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

Mark Your Calendar

(Look inside for more details!)

2.2

"Souper Bowl" Sunday
Soup Order Pick up

2.9

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
at CUCM

2.12

Senior Luncheon

2.16

Outreach ~ *Sweetheart Dinner*

2.23

Special Church Conference
Children's Choir Sings
Mobil Blood Drive

"Good" News

In his recent book, *Being United Methodist*, author J. Ellsworth Kalas emphasizes that "For Methodism, there is no such thing as love of God unless it shows itself also in our love of one another. Kalas tells us that this is what the founder of our church, John Wesley, constantly taught. "(Wesley) insisted that any religion . . . that is not centered on the active love of God and neighbor is a false religion."

In this spirit, let us celebrate some of the ways Channahon UMC has expressed our love of God and neighbor through the giving of our financial gifts to reach out beyond the walls of our church to a hurting world.

Peace, *Pastor Steve*

2013 Outreach in Christ's name

Total Giving: \$ 56,944

Our Apportionment of the Globally Shared Ministry of United Methodists

Support for Ordained Leadership/Mission & Evangelism,

Strengthening the Connection:

Total 2013 Apportionment, Paid in Full 100% - \$ 23,244

Second Mile Giving

UMWomen local, national, and global outreach	\$16,816
Good Samaritan Assistance	5,083
Habitat For Humanity (Jonestown, Mississippi)	2,946
CROP Walk to Fight Hunger	2,042
Red Bird Mission (Kentucky)	1,650
Tornado Relief	1,195

Feed My Starving Children	700
Garrett-Evangelical Seminary "Good Scholarships"	800
Daybreak (Homeless Shelter – Joliet)	375
"One Great Hour of Sharing" (UMCOR)	360
Colorado Flood Relief	170
Philippines Typhoon Relief	195
U.M. Children's Fund for Christian Mission	90
Grace Children's Hospital (Haiti)	238
Imagine No Malaria	100
Heifer Project	113
Bethany Dementia Care Center (Chicago)	50
Hesed House (homeless shelter-Aurora)	155
Martin Keagy Fund (N.I.C. rural churches)	99
World Communion Offering (minority scholarships)	43
Native American Sunday	68
Human Relations Day	52
Harvest 2020 (new church starts)	50
Morningstar Mission (Joliet)	100
North Central College (United Methodist)	50
Southern Illinois –many school supplies (Charlie Bassett's)	160
At least 167 bags of food for local food pantries	
Units of blood for Heartland Blood Center	

1 Corinthians 16: 14
*Let all that you do
 be done in love;*



Proverbs 11:24-25
*One gives freely, yet grows
 all the richer;
 another withholds what
 he should give, and only
 suffers want.
 Whoever brings blessing
 will be enriched,
 and one who waters will
 himself be watered.*

Your Faithful Giving

In 2013, our congregation achieved the goal of paying the full \$23,244 for mission and ministry through our United Methodist apportionment commitment. Those dollars go beyond the normal reach of our church by combining with other United Methodists, regionally and globally, to support a variety of ministry need for all ages, scholarships for students, support for Bishops and District Superintendents, and U.M. Seminaries, among others.

One example of our apportionment giving at work is found in United Methodist missionary Emmanuel Barte of Cambodia, a country with 35% of the population in poverty. Through our apportionment support, Emmanuel is able to train students (who otherwise couldn't afford school) to become mechanics. The "Faith Engine Ministry" offers a daily routine of Christian devotions, singing songs of faith, and lecturing/practice on mechanical and computer skills and driving instruction. Food and housing are also provided for the students, as they receive vocational and inspirational help to make a living. Emmanuel is one of 300 United Methodist missionaries supported in 60 countries.

When you give your regular tithes and offerings on Sunday morning, you are supporting mission efforts like this. Thank you for your faithful generosity!



