

Circuit Rider

*Our mission is to create disciples who nourish
faith and work in ministering to the community.*



'Good' News

Mark Your Calendar

1-1

Church Office is closed

1-5

Christmas decorations take-down

1-8

Senior Luncheon

1-11

Men's Breakfast @ Ivo's

1-26

New Member Sunday

Isaiah 40:29-31

*"He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the
weak. Even youths grow tired
and weary, and young men
stumble and fall; but those who
hope in the LORD will renew
their strength. They will soar
on wings like eagles; they will
run and not grow weary, they
will walk and not be faint."*

One year ago, our Visioning Team at Channahon UMC (chaired by Amanda Francisco) led a leadership retreat that looked at our strengths and growing areas, our ministry goals, and our priorities. In the midst of a very thoughtful and positive conversation, one goal in particular emerged: build the multi-purpose/fellowship wing. It was clear that this congregational goal that began years ago was felt as urgently as ever. To intentionally insure that our conversation didn't remain on newsprint and computer documents only, an "Ad Hoc" temporary Building Committee was immediately formed, led by our Lay Leader, Gordon Vong.

The Ad Hoc Building Committee quickly determined that, in order to move forward with building plans, we needed to first sell our 80 acres known as the Randall Property. For years, the church had been caring for this generous gift from the estate of the late Dorothy Randall. A newly invigorated effort to sell was met with the discovery of interested buyers. After negotiations, a proposal was presented to our congregation for discussion and vote at a Special Church Conference, where all members present could vote. After an almost unanimous approval, the Trustees then oversaw the sale of the property for \$1 million (before closing expenses). The sale income has been responsibly invested in a managed account with the United Methodist Foundation in Chicago.

A newly established Building Committee (also led by Gordon Vong) then invited various ministry leaders to share their ministry-use visions concerning the new building space. This helpful process has informed the design process and created a very open, collaborative process.

After that very busy and productive 2013, we now begin a new year intent on putting finishing touches on a proposed building design, which we will share with the congregation at another Special Church Conference. We will also be making plans for a Capital Fund campaign to close the gap between our "cash-in-hand" and our estimated construction cost, hoping to raise enough money in pledges so that we can avoid the need to take out a bank loan, or at least make that loan need as small as possible.

As the process moves along, I'd like to say thank you to Ron Lehman for his many years of overseeing the Randall property and the donation of his commission. Thanks to our attorney Claire Wilson for her donated services related to the closing of the sale. Thanks to our

'Good' News Continued

Trustees for their diligent execution of the church's decision to sell.

Watch the Circuit Rider for further updates on our exciting journey to expand our ministry space so that we and future generations can continue to offer the Good News of Christ in strong and creative ways.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Steve



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Historic UMC "Giving Tuesday" is Record-Breaking Day for Mission

(From United Methodist Communications-Nashville): Thanks to the generosity of United Methodists around the world, more than 880 projects and missionaries will receive a financial boost to help them meet their mission goals. The first-ever United Methodist Church "Giving Tuesday" (day after "Cyber Monday") gave people an opportunity to designate a percentage of their online shopping purchases toward mission projects of their choice. **Nearly 11,000 donors from 34 countries generated a record \$6.5 million dollars to support United Methodist mission efforts.** Because of our United Methodist "Advance Special" system, 100% of these gifts go toward the designated project (no administrative costs are extracted from these donations).



How Else Can I Help the Haiti Mission?

We are still receiving **Personal Care Items** for Haitian children in the open suitcase in the narthex. We are especially in need of 9 oz bottles of baby lotion. Other specific items you can give include Boys underwear and socks (sizes 2-12), Girl's underwear and socks (sizes 2-12), Travel Size Toothpaste, Children's Size Toothbrushes, Barrettes/Hair Ribbons and Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars.

A bulletin board created by Madison Leatherwood in the narthex shows some specific Haiti **Team expenses that you can sponsor.** Examples include: \$40 to cover one



Welcome Our
New Members

On January 26th, our congregation will formally welcome three new members as together we commit our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness to Christ through Channahon United Methodist Church.

