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## Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church June 8-10, 2019



The Clergy and Laity session will be held on June 7th.

Methodist clergy and laity will gather in Des Moines from all over Iowa to conduct the business of the Iowa UMC. We expect to hear about the ministries within our conference and This year's theme is "Creating Difference Makers: In Ministry with the Poor." Faith communities are invited to participate by collecting gift cards for restaurants, local convenience stores and gas stations, and grocery stores. This request came out in a May

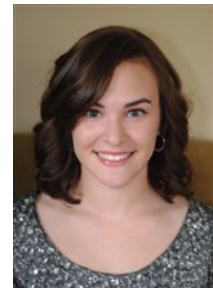
20th communication. We will collect cards for our ministry to the poor in the Marion and Alburnett area. The most useful card is a Walmart card, or you can give to the Samaritans Fund at Prairie Chapel or Alburnett.

We trust that the conference will not be dominated by a revisit of the 2019 Special Conference, but it is likely that will be the case. As for Pastor Jon and our delegate Mary Moore for Prairie Chapel and Alburnett, we intend to exercise due diligence in the business that is before us and keep our focus on the ministries that we have been called to fulfill in our service to the communities around our churches

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The Iowa Conference will also elect six clergy and six lay delegates to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will be held in May 2020 in Minneapolis. Then we elect an additional six lay and six clergy delegates for the North Central Jurisdictional Conference will take place in July 2020 in Ft. Wayne, IN. and eight alternate delegates will also be elected.

You should know that one of the nominees for General Conference is Amy (Gingrich) Happ, a Lay person who is a member from Alburnett United Methodist Church.



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**Confirmation Movie Day**  
**Sunday June 2nd Noon through 4:30 pm**



Confirmands should bring comfortable clothes, even PJ's to change into. They should bring anything padded they can sit or lay on.

Pastor Jon will provide pizza, snacks, and drinks (The kids selected the pizza & drinks).

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## JOIN LISBON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thursday, June 20, 2019 AT 1:30PM 200 East Market Street, Lisbon, Iowa

Pastor Karen Nelson will be speaking on simplicity and how it affects our daily lives. We are honored to have her speak as she will be leaving us the end of June to work at the University of Dubuque Seminary.

Please reserve your spot by replying to Wendy Johnson on or before June 14, 2019 with number of persons attending.

johnsonwendy725@gmail.com .....Text or call me at 319-551-1428

PLEASE BRING ONE ITEM TO DONATE TO HELP YOU DECLUTTER YOUR LIVES.



Looking for the **Birthday / Anniversaries?**  
The list can be found in the church foyer.

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### ATTENTION ALBURNETT and PRAIRIE CHAPEL

Please send the names and addresses of those home-bound or confined to care centers to the church office. We want to make sure everyone has access to the church newsletter.

alburnettumc@fmtcs.com office@prairiechapelmarion.org

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There are printed copies of the Newsletter at both churches At Prairie Chapel copies are located in the Narthex. At Alburnett copies are by the doorway (in wall holder) beside the refreshment table. Please provide your email address to ensure a copy is sent to you.

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**CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE** - please forward any newsletter articles to the following email address:

**AlbPCNEWS@Gmail.com**

## Alburnett

### IT'S VBS TIME!!!

The church is hosting Community Vacation Bible School for children in the area.

**VBS will be August 5-8**



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## JUNE MISSIONS

We are still collecting white t-shirts for Camp Courageous. The campers get to decorate their own shirt.

ALL SIZES WELCOME!



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## Graduate Recognition Sunday



We had a wonderful service to recognize our 2019 graduates.

We have watched them grow up in church and go through confirmation, participate in worship, and fundraising activities.

We enjoyed the brief introductions of our graduates and praised God for the growth in their lives and we pray to a blessed future as well.

It was all top off with a beautiful rendition of “*I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry*” by our Parish Choir.

Thank you to all those who made this such a special Worship Service and Graduate Recognition.

### Graduation from Middle School

Cutter Shefelbine

### Graduation from College

Ethan Sperfslage

### Graduation from High School

Brie Sperfslage

Callie Wright

Elise Smith

Elizabeth Sperfslage

Gracie Martin

Luke Smith

Nicole Smith

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## Pop Can Collection

Our Youth are collecting pop cans. This fund raiser is to help offset the expense of SUMMER GAMES in Grinnell.

## Prairie Chapel



### Online Giving Established at Prairie Chapel

Ever want to donate but forgot your checkbook? Like most young adults we use checks as a payment method less and less. So, the Finance Committee searched for the best tool to help our friends and members to give easily and at their convenience.

GivePlus, by Vanco, is the tool we choose. It is an easy and secure way for our congregation to give how and when they want. Vanco is trusted by more churches than anyone else. Vanco utilizes the most advanced technology and follows the most stringent guidelines to ensure all your information remains secure. So, for those times when your away or don't have a checkbook or your away, you can still make your donation.

We have instructions that can be made available to you by requesting them from Kevin Banisik at Kevin.Banasik@csbiowa.com or Jarod Bowman at jarodbowman@metro-motorsports.com. In addition, either of these members of the Finance Committee can assist you in creating your login, installing the app on your device or learn how to donate through your home computer.

Special thanks to the Finance committee in doing the research to find a company that offers the lowest cost, a secure application, and user-friendly access to online giving, Easy-Fast-Secure!

[Online Giving Link](#)



**Community Club** is Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 in the church basement. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck. Hope to see you there!

### MISSIONS

The church is collecting cleaning supplies throughout the month of June.

**United Methodist Women** will meet on June 20 @ 7:00pm. Virginia Lyttle will present the Program and devotions. Laura Falcon will be hosting the event.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible School will be July 22 -25 from 4:00 - 8:00pm. In order to offer a preschool class someone needs to volunteer as the teacher. Cookies will need to be provided for each evening.

On Thursday at 6:00pm supper will be provided for the children and families. The VBS closing program will follow at 7:00pm.





## IOWA STATE FAIR BLUE RIBBON FOUNDATION

Each year outstanding community members are honored through the *Iowan of the Day* program. These Iowans should be people who have volunteered in their community to better the lives of those around them. If you know someone who would be worthy of being honored as an *Iowan of the Day* at the 2019 Iowa State Fair please fill out the attached nomination form.

<http://www.blueribbonfoundation.org/iotd>

Contact Gabrielle Gerke at 515-262-93111 ext.378 with questions

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### Margaret Scott Kneef

Many of our members know of Margaret Scott Kneef who passed away on May 9th. Margaret's undergraduate college work was at Upper Iowa University and graduate work at Drake University and the University of Northern Colorado. She taught school for a number of years. Margaret is survived by her husband Rupert Kneef and nieces and nephews. Margaret was very kind to Prairie Chapel as she set up a scholarship for our youth to be able to go to camp. Many of our youth have gone to camp or Summer Games University because of the generosity of Margaret Scott Kneef and family. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends in their time of loss.

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