

# THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



As I look back over this last year I can't help but rejoice over what you have accomplished. This has been a big year at the same time I look forward to a New Year and what is before us. This will be a year where we will see new people taking leadership roles in the church, find more ways in which we can make Christ known in our community through our actions and words. I especially am looking forward to an enhanced worship team this year. More people will be taking a role in planning and leading in our worship.

This will be a time of discernment for us as our denomination waits for the recommendation from the council of Bishops on *The Way Forward* in preparation for the Special General Conference (The Voice of the Church) as they try to provide a pathway for the denomination to address the issue of human sexuality. How will we respond to this challenging time? You will hear more about this as the year progresses.

Exciting and challenging times are before us and we will be up to the task, with God's help, to continue to be a light that shines in darkness and a beacon of hope for those who need to hear and experience the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ. We will be true to our call, vision and mission to our community and above all faithful to Christ our Lord.

Looking forward to a great year with you in our journey together.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon


PARISH NEWS...



I probably don't say it enough but "Thank You" for all the expressions of love and care that you shared with me and my family this Christmas season. There were little surprises and other expressions of love that you shared with us through e-mails, cards, as well as gifts. These really are very meaningful and definitely encouraging. I want you to know that I do not take your gracious generosity for granted. From my heart I want you to know I really do feel blessed to be your Pastor and part of this community of faith.

May God continue to bless you.

Pastor Jon



**A NEW CREATION**

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

*Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*

T H I E R O E F Q O R X E I D F A M N Y A O N  
 S E I L S I T N C V H R K I S D T T B H E W N E  
 Q W C D R E Y A T M I O C N H F A S W C O R  
 M E G T H W E O F L D X H A S S G Z O N L  
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The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV  
Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

## Human Relations Day Offering

Sunday, January 14, 2018: Your gift gives ordinary people an extraordinary voice.

Remember the thrill of putting together your first puzzle when you were a kid? Or, perhaps, you better remember a sense of accomplishment when putting together a 1,000-piece puzzle as an adult...or even a 5,000-piece puzzle. A puzzle can take hours, maybe weeks or months, to complete. But, slowly, through patience and attention to each detail, each piece, a picture starts to emerge — a beautiful, complete picture. Every piece is different, some showcasing brilliant colors, while others might feature a shade of blue just slightly different from 50 other blue pieces. Every piece is cut differently — it can only fit in one spot. Without every single piece of the jigsaw puzzle, the picture isn't complete. Every piece, no matter how seemingly small or monochromatic, is critical. Every piece matters. Every single one. On our Special Sundays, we take the time to look at all of the pieces of our "puzzle," and we invest time, money and resources into each piece through community-development programs, voluntary services and investing in at-risk youth.

For decades, we have made a difference through our Human Relations Day in the lives of those living in the margins. For decades, we have worked as partners as a denomination to bring people the hope of Christ. Your gift today matters. Without you, our puzzle isn't a complete picture

### **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.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.



<p><b>Newsletter Deadline for February 2018 Newsletter</b>  <u>Newsletter Articles due in Office</u> Monday, January 15  <u>Newsletter Folding Party</u> Wednesday, January 24</p>
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**JANUARY LECTIONARY READINGS**

January 1 New Year	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46
January 7 Epiphany Sunday Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12 Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
January 14 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
January 21 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
January 28 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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

**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



## THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

Visit our Web Site at  
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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	
11/19	\$1033.00	11/19	62
11/26	\$1045.00	11/26	64
12/3	\$2266.00	12/3	60
12/10	\$1103.00	12/10	96
12/17	\$825.00	12/17	35
12/24	\$1495.00	12/24	50

**"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.



# Puzzle!

The 12 Old Testament books known as the Minor Prophets aren't unimportant — just short! Unscramble the names of these books. Then unscramble the circled letters to find a fruit of the Spirit.