Tim Norman joins us by profession of faith. Tim and his wife Cassie (Walker) are active worshippers at the 10:30 am Sunday worship (Cassie is a vocalist in the Praise Band. She also is a leader in our Wed. night "Kidz Club"). Tim is a teacher at Lemont High School. In his spare time he enjoys running, wine making, and sports. Tim is active on our church's new Building Committee. 24317 Marble Rd., Channahon-60410. (815)545-5379 tim.norman29@gmail.com

Linda Corp comes to us from Joliet's Faith Lutheran Church. She worships with us regularly at the 9 am worship service and enjoys helping with various church ministries, including the monthly Senior Luncheon that we host for the community. In her retirement, Linda also enjoys scrapbooking and card making. 3907 Bergstrom, Joliet – 60431. (815) 744-2085 lindacorp@hotmail.com

Michelle Walker joins CUMC by profession of faith. She and her family are very active in our congregation through worship, youth ministry, and Sunday School. Michelle and husband Kellen have two children, daughter Kennedy (age 5) and son Landon (age 2). She teaches second grade at Galloway School in Channahon. Michelle likes running, reading, and spending time with family and friends. 24519 S. Edwin Dr., Channahon – 60410 (815) 828-5168 kmklwalker@me.com

Please be sure to welcome Tim, Linda, and Michelle into our family of faith.

Interested in Joining Channahon UMC?

Contact Pastor Steve if you would like more info or are interested in joining the church. He will be glad to meet with you and prepare you for membership. pastor@channahonumc.org



day of lodging, breakfast, and dinner for one person. \$30 for 1 day of a Haitian translator/guide for the whole group. \$90 for "Tap-Tap" public transportation to Grace Hospital for 15 outpatient children with HIV/AIDS – accompanied by their mothers. (for activity day with our mission team).

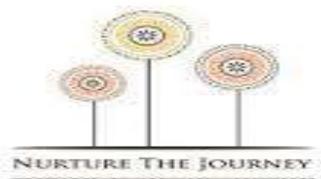
Just take a card from the display and write your check to "CUMC", designating it to the Haiti Mission Trip. Place it in the display envelope or give to the church office.

**Children & Family
Ministries**
Bonnie Babich

*Sacred Circle
of Support for Mothers*
all ages and life stages are welcome

Sunday, January 12th, 2014 – 6 p.m.

Each month anyone that is a mother or an expecting mother is invited to the studio to share, chat and support one another. Each month will be a different activity that coordinates with the season. This is a FREE support group for mothers of all ages and life stages. For more information call Kristen Rhodes at (815) 267-1204.



Nurture The Journey Wellness Studio

304 Mondamin Ste. 104 - Minooka IL 60447
(across from the post office)
www.nuturethejourney.com -
also find them on Facebook

The studio was created to provide a warm, comfortable space for our community to gather and practice yoga, experience the benefits of massage therapy and engage in educational workshops and classes. Our number one goal is nurturing the needs of our community toward all things health and wellness related.



**2014 National Mom's Conference titled
'Love Your Life'**

is March 14th-15th in Normal IL

If you are interested in attending and needed lodging,
See Bonnie Babich for hotel room information.
Conference registration can be done online at
www.heartsathome.org

**SOUPER BOWL
Sunday
For Haiti**

While the NFL will be showcasing their Super Bowl Sunday, CUMC will be having our 'Souper Bowl Sunday'. That's right, our delicious freshly prepared soup will be available for pickup on **Sunday, February 2nd** so you can enjoy it at home while you watch the big game (or at least the commercials). All proceeds from our soup sales will support our 2014 Haiti Mission Trip

Place your orders during the month of January, choosing from five varieties (Chicken Noodle, Tortilla, Chili, Broccoli Cheddar, or Haitian Pumpkin Soup). Cost is \$5 per pint (16 oz) OR \$9 for two pints (32 oz). Order forms are available in the Sunday bulletins – or you may email your order to the church office cumc_church@cbcast.com Order forms and payments can be given to the church office or placed in the big soup kettle in the church narthex near the sanctuary. Checks can be made payable to "CUMC", designated to Haiti Mission Trip.

