

## Alburnett/Prairie Chapel Parish News - July 2019



In my home study I have some pictures of my Mother and Father. Some from years before I was born and along with those items, I have my Father's medals and ribbons from his time in the military during World War II. There are some other items from his time as a POW when he was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. When I look at these things, they tell a

story of part of my parents' life. We may look at photo albums, Bibles, notebooks where we get the part of the story of the lives of those we love. Likewise, the Bible comprised of so many stories of the life and times of the people that surrounded the redemptive history of the God we love and serve. From the beginning pages of Genesis to the closing chapters of Revelation we learn of God's love and desire for God's people to be in relationship with their creator. Starting September 8th, we will begin a journey through the scriptures to better learn God's Story and our role in that story. Watch for more information and materials in August.

Pastor Jon

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The 2019 Iowa Annual Conference is over. It if wasn't clear before certainly since the 2019 Special Called General Conference, the highest decision-making body of the United Methodist Church, and the Iowa Annual Conference it is clear our denomination is in a state of dysfunction and at an impasse. Everyone is gearing up for the regular General Conference in 2020 and delegates will either try and overturn the decisions made in 2019 or efforts to keep those decisions in place. I have read reports that the Traditionalist have enough delegates to support the decisions made at the 2019 General Conference and other articles suggest the Progressives have enough delegates to overturn those decisions. This dysfunction cannot continue to go on and have a healthy church.



What about Alburnett and Prairie Chapel? As your pastor, I am calling on us to continue to be informed on these decisions that can affect us however, we must and will continue to be the church that we are called to be, faithful to the Scriptures, faithful to our lives of discipleship, faithful to our ministry to the community of faith and especially faithful to our ministry to the needs of the poor in our community. We will continue to gather for worship and commit ourselves to growing closer Christ and being more like him in all we do and say. We will keep our focus on these areas which really impact our communities for Christ. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Jon



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

## 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

### COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School August 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

We need volunteers for this year's Vacation Bible School. To help us in our planning we ask that you sign up for the area that you will help with.

Teaching a class, kitchen, activities, music etc. This is a great opportunity to share the message of God's love with the children of Alburnett.



### JULY MISSIONS



This month we are collecting non-perishable food items for the **VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER** in Cedar Rapids.

Suggested items to donate include: soups, chili, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and other canned goods. Monetary donations are always welcomed!

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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

### SUMMER SOCIAL

The church Summer Social will be Sunday, July 14 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

In addition to hand-cranked ice cream and homemade pies there will be pork-loin sandwiches, chips, veggies and beverages. A free-will offering will be collected.



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## **GIVE+** Online Giving Established at YOUR CHURCH GIVING APP **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](#)



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### PLEASE NOTE ... DATE CHANGE

**Community Club** is **Thursday, July 11** at 6:30 in the church basement. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck. Hope to see you there!

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**Effectively immediately** we are no longer recycling prescription bottles out of the church office. You can still recycle through your home recycling of plastic items.



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### MISSIONS

The church is collecting School Supplies for the July mission project.

**United Methodist Women** will meet on July 18 at 7:00pm. The hostess will be Sharon Scott.

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible School will be July 22 -25 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm. Cookies will be needed to provide evening refreshments.

On Thursday, July 25 at 6:00pm supper will be provided for the children and families. The VBS closing program will follow at 7:00pm.



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