Fruit: \_\_\_\_\_

LEJO \_\_\_\_\_

IHCAM \_\_\_\_\_

ABKUKKAH \_\_\_\_\_

DHAIABO \_\_\_\_\_

MUNAH \_\_\_\_\_

QAESH \_\_\_\_\_

AZAEHINPH \_\_\_\_\_

NJHAO \_\_\_\_\_

AGIAGH \_\_\_\_\_

OASM \_\_\_\_\_

AHRIZAHCE \_\_\_\_\_

IHCMALA \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: Joel, Micah, Habakkuk, Obadiah, Nahum, Hosea, Zephaniah, Jonah, Haggai, Amos, Zechariah, Malachi; Kindness

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**



- 1 MADISON JO MARTIN-ENOS
- 1 LAURA HOUTS HIRL
- 1 BRADY SCOTT
- 4 KRISTA MCGRAW
- 4 STEPHANIE MACHACEK ASCHER
- 7 JALAA WEAVER
- 7 KARMEN HERSHEY
- 9 VIRGINIA BURNS
- 10 JOSLYN MCGRAW
- 11 CAROL SMITH
- 12 JENNIFER BERRY
- 14 ALAN SPERFSLAGE
- 15 CHARLEIGH HENRIKSEN

- 16 HAIDEN WEST
- 16 ROSS MORRISON
- 18 BAILEY HEMPHILL
- 20 PEYTON SCOTT
- 23 KEVIN JOHNSON
- 25 MEGAN VOLKL
- 27 ELAINE HOUTS
- 27 KEN ANDREWS

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 24 KENT & BETTY WRIGHT

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

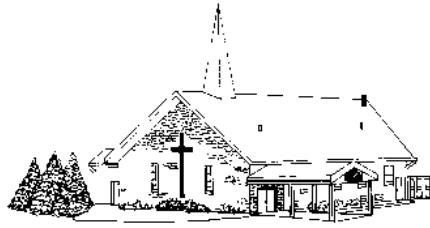
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**“UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS”:** As always, a big thanks to all who helped to hang the greens and decorate our church for the Christmas season. We will plan to take the greens down on the Three Kings or Epiphany Sunday, January 7th. The Neva breakfast casserole was a hit, so plan to bring fruit and/or breakfast bread/pastry to complete our feast. We look forward to this fellowship time together. ~The worship committee

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**MISSIONS:** During the months of January and February, we are asking for volunteers to help prepare a meal for the Ronald MacDonald Family Room at St. Luke's Hospital. The facility serves families with children receiving treatment in either the Newborn Intensive Care Unit or Pediatric unit. Part of their services is a family meal program, so families don't have to leave the hospital or have the added expense of eating. Volunteers will prepare a soup supper in the kitchen, located in the second floor lobby, of the Helen G. Nassif Center for Women's and Children's Health. Please contact Carrie Olmstead for more information and to volunteer, or look for the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.



# 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 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:

11/19	43
11/26	61
12/3	58
12/10	55
12/17	51
12/24	69

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

Weekly Offerings:

11/19	\$1133.00
11/26	\$1034.50
12/3	\$2100.00
12/10	\$2029.50
12/17	\$1406.50
12/24	\$1443.50

**SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....**to everyone who worked on the Live Nativity, the Christmas Program, and the Christmas Musical Drama Celebration presentation of *Once Upon a Holy Night* with One Voice Choir.

UMW: Our next meeting is on January 18 at 1:00PM. Emma Miller has the program and Hostesses are Marcia Jordan and Leah Nebergall.

**COMMUNITY CLUB** will meet on Thursday, January 4 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!



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 NATALIE NIELSON
- 4 JOE TRUMM
- 10 IRENE THOMPSON
- 10 SHARON BOWERS
- 11 LOYD MARTIN
- 17 DALE GARLINGHOUSE
- 18 REAGAN ROBINSON
- 19 JUDY NIETERT
- 21 WILLIS DETTMAN
- 24 LOIS MARTIN



- 26 EMMA MILLER
- 30 MARGARET KNEEF
- 31 MICHAEL CLEMENS

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 BUD & KRIS BLACKFORD
- 16 GREG & NATALIE NIELSON
- 26 LOYD & LOIS MARTIN

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**FAMILY FUN AT THE Y**

We have the Marion YMCA rented for Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 6:00-9:00PM. We will have use of the pool and gym and can bring in food to be served and eaten in the lower level as you come into the Y. Bring snacks and beverages to share and we will be ordering pizzas and share the cost.

