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NEWSLETTER OF:
**CHANNAHON
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A photograph of several bright yellow sunflowers with dark brown centers, resting on a light-colored surface. A piece of light brown, textured fabric or ribbon is draped across the flowers, partially covering them.

'GOOD' NEWS

Jesus' Love is One-Of-A-Kind

That was the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School "Weird Animals" 5 day extravaganza. VBS Director Alec Lindstrom reported that, for the third year in a row, we broke attendance records for children and volunteers. Overall, we touched the lives of 145 children that week, taught, fed, and led by 91 adult and youth helpers. Even more people helped the previous week to put up the fabulous decorations of colorful flowers, trees, and exotic animals. The cartoon animals depicted in the posters were actually based on creatures in the real world, some of whom are now endangered species. The boys and girls learned that being unique and different is not only ok – it is something to celebrate, because God made them that way! They learned that, even when you feel left out, even though you're different, even when you don't understand, even when you do wrong, and even when you are afraid. . . Jesus loves you!

The enthusiastic singing and dancing coupled with quiet and poignant conversations showed us that the children learned their lessons well.

In addition to 3rd Year VBS Director Alec, many many thanks to his "Right Hand Mom" Keta Lindstrom, to Music Director Brittany Alcantar, Cherri Taylor and her Critter Café Kitchen crew, Mike Geldean and Beth Couch for Bible Stories, Barb Sweet for crafts/experiments, and Kris Hayden for Recreation. First time VBS helpers were hooked by the meaningful moments that week and the honest enthusiasm of the children. Bonnie Babich, our Director of Children and Family Ministries, was invaluable with her steady and experienced help for all our VBS leaders.

Mark Your Calendar

8.3

'River Of Life' Dedication
(old CUMC Church Building)

8.10

Praise Band Plays
at 3Rivers Festival

8.13

Youth Group Ice Cream Social
Welcoming of new 6th graders

8.17

Back 2 School
Blessing of Backpacks

8.25

Outreach serving Daybreak

8.29

Begin Labor Day Holiday Weekend
Church Office closed Monday 9/1

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...‘Good’ News Continued

As the pastor, I thoroughly enjoyed my third VBS at Channahon UMC and the opportunities I had to interact with the children, parents, and leaders in one of our church’s most effective outreach/evangelism programs. May this experience serve as an energizing one for all the generations in our church family as we seek to touch the lives of others with the **One-of-a-Kind love of Jesus** throughout the year.

Peace,
Steve



AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING

Our special offering for August is **J.U.S.T.** of DuPage. (*Justice, Understanding, Service, and Teaching*) is a jail ministry in the DuPage County Jail. The services provided are chaplaincy, spiritual enrichment, addiction recovery, education, and social services. Behind the walls of the jail, JUST provides inmates an opportunity to earn their GED, take ESL classes, and improve their reading. Our faith community members provide spiritual guidance through Bible Studies, Catholic, Protestant, and Muslim worship.

Please make check donations payable to CUMC.

*Proverbs 10:12
Hatred stirs up strife, but
love covers all offenses.*

Meet the Isaacson Family



In July, our congregation joyfully welcomed Dan and Ashley Isaacson as members of our household of faith. Just before they gave their vows of membership by profession of faith, we all witnessed a double baptism! Ashley and daughter Hadley were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, followed by the singing of the lullaby “*God Claims You*”.

Ashley grew up in Channahon, so she went to school with a number of our church members. Dan is originally from Geneva. In fact, some of his relatives attended Geneva United Methodist when Pastor Steve was appointed as one of their pastors 27 years ago.

Dan is an Operations Supervisor at OHL. Ashley is a Medical Assistant at Liberty Mutual.

In addition to caring for 11-month old Hadley, Dan and Ashley enjoy spending time with family, playing sports, watching movies, and traveling on vacations. They live at 26117 W. Highland Dr., Channahon. (630) 779-8409. disaacson@ohl.com

Please make sure to introduce yourself to Dan, Ashley, and baby Hadley to make them feel welcome in their new church home!



Hospitals and other health care institutions usually do not contact the church on your behalf for a pastoral visit (*even if you request it*).

If you or a family member are hospitalized and you would like a visit from Pastor Steve, please call the church (815)467-5275 or Pastor Steve directly (815)922-6872.



