

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM

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A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



United Methodists over the years have both embraced and struggled with what being “united” means. In the most recent times, various groups have been birthed in hopes of helping individuals and churches discern faithful ways to express the Christian faith. The Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) has emerged as the voice of United Methodists seeking to embrace and proclaim the historic orthodox Christian faith in these most difficult times.

On Saturday, March 3rd from 10:00AM-3:00PM at the Altoona United Methodist Church the Iowa chapter of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (of which Pastor Mike Morgan of Marion is the President) is holding an inspirational event entitled “A FIRM FOUNDATION.” Rev. Dr. Keith Boyette, President of the Global Wesleyan Covenant association and former member of the United Methodist Judicial Council (church version of the supreme court) and Rev. Walter Fenton Development Director of the WCA will be the keynote speakers.



Powerful worship led by Marion Methodist’s Simon Campbell and a team of others will call upon God’s Holy Spirit to enter the church and our individual hearts. There is no cost to the event and a free will offering will be taken for the cost of lunch. ALL Iowa United Methodists are invited to give that day to the church and attend.

I will already be in Altoona attending a Continuing Education event and will attend the Iowa WCA event on Saturday. If it is possible for you to be there it will be a very inspirational and informative event and I encourage all who can to attend.

If the name Simon Campbell sounds familiar to you it is probably because he has helped both Alburnett & Prairie Chapel with our new audio/visual plan and equipment. More important than that Simon is a gifted worship leader and is developing into a very good preacher of the Gospel. I have come to appreciate and respect Simon as well as his ministry to the church.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

Vision Planning Meetings



I am very happy to let you know that Rev. Dr. Jill Sanders will be returning to Alburnett and Prairie Chapel to complete our visioning process. Our first meeting was a great success but with many changes in the district and conference we have been delayed in continuing however, I'm looking forward to bringing this much needed process to completion. I will be meeting with Jill to map out the rest of the objectives and fix the dates and these will be announced as soon as they are finalized. This much we know, the remaining sessions will be held on two or three Saturdays starting soon after Easter. Watch for more information coming. -Pastor Jon

"Vision without action is a dream.

Action without vision is simply passing the time.

Action with vision is making a positive difference." -Joel Barker



We will need some volunteers to help us with some very basic Word and Excel data entry projects coming in 2018. If you could volunteer about 2 to 3 hours a month from time to time it would be very helpful.

If you would be willing to help, just write "Yes, I can Help" on a prayer card with your name, email, or phone number and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Jon.

Thank you for your service!

UMCOR Sunday is March 11

Ensure the United Methodist Church Can Keep Helping

Will you continue to give to UMCOR Sunday (**formerly One Great Hour of Sharing**)? Will you continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster? When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00PM at Alburnett UMC

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Worship Service at 7:00PM at Prairie Chapel UMC

Sunday, April 1 Easter

Sunrise Service at 7:00AM at Alburnett UMC

Easter Worship Service 9:00AM at Alburnett UMC

Easter Worship Service 10:30AM at Prairie Chapel UMC



Order an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of someone special and decorate our church sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Fill out the below information and include \$9; mail to

Alburnett United Methodist Church

PO Box 88

Alburnett, Iowa 52202

Or

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church

1817 Prairie Chapel Road

Marion, Iowa 52302

Deadline is Monday, March 19.

Name_____

Number of Easter Lilies_____

In Honor of_____

Or in Memory of_____

Take home Easter Sunday _____

or leave to decorate church_____



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday March 11. Don't forget to change your clocks before you turn in on Saturday, March 10!

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 MOVING?

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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Prairie Chapel: office@prairiechapelmarion.org or 319-377-7506.

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 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.