Our Haiti Mission Team going to Grace Children's Hospital on March 1st is led by Pastor Steve, along with Madison Leatherwood, Jim Waller, Bobby & Bonnie Babich, and Wilson Young.

The God's Eye

a simple craft with a great deal of symbolism

Traditionally, a God's eye has been used for a celebration or blessing, presented as a gift or designed to bless a home. It is a visual reminder that God looks with love on people everywhere.

The God's eye is a cross with the vertical and horizontal pieces held together by colorful threads woven around them. The vertical piece represents our relationship with God, the Divine in our life. The horizontal piece represents our relationship and interaction with the world around us.

The yarn or thread is used to symbolize practices that help keep a balance: prayer; reading Scripture; doing acts of kindness and service; seeing needs and helping others. These "threads" help balance the vertical and horizontal dimensions of life.

Notice that the horizontal bar is supported by the vertical bar. Your life on earth works better—has more purpose, meaning, and happiness—when you allow it to be supported by your relationship with Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit. You will still have crosses to bear, but growing in unity with God and Jesus will help you carry them well, just as the vertical (heavenly) bar carries the horizontal (earthly) bar.

This is the craft the mission team going to Haiti will be taking to make with the children at Grace Children's Hospital. The Sunday school classes will be helping to make God's eyes so they can be given by the team as gifts to the people of Haiti they encounter on the journey.



Welcome to Our Newest Committee Members

Church Council	Lana Stafford
Church Council Vice	Lisa McMurtry
Staff Parish Relations	Joan Ferguson (chair) Jack Hawkins Rob Hargis Ricky Lawrence
Trustees	Rose Fields Phil Hughes Sonny Hedgren
Finance	Ray McSteen Ray Brick
Witness	Lou McCoy (chair) Patty Beaudry Deanna Ashby
Outreach	Jodi Landes (chair) Michelle Blazekovich
Nurturing	Bonnie Ciolkosz Joan Waller
Education	Deb O'Brien (chair) Katie Diaz-Hughes Janice Sartori Amanda Francisco
Youth Council	Mary Caher (chair) Rachel Lynch Kellen Walker Jean Lawrence
Leadership	Jackie Goggins Sharon Hedgren Dave McMurtry
(new) Building Comm.	Gordon Vong (chair) Sandy Fodero Tom Leatherwood Marcia Kezerle Mark Lindstrom Ron Lehman Rick Lyman Aileen cotter

Special Thanks to those who have completed their service

Church Council	Dotti Priddy
Church Council Vice	Cindy Vong
Staff Parish Relations	Lisa McMurtry (chair) Frieda Manion Mark Thelo
Trustees	Ray Brick Chuck Byers Bob Eaton
Finance	Mark Lindstrom (chair) Dee Sneed
Witness	Jackie Goggins (chair) Mary Caher Sharon Hedgren Sue Eaton
Outreach	Donna Szoke (chair) Sonny Hedgren Deanna Ashby the late Nick Priddy
Education	Dave Barnes (chair) Nancy Snow (interim chair) Maggie Hargis
Youth Council	Mary Easton (chair) Dave McMurtry
Leadership	Jack Hawkins Pat Steele Lynette Bassett
"Ad Hoc" Building Committee (temporary)	Gordon Vong (chair) Ray Brick John & Aileen Cotter Donna Szoke Brandon Vong Mark Lindstrom Rick Lyman Ron Lehman

Relay for Life of Grundy County

The Minooka National Honors Society will be hosting a Mini Relay for Life on Sunday, January 19th - 12n-11p at Central Campus to help *'Strike Out Cancer'*. All are invited to participate. Details, registration and information can be found by visiting http://main.acsevents.org/site/tr?fr_Id=60605 or call Donna Engel at 815-467-2140 ext-164 / dengel@mchs.net



Heartland Blood Mobile Unit

Is scheduled to be here at CUMC on Sunday February 23rd from 10a-1p. Reservations are suggested. You can do so by calling the church office or signing up in the narthex with Jodi Landes on Sunday mornings.