Illinois Tornado Relief Update

In response to the devastating tornadoes that ripped through a number of Illinois towns, including nearby Coal City and Diamond, our church recommended that financial gifts be directed to our Illinois Great Rivers Conference (United Methodist), which oversees all the affected areas. Their Conference Disaster Fund received over \$48,000 within three weeks of the storm. The funds are being used to assist affected families and individuals who “fall between the cracks” and have needs that are not met by insurance or state/federal resources. “One of the strengths of our United Methodist connection is that we are in these communities for the long haul” says Conference Outreach Coordinator Bunny Wolfe. Gifts can still be directed toward relief efforts, checks payable to “IGRC Disaster Response Fund” Advance #6800, U.M. Center P.O. Box 19207, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9207, or go to www.IGRC.org

Thanksgiving Tornado Offering

Six area churches worshiped together on the Sunday night before Thanksgiving, hosted by St. Ann Catholic Church in Channahon. An offering for tornado relief in Diamond and Coal City resulted in \$604. Other participating churches:

*Channahon UMC, Resurrection Lutheran- Channahon
Minooka UMC, Plattville Lutheran, and St. Mary’s Catholic (Minooka).*

Special Church Conference for New Building Vote

On Sunday, February, 23rd at 11:30am, we will gather in the sanctuary for the final proposal to build our long-awaited new Fellowship/Multi-purpose building addition. After a detailed sharing of the proposed new building design, estimated costs, and financing plan, we will be able to field and discuss questions and comments. Then, all church members will be able to vote. In the meantime, please contact Building Committee Chairperson Gordon Vong with any questions at 815-919-5994.

Six years before Abraham Lincoln was elected as U.S. President, the Methodists of Channahon built their first church building. 160 years later, we hope to continue the faithful vision of our faith ancestors as we expand both our building and our ministry opportunities.



Haiti Mission in High Gear

This month, **two fundraisers** will help send our Haiti Mission Team to Grace Children’s Hospital in Port-au-Prince: The **Feb. 2 “Souper Bowl Sunday”** and the **Feb. 15th “Sweetheart Dinner”** (see articles in this edition of the Circuit Rider). In addition, our Haiti Team (also known as the “Channahon 6”) has filled their suitcases with your donated supplies to create 100 Personal Care Kits for Haitian children (the only item still in need is 9 oz. Johnson & Johnson Baby Lotion). We will attempt to send daily blogs from Haiti, either through our church office, or the web site www.internationalchildcare.org

We support the ministry of Grace Children’s Hospital, knowing how vital their treatment/prevention work is needed. A recent study by the Pan American Health Organization highlights the lack of healthcare available in Haiti, where an average of 3.5 health professionals per 10,000 people exist. In the United States, we have 125 health care professionals per 10,000 people.

The Haiti Mission Team



Concealed Carry Posting –

reprinted from the NIC Newsletter, December 12, 2013

Efforts to amend the Illinois State Concealed Carry Law to include places of worship will not be addressed by the state legislature until the spring of 2014. If this amendment passes, churches will be added to a short list of places that are automatically protected in the Concealed Carry joining schools, libraries and others. Meanwhile, permits for concealed carry will begin to be issued in early 2014.

The United Methodist Church in the 2012 Book of Resolutions #3426 concludes with the statement: "Reflecting the traditional role of The United Methodist Church that has been one of safety and sanctuary, every United Methodist Church is officially declared a weapon-free zone."

The Illinois Concealed Carry Law requires signage for those places that wish to be weapon-free. The signage is simple.

While schools are exempt in the law, churches that house children's programming are not and must post the no weapons sign at all entrances. Persons who work in law enforcement are exempt from the concealed carry law and may continue to carry their weapon in places that are gun free zones.



Children & Family Ministries

Bonnie Babich



2014 National Mom's Conference 'Love Your Life'

is March 14th-15th in Normal IL

If you are interested in attending, registration is available

online at www.heartsathome.org

There is a limited block of rooms
being held for CUMC and friends.

Please see Bonnie Babich for lodging details.

Celebration of Scouting Ministries Is **Sunday February 9th** **9am & 10:30am Worship**

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venture Scouts, Girl Scouts and Daisy Scouts are all invited to join us in worship and get recognized at this special service! All scouts past and present will be honored.

Scouts and their families are invited to help lead worship by acting as acolytes, scripture readers, greeters, ushers and through sharing a message at Children's Time.

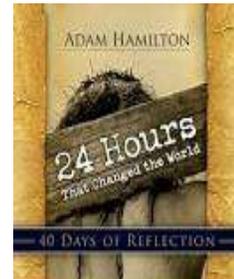
Look forward to displays in the Narthex area of scouting events, pictures, projects, camp information, Eagle Scout projects – come and see first-hand what the scouting program does for the youth in the community.

