

# THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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THE ALBURNETT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND  
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## A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



### Once Upon a Holy Night

We are entering a Holy Season for Christians, the season of Advent and Christmas. We all understand our children's excitement about the secular emphasis around this holiday, but we need to remember what makes Christmas so special. What makes this holiday a Holy Day?

We turn to John chapter 1 and verse 14 which gives us the insight we need.

*<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. NIV*

Jesus Christ who is the eternally begotten Son of God and the Son of Mary. He is both fully divine and fully human. From a historical perspective the coming of Jesus gave birth to the Christian community and our identity is centered in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He is in fact the historical embodiment of who God is and Christ personifies a new relationship that is possible between God and humanity. The coming of Jesus Christ is the act and revelation of the Triune God to restore relationship between humanity and God, to bridge the relationship gap between God and us.

It is hard to believe but some of the heresies of the past are revisiting us again. Some who want to minimize the divinity of Christ and maximize the humanity. All of this to minimize the authority of His teachings. The early church dealt with this at the Council of Chalcedon which met in AD 451 and produced what is known as the "Chalcedonian Definition," which affirms that Christ is truly God and truly man.

So, on that Holy night, it wasn't just a good story, it was in fact one of the two great events (Incarnation & Resurrection) in human history. God's love for you was so great that God became a man in the form of Jesus Christ, fully divine and fully human in order that we might know God in ways that we were not able to know God before. Christ paid the price to restore our relationship with the triune God. What wonderful love is this? Truly we celebrate a Holy Night.

Please avail yourself of the many opportunities to experience this Holy Day throughout December as noted in this Newsletter and may Christ be revealed to you in new ways this season.

May God richly bless you this season.

Pastor Jon

PARISH NEWS...



The flow of the Advent season plays out like a movie, with plot twists and a cliffhanger that invites us to wonder how we are called to participate in the story.

- December 3 First Sunday in Advent: "Stay Tuned!" Mark 13:24-37
December 10 Second Sunday in Advent: "Baptismal Limitations" Mark 1:1-8
December 17 Third Sunday in Advent: "John the Doppelganger" John 1:6-8,19-28
December 24 Fourth Sunday in Advent: "The Subjunctive Space" Luke 1:26-38
December 24 Christmas Eve: "A View from the Fringes" Luke 2:1-20
December 31 First Sunday after Christmas Day: "The Cliffhanger" Luke 2:22-40

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DRAMA CELEBRATION: Our choir "One Voice" will be presenting a Christmas Musical Drama Celebration, Once Upon a Holy Night on Sunday, December 3 at 6:30pm at Prairie Chapel. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. It will involve people from both churches and will be a blessed way to begin the Christmas Season.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

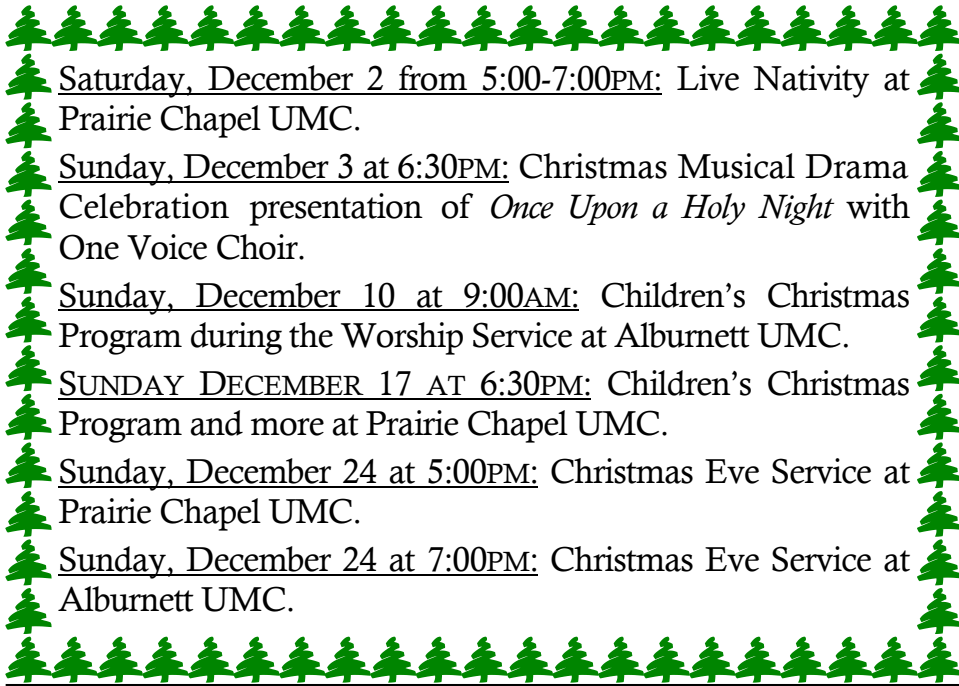
Winter is fast approaching and it's time for us to be reminded how we will communicate to you when inclement weather forces us to cancel or delay our Sunday worship service and classes, we will post such notice in the following locations:



- > KCRG TV Channel 9
> KCRG TV Web Site - http://www.kcrg.com/cancellations
> WMT Radio
> Church Web sites (www.alburnettumc.org or 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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS


  
Saturday, December 2 from 5:00-7:00PM: Live Nativity at Prairie Chapel UMC.
   
Sunday, December 3 at 6:30PM: Christmas Musical Drama Celebration presentation of *Once Upon a Holy Night* with One Voice Choir.
   
Sunday, December 10 at 9:00AM: Children's Christmas Program during the Worship Service at Alburnett UMC.
   
SUNDAY DECEMBER 17 AT 6:30PM: Children's Christmas Program and more at Prairie Chapel UMC.
   
Sunday, December 24 at 5:00PM: Christmas Eve Service at Prairie Chapel UMC.
   
Sunday, December 24 at 7:00PM: Christmas Eve Service at Alburnett UMC.



Order a beautiful Poinsettia to honor or remember a loved one. Place your order no later than Sunday, December 3, by mailing or dropping this form to the church office or call 377-7506 or 842-2388. Cost for each Poinsettia is \$10.00 (includes tax).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

Plants may be picked up following the Christmas Eve Service, or left to decorate the church for the remainder of Christmastide. Please indicate your preference:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletter Deadline for January 2018**  
 Newsletter Articles due in Office      Friday, December 15  
 Newsletter Folding Party      Wednesday, December 20



<b>DECEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS</b>	
December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28
December 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38. Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
December 25, 2017 Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14
December 31, 2017 First Sunday after Christmas New Year's Eve/Watch Night	Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40. Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

**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?**

**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	
10/29	\$1060.00	10/29	37
11/5	\$1390.00	11/5	60
11/12	\$825.00	11/12	66
11/19	n/a	11/19	n/a
11/26	n/a	11/26	n/a

# Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the word from the boldface vertical column. Also unscramble the circled letters to reveal a seasonal phrase.

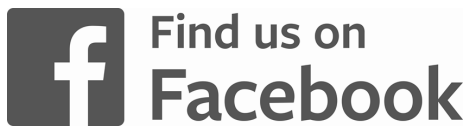
1. Carolers and instrumentalists make this
2. What happens at malls
3. The angel Gabriel appeared to her
4. You'll find this under a Christmas tree
5. He was a carpenter
6. Joseph had to pay this in Bethlehem
7. The "ship of the desert"
8. Cattle eat out of this
9. Shepherds tend this

**Bold word:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seasonal phrase:** \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: music, shopping, Mary, gift, Joseph, tax, camel, manger, sheep, Christmas, peace on earth

**"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.



The Church Chatterer...

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 REED CALLAHAN        |                         |
| 2 DANA BURNS TIERNAN   |                         |
| 3 CHALISE HITE SWANSON | 17 ELEANOR FLITSCH      |
| 3 LINDY HARTL          | 17 PAULA HORAK          |
| 3 ROBBIE CARROTHERS    | 19 ROBIN BODDICKER OETH |
| 4 BEN HUNT             | 26 MARK HITE            |
| 4 MARCY MACHACEK       | 29 DELORES JOHNSON      |
| 5 PAT JORDAN           | 30 JESSICA MCGRAW COOK  |
| 6 CONNIE MOYER         | 31 TIM LANGE            |
| 12 KERRI SLOAN         |                         |
| 12 ADAM REED           | DECEMBER ANNNIVERSARIES |
| 13 LANCE HORAK         | 21 JON & SHARON MOSS    |

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



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**DECEMBER MISSIONS PROJECT**

It is time to prepare for the cold weather of winter again. We are collecting new or gently used hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, children's snowpants, socks, and boots for needy children in our area. These donated items will be given to our local HACAP center and school. The Christmas Offering will be given to HACAP as well. Thank you for your help!