Youth Group Reflection

Roger Beitzel

Honoring Paul Walker's Memory

Once again, our tragedy-weary ears were subjected to unexpected and tragic news. Actor and humanitarian Paul Walker had been killed, alongside his friend, in a horrific and gut-wrenching auto accident.

It's not so much that Walker was a more valuable or worthy person compared with the thousands who perished in the recent typhoon in the Philippines, or anyone else whose life is cut short for that matter. But, that being said, it seems to me Walker was an especially kindhearted and generous person who used his gifts and talents to inspire millions. And, when that unique type of person dies too young, we may feel an especially harsh sting in our hearts.

As I browsed through the tributes and testimonies regarding Paul Walker, I was pleasantly surprised when I ran across this quote:

"I'm a Christian now...The people I don't understand are atheists. I go surfing and snowboarding and I'm always around nature. I look at everything and think, 'Who couldn't believe there's a God? Is all this a mistake?' It just blows me away." (Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0908094/bio>) in-memory-of-paul-walker-1

It appears to me Walker was a person who lived out his convictions. He used his fame and wealth to found a charity in 2009, Reach Out Worldwide. This organization sends

professionals who have first responder skills, (such as EMTs, paramedics, firefighters, healthcare professionals, etc.) to volunteer throughout the world. They travel to assist local authorities and help them deal with disasters wherever they may occur.

Walker's untimely death is a reminder that our journey here on earth is uncertain. Listen to what the Bible has to say about this.

So be careful how you live; be mindful of your steps. Don't run around like idiots as the rest of the world does. Instead, walk as the wise! Make the most of every living and breathing moment because these are evil times (Ephesians 5:15-16, The Voice).

Paul Walker was "mindful of his steps," and we should be too.

God probably is not calling you to be a famous actor, but God has given you the responsibility to "make the most of every living and breathing moment."

How? For many people, this may sound like "yolo." "You Only Live Once," so that justifies living for our own pleasure and selfish pursuits. But the Hebrew word used here for "make the most" could also be translated "redeem." The writer of Ephesians has in mind something that is purchased out of slavery into freedom. In other words, making the most out our life requires a conscious effort, and even sacrifice, so we can break free from the slavery of our natural human selfishness.

If we don't specifically look for every opportunity to serve others, work to live with excellence, and show compassion in the name of Jesus Christ, we will default to the bondage of the selfish and meaningless lifestyle that is all too common today.

But if we can use Walker as an example, we can view our time on earth as a gift. Then we can live in such a way that we work to "redeem" or "purchased back" our time from being wasted and set it free to fulfill God's desires for us. If we live like this, we will find joy and contentment that are impossible to gain when we simply live for ourselves.

One way Walker exemplified this truth was through his generous efforts to help the victims of natural disasters. And, his legacy continues. Part of the proceeds from *The Fast and The Furious 6* DVD are being donated to Reach Out Worldwide.

So, all this brings me to a question: What is your "reach out worldwide"? You see, I believe one of the best ways we can honor people we admire when they pass away is to mirror their good qualities. Walker had a heart for people devastated by nature. Do we have a heart for people around us who face devastation – whether it's physical, emotional, or spiritual? Are we willing to reach out near or far to help someone who is hurting? Are we willing to redeem our time here on Earth to show God's love to others?

If not, then in many ways we are wasting the opportunity we have to honor the memory of Paul Walker, a Christian who wanted to make the most of every living and breathing moment.

Senior High Small Group

We have had a busy December. First of all, a huge THANK YOU to CUMC and all who were involved in expanding the Youth room. We have started using it and can't believe how much space we now have. What a difference!!!!

The Sr. High Small Group has been bringing in their change to help sponsor Wellerson (our Compassion International child we adopted in October). It costs about \$39 a month to sponsor him. We are hopeful that by sponsoring Wellerson, he will come to know the love of Christ and will then be the hands and feet of Christ in his part of the world. Thank you, Kellen, Max and Liam for getting this started.