An Outdoor Flag Ceremony will take place between services (at approximately) 10:15 a.m. (weather permitting) at the flag pole in the parking lot.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 444 will also be preparing a pancake breakfast that day as a "thank you" for all the congregation does to support the program as the Charter Organization.

For more information or to sign up to be part of this special celebration of scouting, please contact Bonnie Babich in the church office (815) 467-5272 ext. 11 or one of your scout leaders.

Adult Lenten Study



"24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton, is the title of the adult study that our church will offer in the weeks leading up to Easter.

The study will focus on the final 24 hours of the life of Jesus. "Walk with Jesus on his final day. Sit beside him at the Last Supper. Pray with him in Gethsemane. Follow him to the cross. Desert him. Deny him. Experience the resurrection."

An informative and inspiring book is available for purchase in the narthex for \$12. A DVD by Adam Hamilton will help us to experience and better understand the one who we call Lord and Savior.

Pastor Steve will lead Tuesday night sessions from 7pm - 8 pm with the following dates scheduled:

February 25

March 11

March 18

March 25

April 1

April 8

April 15

(no class on March 4th)

A Sunday morning class will also be offered beginning March 2nd Thru April 13th at 10:30am – 11:30am.

Please sign-up at the church
or by emailing the office.



**February 9th
National Scout
Sunday**

Boy Scout Troop 444 Pancake Breakfast

(Pancakes, Sausage, Juice & Milk)

Come and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast prepared with much gratitude from Troop 444 boy scouts in appreciation for all that the CUMC does to help them be successful in their scouting endeavors and achievements.



Josh Sutton



Jimmy Meredith

Outdoor Retreat Ministries Camp (ORM)

Summer Camp is only a few months away – registration will begin February 1st!

Please visit the camp website for detailed information at www.niccamp.org. The Northern IL Conference of the UM Church supports two camps in the area – Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon, IL and Camp Wesleywoods in Williams Bay, WI.

Additional information including brochures will be shared as soon as they become available.



Troop 444's Newest Eagle Scouts!

It is with great pleasure and pride that I announce to you the two newest Eagle Scouts in Troop 444

Josh Sutton & Jimmy Meredith!

Please join me in congratulating Jimmy & Josh on this amazing achievement!

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Tony Lake, Scoutmaster, Troop 444

Congratulations on your journey of accomplishments, to the both of you.

You will both have many more experiences and many more journey's to come in like. Take it all for what it's worth and never back down and always look ahead. Nothing in life is easy and the journey short so make it worth every second, because they all count. Congratulations!!! *V. Dunavan*

It was such an honor to be part of your Board of Review. Thank you for sharing your journey with me. *B. Babich*

Congratulations Josh & Jimmy!

Be proud of your accomplishments. *D. Kruger*

Congrats boys!! :o) *R. Cady*

Youth Group Reflection

Roger Beitzel



The 2014 Winter Olympics are just around the corner. Quick question: What is your favorite winter Olympic sport? A recent Google search showed that nearly every poll asking that question had a different ranking of the sports. Consistently ranking in the top 10, however, is alpine skiing, which brings us to our subject: trust.

Veteran skiers will tell you that often there is a moment in learning to ski when it all just seems to click. You've had your lessons; you've memorized your analogies (pizza slice, French fries, carrying a tray); you've gotten frustrated because you can't make your body do your analogies; you're thinking of too many things at once. Then, suddenly, Ahhhh...maybe it's making a nice turn, or recovering (without falling) from going too fast, or simply making a good stop. Something clicked between mind and body. This click can be summed up in a word: trust.

They may not realize it, but in that moment, they trusted their learning, their skis, and their legs to do what they were telling them to do. They let go of their instructions and analogies and just trusted.

It's this same type of letting go that we need to practice with God. As we seek to grow in our relationship with God, the last thing we give up is control. Maybe we want to hang on to reason or logic or keep our hearts and minds in a realm of what we know, but Hebrews 11:6 tells us it is impossible to please God without having faith. Impossible. A leap of faith always will be required. "No one can please God without faith, for whoever comes to God must have faith that God exists and rewards those who seek him."