~The Missions Committee

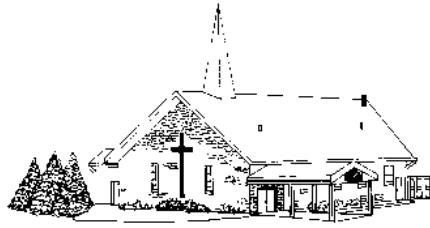
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**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** "Hope for Christmas" will be presented during the church service at 9:00AM on Sunday, December 10th.

There will be no Sunday School on December 24th or December 30th.

Lesson topics for the rest of the year will be "Noah", "Jesus Calls the Disciples", and "Teach us how to Pray".

Education Committee



# 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:

10/29	55
11/5	57
11/12	69
11/19	n/a
11/26	n/a

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

Weekly Offerings:

10/29	\$1520.50
11/5	\$2046.25
11/12	\$1444.25
11/19	n/a
11/26	n/a

**SERVICE:** BIG THANKS.....to everyone who helped assemble kits, who helped transport and deliver everything to InGathering and who stayed to help sort and repack kits and load the big trailer!!

**Christmas Program:** Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday, December 18, at 6:30PM for our annual Sunday School Christmas Program. Refreshments provided following a visit from a special guest.

New Year's Eve Family Party: Come at 7:00PM on December 31; play games, eat, and stay until the New Year begins! Bring your own beverage, pizza, snacks and games to share!



PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 JENNIE CLEMENS
- 2 TRISTAN DIETIKER
- 3 HOLLY RYAN
- 4 SARAH TRUMM
- 6 BRYNN BOWMAN
- 6 JOSH GARLINGHOUSE
- 7 SANDRADETTMANN AIRD
- 7 CHLOE BECKNER
- 13 RUPERT KNEEF
- 13 DONNA TIMM
- 14 KENNETH DIXON



- 14 CODIE YEISLEY
- 15 KALE NEBERGALL
- 16 CHRISTINE ADAMS
- 17 KEVIN BECKNER
- 18 DIANNA MOYER
- 20 DENISE MOONEY
- 23 KARON DETTMAN
- 23 GENEVIEVE SCOTT
- 25 JIM SHATTO

- 26 SHARON BANASIK
- 27 PAIGE MARTIN
- 28 MATTHEW WALTHER
- 28 JAMIE WALTHER
- 29 CAELEE YEISLEY
- 30 KATHY CLEMENS

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 JEFF & KARLA NIELSON
- 13 DAVID & BETH MARTIN
- 19 CHRIS & JULIE NOVAK
- 21 JON AND SHARON MOSS

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**\*PRAIRIE CHAPEL UMW MEETING\***  
**\*SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 9:00AM\*Christmas Brunch Meeting\***  
 \*Program: Leann Bowman\*  
 \*Hostesses: Carrie Robertson & Amber Jordan\*  
**\*Reveal your Prayer Partners\*Bring cookies for Live Nativity\***

**MISSIONS:** Our Christmas Offering will go to UMCOR Sager Brown. UMCOR Sager Brown's history began in 1867 when the site was established as an orphanage and school for African-American youth left homeless by the Civil War. It was launched by members of one of United Methodist Women's predecessor organizations. Through many years of financial ups and downs, Sager Brown persevered as a school. However, in 1978, the school closed its doors, and the property remained vacant for fourteen years. In 1992, Hurricane Andrew tore through Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region. Despite the severe damage to surrounding communities, the Sager Brown facilities and grounds survived intact. In response to the disaster, UMCOR used the location as a distribution center to assist local communities affected by the hurricane. As a result, a partnership formed between the two institutions. UMCOR decided to maintain the campus as a location to assemble and deploy relief supplies to the world, and the depot was organized in 1996. **Your gift** to this mission will provide disaster relief, comfort, and volunteers to locations within the United States and world wide. (Advance #901515)

We will also continue to collect Hats, Gloves and Mittens for local shelters.

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**COMMUNITY CLUB** will meet on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30PM at the church. For Christmas we are collecting personal care items for men and women in shelters. 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!