Newsletter Deadline for April 2018 Newsletter
Newsletter Articles due in Office Thursday, March 15
Newsletter Folding Party Thursday, March 22



MARCH LECTIONARY READINGS

March 4 3rd Sunday in Lent	Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
March 11 UMCOR Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent	Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1--10; John 3:14-21
March 18 5th Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
March 25 Passion/Palm Sunday 6th Sunday in Lent	<i>Liturgy of the Palms:</i> Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion:</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-47
March 26 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
March 27 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
March 28 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
March 29 Holy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-10, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
March 30 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
March 31 Easter Vigil Number of readings may vary, but should include Exodus 14 & 2 other Old Testament Readings & the New Testament readings. Bracketed texts are responses to the reading preceding them.	<i>Old Testament Readings & Psalms:</i> Genesis 1:1-2:4a [Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26]; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 [Psalm 46]; Genesis 22:1-18 [Psalm 16]; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 [Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18]; Isaiah 55:1-11 [Isaiah 12:2-6]; Ezekiel 36:24-28 [Psalm 42]; Ezekiel 37:1-14 [Psalm 143] <i>2nd Reading & Psalms:</i> Romans 6:3-11 [Psalm 114] Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8



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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	
1/28	\$1180.00	1/28	35
2/4	\$1555.00	2/4	30
2/11	\$820.00	2/11	47
2/18	\$350.00	2/18	37
2/25	n/a	2/25	n/a

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 RITA SCHUCHMAN
2 ALLY OLMSTEAD
3 PASTOR JON MOSS
4 LORI SPERFSLAGE
6 JANICE HAPPEL
6 JUSTIN PLATE
8 BETH GRITTON
9 JEFF CARROTHERS
15 LAURA PITTS
15 LOGAN MORRISON
16 KELSEY HENLE
16 ANDREA BODDICKER
17 CUTTER SHEFELBINE
18 JACKSON SCOTT



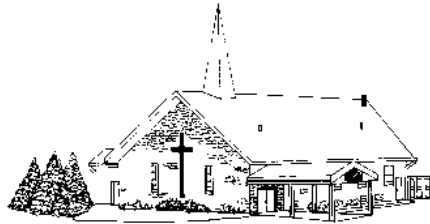
19 LAKEN CAVES
19 MACKINZE CARROTHERS
23 JASON GRITTON
28 KYLE SLOAN
29 OWEN HENRICKSEN
29 JACK MARTIN-ENOS

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 ROGER & ROBERTA ALTES
19 KEVIN & BEV HINES
24 RICHARD & JUDY BURNS

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

MISSIONS: During the month of March, we will be collecting white cotton T-shirts for Camp Courageous for tie dying activities. Please bring t-shirts youth and adult sizes to the church. Thank you!



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our Web Site at www.prairiechapelmation.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:

1/28	45
2/4	44
2/11	39
2/18	38
2/25	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

1/28	\$1946.50
2/4	\$1775.00
2/11	\$1076.00
2/18	1228.00
2/25	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to our faithful office volunteers who have been helping with newsletter & bulletin folding!



UMW Meeting: March 15 at 1:00PM. Our Shepherdess Rose White will be visiting. Program & Devotions: Virginia Lyttle. Hostesses: Beth and Carly Martin. Our Mission Project is Food Pantry Paper Products.

- 1 CARLEY TRUMM
- 4 NICOLE LILLEBERG
- 3 JON MOSS
- 4 CHRISTOPHER GRISWOLD
- 5 CLETUS REINHARDT
- 6 TESSALY ROBERTSON
- 8 CONNIE WALTHER
- 10 ZACHARY GARLINGHOUSE
- 13 BRENTON BLACKFORD
- 14 MARK MATTKE
- 17 BETHANN THOMPSON
- 19 MATT MARTIN
- 20 MITCH MARTIN
- 20 REGAN NEBERGALL

22 DAVID MARTIN
23 DONNA MOONEY
23 CALEB MASON
24 TRACI POSTLETHWAIT
25 ALANNA NIETERT
25 KRIS BLACKFORD
27 OLIVIA NEBERGALL
31 HOLLY BLACKFORD HALL

14 DENNIS & SHARON SEJKORA
19 JIM & JUDY KOTRBA

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
N N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
A A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
N N G N L I S N L A I N E D X
E E W M P R V R D H B N R D F
P P S O G O L G O T H A B S C
D D L N R O C O N F E S I K
O O T H T C P E K W U O U N D
M M N S H N P W E D R H F S K
U U N F O E T K Y C S G F O E
H H E C R E V L I S W Q E C M
H H V H N C X S O C C J R L O
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C R U C I F I X I O N S R V

MISSIONS: We will be collecting Paper Products (Paper Towel, Bathroom Tissue, Facial Tissue, etc.) for our Local Food Pantries. Please bring your donations to the church.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, March 1 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!