

Alburnett/Prairie Chapel Parish News - September 2019

Finding Your Story in His Story



I came across an album in the basement not long ago. If you simply judge books by their covers, you might pass this book by. I opened it up and it had pictures of our first couple years in Cedar Rapids. As I turned the pages from one set of pictures to another it brought back good memories of those years.

This album is more than just a collection of pictures, this book of mine is a valued gift. Those first two years were full of challenges with both my mom and dad very ill and all the changes of moving to a new place. The photo album helped me to remember that there were plenty of good times as well as the challenges.

This is not just any album; this is a book about my family, relatives and dear friends. The stories would probably not be of any interest to you, but they are to me. That's what happens when you hear part of your story. Something that seems lifeless comes to life. Something that looks dull becomes dynamite, firing up your heart and igniting your imagination. You are reminded that you are part of something bigger than you are, that began before you and will continue on after you.

That is why God wants you to know his story. It's found in another book. He wants to take you into his house where he has framed photos of your ancestors—folks you may not know—lining the walls of his house.

Stories of a family patriarch named Abraham whose faith was as great as any. A matriarch named Ruth with courage that would make the most hardened warrior proud. A stubborn Jonah and his improbable fish tale. Impetuous Peter and his big mouth. Persistent Paul and his adventures in preaching.

Yet who he wants most of all for you to meet in his story is his son. He desires for you to look long into the eyes of Jesus Christ and hear his claims that what he began in the first chapter of creation he will realize at the last chapter of the New Creation, where a perfect people can live in a perfect place with their perfect Lord.

The perfect place is on the Storyboard. The question is, "Are you?" You can be there when you find your place in His Story. Our Journey through The Story will begin September 8th. Will you join us. Let's be "All In"!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

United Methodist Women Annual Meeting East Central District

Continuing Our Legacy: 150 Years of serving Women, Children and Youth
Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 9:00AM at St. Mark's UMC
(2675 E. Washington St., IC)

Keynote Presentation: *Lessons from United Methodist Women*
Lynn Calvert, Iowa Conference President

8:30AM - 9:00AM - Registration & Coffee Activities for the Day: Silent auction baskets, quilts and teen blankets, music, breakout sessions, love offerings, and officer training. Auction baskets: Value of baskets should not exceed \$25. Money for baskets to go to Missions. We are collecting items from the teachers wish list at Bidwell Riverside Child Development Center: Fun-Tac or Sticky-Tac, Ball-Point pens (black, red), Sharpie markers, Dry Erase markers, Band-aids, Batteries-AA/AAA, Diapers-size 3-4, Pull-Ups-size 3-5
RESERVATION FORM - COST \$7.00, per person for lunch Registration and money due by Saturday, September 14, 2019

Church name: _____
Names for name tags: _____
Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____
Dietary restrictions: _____ Children welcome.
Number of children/ages: _____

Send reservations to: Linda Schrock, Treasurer (1236 Twin Leaf Ave. Tiffin, Iowa. 52340;
Phone: 319-631-2068; Email: greglin821@southslope.net)
Make checks payable to St. Mark's United Methodist Women.



Coming in September

Confirmation Class Photo, Dinner, & Rehearsal
For Parents, Sponsors, & Confirmands
Wed, September 11, 2019, 5:30pm – 7:15pm
Prairie Chapel Fellowship Hall

Agenda

5:30 pm Class Picture
5:50 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Rehearsal
7:00 pm Youth Ministry - Discussion

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, September 15, 2019
09:00 am at Prairie Chapel, Be at the church by 8:50 am
10:30 am at Alburnett, be at the church by 10:15 am
Confirmands attend both services



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

Help Needed to Run PowerPoint For Worship Service

Are you looking for a place to serve? We need some help with audio visuals for our worship service. We currently use PowerPoint to project our worship images and text. Perhaps you have used PowerPoint at work and it is the same application for the church. You load the file and then advance the slides as we progress through the service. We will schedule a training session to show you exactly how to do this. Interested? Let Pastor Jon know, and we'll take it from there.



Sunday School starts September 8 at 10:30am.
The theme is **THE STORY** coordinating with the worship theme.

MISSIONS

During the month of September 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.



SEPTEMBER LIST

Pop Tarts, 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.

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

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](#)

UMW NEWS

UMW will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm. Connie Walther is presenting the Program and Devotions. Hostess is Judy Kotrba. Agenda items include election of officers and planning the Soup Supper. Mission Project is Hygiene Kit Materials.

Mission Project: Hygiene Kit Materials

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches) No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One washcloth No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One comb Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth. No pocket combs or picks. Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth.
- One toenail or fingernail clipper. No emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger) No Ivory or Jergens soap. Do not remove from packaging.
- One adult toothbrush Do not remove from packaging. Personal advertising not acceptable.
- 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches) Common household bandages acceptable.
- One one-gallon size resealable bag



Sunday School starts September 8 at 10:15am. The theme is **THE STORY** coordinating with the worship theme. If you are interested in teaching or helping please contact Kathy Clemans at 377-0949.



Community Club is **Thursday, September 5th 6:30** in the church basement. Bring food to share and your own tableware. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck. Hope to see you!

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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