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## A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



### **A Note of Thanks**

One of my favorite holidays comes in November. Thanksgiving is a special time because there aren't all the secular activities surrounding it like other holidays. It really is a time where we reflect on the many blessings we have and share that with family and friends.

But the history of Thanksgiving shows that Thanksgiving included those that we may not normally find within our immediate circle of friends.

### **The First Thanksgiving**

The Plymouth Pilgrims arrived too late to plant crops in November 1620. Many settlers died of disease and malnutrition during that first winter. Of the 102 original Mayflower passengers, only 44 survived, the kindness of the local Native Americans saved them from death. However, by the autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims had much to be thankful for. After the harvest, about ninety Indians joined the Pilgrims for the great English tradition of *Harvest Festival*, later recognized as the "First Thanksgiving."

This year I'm asking you to join me in expressing your appreciation to people that you may not normally reach out to and express your appreciation for their friendship or those who provide goods or services that you need. Let this be an act of Christian Gratitude to those who may not normally receive it. A little gratitude can go a long way to help others, as well as yourself, in having a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thankfully yours,

Pastor Jon



**Daylight Saving Time ends November 5, 2017. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour before you turn in Saturday night!!**



### **UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY IS NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

**JENNIFER AYASH WANTS TO SHARE HER LIFE STORY TO TEENS THAT ARE HURTING.**

Jennifer Ayash did not have a perfect childhood, but her faith in God helped turned that around.

Despite turmoil in the house, her family always made time for church. It was because of her little brother

Jayden that her home life turned around. During her freshman year of high school her father attended a retreat at the Mt. Bethel UMC in Marietta, GA as Jayden's chaperone. While at the retreat, her father gave his life to Jesus Christ, which made her home life more bearable.

Even though Jennifer suffers from depression she was able, at a young age, to find a passion for serving children and doing so, she says, "provided me with great joy."

"Being active within the UMC has provided me with a community of people that support me and listen to me in times of good and bad. It has also provided me with leaders that have challenged me to grow and strengthen my relationship with Christ." "The [Gift of Hope] scholarship has boosted my self-confidence and reminded me of the gifts and talents God has blessed me with." Because of your contributions on United Methodist Student Day, Jennifer has the confidence to pursue a career in counseling for teenagers.

Jennifer didn't make a lot of friends growing up but she remembers her first year at Kennesaw State University.

"When I showed up early to my first class freshman year I met my best friend Courtney. It was nice to have a companion to accompany [me] through my first few days of college and many days after, too!"

When asked why members should support United Methodist Student Day, Jennifer replies, "The younger generations are the future of the church. It is important to support the students, because it encourages the students to receive and continue their education. It shows the value of education."

Jennifer credits Kennesaw State with giving her the skills she needs to follow her dream: to eventually open her own counseling center for teens.

In the future, Jennifer hopes to travel abroad and encourage people by talking with them about her physical and spiritual journey. She wants to give back to those that are hurting.

"I will use my faith to remember that even if money doesn't provide, God will," she says.

~Lladale Carey, web content producer, United Methodist Communications

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The special offering provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants.

When you give generously on United Methodist Student Day, you support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Give now.

Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?

PARISH NEWS...

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:**

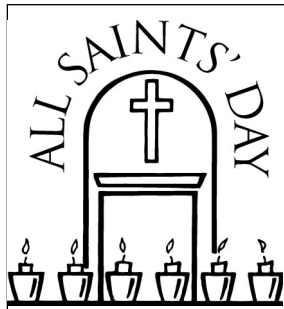
Winter is fast approaching and it's time for us to be reminded how we will communicate to you when inclement weather forces us to cancel or delay our Sunday worship service and classes, we will post such notice in the following locations:



- 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.



**All Saints Day** On Sunday, November 12, 2017, during our Morning services, we will be celebrating All Saints Day. This is an occasion to remember those in the Christian faith who have died in the Lord. During worship we will be remembering those of our congregation who have died since All Saints Day 2016. Please plan on joining us in worship and remembrance.

**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

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** The Hanging of the Greens is a time of preparation done just before the first Sunday in Advent. It is based on the English tradition of decorating the home with wreaths, garlands, a Christmas tree, and evergreens for Advent and Christmas. In our church setting, it readies the sanctuary (and church family) for the season of Advent and Christmas. Please join us for the *Hanging of the Greens* immediately after the service on November 26<sup>th</sup> at both churches.



**Newsletter Deadline for December 2017**  
Newsletter Articles due in Office      Friday, November 10  
Newsletter Folding Party      Thursday, November 16



<b>NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS</b>	
November 1, 2017 All Saints Day	Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
November 5, 2017 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12
November 12, 2017 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
November 19, 2017 24th Sunday after Pentecost	Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Day	Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19
November 26, 2017 Christ the King Sunday	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

**CHURCH CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED:** This year conferences will be held as clusters. The first 1.5 hours all churches will gather in one place; the final hour each church will meet as a small group. We will meet **Thursday, November 30, 6:00-8:30PM** at Christ Community United Methodist Church, Marion. If you have a report to complete, please return it to the church office by Sunday, November 5. Thank you!

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS?**

**ARE YOU HEADED SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?**

Please let us know your winter address before you leave, 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	
10/1	\$1685.00	10/1	36
10/8	\$1045.00	10/8	57
10/15	\$967.54	10/15	53
10/22	\$945.00	10/22	54
10/29	n/a	10/29	n/a

# Puzzle!

This matching challenge involves words from stories in John's gospel. Draw lines to connect the pairs that *best* belong together.