So how does trust work, and how does it look? Here's a list of some challenges we face in life that we might try to solve or control on our own. As you read over the list, remember that God to have faith in Him.

Challenges we face where we can have faith in God:

- Fears
- Mistakes made
- Hurts
- Giving grace to others
- Accepting grace yourself
- Healing from loss
- Life decisions (school, job, career, college)
- Relationship decisions
- Temptations

Take a step of trust to allow God to do what He loves to do: heal, redeem, give grace, strengthen. Accept the kindness and generosity of God, and let Him do the work.

As you watch the upcoming Winter Olympics, think about all of the things the athletes are trusting: skis, skates, bobsleds, teammates. Use these two weeks to ramp up the trust factor in your relationship with God.

Youth Group

February Calendar

Feb. 2	Senior High Small Group	6 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 5	Junior High Small Group	6 – 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Senior High Small Group	6 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 9	Senior High Small Group	6 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 12	Junior High Small Group	6 – 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Senior High Small Group	6 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 19	Junior High Small Group	6 – 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	Youth Group <i>Minute to Win It Night</i>	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ultimate Frisbee	5 – 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Senior High Small Group	6 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 26	Junior High Small Group	6 – 7:30 p.m.

Church News

2014 Spring Lay Academy

Sundays:

March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6

2:30-5:30p

Hinsdale UMC

945 S Garfield

(corner of 55th & Garfield)



Aurora District

Courses Offered:

Basic Course

Biblical Storytelling

Methodist Heritage

Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition

Technology in the church

See Pastor Steve or visit www.UMCNIC.org

FINANCE

If you did not receive a registered box of 2014 giving envelopes and you would like a box, please see Vicki Breen or contact the church office.

CUMC Honors King's Memory, Supports Feeding Starving People

A group of 17 youth and adults from CUMC helped out with the **Emergency Lincolnway Area Mobile Pack (LAMP)** for Feed My Starving Children. Alex & Roger Beitzel, Avery, Brandon & Gehrig Denoyer, Erica Gibson, with her children, Kasey, Katie & Dylan Southard, Maggie & Nico Hargis, Brent, Dave & Lisa McMurtry, and Conner, Laurie, and Ryan McKay were part of the packing session that helped the LAMP group pack their 500 thousandth meal! Final figures from the Mobile Pack show:

- * 892 volunteers set up, packed & cleaned up.
- * 1,116 boxes packed.
- * 241,056 meals packed.
- * Enough food to feed 660 kids for an entire year!

This was a great way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King's memory by helping those who are less fortunate.

Here is a "thank you" email sent out from one of the organizers, Barb Stellwagen. (Dave McMurtry's sister.)

Dear LAMP Partners & Friends of LAMP, It is with a very full heart that we write to tell you all Thank You for all you've done to help make LAMP 911 a reality! We've just gotten home from the LAMP event & the warmth of satisfaction that comes from knowing another awesome LAMP event is in the books far outweighs the exhaustion we feel!

It's amazing what we can accomplish together! You all are fantastic! We love the fact that this event pulls together so many people from so many different organizations in our community! Thanks for being a huge part of feeding desperately hungry kids...660 of them...for a whole year!



Save the Date . . . Bring Your Date

to the

OUTREACH Sweetheart Supper

on

Saturday, February 15th

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door

Childcare will be available for a donation.

Dinner will be served from 6p-8p and will include:

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Garlic Bread and a salad

Beverages: Lemonade, water and coffee

Proceeds from the evening will go towards the Haiti Mission trip. For tickets and to reserve a dinner seating time, please

contact Jodi Landes at 815-409-0753

or call the church office at 815-467-5275, by Feb. 12th.

Thrift Shop

February Shop Dates

Pick up your new Thrift Shop Calendar today!!

Thursday, February 6th - 10a-2p

Monday, February 10th - 6p-8p

Thursday, February 20th - 10a-2p

Monday, February 24th - 6p-8p

2014 Channahon Antique Fair

Take a stroll down Memory Lane . . .

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 ~ 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 ~ 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

At Channahon United Methodist Church

24751 W. Eames, Channahon

(along U.S. 6, 1.5 miles west of I-55)

Donation: \$2.00

You'll find antique treasures galore at the 2014 Antique Fair, now in its 14th year! A variety of dealers will assist you with jewelry, glassware, furniture, and much, much more.

