

Alburnett/Prairie Chapel Parish News - January 2020

A Word from Pastor Jon

We are approaching a New Year and a new decade. Once again, I'm thankful for God's blessing. We completed our largest Confirmation class, were faithful to existing ministries, and mission opportunities as we strive to make Christ known in our community through acts of love for others. I can't help but rejoice over what you have accomplished. While 2019 has been a good year at the same time I look forward to a New Year and what is before us. Once again this will be a year where we will see new people taking leadership roles in the church and strengthen the ways in which we make Christ known in our community.

As far as our denominational struggles, it will be a challenging year once again. We have had two church wide meetings to discuss the issues and the possible outcomes of the 2019 Special called General Conference. We have put out publications from three sources to help us through the process and will continue to do that. In February 2020 the the regular General Conference will be held. We will stay informed, in order to make the very best decisions that maybe required of us. This should be a time of prayer for all of us. The work ahead will be difficult, but we will be ready to address the issues required of us. Be assured that regardless of the denominational struggles we will not lose our focus. We will be faithful and true to who we are as a church, to our call, vision and mission to our community and above all faithful to Christ our Lord.

Exciting and challenging times are before us and we will be up to the tasks that God calls us to. With God's help, we will 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.

I am looking forward to a great year with you in our journey together.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon



*Thank
you*

From Pastor Jon

Once again you have demonstrated such kindness and generosity this Christmas season with your many cards, gifts, and words of encouragement. I am truly blessed by your thoughtfulness. Thank you so much for taking the time to express your love and appreciation.

Pastor Jon



Virginia Lyttle Retiring

Virginia will be retiring at the end of January after 30 years of service to Alburnett & Prairie Chapel UMC. Please take the time to offer your appreciation for her service over the years. The SPPRC is planning a recognition Sunday in January which will be announced as soon as the details are finalized.

While SPPRC begins the process of searching for a church secretary we will need some volunteers for some tasks such as picking up the mail, checking phone messages (which you can do from home), small projects using Microsoft Word or Publisher templates. If you could spare an hour or two a week to help in some area talk to Pastor Jon about what kind of help is needed and see if that is something you could do during the month of February. Thank you in advance for helping us during a time of transition.



Worship Service times will change on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Alburnett will meet at 9:00am for worship and Prairie Chapel's worship service will be at 10:30am. These times will be in place for the entire year of 2020.

NO ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING AT EITHER CHURCH IN JANUARY

Important 2020 dates for East Central District United Methodist Women



January: Sat 1/11 – Human Trafficking Awareness Day
Thurs 1/30 – UMW/UMC Advocacy Day, Wesley UMC & State Capitol, Des Moines

March: Fri 3/6 – World Day of Prayer USA – 2020 Zimbabwe
Sun 3/8 – International Bell Ringing for Women's Rights
Mon 3/23 – 151st Anniversary for United Methodist Women
Sat 3/28– District Spiritual Growth Day Apart – 9:00 – 2:00; CR Lovely Lane UMC
The Gospel of Mark – Radical Discipleship – led by Pastor Jenny Seylar

April: Sat 4/4 – Laity Day with our Bishop; Location TBD
Sun 4/12 – Easter Sunday

May 6: East Central District Women Clergy Spa Day – Brandon UMC

June: TBD – UMW gathering at Annual Conference
6/26-28 – UMW North Central Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting – Sioux Falls SD

July: Sun 7/19- Tue 7/21 - Summer Mission u "Ignited for Justice" - Marshalltown

August: District Mission Study Day – TBA – 9:00 – 2:00
Mass Incarceration: School to Prison Pipeline (UMW Social Action Priority)

September: Sat 9/19 – District Annual Meeting – Lisbon UMC – 9:00 – 2:30

October: Sat 10/3 - Conference Annual Meeting – Cherokee
Fri 10/16 – Sun 10/18 - Fall Mission u "Ignited for Justice" - Marshalltown

November: Fri 11/6 – World Community Day

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather the status of Worship/Sunday School may be found in the following locations:

KCRG TV Channel 9

KCRG TV Web Site - <http://www.kcrg.com/cancellations>

WMT Radio

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.



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

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.

CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS - forward any newsletter articles to the following email address:
AlbPCNEWS@Gmail.com

Alburnett



THANKSGIVING / CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The church collected \$1442.00. This money is being used to purchase snow-boots, snow-pants, coats, hats and mittens for children at the Alburnett school. Also the funds continue to support the Backpack program at the school. What better gift than showing our love of the children living in our community.
THANK YOU FOR CARING!



Sunday, January 5th the Christmas decorations throughout the church will be taken down. Please plan on staying after Worship to help.
AND... there's food... Chili is being served afterwards. Feel free to fill in with other goodies.

MISSIONS

During the month of November Missions will continue to support the Alburnett Community Schools Backpack Program. Each month a list of specific items will be requested or people may purchase items from the main list.



JANUARY LIST

PopTarts, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Boxes of Raisins, Peanut Butter and Jelly

ONGOING MAIN LIST

Spaghettios, Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Ramen Noodles, Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Plastic Fruit Cups, Macaroni and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Boxes of Raisins.

**** SNOW REMOVAL ****



Winter-weather snow removal at the church needs to be addressed. We are looking for a family or individual to commit to clearing the sidewalks for one month. Looking for church members to step-up and volunteer for - January through March. Please let Dick/Judy Burns (319-533-2633) know if this is a task you are willing to take on.
THANK YOU!

Prairie Chapel



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The church collected \$1833.00 for CROP. This showing of love and support for CROP will help to lessen hunger in countries struggling to get by.
THANK YOU FOR BEING SO GENEROUS!



SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE

Due to the time change in Worship Service, Sunday School will start at 9:00 beginning on January 5.

UMW will meet Thursday, January 16 at 1:00.

The meeting books for 2020 are not done so no further information at this time.



Count down the new year at Prairie Chapel with their annual New Year's Eve Party December 31st starting at 6:30. Bring your own pizza and pop and also snacks to share and bring your favorite games. This is for all ages so bring some friends. Everyone is welcome to come. Questions? Call Kathy Clemens 319-350-1281

Community Club in January has been canceled.



Online Giving at Prairie Chapel

If you need help with on-line giving contact 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.

[Online Giving Link](#)

The church calendars are on "real time". This means if accessing the calendar today you will

see the calendar month for today's date. There is a back/forward arrow on the calendar in left-hand corner that allows you to view past-present-future calendars.

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