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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM

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A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



Last week we started our new members class and the next one is scheduled for July 16th at 6:30PM in the Confirmation Room at Alburnett. The second session will look at our Methodist story which prompts the question, what's so special about being Methodist or Wesleyan in our theology.

While there are many characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian, over the next month or so, I want to highlight a few as we prepare for our sermon series in the fall on Our

Spiritual Heritage

THE PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE. John Wesley's conviction on this subject was always clear. He said, "I allow no other rule, whether of faith or practice, than the Holy Scriptures." Scripture is the primary or preeminent source about matters of faith and the way in which we should live out our faith. From the conception of the Methodist movement, Wesley held to the primacy of Scripture. In 1703 John Wesley, his brother Charles, and some other students at Oxford University formed a religious society called, "The Holy Club". Other students teasingly called them *Methodist* because they were so methodical about Bible study and the practice of Spiritual Disciplines.¹ Wesley never liked the term *Methodist*, however it's the name that stuck!

Wesleyan scholar Randy Maddox writes "Engaging Scripture, as a witness to and setting of divine revelation, was central to John Wesley's Christian life and to the spiritual communities that he helped gather and lead." This was clear when Wesley reflected on the early movement at Oxford.²

*From the very beginning, from the time that four young men united together, each of them was a man of one book. God taught them all to make his "Word a lantern unto their feet, and a light in all their paths." They had one, and only one rule of judgment in regard to all their tempers, words, and actions, namely, the oracles of God.*³

Wesley, of course, read more than one book. His library numbered over 1,000 books on a variety of subjects. For Wesley, the Bible was his primary guide when it came to his faith and all of his religious convictions were measured and judged based on what the scriptures taught.

One thing is clear, John Wesley and the people called Methodist, had a passion for reading, studying, and applying the scriptures to their lives because the scriptures were divinely inspired (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and bring spiritual insight and benefit to the lives of believers. As we consider our Methodist heritage, what was valid and true for our founder and the countless thousands before and after Wesley, is true for us as well. The Bible is our primary source for faith and practice.

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¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. -2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NRSV)

The best way to start making the reading of scripture as a priority is to just start reading. The new Upper Room devotional guides are in the foyer and you can start by reading the passage for the day. It's a good start. I pray that as you read, the Holy Spirit will teach and lead you into greater truths as the Spirit of God has done for so many.

Faithfully yours,

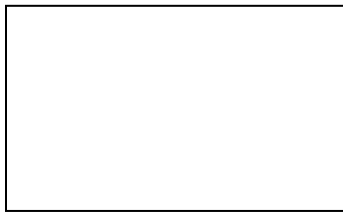
Pastor Jon

References:

¹ *Discovery: Basic Belief Studies for Free Methodists*, rev. ed., We Believe Series (Indianapolis, Ind.: Light and Life Communications in cooperation with Bristol House, 1999), 40.

² *Wesley, Wesleyans, and Reading Bible as Scripture* (Waco, Tex.: Baylor University Press, 2012), 3;139.

³ From John Wesley Sermon 107, "One God's Vineyard," in Works, 3:504. Wesley is quoting Psalm 119:105.



Worship Service Times
will **NOT** change on July 1st
The new time change for this year
(2018) will be on October 7, 2018

Alburnett's worship service will continue to be
at 9:00AM through 9/30/18.

Prairie Chapel's worship service will continue to be
at 10:30AM through 9/30/18.

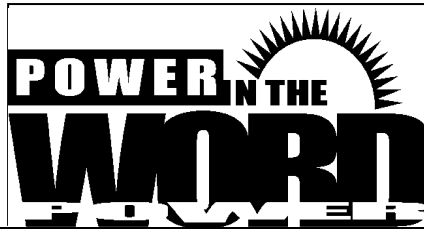
Then **effective October 1st** the worship times will switch.

Prairie Chapel's worship service will start at 9:00AM

Alburnett's worship service will start at 10:30AM

These worship service times will stay in place until January 1, 2020. And they will switch every year after that on January 1st. This will make the publication of our worship services much simpler for marketing purposes.

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| <p>Newsletter Deadline for August 2018 Newsletter <u>Newsletter Articles due in Office</u> Sunday, July 15 <u>Newsletter Folding Party</u> Thursday, July 26</p> |
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| JULY LECTIONARY READINGS | |
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| July 1 6th Sunday after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43 |
| July 8 7th Sunday after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13 |
| July 15 8th Sunday after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29 |
| July 22 9th Sunday after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 |
| July 29 10th Sunday after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21 |

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
New Member Class meets July 16 at 6:30PM at Alburnett UMC

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER BLOOD DRIVE Monday, July 16, 2:30-5:30PM at Alburnett United Methodist Church. To sign up, contact MVRBC at 800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org



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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THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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<http://www.alburnettumc.org>