Bring in one item per person for a free appraisal, and an additional item for \$2. Appraiser Kent Felix will conduct appraisals on Friday, 10 a.m.- 6:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. No firearms please! A church-sponsored silent auction and bake sale will also be featured. Food and beverages will be on sale in the narthex throughout the event.

For information, call (815) 467-7026 or (815) 467-5275.

To stay posted on the vendors and silent auction items, visit the CUMC website: www.channahonumc.org

UMW

*3 of our members attended Mission U and even though they met obstacles, they made it a great weekend

*January Newsletter is available on the church's website

*Aurora District Newsletter, REACHOUT, is also with our Newsletter

*Members have the opportunity to make their personal pledge to mission this month

*The Aurora District UMW Growth Event will be held at the United Church of Sandwich on February 8 and some of our members will attend

*Channahon UMW has sent \$4,498.00 to our Aurora District for Mission and \$12,318.00 to other missions for a grand total of \$16,816.00 sent to mission in 2013!

*Save the date: All women are invited to "April Fools & Fun" on April 1 at 7 pm at the church. Enjoy an evening of games and bring a "white elephant" gift exchange. Bring a friend!

*Members will receive information for "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" in February. This offering will be turned in to our treasurer, Anita Young by March 31.

*4 of our members are registered to attend Assembly 2014 in Louisville, KY April 25-27. There is still time for others to register.

Char Mussen

CUMW President

January food drive

Our food collection for the food pantry of the First Baptist Church of Channahon was over the top! Thanks to the generosity of the Walkers, who donated 27 bags, we were able to deliver 70 plus bags. WOW! A big thanks to Sonny and Sharon Hedgren for delivering all the food and to the youth and others who helped carry the bags to Hedgren's cars.

Nancy Allen
Witness Committee

Jonestown Habitat for Humanity

Mission Trip

March 23-29th

The first Jonestown Habitat for Humanity Mission trip meeting was on Sunday Jan. 5th at 11:30. The first deposit was requested:
Adults : 3 payments of \$75 or Full \$225
Youth: 3 payments of \$50 or full \$150
(checks made payable to CUMC and give to Wilson Young to track all the payments)

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Mission meetings :

Feb. 9 at 11:30 (Talk about food)
March 16 at 11:30 (last minute questions)

There is still time if anyone is still interested in signing up. Please see Wilson Young or call the church office.

Nurturing News

- * Discussed our plans for Nurturing our Shut-ins, including Birthdays, Easter & Christmas
- * Discussed the "Meals that Heal" ministry.
- * Planned out our 2014 activities and dates:
(here is what is on the calendar)

Saturday, March 1st ~ **Family Game Night/Make Your Own Pizza**
6p-10p

Saturday, April 19th ~ **provide refreshments for the Easter Movie Night**

Sunday, April 20th ~ **Easter Breakfast**

following the Easter Sunrise service (6:30a-9am)

Saturday, April 26th ~ **All Church Variety Show** 7p-9p

Friday, June 27th ~ **Joliet Slammers Baseball Game** 7:05pm
(Fireworks Night!) \$5 tickets

Saturday, September 6th ~ **Pig Roast Church Picnic** 4pm

Saturday, September 27th ~ **Adult Mystery/Murder Game Night**

Sunday, October 19th ~ **Trunk N Treat & Pumpkin Carving** 3pm-5pm

Sunday, November 23rd ~ **Hanging of the Greens**

and **Great Chili Cook Off** at 11:30am

Senior Luncheon

Wednesday
February 12th



Senior Lunch is offered the second Wednesday of every month (except for June & October- they will be the 3rd Wednesday) 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 Donation is \$4pp.

Reservations are appreciated by calling
815-467-2569.



Something New with CUMC Choir

The adult choir will practice now on **Sunday Mornings at 8am in the Sanctuary before the 9am service** instead of Wednesday evenings. If this change makes it possible for you to come join us, please do. All are welcome!!

Reminder:

The Children's Choir practices on Sunday mornings at 10:15-10:45am and Wednesday evenings with KidzClub @ 6p-6:15. **The Children will be singing on February 23rd at both services for our special Haiti Mission Team Send-Off.**

This is a great opportunity to get the kids involved at church and to meet other kids from our congregation.