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|----------------|-------------|---------|
| WINE           | SIMON PETER | ANDREW  |
| JESUS          | CANA        | DOVE    |
| MONEY CHANGERS | NATHANAEAL  | ELIJAH  |
| NICODEMUS      | DARKNESS    | JOHN    |
| TEACHER        | THE BAPTIST | LIGHT   |
| PROPHECY       | PHARISEE    | PHILIP  |
| SPIRIT         | RABBI       | TEMPLE  |
|                | WATER       | WEDDING |
|                | WORD        |         |

Answers: Andrew/Simon Peter; dove/Spirit; Elijah/prophecy; John/the Baptist; light/darkness; Pharisee/Nicodemus; Phillip/Nathanael; Rabbi/teacher; temple/money changers; water/wine; wedding/Cana; Word/Jesus

**"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.



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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



- 1 KARRYL ANDERSON
- 4 JUSTICE CALLAHAN
- 5 BRIE SPERFSLAGE
- 6 ROBERTA ALTES
- 6 BETTY WRIGHT
- 7 GAGE DAVID HARTL
- 9 BRETT HOUTS
- 10 TRICIA REDIG
- 11 BILLIE JO QUAAS
- 11 TAYLER ETZEL
- 12 KERRI SLOAN
- 13 DAVID KIRK
- 15 MICHAEL HENLE
- 16 LUCY STEVENSON
- 17 PAM MARTIN

- 17 TERI JOHNSON
- 18 MACKENZIE ANDERSON
- 22 AIDEN MCGRAW
- 22 ADDYSON MCGRAW
- 22 PAM KIRK
- 24 BEV LAWRENCE
- 25 TANNER SLOAN
- 27 AVERY REED
- 30 ROGER ALTES

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 DAVE & MARILYN HART

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



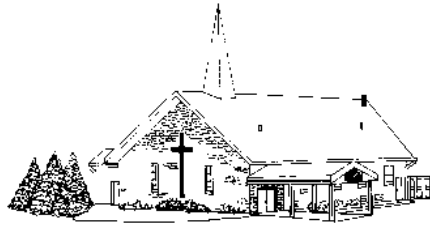
**MISSIONS:** For the month of November, the Mission Committee will be collecting food for a local food bank. Staples that the food bank can always use include:

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|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| creamy peanut butter    | canned soup      | canned fruit      |
| instant mashed potatoes | instant pudding  | canned vegetables |
| canned tuna/chicken     | jello            | oatmeal           |
| macaroni & cheese       | saltine crackers | cold box cereals  |
| corn muffin mix         | pancake mix      | toilet paper      |
| bar soap                | diapers          |                   |

This is a list of suggested items. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be used to purchase additional items or gift cards for fresh produce, meat, and dairy products. Thank you.

**Alburnett United Methodist Church  
Hanging of the Greens**

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Help decorate our church for Advent and Christmas.



# 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:

10/1	49
10/8	52
10/15	55
10/22	64
10/29	n/a

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

Weekly Offerings:

10/1	\$1861.00
10/8	\$1347.50
10/15	\$2020.00
10/22	\$1961.50
10/29	n/a

**SERVICE:** BIG THANKS.....to everyone who donated cash and items and worked to complete kits for the annual InGathering.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated food, cash and help to make our Annual Soup Supper a success. We served approximately 210 people! ~Judy Kotrba and Emma Miller.

### Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 26 immediately following the worship service. Bring a salad or dessert to share for lunch.  
Help decorate our church for Advent and Christmas.



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1 ALBERT MARTIN  
2 TERESA SEIBERT  
5 JUDY KOTRBA  
5 KIMBERLY BULLOCK  
8 CHIP KOHL  
9 SAMANTHA SMITH  
11 AIDEN CLEMENS



11 JENNIFER THOMPSON  
12 SUE ZIER  
17 JEFF SCOTT  
18 ORV BANASIK  
23 JACK WALTHER

25 PRESTON MARTIN  
25 CARRIE ROBERTSON  
25 REG EBERLE  
30 TREVOR COBERLY

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

8 NORM & DORA NIELSON  
27 DARRELL & DONNA TIMM

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**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UMW MEETING:** Thursday, November 16 at 1:00PM. Program & Devotions: Maria Martin. Hostesses: Beth & Carly Martin. Bring your Thank Banks.

**NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT:** Hats, Gloves and Mittens. Cornucopia to collect non-perishables for local food pantries.

**THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING** will be donated to CROP, which benefits hunger relief here in Linn County and around the world. We will also be collecting non-perishable groceries in the Cornucopia each Sunday, for the local food banks

**YOUR MISSION TEAM** prayerfully chose projects that are very important locally and world-wide. A list of these will be on the bulletin board. Anyone can contribute to these by giving a little extra in your offering and marking in the check memo where you want the money to go.

One we chose is Village Wells. Many people in the world do not have access to clean water and must walk sometimes miles for water. We are so blessed to have water at our fingertips. Money we send helps build simple wells which help the health of the people and promotes cleanliness.

Another chosen was PET, Personal Energy Transportation. These are simple wooden tricycles that a person can operate with hands and arms. They provide transportation for those who are unable to walk, enabling them to go to school or work.

Consider giving a little extra to support any of the projects we have listed on the bulletin board.

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**COMMUNITY CLUB** will meet on Thursday, November 5 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!