Our children have returned to school and the after school activities have begun.

We are also preparing for our annual church meeting that we call Charge Conference where we take a look back at what has been accomplished and review our goals for the coming year. We will complete our vision process over the next couple months that will give us added focus on what we will prioritize in terms of our ministry activities.

I'm excited about what lies ahead for us. What does God have in store for us? How will we cooperate with what God is doing in our area? I hope that you too are excited about the year ahead so as we come to church let's come with a sense of expectation that we will meet God in our worship, ministries, and service to others as we journey together this coming year.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

P.S. I hope that you are reading along with me the book *Thirty Questions* by Timothy Tennent.

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

Newsletter Deadline for October 2017
Newsletter Articles due in Office Friday, September 15
Newsletter Folding Party Tuesday, September 26

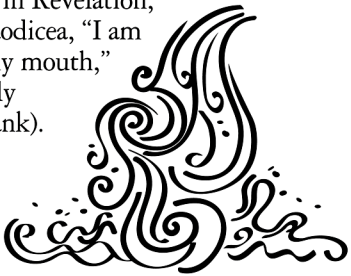


SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS	
September 3, 2017 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
September 10, 2017 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
September 17, 2017 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
September 24, 2017 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philemon 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In memorable language in Revelation, God tells the church in Laodicea, "I am about to spit you out of my mouth," because it is metaphorically _____ (fill in the blank).

- A. too hot
- B. too cold
- C. tasteless
- D. lukewarm



Answer: D (See Revelation 3:16.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Have you moved, or do you have a college student with a school 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!!

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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	
7/30	\$735.00	7/30	41
8/6	\$1270.50	8/6	46
8/13	n/a	8/13	n/a
8/20	n/a	8/20	51
8/27	n/a	8/27	n/a

UPDATE ON ALBURNETT PARKING LOT WORK

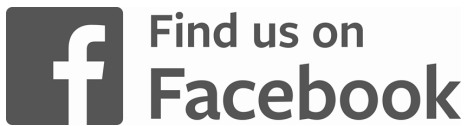


The time for work to begin on our parking lot is closer. We had thought there was a chance that it would begin in mid to late August but the schedule has

slipped to after Labor Day. This is primarily due to the city project being late and weather. We have a meeting with Kluesner Construction at the end of August and we will be able to get a more specific start date at that time. When you see them working Main Street you know the time is growing close.

"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...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 KAREN BEYER
2 KEELY SLOAN
2 KIM GINGRICH
6 KELLY HEMPHILL
6 ERIC COLEMAN
11 EVERETT SCHILLING
11 MILDRED KIRK
15 DANIEL KADLEC
15 JANET SCHWIEGER
16 KYLE HITE
19 JIM POWERS
19 CARISSA LALA
20 CALLIE WRIGHT
20 CASSIDY HENLE
20 KATHY HINDMAN



25 JULIE HOOVER
27 CARLYN MCGRAW
27 CAMERON MCGRAW

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 GREG & BETH GRITTON
4 DAVE & JANET SARGENT
10 JEFF & HEATHER CARROTHERS
15 GALE & PAT JORDAN
20 WAYNE & SHELLY VOLKL
21 ADAM & KERRY SLOAN
26 DALE & PAULA HORAK
28 ALAN & DANA SPERFSLAGE

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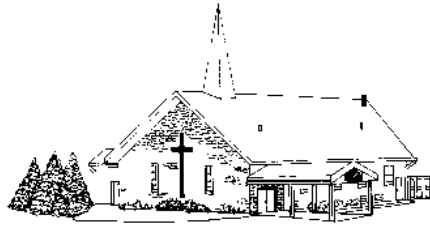
MISSIONS: Our mission project for September will be UMCOR Health Kits. Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes.

See the list below for items you can donate, and please read carefully, because only certain items and sizes can be put in these kits. Please place any items on the collections table in Fellowship Hall. Donations of cash for purchase of these items are also welcomed. Thank you. The Missions Committee

- 1 hand towel (15 x 25 up to 17 x 27, no kitchen towels)
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb (8 in. long and sturdy, not pocket -sized)
- 1 toothbrush (unopened in original packaging; not child sized)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3oz. & up in wrapper; no Ivory or Jergens)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (¾ inch)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)



Fall Sunday School will begin on September 10, from 9:00-10:00AM. Ages: Pre-Kindergarten to 6th Grade.



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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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:

7/30	42
8/6	45
8/13	31
8/20	34
8/27	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

7/30	\$1769.00
8/6	\$986.50
8/13	1087.50
8/20	n/a
8/27	n/a

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

Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete this crossword about women in the Bible.

1. Cousin of Mary (Luke 1:36)
 2. Mother of Abel (Genesis 4:1-2)
 3. Moses' wife (Exodus 2:21)
 4. Lived about her giving to the church (Acts 5:1)
 5. Saved her people from destruction in Persia (also a Bible book name)
 6. A Judge in Israel (Judges 4)
 7. Mother of Ezer (Genesis 26:21, 35)
 8. The wife who sold her hair (Genesis 29:20)
 9. Sister of Mary (John 11:1)
 10. Sewed clothes (Acts 9:38)
 11. Hezekiah's wife (Isaiah 1:3)
 12. Sat at Jesus' feet in conversation (Luke 10:39)
 13. Sister of Moses and Aaron (Exodus 15:20)

Answers: 1. (across) Elizabeth, 1. (down) Eve, 2. Bathsheba, 3. Zipporah, 4. Sapphira, 5. Esther, 6. Deborah, 7. Rebeckah, 8. Rahel, 9. Martha, 10. Dorcas, 11. Gomer, 12. Mary, 13. Miriam

PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 ANASTASIA SCOTT
 5 JOEL ROBERTSON
 5 JUSTIN NIELSON
 8 LAURA FALCON
 12 SCOTT BLACKFORD
 17 SUSAN JENSEN
 19 KEITH WELLER
 21 CRYSTAL DIETIKER
 21 VIRGINIA LYTTLE
 21 DUSTIN SMITH
 23 JODY SPEAS



25 DENNIS SEJKORA
 27 LILLY BOWMAN
 27 BRIAN SEJKORA
 27 TYLER CLEMENS
 28 WALTER FALCON
 28 DARCI COBERLY
 30 EASTON CLEMENS

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2 DICK & CONNIE WALTHER
 5 ROY & SHARON BOWERS
 7 WAYNE & LINDA BLACKFORD
 11 DANA & CINDY DITZENBERGER
 15 JOE & BARB TRUMM
 23 DAVE & DONNA MOONEY
 24 REG & RONI EBERLE
 30 JEFF & SHARON SCOTT

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September Communion Steward: Virginia Lyttle



Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 10 at 9:15AM. Classes are available for ages preschool through 6th grade, and young adults. A Hay Rack ride is being planned!

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UMW MEETING: SEPTEMBER 21 AT 1:00 P.M.
 ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Program and Devotions: Marcia Jordan Hostesses: Kris Blackford
 Business Meeting and planning of Soup Supper
 Mission Project-Amani Community Services

Missions: Amani Community Services is a domestic violence and sexual assault agency providing innovative culturally specific services to African American clients in Linn County and Black Hawk County. We will be collecting items for their Cedar Rapids shelter. Watch your email for a list of items to collect and bring to the church prior to September 21.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, September 7 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!