Any questions regarding either choir, please contact Brittany Alcantar at balcantar05@yahoo.com or 815-603-9851

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 or emailing the church office, or signing up in the narthex with Jodi Landes on Sunday mornings.



Thank You....

I just want to everyone thank everyone for bringing in the toiletries for the homeless. Here's what we were able to collect and distribute:

- Lotion-88 bottles
- Soap and body wash-135 bars and bottles
- Deodorant-7
- Toothbrush and paste-15
- Mouthwash-10
- Protein bars-17
- Shampoo and conditioner -159 bottles
- Along with hats, gloves, scarfs, fleece shirts, coats.

Thanks you so so much everyone, it's such a blessing to see what were able to do to help!!
Stephanie Friel

It was such a joy being in church at CUMC on December 29th, to baptize our little Avery Volk. We had such a great time catching up and visiting with everyone.
John & Ann Spurgeon

It was such a pleasure and surprise to receive the prayer blanket. I appreciate the warmth of the blanket and the beautiful blend of colors. I am sure that the prayers said with each knot helped me in my recovery. Thank for your prayers and concerns. As I see this blanket, I will always think of your prayers and kindness.

Mary Pat Collins

The Raeburn Family would like to share their new address with the congregation in hopes to keep in touch with many of you.

Raeburn Family- 18602 Agile Pines Dr - Humble, Tx 77346

What a pleasant surprise when I received the pillow you ladies have made. I'm going through radiation for breast cancer. I'll always think of you when using the pillow. I do believe and am trusting the Lord to see me thourgh (Isaiah 41:10, Joshua 1:9)

Sue Larson

Thank you to the people of CUMC for making the prayer blanket for my mother-in-law Barb Williams. She took it with her to every treatment for comfort and faith and received so many compliments on its beauty. This blanket of prayers has meant so much to us. We appreciate all that you do.

Patty & Barb Williams

My brother Keith wants to thank everyone for the prayers and prayer blanket. The surgeon feels confident that he got all the cancer. Thank you.

Roger Beitzel

CUMC Trustees recently said 'Thank You' to Normandy Remodeling for their help with the expansion of the Senior High room and to Local Attorney Claire M. Wilson, for her work in the closing of the Randle Property. Plaques were presented to each for their support of Channahon United Methodist Church.



I would like to thank the caring committee for the beautiful prayer pillow for my sister Bonnie. She is battling lung cancer. Please continue to pray for her. Friends in Christ.
Linda Corp

For me, giving is easy and receiving is hard. I continue to be humbled and grateful for all of the support here. Thank you not enough, but I say it anyway. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Deb O'Brien & Family

Thank you to all the church families who have helped me while my apartment was being dried out after a flood.
Rachel Lynch

I am so very grateful for the prayer blanket and pillow. They have gotten me through a lot of rough days and now good days. Cat Scan in January showed NO signs of cancer. Thank you for your prayers and the blanket and pillow.
Mary Muir

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## **Galatians 6:9**

*So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, quit.*

*So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

**Galatians 6:10**

## OUR CHURCH'S CONCERNS

### Surgeries/Hospitalizations

Dick McLaughlin, nephew Ryan(Szoke), brother Keith(Beitzel), Dawn Brick, Matt Powell, friend Steve(Daley), father Leo Fende(Finney), friends Jim & Mark(Hayden), mom Gladys(Cogdal), my mom(Alcantar), granddaughter Stacy Lasalle(Rainwater), grandson Alex Simotes(Cotter), my nephew(Szoke), Jack Breen, Gwen Tunney, Cherri Taylor, my brother Dave Stoddard(Gear),

### Health Issues

Baby Natalia(Partridge & Thompson), sister Bonnie(Corp), friend John Gedwill(Ciolkosz)

### Other

Kennedy Walker, Jeff Powell, neighbor Penny(Fields), friends LeAnn & Cyndi(Hayden)

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The family and friends of Mary Lensik on her recent passing.

B.W. & Tammy Self and family on the death of their grandson Zachery who was born prematurely.

Family and friends of Carolyn Wind on her recent passing.

Family and friends of Kathy Moon on her unexpected death.

