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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM

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A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



Last month I shared with you that there will be an opportunity for our congregations to hear an update on the status of the issues our denomination is facing and how that may impact us. I attended a meeting with Bishop Laurie Haller on April 7th where she facilitated conversation around the “Commission on a Way Forward,” which was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to

do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality, and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church.

This is a good time for our congregation to meet and hear where the Commission is at in their work and how that may affect us. There is a special Called General Conference scheduled in 2019 where the United Methodist Church will hear the recommendations from the Commission as presented to the Council of Bishops.

I will be making a presentation to our churches on 1) the current status of the denomination, and 2) how we got to this point, and 3) How might this impact us?

Church Meetings will be as follows:

Prairie Chapel will meet on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00PM.

Alburnett will meet on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00PM.

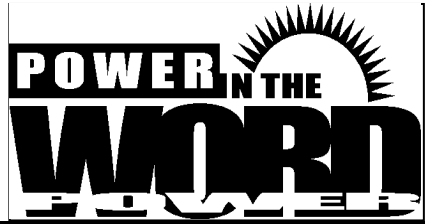
This is the only time in my five years as your pastor that I have called for the church to come together for a special meeting like this, so I am asking that you make every effort to attend.

In the mean time, you can join me in prayer for our denomination, its leaders, and the Commission as they work through this very difficult process. I have joined other local Pastors in praying every day that the United Methodist Church will arise a stronger church and that the Holy Spirit will bring life into our Church. We have a very rich Wesleyan heritage that continues to be relevant for the day in which we live.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

Newsletter Deadline for June 2018 Newsletter
Newsletter Articles due in Office Sunday, May 13
Newsletter Folding Party Friday, May 18



MAY LECTIONARY READINGS	
May 6 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
May 10 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
May 13 7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
May 20 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27,16:4b-15
May 27 Trinity Sunday 1st Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

SAMARITAN'S CHEST - Confidential assistance of individuals or families in our local community.

Money that is collected in the chest goes into the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help with special needs and confidential assistance of individuals or families within our local community, mostly for food and gas.

The Good Samaritan Fund has been established to impact the lives of people who are in need of small emergency assistance and is funded by donations from individuals who want to assist others as an expression of Christian love.

The Good Samaritan



There will be a sign and container (chest) set out on the first Sunday of each month for these donations.

*The Good Samaritan Fund
 Because others passed them by ...*

MISSIONS SPEAKER MAY 12

ON SUNDAY, MAY 12 WE WILL HAVE A GUEST SPEAKER DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE: Mission Starfish Haiti was started by Silentor Thomas Esthil-Henderson. Silentor was born and raised in Lacroix, Haiti, 10 miles outside of Gonaives and grew up there for the first nine years of his life. It was when Silentor became very ill with a bone infection and unable to walk that his mother took him to a clinic to receive medical attention. In order to save Silentor's life he needed several surgeries and specialized care. A nurse, Tommy Henderson, who was working at the clinic offered to take Silentor back to the United States in order for him to get the care he needed. After several years and 30 operations, Silentor was able to walk again. Since Silentor had attended American schools while he was getting his medical treatment, he decided to stay and finish his education. Tommy eventually adopted Silentor and provided him a permanent home in the United States.

Silentor graduated from Bettendorf High School in 2006 and went on to attend and graduate from Iowa State University. After graduating college in 2010, Silentor joined "Teach for America" and taught 7th and 8th grade history in a high poverty community located in Miami.

Silentor had the privilege to access and benefit from a quality educational system. His vision is to bring quality education to his home country and community and to those children who otherwise would not have access to education. Silentor knew Haitian children led a "wandering" life with little structure, leadership and direction and very little education. Silentor saw the opportunity to change this way of life for Haitian children by creating Mission Starfish Haiti to provide children a high quality Christian education. Silentor now resides in Haiti, living in the community he serves, managing the ministry, conducting teacher training, hosting volunteer groups and fund-raising for the Mission Starfish Haiti.

On October 1st, 2012 Mission Starfish Haiti opened its doors to 172 students. When MSH opened, it provided education to children from kindergarten to third grade. Each year since, MSH has added a grade level in order for those students to continue their education and hopes to add a grade level each year until the school can offer kindergarten through ninth grade.

Mission Starfish Haiti is located in Gonaives, Haiti. Gonaives is a city of 300,000 people and is located about 80 miles north of Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. In the past few years, Gonaives has been affected by many disasters including hurricanes and cholera out-breaks. As many as 250,000 - 300,000 residents lack food, housing and education.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY IS MAY 27

Each year, on the Sunday after Pentecost, The United Methodist Church observes Peace with Justice Sunday, one of our churchwide special offerings. We celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday because we recognize that true peace cannot be possible without the presence of justice.