“Thank you for your gifts to support the following ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.”

- * *United Methodist Children’s Fund for Christian Mission* \$110
- * *Imagine No Malaria (Africa)* \$142
- * *Grace Children’s Hospital and Pediatric Clinic* \$284
- * *United Methodist Global AIDS Fund* \$135.50

“May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission”

Roland Fernandes

*General Treasurer, UMCOR
& General Board of Global Ministries*

REMINDER....



Our former 1926 red brick church building on Sage and Rt. 6 is the new home for *River of Life Lutheran Church*. Their pastor, Rev. Hans Fiene, has invited us to celebrate with them when they dedicate their newly refurbished building on **Sunday August 3rd at 4:00pm** followed by a reception in their Fellowship Hall.

Summer Worship Schedule

Continues through August with a 9am service and no Sunday School

Beginning - Sunday, September 7th, we will resume our 9 am & 10:30 am worship schedule and will have our Sunday School Kick-off Celebration that day!



We still need singers/musicians to perform a song during our ‘Special Music’ time on Sunday mornings for the month of August. Please contact Brittany Alcantar (815-603-9851) if you have any questions or to select a date. “Thank you again to all those who have offered up their talents in one form or another thus far. ”

Brittany



2014 Church Conference Date has been set

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dick Wisdom, has recently announced the dates for Church/Charge Conferences for all churches in the Aurora District.

Channahon UMC will have it’s Annual Church Conference on **Monday October 27th at 7 pm.**

All church leaders are especially asked to be present to represent their team/committee. The whole congregation is also invited as we reflect on our ministry for the past year and look forward to what is ahead of us. As always, we will also vote on an updated slate of leadership for 2015 and the pastor’s 2015 salary.

No reservations are required to attend this meeting.
All church members can vote.

Staff-Parish Relations will meet beforehand at 6:30pm with our District Superintendent.



If you haven’t already picked up your personal copy of the church directory, you can do so anytime you are at the church. The directories are located in the narthex, filed alphabetically. If you do not see one address to your family, please leave a note with the office and one will be made available for you.

Youth Group News

S.T.O.M.P.

Sr. High Small Group of Channahon United Methodist Church

IS TAKING A WEEKEND RETREAT !

The SR. High Small Group Leaders welcome the 'STOMP' Sr. High small group members for a weekend retreat at *Camp Wesley Woods* in Williams Bay Wisconsin.

We want to take this weekend to strengthen our group by participating in some team building activities, completing a mission service project, and yes having a campfire with s'mores and more!!!

We will spend time getting to know one another while enjoying the beautiful scenery of Lake Geneva. The best part is that all the planning will be done by Wesley Woods!! We get to show up and have fun!

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday.

Breakfast and worship service will be provided Sunday morning before we depart.

When:

October 24, 25 and 26th

Time:

Depart CUMC at 4:30 pm Friday October 24th
and return to CUMC at approximately at 3:00 pm on Sunday October 26th.

Who:

Students entering 9th grade through 12th grade in the Fall

Cost:

\$110 per person

we will be doing fundraising to help with the cost.

Payments due:

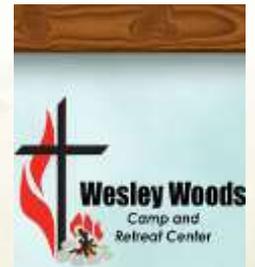
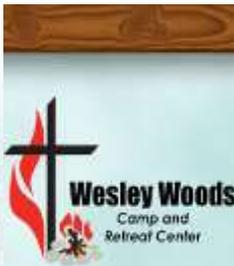
\$10.00 non refundable deposit August 15, 2014

\$50.00 due September 12, 2014

\$50.00 due October 17, 2014

Sign up by:

August 15, 2014



See your Sr. High Leaders for more information ~ Kellen Walker, Mary Caher and Nancy Geldean

Welcome 6th Graders ~ You are invited to



A Youth Group *Ice Cream Social* is planned for Wednesday August 13th at the church 6p-8p to welcome our new 6th graders to Youth Group. Let's all come to welcome them and have some group fun!!!