Thank you to the Hoovers for opening up the "man cave" for the small group Christmas Party. We started the night out by discussing that Advent is the season of the church year during which we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. It contains the four Sundays before Christmas Day. The Advent wreath is four candles (three purple and one pink) on a wreath of evergreen, shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. The first candle symbolizes hope, the second – love, the third (pink) – joy and the fourth – peace. A white candle in the middle is lit on Christmas Eve reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world. Before we began eating and exchanging white elephant gifts, we took a group picture to send to Wellerson. We can't wait for him to see it. We wrapped up the Christmas party with food and exchanging white elephant gifts. Max, did ride out of town on your stick horse? And, whoever got the toilet paper, there better not be any hanging from any of my trees or Mary's car.

Thanks to all who embrace this ministry. It's very rewarding to "do church" with these kids and we are looking forward to an exciting 2014.



Youth Group January Calendar

Jan. 1	No Junior High Small Group	
Jan. 3&4	Youth Group Lock-In	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Jan. 5	Ultimate Frisbee	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	Senior High Small Group	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	Junior High Small Group	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Ultimate Frisbee	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Senior High Small Group	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Junior High Small Group	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Youth Group Mission Outing <i>Feed My Starving Children</i>	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Jan. 19	Senior High Small Group	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Junior High Small Group	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Youth Group Fun Outing <i>Vertical Endeavors and Portillo's</i>	1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Ultimate Frisbee	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	Senior High Small Group	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Junior High Small Group	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



Proverbs 23:19-21

"Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path. Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags." (NIV)

Church News

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CUMC food drive

After Christmas the food pantries in our area are probably quite bare. To help refill the food pantry of the First Baptist Church of Channahon, CUMC will have their first 2014 Food Drive.

Bags will be distributed on Sunday January 12th, and food/groceries bags need to be returned to the church on or before Sunday, January 19th.

Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need in our community.

Witness Committee

OUTREACH news

Sweetheart Supper - Mark your calendar for February 15th for a special Valentine Fundraiser Evening! All money raised will be used for mission trips. Stay tuned for more details!

Jonestown Mission Trip - There is still room available for anyone wishing to go, March 23-29th. For more information contact Wilson Young - awyoung81@comcast.net

Looking to Lend a Hand? - Would you like to help the tornado victims in Washington, Illinois? Volunteers are needed to clean up yards, remove and sort debris and sorting at local indoor donation centers. If you have any machinery or special equipment you think would be helpful for debris removal and clearing of properties, please e-mail - equipment@bethanycommunitychurch.org. Anyone interested can contact the Bethany Community Church at 27265 Dutch Lane in Washington, IL.

FINANCE

This year's Turkey Supper Raised \$5504.18. Thanks to Beth Couch, Joanie White, Mike Geldean and all those who gave their time, talents and donations to making this a huge success. This is the Church's largest fundraising activity. The amount raised is approximately \$10 more than last year. General fund Donations have fallen behind pace - 79% actual through 83% of the year (budget).

* Thank you to all who worked to make our 2013 Cookie Walk a success. Our net profit was \$1257.23. Special thanks to Hannah Jessup Circle for chairing this event, to all of our workers, to our bakers, and to those who purchased cookies. This will give us the opportunity to serve in mission to Women, youth, and children.

* Our Newsletter is available on the church's website under "Get Involved".

* With the generous donations from our membership and other church members we were able to donate \$836.00 to World Thank Offering.

* We were able to give \$472.00 to the Haiti Mission Trip and \$472.00 as a "Love Gift" to the conference.

* Winter Mission u will be held at Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon January 10-12. Some of our members will be attending this.

* On February 8, 2014, a Leadership Breakfast and Training will be held at the United Church of Sandwich. Many interesting workshops will be offered for all of our women.

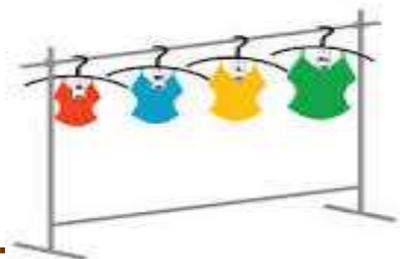
* UMW Mission Team will meet on January 6, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Thrift Shop

January Shop Dates

The Thrift Shop will reopen in the new year on Thursday, January 9th 10am-2pm with a new inventory! Pick up your new Thrift Shop Calendar today!!