The gifts collected on Peace with Justice Sunday are distributed between local and global Peace with Justice ministries. Fifty percent of the offerings stay for use on projects within the local annual conference, while the other half goes toward Peace with Justice Grants administered by the General Board of Church and Society.

Those ministries that apply for grants must meet at least one of four main objectives: helping United Methodists understand and respond to violence and militarism, being involved in efforts to end conflict and violent aggression around the world, promoting policies locally and globally that restore communities in the midst of racial and ethnic injustice and inequality, and promoting systematic economic justice and self-development of people.

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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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	
3/25	\$725.00	3/25	40
4/1	\$1695.00	4/1	80
4/8	\$1520.00	4/8	47
4/15	\$1143.00	4/15	52
4/22	\$940.00	4/22	45
4/29	n/a	4/29	n/a

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 HILDA MARTIN
- 3 SUE MEINEKE
- 6 AMY COLEMAN WRIGHT
- 9 TRAVIS STEVENSON
- 12 LEE ROBERT SLOAN
- 12 HOWARD POWERS
- 13 SUE BECKER
- 15 LANDON MCGRAW
- 15 ROBERT MOYER
- 16 JOSHUA MCGRAW
- 18 LORI POLESKY
- 18 JEANNE BAILEY
- 21 MICHELLE MOYER FIELDS



- 22 DONNA HOUTS
- 29 ADDISON SLOAN
- 30 KOREY JOHNSON

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 BART & KIM GINGRICH
- 12 RON & JERRIS RICHARDSON
- 27 DON & JANICE HAPPEL


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

"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.




MISSIONS: In May, our mission project will be gathering seeds, plants, and items needed for our church garden. Our children will be caring for a garden again during our summer Sunday school. They will need a variety of items to get it started. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you would like to contribute to their gardening experiences. Thank you.



PUZZLE

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

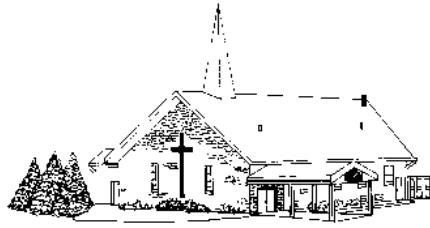
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E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
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“ _____ your _____

 and your _____,

 the _____ your _____ has
 _____.”
 _____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV



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 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:

3/25	19
4/1	107
4/8	65
4/15	54
4/22	58
4/29	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

3/25	\$240.00
4/1	\$2987.00
4/8	\$1899.00
4/15	\$1574.00
4/22	\$1382.00
4/29	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS...to everyone who donated, helped at and ate at our recent Pancake Breakfast. About \$400 was added to the Improvement Fund. Also, Thanks to all who donated items, purchased items and helped at our Rummage Sale. It was a success!

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, May 3 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!

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY: On May 6 we will receive an offering for Health & Welfare Ministries and their role in Spiritual Well-Being. 100% retained by the Iowa Annual Conference to fund grants.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY: On May 20 we will receive an offering to support rural life and ministry. 100% retained by the Iowa Annual Conference to fund grants to enrich ministries in rural areas.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 MARK NEAL
3 FRANK LAMB
8 PAULA PATTERSON
8 BETH MARTIN
10 JIM DETTMANN
11 BRAD WITTENBURG
16 JAROD BOWMAN
20 SANDRA LIEGL
20 INEZ MATTKE
20 CHRIS CHRISTIANSEN
20 PAUL MARTIN
20 KAYCEE CORY
21 NORM NIELSON



21 COREY SEIBERT
21 ETHAN LILLEBERG
23 WYATT BLACKFORD
24 BLANE BECKNER
24 SHARON SCOTT
26 MARK NIETERT
30 TIMOTHY LYTTLE

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

26 DAN & VIRGINIA LYTTLE

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UMW: Our Annual "Mystery Tour" will be on Wednesday, May 9. Meet at the church at 8:00AM to carpool. We will be going to Davenport for a tour of the Isabel Bloom Studio, Lunch at Café d'Marie, tour of Palmer Mansion, and a tour of St. John's United Methodist Church.

Our UMW Mother/Daughter/Friend Salad Supper will be Thursday, May 17 at 6:30PM. Hostesses are Laura Falcon, Dora Nielson, and Margaret Meythaler. Every member is to bring a salad also. Our program is "Welcome to My Garden." with guest speaker Barb Horak, who will speak about Monarch Butterflies in Eastern Iowa. Please RSVP by Monday, May 14 to Carrie Robertson or Kathy Clemens.

Thank you to those who donated items and baked goods for our rummage sale and for all your awesome help setting up, working the sale and clean up. 100% of our proceeds will go to our mission projects. The items left over were delivered to the Coggon Faith Mission Store where 100% of their sales also goes back to the community and some were donated to Whittier for their rummage sale and Olin and Oxford Junction UMC free, "God's Garage Sale."