

## Alburnett/Prairie Chapel Parish News - November 2019

### **You Don't Have to Wait to Be Accepted**

Recently we have seen several of our youth start college, and do we ever miss them. At the same time, we are happy for their next steps in life. This process of going to college started many months ago searching out the college or university that you want to attend. Then you make applications, fill out all the forms, and of course there is how will we pay for all this. Once that work is done you wait to hear back. Finally, a letter comes with the words you hoped for "ACCEPTED!"



We all have a desire to be accepted, don't we? In fact, that desire made it into Maslow's well-known hierarchy of needs. He theorized that acceptance is basic to our nature and to our psychological health.

As we continue our series on "*The Story*" we start November with the idea of being accepted. Ruth had the same need as we do. She was a Moabite living in Bethlehem. She ended up there with her mother-in-law Naomi when her husband died. And she found herself picking up the leftovers after the harvest in a field owned by Boaz.

Boaz discovered she was an outsider—a Moabite—the same people who would oppress his nation for eighteen years. You'd expect fireworks when they met. Instead, Boaz tells Ruth, "May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

His acceptance of Ruth goes a step further. Ruth finds him asleep on the threshing floor and lies down at his feet. When he awakens, Ruth asks him to "spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a family guardian." The word for "garment" is the same Hebrew word for "wings" in the blessing Boaz had pronounced over Ruth. God's acceptance came to Ruth through Boaz.

Your acceptance did too. You see, Boaz and Ruth had a son named Obed, the father of Jesse, the father of David. In Matthew's genealogy the lineage of Jesus is traced through David. Boaz is there too along with his mother Rahab (Matt. 1:5). Yes, that Rahab. The prostitute that lived in Canaan and sheltered the two spies Joshua sent into the land.

As we approach Thanksgiving this year and consider how we have been blessed perhaps we should ask this question, who will we spread our garment over? Who will we accept under our wings? Truth be told, our youth are in college because there were people who took them under their wings at different times in their lives with love and support and that is true for us as well. For that I am thankful!

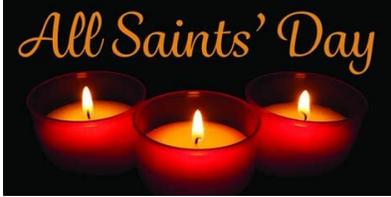
Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Jon

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**All Saints Day – Sunday November 3rd**

All Saints Day is an occasion in Christian worship for



expressing communion of the saints as well as for calling attention to the profound gifts God gives us through others in the body of Christ. Worship on such occasions involves reflection on and thanksgiving for the gifts of all who have given witness to Christ's love and demonstrated the fruits of the Spirit. It also calls for recognition of Christ's continued work in the church through imperfect people who are

nevertheless "called to be saints" (Rom. 1:7). We do not focus on the extraordinary achievements of particular Christians but on the grace and work of God through ordinary people. People just like us.

All Saints is observed on November 1st or the first Sunday in November, it is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregations. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year are read as a Response to the Word.

*The United Methodist Book of Worship* (Nashville, Tenn.: United Methodist Pub. House, 1992), 410.

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**Annual Charge Conference for Alburnett & Prairie Chapel will be held on Sunday November 17th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Prairie Chapel.** Rev. Mike Morgan will be the Presiding Elder for our Conference.



2019  
Charge  
Conference

What is the Charge Conference?

The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. This charge conference is the connecting link between the local church and the general Church and have general oversight of our church councils.

What are the Responsibilities of the Charge Conference?

The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

How long does our Charge Conference last?

Typically, it last 30 to 45 minutes.

***Please Mark your calendar!***

*The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016* (Nashville, Tennessee: The United Methodist Publishing House, 2016), ¶¶ 120-124, ¶ 247.

*A Dictionary for United Methodists*, Alan K. Waltz, Copyright 1991, Abingdon Press.

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## **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.



St. Paul's  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WED. 3:00-7:30 pm | THURS. 10:00 am-2:30 pm

- Baked Goods
- Cookie Walk
- Country Store
- Craft Boutique
- African Women Empowered Items
- Fair Trade Items

**EVENING DINNER** | **THURSDAY NOON LUNCHEON**  
**Wednesday 5:00-7:00 pm** | **Featuring Theme Tables**  
 Roasted Pork Loin Meal | **& Style Show by Four Seasons**  
 \$8 Adults | \$5 Under 12 | Tickets: \$15 RSVP 362-5285 starting **October 20**

*Sponsored by St. Paul's UMW. Proceeds support local, national and international missions.*

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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](mailto:AlbPCNEWS@Gmail.com)**

## Alburnett



### Alburnett Thanksgiving Offering

Thanksgiving Offering will be supporting the Alburnett School District Backpack Program. There will be offering envelopes available November 10, 17, & 24 for your convenience. You can make a difference in providing food for children in need right here in our community.

The Hanging of the Greens will be done after Church on Sunday November 24, 2019 .....there will be a potluck!





Sunday School meets during Worship at 10:30am.  
The theme is **THE STORY** coordinating with the worship theme.

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## 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.



### OCTOBER LIST

canned Spaghetios, canned Ravioli, Macaroni and Cheese, Ramen Noodles

### ONGOING MAIN LIST

Spaghetios, 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.

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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

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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.

We have instructions that can be made available to you by requesting them from Kevin Banisik at [Kevin.Banasik@csbiowa.com](mailto:Kevin.Banasik@csbiowa.com) or Jarod Bowman at [jarodbowman@metro-motorsports.com](mailto: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](#)



### The Hanging of the Greens

The Worship Committee will put up some decorations after Church on Sunday, November 24th. The main decorating will be on Sunday December 1st after church.

## Prairie Chapel Thanksgiving Offering

Thanksgiving offering will be divided among the four food banks in Springville (1), Central City (2), and Coggon (1). You can make a difference to those in need around our area. You can give using special envelopes or after November 8th you can give through the **Give Plus App** for Prairie Chapel. If you want to know

how to download and set up the app, contact Kevin Banasik or Jarod Bowman.



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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW will meet Thursday, November 21 at 1:00pm. Program and Devotions by Maria Martin. Hostess: Beth Martin. Bring your Thank Banks.



### November Mission Project

Local Food Pantries - Bring non-perishable food items and paper products.

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Sunday School meets at 10:15am. The theme is **THE STORY** coordinating with the worship theme.



**Community Club --Thursday, November 7 at 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!

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The church calendars are on "real time". This means if accessing the calendar in October you will **see** the October calendar even if you are reading the November newsletter. 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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