Monday, January 13th - 6p-8p
Thursday, January 23rd - 10a-2p
Monday, January 27th - 6p-8p



Feed My Starving Children Lincoln-Way Mobile Pack Coming Up

Due to the recent, desperate need in the Philippines, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) food supplies need to be replenished because so many MannaPack meals have been redirected to the Philippines. In order to continue to meet the expected short-term and long-term needs in the Philippines, and around the world, FMSC is asking for help now to keep up with the demand worldwide. Because of this immediate need, the Lincoln-Way Area Mobile Pack leadership team feels that a LAMP packing session in January would help make a difference in the aftermath of this terrible disaster.

Toward that end, Lincoln-Way leaders are planning an:

EMERGENCY LAMP EVENT - January 17th & 18th, 2014

The Goal: Raise \$40,000 to pack approximately 182,000 **MannaPack** meals.

Our Youth Group will be supporting this event! Please sign up today to help pack food. Registration for the Emergency LAMP event, January 17th-18th, is now open online at www.fmsc.org. It will be on a first come, first served basis & there will be no priority registration due to the urgent nature of our time frame. We are encouraging youth and their families to sign up to pack food Saturday morning, Jan. 18th, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

However, if you can't make this, please feel free to sign up to go Friday evening.

We are also committing to holding a fundraiser in early 2014 to raise \$1,000 to help pay for all this food.

Sign up today! Carpooling details will be announced later.



Jonestown Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip

Wilson Young

Each of the last several years, Channahon United Methodist Church has sent a group of people to Jonestown, Mississippi to help build a house with the local Habitat for Humanity chapter. It is a week of learning, sharing, and growing.

Jonestown is a small town about 70 miles southwest of Memphis, TN. In 1999, the median family income for a Jonestown family was \$18,958.

Our trip is timed to coincide with Minooka Community High School's spring break. We will leave early on Sunday, March 23rd and return on the evening of Saturday, March 29th.

So far 6 people have filled out the short information form. Several other people have expressed an interest in going. Since this year we share the week with John Spurgeon's group from Champaign, so we will be limited to about 12 people.

The next Jonestown Mission trip meeting will be January 5th at 11:30 am. The \$50 deposit for youth and the \$75 deposit for adults will be due. The total cost of the trip (including church subsidy) is estimated to be about \$300. Additional money may be available for financial hardship cases.

One of the topics of the February meeting (2/16 @11:30) will be food. How many meals will we cook, and who is bringing what?

We will fill out the Habitat for Humanity waivers and medical forms at or before the March 16th meeting.

Nationally, Habitat for Humanity has adopted new safety rules which require anyone on the construction site to be at least 16 years old. Although youth younger than 16 can go on the trip, they may need to work on an alternate project at another site which may make logistics difficult.

Any questions or need more information, contact Wilson at awyoung81@comcast.net.

Thank You....

Thank you Georgia and George Johnson for your hard work and time spent getting things ready and organized to decorate for the Christmas season. You made it so everything would go so smoothly. The church looks beautiful. Thank you for your commitment and to those who helped.

Thank you to the Haiti mission team and everyone who supported our 1st Soup Sale fundraiser. It was a huge success.

Thank you for prayers for Alexis. Her blood counts were up and bone marrow biopsy done showed NO evidence of Leukemia! **Bricks**

Thank you for all of your prayers for my mom, Marie during her recent recovery from surgery. **Chuck Lyons**

Thank you to UMW for the gift to Mission in my honor. **George Johnson**

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**1 Thessalonians 5:16-22** – Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

Much appreciation to our church family for your cards, donations, food, hugs and love that we felt during this time of Jim's hospitalization and passing. Our extended family who came to town this past week were overcome with gratitude for all that the church did to make them feel welcomed and cared for. They could not believe how overwhelming the visitation was at the funeral home and the food served after the funeral. Emily, the boys, John, my sisters and I are forever grateful for all that you have done for us. To be part of a church family like this is truly a blessing from God. Thank you all.