*"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

**Donna Szoke** - a joy to have my Aunt Janet here.

**Mark Hawkins** - We have enjoyed having my niece Stephanie and her husband Tony visit from Wyoming with their 2 little boys. It is a joy to see all the activity of a 3yr & 1yr old can have. Prayers for safe travels home.

Happy Bithday to Frieda Manion!

**Elena Warren** - Celebrating birthdays of great grandsons Derek, Gorge, Cole and Cullen and brother Bill and nephew Billy Hulbert.

**Keta Lindstrom** - Alec finally got his sling off after 6weeks! 3 more weeks of therapy and should be as good as new. Thank you for all your prayers.

**Donna Bulkley** - enjoyed celebrating my favorite son-in-law John's birthday!

**McSteen Family** - joyful for our newest member of our family - cousin Sawyer born on New Years Day.

**Janet & Roy Robb** - our friend Steve Peterson is in remission for cancer!!

**Margaret McLaughlin** - Dick is coming home!! Our church family is amazing! Thank you all so very much for your prayers, concerns and cards. Come visit us at our home!

**Hedgrens** - Our grandson Dustin is out of the Marines and home after serving in the combat unit.

**Eigenheers**- Our grandson Dylan was selected as 'Student of the Month' at Joliet West High School.

**Babich**- Celebrating some January Babich birthdays : Jackson 12, Max 15, Bob, and Grandpa!!

**Fields** - it is a joy to have my neighbor who drives by and plows my driveway/

## February Birthdays

|    |                 |    |                  |
|----|-----------------|----|------------------|
| 3  | Allison Landes  | 10 | Larry Schuler    |
| 3  | Michael Novak   | 10 | Brandon Vong     |
| 5  | Hayleigh Knott  | 11 | Al Mondrella     |
| 5  | Kelly Sanchez   | 13 | Brent McMurtry   |
| 5  | Michael Traver  | 14 | Donna Buckley    |
| 7  | Lila Barrett    | 14 | Aileen Cotter    |
| 7  | Morgan Beaudry  | 14 | Kayla McLaughlin |
| 7  | Janet Sanders   | 15 | Alice Ridenour   |
| 7  | Chad VanMeter   | 15 | Alan McLaughlin  |
| 8  | Jack Hawkins    | 20 | Dave Stafford    |
| 8  | Kevin Knott     | 21 | Robert Novak     |
| 8  | Sara O'Connell  | 25 | Leonard Hoffman  |
| 9  | Joseph Arnold   | 26 | Amy Powell       |
| 10 | Dylan Good      | 26 | Nicki VanMeter   |
| 10 | Connor Knott    | 27 | Pat Steele       |
| 10 | Sara McLaughlin | 27 | Mark Thelo       |

## February Anniversaries

|      |                         |
|------|-------------------------|
| 2/11 | Joe & Deanna Borracci   |
| 2/14 | Bob & Elaine Coen       |
| 2/21 | Tim & Cherri Taylor     |
| 2/22 | Greg & Lynette Bassett  |
| 2/25 | Justin & Karianne Craig |
| 2/27 | Bill & Robin O'Connell  |



*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)*

## February 2014 Sunday Service Volunteers

### Church Ambassadors:

Counters: Wilson Young & Jim Waller

### February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Communion

**9am:** Janet Robb, Donna Szoke, Barb Powell, Lana Stafford

**10:30am:** Nancv Geldean, Marv Caher, Dave McMurtry

|                              | <u>Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></u>   | <u>Feb 9<sup>th</sup></u> | <u>Feb 16<sup>th</sup></u>   | <u>Feb 23<sup>rd</sup></u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>              | Carl & Barb Bush            | Knott Family              | Barb Powell                  | John & Aileen Cotter       |
| <b>Liturgists<br/>9am</b>    | Stan Yenerich               | Ryan Knot                 | Donna Buckley                | Amy Geldean                |
| <b>Liturgist<br/>10:30am</b> | Tyler Finney                | Jennifer Doyle            | Diane Robinson               | Allison Lyman              |
| <b>A/V<br/>9am</b>           | Mike & Andy Geldean         | Anita Young & Adam Taylor | Steve Olson & Tim Wasilewski | Adam Taylor & Adam Platt   |
| <b>A/V<br/>10:30am</b>       | Lauren Sweet & Liam O'Brien | Bobby & Max Babich        | Liam O'Brien & Max Babich    | Lauren & 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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