VBS Missions



Our Mission this year is again to collect school supplies for 'Meridian High School' in Mounds, IL (Charlie Basset's School).

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the supply fund. We have had an overwhelming amount of supplies come in. If you did not get a chance to bring in a few supplies, collections will continue through July 31st.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Spiral notebooks, 2pocket folders, pens, and pencils

Drop off boxes are in the church narthex.

UMW Circles

No meetings in August!



Outreach serving Taco Dinner
@

'Daybreak' Shelter
In Joliet

on Monday, August 25th

Many items for donation, or monetary donations are very helpful in providing a meal within the budget.

Food donation list
and Volunteer Sign-up are in the Narthex.

We Thank You For Your Support!

Thrift Shop

AUGUST DATES

Thursday August 7th, 10a-2p
Monday August 11th 6p-8p
Thursday August 21st 10a-2p ½ price sale
Monday August 25th 6p-8p ½ price sale

Ladies Aid Meet

Senior

Thanks for sharing.

Thanks for Caring!!

Forty very generously full bags helped fill the shelves of the Minooka United Methodist Church food pantry on our Food Drive Collection Sunday, July 20th. Hunger continues all year and we thank you for caring and sharing.

A special thanks to Bob Manion who so graciously and willingly delivered our donations.

Thank You ~ WITNESS COMMITTEE

SENIOR luncheon

At Channahon UMC
Wednesday, August 13th
@ 11:30am

Suggested Donation is \$4 per person

Reservations are requested
by calling the Channahon Township
815-467-2569.

Summer Fun at CUMC!!!



September 6th 4th Annual 'Cruisin for Logan' Car Show

9-3pm

United Methodist Church
24751 W. Eames
Channahon, IL
(Rte. 6 - 1 mile W of I-55)



Dash Plaques
Goody Bags
HUGE
RAFFLE PRIZES

**LUNCH will be available!!

GAROUSEL
MUSIC COMPANY

815-592-2739 or 630-554-8554
carouselsound.com
carouselsound@aol.com

Nurturing's *Adult*



(Save the Date)

Saturday, September ~ 6p - 9p
In the Church Narthex

Opportunity to 'Donate Blood'



Thursday, August 14th - 3:30p - 6:30pm
@ Resurrection Lutheran Church
25050 W. Eames (inside the church)

Photo ID is required to donate.



Channahon UMC is getting involved:

Our very own Praise Band will be playing on
August 9th from 8:15pm - 9:00pm
On the Main Stage
as the 'Headliner' Evening Band!
Plan to come out and sing
some praises with them!!

The Channahon Lions
will be using our parking lot
following the parade on August 10th,
for the 'Hearing Bus' from 12n-5pm

CUMC members will also be handing out water
to the runners for the FireFly 5K Race on
Thursday, August 7th. Let the church office or
Donna Szoke know if you want to help cheer
on the runners!!



And Annual Pig Roast

Saturday, September 13th
@ 4:00pm on the church grounds

Join us for an afternoon of food,
fellowship, fun and games!

All family and friends are welcome!

2014 VBS Words of Gratitude

We would like to thank our entire CUMC family for the incredible support you all gave us with Weird Animals VBS this year! Whether you donated food, donated your time or talents, or simply prayed for us, we thank you. It was amazing how many people kept asking what they could do to help, and by those who stepped in to help without being asked. Thank you so much to each and every one of you!

Thank you to the station leaders who took so much of their time to plan their part of this VBS experience for the kids. No one realizes how much time it truly takes our station leaders prior to the start of VBS week to make the week go as smoothly as it does. Barb Sweet led Imagination Station, Mike Geldean and Beth Couch led Bible Adventures, Kris Hayden led Untamed Games, and Cheri Taylor led Snack Time. All did an incredible job! And no one can make music more fun and exciting than Brittany Alcantar! She helped kids learn of Jesus' unconditional love by leading us all in song and dance – what a wonderful way to start and end our VBS evenings! Thank you also to our preschool leaders, Laura Beitzel and Nancy Snow – because of you our little ones get to experience VBS as well.

Thank you to Dave McMurtry and Kris Hayden for reaching out to Marley Community Church in Mokena and First Presbyterian Church in Joliet, respectively. Many of our fabulous decorations this year were a result of those two churches paying it forward, and it wouldn't have happened without Dave and Kris's efforts, which included hauling the decorations back and forth. Some of our decorations also came from the Boy Scouts – thank you Bobby Babich.