**Donna, Emily & Family**

Thank you to so many who dedicated poinsettia plants to help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas Eve services.

**Design Team**

Thank you to so many for thinking of me during this Christmas Season. I have enjoyed all of the special treats and gifts!! **Kris Hayden**

### **Looking for Good Day Care in the area?**

A new Christian facility is opening the first of the year.

**'Families of Faith Christian**

**Day Care, Preschool & Academy'**

21466 W. Eames - Channahon

815-521-1381 or [www.fofca.com](http://www.fofca.com)

**Brochures are in the narthex!**



*Wednesday  
January 8th*



**Senior Lunch** is offered the second Wednesday of every month at 11:30am at CUMC. The lunch is sponsored by the Senior Service Center of Will County and Channahon Township. We are very thankful for Channahon United Methodist Church for hosting our lunches. Suggested Donations are \$4pp and Reservations are appreciated by calling **815-467-2569**.

## OUR CHURCH'S CONCERNS

### Surgeries/Hospitalizations

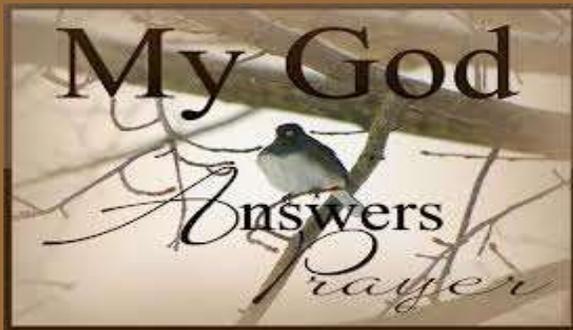
Dick McLaughlin, Alec Lindstrom, B.W.Self, Gwen Barnes, Cousin Nick (Coen), Marie Lyons, friend Shirley(Warren), Joi Walker, Patty Beaudry, Michael Ratkowitz (Admonis), our nephew(Cotter)

### Health Issues

Michelle Walker's mother, Mike Skaggs(Essary), Keith Beitzel, friend Deb B.(Johnson), sister-in-law Jennifer(Hayden), Dick Platt

### Other

Friend Vicki (Fields), nephew in Western PA(Williams), one of our church families, Safe travels for all during the holiday season!



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Donna Buckley and Family  
on the death of her husband Jim Buckley

Kris Mandrella and Family  
on the death of her mother Sandra Kalchbrenner  
The Rosco family  
on the sudden death of Jill Rosco

Feeney Family  
on the passing of Jim Feeney

Deering Family  
on the death of Corrie Deering

Madigan Family  
on the death of John Madigan

Kennedy Family  
on the death of Audrey Kennedy

Kohler Family  
on the death of Mark Kohler

Carta Family  
on the death of Len Carta

Joan Waller and Family  
on the death of her brother-in-law Brian.

**"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. "**

*John 14:27*

## OUR CHURCH'S JOYS

**John & Aileen Cotter** - So blessed to celebrate 55 years of marriage on 11/29.

**Rose Fields** - Collie rescue of Greater IL sent a van full of pet foods and supplies to Washington, IL.

**Beth Thelo** - my dad Jim Allen celebrated 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**Knott Family** - it was a joy as we all visited our Grandpa and helped him clean because he can't do it anymore.

**O'Brien Family** - Liam is busy working at St. Anne church cooking pulled port for Venture Crew.

**Mary Essary** - so thankful for my daughter and we had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

**Mary Caher** - I had so much fun helping ENJOIO bakery serve at a Christmas party.

**Chloe McKinney** - My aunt Sherry Howard had her last chemo and getting better.

**Cindy Prokop** - overjoyed about the birth of my new niece Elyse Lavender - born on Thanksgiving.

**Waller's** - Joe returned home from Afghanistan!

**Elena Warren** - Celebrating my son's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Mark Hawkins** - Thankful for another semester of school is complete and grades are all in. time to relax and celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Beitzel's** - celebrating Roger's mother's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Lehman's**- Celebration 56yrs of a happy life together!

**Ryan Knott** - I got a part in the school Spring Musical 'West Side Story'.

## January Birthdays

|    |                  |    |                     |
|----|------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Mark Lindstrom   | 16 | Jim Kobe            |
| 1  | Emily Sergeant   | 17 | Jackson Babich      |
| 4  | Clara Essary     | 17 | Ron Crenshaw        |
| 5  | Cindy Boyer      | 19 | Jayne VanMeter      |
| 6  | Pixie Koenig     | 20 | Max Babich          |
| 6  | Michelle Lyman   | 21 | Jim Koenig          |
| 6  | Frieda Manion    | 22 | Char Blackwell      |
| 6  | Rebecca Taylor   | 22 | Kevin Volk          |
| 8  | Jack Breen       | 23 | Jessica VanAsdlen   |
| 9  | Shannon Priddy   | 26 | Norma Crenshaw      |
| 11 | Emily More       | 26 | Ben Thelo           |
| 12 | John Sergeant    | 27 | Robert Babich       |
| 12 | Jim Waller       | 28 | Marsha Simotes      |
| 13 | Joseph Waller    | 29 | Jonathan VanAsdlen  |
| 13 | Carlie Freis     | 30 | Jon Borracci        |
| 15 | Christian Cogdal | 30 | Mary Jane Underwood |
| 15 | Kris Hayden      |    |                     |

## January Anniversaries

|      |                          |
|------|--------------------------|
| 1/2  | Gerald & Janet Sanders   |
| 1/6  | Don & Joni Meyer         |
| 1/8  | George & Georgia Johnson |
| 1/10 | Bob & MaryJo Manion      |
| 1/16 | Steve & Rose Admonis     |
| 1/16 | Gordon & Pat Steele      |
| 1/17 | Ray & Wendy McSteen      |
| 1/24 | Carl & Barb Bush         |
| 1/27 | Bob & Pat Williamson     |



*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary and you would like them to be added to the weekly bulletin announcement and monthly Circuit Rider, please contact the church office @ 815-467-5275 or email: [cumc\\_church@cbcast.com](mailto:cumc_church@cbcast.com)*

### January 2014 Sunday Service Volunteers

Church Ambassadors - Lehman's  
Counters - Lowell Rainwater & Dave McMurtry

#### January 5<sup>th</sup> - Communion

9am: Rachel Lynch, Pixie Koenig, Sonny & Sharon Hedgren  
10:30am- Tom Sweet, Mary Essary, Jim Walker

|                              | <u>Jan 5<sup>th</sup></u> | <u>Jan 12<sup>th</sup></u>  | <u>Jan 19<sup>th</sup></u>   | <u>Jan 26<sup>th</sup></u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>              | Lou McCoy & Donna Buckley | Ricky & Jean Lawrence       | Blazekovich Family           | Cathy Breen                |
| <b>Liturgists<br/>9am</b>    | Emily Sergeant            | Beth Thelo                  | Bobbie Babich                | Lana Stafford              |
| <b>Liturgist<br/>10:30am</b> | Nancy Geldean             | Mary Caher                  | Mary Essary                  | Lisa McMurtry              |
| <b>A/V<br/>9am</b>           | Mike & Andy Geldean       | Mark Lindstrom & Nick Frigo | Anita Young & Tim Wasilewski | Steve Olson & Adam Platt   |
| <b>A/V<br/>10:30am</b>       | Bobby & Max Babich        | Lauren & Erin Sweet         | Liam O'Brien & Bobby Babich  | Laruen & Erin Sweet        |

*If you are unable to keep your appointed service, please notify the church office in advance to find a replacement. Thank you for your commitment and service to our church.*

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Traditional Worship       | 9:00 -10:00am |
| Coffee & Donut Fellowship | 10:15-11:00am |
| Sunday School             | 10:30-11:30am |
| Contemporary Worship      | 10:30-11:15am |

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