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 | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|----|
| 5/20 | \$1031.00 | 5/20 | 40 |
| 5/27 | \$850.00 | 5/27 | 40 |
| 6/3 | \$770.00 | 6/3 | 39 |
| 6/10 | \$810.00 | 6/10 | 41 |
| 6/17 | \$1669.00 | 6/17 | 40 |
| 6/24 | \$790.00 | 6/24 | 35 |

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 MARVIN SUTTON JR.
- 2 KARL QUAAS
- 4 WAYNE VOLKL
- 7 ARDITH SMITH
- 8 PAMELA SHEFELBINE
- 9 LEAH HORAK
- 12 COLE HUNT
- 13 JAMES HILL
- 18 ADRIENNE HERSHEY
- 20 NORMA SUTTON
- 21 TRENT JORDAN
- 22 ERIKA EDWARDS
- 23 BRANDI ROETHLISBERGER
- 23 JUDY LEIDIGH



- 24 RON HOOVER
- 25 LINDA HAMILTON
- 26 DEBRA THEIN
- 27 MIKE SHEFELBINE

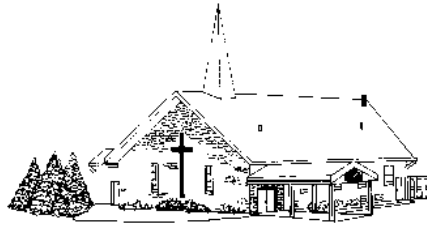
JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 RICK & KRISTA MCGRAW
- 18 BILL & CLETIS SLOAN
- 30 ERIC & JENNIFER SLOAN
- 31 BECKY & KARRYL ANDERSON

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

MISSIONS: Our missions project for the month of July will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Veterans Outreach Center Food Pantry. They are needing items such as soups, chili, mac and cheese, spaghetti, and other canned goods. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please support our local veterans during this month.

Thank you.



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our Web Site at 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:

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| 5/20 | 50 |
| 5/27 | 48 |
| 6/3 | 44 |
| 6/10 | 44 |
| 6/17 | 59 |
| 6/24 | 38 |

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

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| 5/20 | \$1112.00 |
| 5/27 | \$1407.00 |
| 6/3 | \$2713.00 |
| 6/10 | \$1716.50 |
| 6/17 | \$2507.00 |
| 6/24 | \$1450.00 |

SERVICE: BIG THANKS...to the volunteers who keep our church going from week to week, and to all prayer warriors.

UMW: Our next meeting is Thursday, July 19@ 7:00PM. Program & Hostess: Carrie & Caitlin Robertson. **Mission Project-**Baby Care Products. Disposable diapers, Wipes, Lotion, Shampoo, etc.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, July 5 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!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join us Sunday, July 22 from 5:00-7:00PM for Good Food and Homemade Ice Cream! Help is needed to make Ice Cream on Friday, July 20 starting at 4:00PM. A sign up sheet will be passed at church.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 SARAH MOSS
2 EMMA WALTHER
2 ERIN PETERSEN
5 BUD BLACKFORD
7 COURTNEY CLEMENS
7 JANICE ADAMS
8 CINDY WITTENBURG
9 STEPHANIE CORY
9 LAURA DIXON
10 RYNE NIETERT
10 JEREMY WALTZ
11 JIM KOTRBA
12 SHANNON KRIEGEL
13 CARLY MARTIN
15 DAN LYTTLE
17 BRITTNEY YEISLEY
18 JACOB WALTZ



23 MARIA MARTIN
23 DARRELL TIMM
25 JEFF JORDAN
28 WAYNE BLACKFORD
29 STACY MASON
30 BRANDON YEISLEY

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3 ALBERT & VICKI MARTIN
9 CLETIS & CARLENE REINHARDT
9 MARK & INEZ MATTKE
15 DARYL & MARIA MARTIN
19 MARK & DANA NIETERT
20 COREY & TERESA SEIBERT
30 JEREMY & BARBARA WALTZ

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join the fun July 24-28 from 4:30-8:00PM at VBS. The theme is "Shipwrecked" Supper & Snacks will be provided. Sign up at church or call Kathy Clemens at 377-0949. Donations of cookies and cash to help purchase supplies are welcome.

**The 39th Annual Thanksgiving Ingathering
will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018**

UMCOR is no longer accepting cloth school bags.

UMCOR is now asking that school kits be placed in 2-gallon resealable plastic bags.

Assembly Instructions

- Use a 2-gallon size resealable bag instead of cloth bag.
- Stack all paper items on top of each other. Place in 2-gallon bag.
- Place all loose items in smaller resealable bags and place on top of paper and seal 2-gallon bag.

The UMCOR School Kit list, Hygiene Kit list and Cleaning Bucket list are available at the church.

Those who wish to continue sewing school bags can make them for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. A pattern for the bags is available at the church.