Thank you to Pastor Steve for making the week extra fun for all of the kids by dressing up as a "weird animal" – he got weirder as the week went on! We are so fortunate to have a pastor who is such an enthusiastic supporter of our VBS program!

Last, but most certainly not least, a huge thank you to Bonnie Babich, our Director of Children and Family Services at CUMC. She continually goes above and beyond to make our Vacation Bible School a success with a passion that is unparalleled. Most of what she does is "behind the scenes" to everyone else, but the VBS director quickly learns how much time and effort Bonnie truly commits to VBS, and it has been a joy to work alongside her.

We look forward to next year's VBS program, under the directorship of Katie McSteen and Bobby Babich. Please continue to support VBS in any way you can! We are so proud to be part of a church family that is passionate about this mission that not only serves our own, but also serves the community. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Alec and Keta Lindstrom



Blessing of the Backpacks!
Sunday August 17th
@ 9am

Bring your book bag, backpack, satchel or briefcase for a special 'Back to School' blessing!!

Much success comes to those who put God in the middle!!!!



Is scheduled for
Sunday, September 7th
Children & Adult Classes
Will begin September 14th!

VBS PHOTO GALLERY



To See more 'WILD and FUN VBS' pictures where 'Jesus' Love is ONE of a Kind'
Visit our website www.channahonumc.org/vbs (need MS Powerpoint to open file)

OUR CHURCH'S CONCERNS

Surgeries/Hospitalizations

Joi Walker, Alexis Barga(Brick), friend Carolyn(Coen), Bill McClintock, Leonard Hoffman, BW Self, Bobby Babich, Chris Swank(Simpson), Uncle David(Fitzgerald), Jim Fletcher, Loren Boersma(Isaacson), Pat Williamson, Roy Robb

Health Issues and General Prayer Requests

Bonnie Eigenheer, Don Walker, sister Regina(Breen), my Mom(Corp), grandson Robbie(Eaton), CUMC VBS, Hargis Family, James Riney(Caher), Vearl Keeton & Keith Clower, Washington wildfires(Hayden), friend Jan(Szoke), John Benson(Fletcher), Mark Lemmerman(Hedgren), granddaughter Larua(Fields), Jeremy(Olsen), Our Church,

**Names in () are those who have requested the prayers.*

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Thank You's...

A surprise package from strangers, friends we have never met... My son Mark received your prayer blanket. How thoughtful and generous. Still struggling for good health, we look forward to healthier days ahead. Thank you so much for caring. (my cousin Sharon Hedgren- there is no stopping her goodness!)

Sue Lemerman

Today I received a beautiful blanket and pillow. Thank you for your prayers. Your thoughts and prayers have helped me through this trying time and kept me calm. I fee God's love for me from all of your prayers. Your prayers are like a blanket over me. Thank You.

Jan Boubelik

Recovering at home from surgery. Thank you for your prayers. The least invasive measures were taken.

Gwen Tunney

Eldon Standley and family
On the passing of his wife Doris Standley.

Stefan Sztapka Family
on his recent death.

Keta Linstrom and family
On the death of her Aunt Nadine.

Char Blackwell and family
On the death of her daughter-in-law
Charlottee (Dee) Stuhlman.

Family of John Choyce
On his recent passing.

Bonnie Babich and family
On the death her Uncle Eddie Stanzil.

Mary Agnes Eneix family
On her recent passing.

OUR CHURCH'S JOYS

Nancy Geldean -our house is now on the market. Looking to rent in the area if anyone has any good leads/info to pass on.

Mary Caher - wonderful vacation with 17 family members.

Janice Sartori - Ryan was considered cancer at the end of June!

Isaacson Family - Hadley and I were baptized on July 20th!

Dottie Priddy - I sold my Fryer St. House.

George Johnson - finished round 4 of chemo mid July , and hopefully the last. Many thanks for all your prayers

Ray & Dawn Brick - Alexis is finally starting to improve and should be heading to Rehab soon. This would not have been had it not been for all your prayers and concerns.

Hargis Family - safe travels as we head to Poland.

Cherri Taylor - Had a fantastic time with VBS this year and a surprise visit from my daughter Sarah and her family.

Keta Lindstrom - Thank you for allowing Alec to be your VBS director the past 3years and to grow in his faith. Yes, closing speech - Alec was speechless!!!!

Deb O'Brien- Cody & Liam safe at camp with Troop 444.

Mark Hawkins- this time 13yrs ago, 2 very special kids came into my life - my Godchildren Chloe and Aiden McKinney. The cutest babies ever. Happy 13th Birthday!

Bonnie Ciolkosz- Zachary made the 11u All-Stars team to kick off his early baseball career. He is going to Cooperstown next year. Best of luck in the Whiteford tournament.

Cogdal Family - Alyssa took and passed her nursing boards.

Hayden- is grateful to Donna Szoke and Lana Stafford for covering the office on my requested days off and training.

Celebrations:

Ray & Dawn Brick - 36years of marriage.

Keith Clower's birthday.

Callie Boyer's 1st birthday.

Dave & Lana Stafford's 41st anniversary.

Bob Williamson's 87th birthday.

Ascher Hughes' 1st Birthday.

Glean & DeAnna Meadow's 18th anniversary.

August Birthdays

1 Drake Walker	10 Tom Leatherwood	21 Howard Goodman
3 Chase Cissell	10 Amelia Prokop	21 Janet Mitchel
3 Joan Walker	10 Terry Sluis	22 Wendy Hoffman
4 Stephanie Friel	12 Nicodem Hargis	24 Zachary Huvila
5 Bonnie Babich	12 Barbara Bush	24 Tristen Landes
5 Tammy Platt	13 Cassandra Crenshaw	24 Brenda VanAsdlen
7 Raney Good	13 Kathy Leatherwood	25 Amy Geldean
7 Georgia Johnson	13 Mary Ann Lehman	25 Elena Warren
8 Micki Thompson	15 Jordin West	27 Casandra Blazekovich
9 Nancy Allen	16 Mike O'Brien	27 Dave McMurtry
9 Emma Jones	16 Susan Schuler	28 Beverly Novak
9 Nick Pappas	18 Laura Finney	28 Andy Geldean
10 Lindsey Barrett	18 Gordon Steele	28 Holly Walsh
	21 Beth Couch	28 Riley Streit

August Anniversaries

8/3 Bob & Bonnie Babich
8/3 Gary & Joan Cogdal
8/3 Richard & Rebecca Taylor
8/4 Dar & Dee Sneed
8/5 Jim & Joan Wallker
8/7 Gary & Char Musser
8/10 Ron & Norma Crenshaw
8/11 Terry & Joan White
8/12 Jim & Joi Walker
8/13 Erik & Deb Smith
8/15 Steve & Cindy Boyer
8/19 Dom & Sandy Fodero
8/19 Steve & Diane Robinson
8/26 Roger & Kathy Beitzel
8/30 Steve & Marsha Kezerle
8/31 Lisa & Dave McMurtry

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary and you would like it 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

August Sunday Service Volunteers

Church Ambassador: Jackie Goggins & Bonnie Babich

Counters: Wilson Young & Jim Walker

Reminder: Summer Worship Schedule ~ **9am Service Only** through August.

	<u>August 3</u>	<u>August 10</u>	<u>August 17</u>	<u>August 24</u>	<u>August 31</u>
Greeters	Carl & Barb Bush	The Platt Family	Barb Powell	John & Aileen Cotter	Sonny & Sharon Hedgren
Liturgist 9am	Stan Yenerich	Elaine Coen	Donna Buckley	Janet Robb	Lou McCoy
A/V 9am	Bobby Babich & Amy Geldean	Anita Young & Adam Platt	Mark Lindstrom & Bobby Babich	Steve Olson & Adam Taylor	Mike & Amy Geldean
Communion	Janet Robb, Donna Szoke, Barb Powell Lana Stafford				

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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SUNDAY ‘Summer’ SCHEDULE

(June, July, August)

Traditional Worship	9:00 -10:00am
Coffee & Donut Fellowship	10:15-11:00am
<i>Sunday School resumes 9/14.</i>	

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We are especially grateful for:

