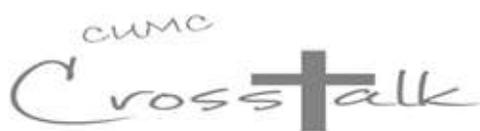


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Pastor Tim Casey

We'll Have Coffee... We'll Talk. No Big Wup.

One of my favorite *Saturday Night Live* skits was when Mike Myers would dress up as a middle-aged Jewish woman who hosted a talk show. The show was called Coffee Talk. "We have coffee... We talk. No big wup." There are some things I would like to talk about. And I look forward to having coffee and talking. No big wup. Or maybe it is?

When I met with the District Superintendent, Dick Wisdom, and our Staff Parish Team, one member asked, "What will you change?" I think everyone, including the person asking the question, knew that the question was premature. I understood, like everyone there, that the question was asked out of anxiety. Change can be a little scary. Even when everyone agrees that change needs to occur, change represents the unknown. What's more, change can be risky. There is the potential for failure. But I think the only thing worse than failure is not even trying.

I have been here three months and I think I can answer the question now. Last month, I wrote that I was changing nothing. That remains true. Anything that changes must occur because you want it to change. I do, however, have some recommendations that may eventually lead to significant changes. At this point, my ideas are simply that, ideas.

A SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE - I think we should have a second worship service. What kind of worship service should this be? Traditional? Contemporary? Blended? I know that people like what they like and worship has become a focus of controversy in many churches. I like what I like too. Mostly, I like to worship. Worship is my time to give back to God. God is worthy of my praise

At a Glance!

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- 4/22 I&M Community Clean-Up
- 4/30 Food Drive Collection



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

Palm Sunday - April 9th

*Children are invited for the procession of the palms!
There will be Sunday School as normal on this day*

Holy Week:

April 13th

Seder Meal Experience - 7:00pm

April 14th

Good Friday Cross Walk - 10:00am

Meet @ Lions Park Pavillion @ 9:45am

Good Friday Service - 7:00pm

April 15th

Easter Eve **Family** Movie Night
and Youth Group Lock-In

EASTER SUNDAY - April 16th

6am Outdoor Sunrise Service

6:30am Easter breakfast

9am & 10:30am Easter Sunday Service

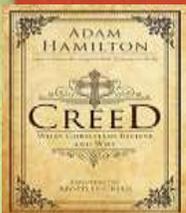
Fellowship between services

Sunday School at 10:30am

*Children are encouraged to bring in fresh flowers to
decorate the LIVING CROSS during Sunday School.
We will also have an Easter egg hunt for the kids!*

*Are you looking to share CUMC
with friends and family this Easter ?*

There are pre-printed **Easter Postcards**
available in the Narthex to use to invite family
and friends to our Holy Week and
Easter events!



Our Adult 6-week book study for this
This Lenten season continues to focus on
the Apostle's Creed.

Pastor Tim is preaching weekly on the books main
topics. They are featured each week in our Good News
for Kids, offered as a book/bible study for our
Confirmation Class and for adults on Sunday mornings
and Wednesday evenings.

As a response to our first lesson on God, our Father and
Creator, attendees made a "Chain of Thanks." The chain
is hanging at the back of the sanctuary as a reminder of
our worship, praise and gratitude to our God. Please
continue to join us for study on this Lenten journey.

and worship and full attention. Though I do this at other times and
other places, I find there is simply no substitute for worshipping in
the house of God with others who want to worship too. Let's talk
about a second worship service.

YOUTH GROUP - Many churches have struggling youth
ministries. I did youth ministry for 20 years and have found that
there is no magic trick one can perform to grow youth ministry.
Youth ministry is about relationships. It's about caring for one
another in a place that is safe and open. Youth ministry allows
teens to be teens but also helps prepare them for the tough
decisions that are just around the corner. Teens are busy people.
They don't like wasting their time any more than adults do. I want
to invest in our youth. Let's talk about the best way to build
relationships with the youth and children of our faith community.

TECHNOLOGY - This recommendation is relatively minor
compared to the two things I've already mentioned. There are
handful of things I would like to introduce that I hope are helpful. I
know that there are some people, like myself, who can't get
enough of technology. I have always loved gadgets and electronic
ways of doing things. Not everyone shares my enthusiasm.
Nevertheless, we live in a world of technology. Especially when it
comes to communication. We have been called to communicate
the good news. Social media, cell phones, the Internet, have
created a fast-moving superhighway of information. I know some
don't use technology any more than they must. Perhaps we should
be training people at church how to use the technology they have?
We are already utilizing technology in good ways. We have a great
website and talented people who know Information Technology
(IT). The worst thing we can do is ignore the way people get their
information. The things I am proposing are relatively simple. Let's
talk about ways we can better communicate with one another and
the community at large through technology.

CARING MINISTRIES - First let me say that all ministry is caring
ministry. Whether you're teaching a Sunday school class or
cleaning the pews, all ministry is caring ministry. We are a church
who likes to care! There is nothing that impresses me more than a
church who knows how to love. We are an active community of
faith that reaches into the community at large with genuine
concern. We are friendly to newcomers and enjoy being with one
another. We have a great many things to celebrate in our church.
The caring ministries that I would like to add or expand are
Stephen Ministry, Holy Communion Ministry, Visitation Ministry
and Witness Ministry. These ministries, among the other ministries
we already have, are best described as an extension of pastoral
ministry. Let's talk about how we can best care for one another.

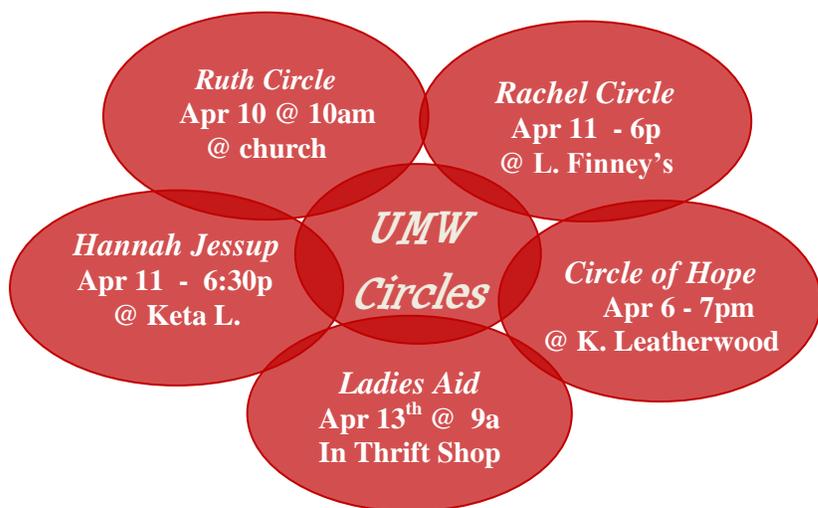
Is there more? Maybe a little but I will save that for another time. I
believe the things I am proposing are within our reach. None of
these things can happen without prayer, conversation, and
commitment. I look forward to talking with you about these things.
Do you have ideas that you would like to share? Please come see
me. We'll have coffee... We'll talk. No big wup!

God is good! All the time! All the time! God is good!

Peace to you all.

Pastor Tim

United Methodist Women/Faith-Hope-Love in Action



April Shop Dates

Sunday	Apr 2 nd	- 10a - 11a
Monday	Apr 3 rd	- 6p - 8p
Wednesday	Apr 5 th	- 11a - 12:30p
	<i>Senior Luncheon</i>	
Thursday	Apr 13 th	- 10a - 2p
Monday	Apr 17 th	- 6p - 8p
Thursday	Apr 27 th	- 10a - 2p

Ladies-Aid would like to invite anyone interested in volunteering with the Thrift Shop to see Lana Stafford, Susie Eaton or Donna Buckley for more information!

The Thrift Shop will be open the 1st Sunday of the month at 10am for shopping convenience to our church family and friends.

UMW NEWS

PURSE MINISTRY

The Channahon UMW will begin doing a purse ministry. What we will do is use purses from the Thrift Shop and fill them with items that a woman may need. Sometimes when a woman has to leave her home in a hurry due to domestic violence they don't even have time to grab their purses!

We are asking the congregation to help us do this. When you are on vacation or gone for a weekend and stay at a hotel. Please bring us the little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, etc.

We would like to put other items in the purses:

- New combs and brushes
- Nail files
- Tooth Paste – Tooth brushes
- Nail Polish
- Pocket Kleenex

Whatever you would find in most of our purses.

In the near future we will have a box in the Narthex for you to place those items. Thanks for helping!!!

WOMEN'S TEA

Please mark your calendars for **May 6, 2017 at 1:00pm** when we will be holding our Women's Tea (*this will be in place of the Mother/Daughter Banquet*).

The Thrift Shop has been planning and collecting items for the tea and plan on holding a "Style Show" of items that we sell.

We will have light finger sandwiches, fruit, dessert, tea, lemonade and coffee. We will be having a free will offering (*suggesting \$5.00 per person*).

We will be asking that you RSVP so we know how many women will be coming. Stay tuned for more details!

UMW CIRCLES

If you are interested in joining a circle, starting a new circle or learning about United Methodist Women please contact Lana Stafford at **815-483-3796**.

UMW Reading Program

Anyone interested in being a part of a Book Group please let me know. We will be reading new and old Fiction and Non-Fiction books. We will all read the same book and then have a discussion about it. I would like to use the public library as a resource so that there is no cost involved. If you are interested, you can email me at lantwin@sbcglobal or give me a call at **815-483-3796**

Have you completed your UMW Census yet! Instructions for Completing the UMW Membership Census 2016 can be found at:

http://media.wix.com/ugd/7bc41d_3d9e7c8081f340cda17248dea9963089.pdf

*He is not here; he has risen!
Remember how he told you, while he
was still with you in Galilee:*

Luke 24:6

Church & Committee News

Senior Luncheon

At Channahon UMC

Wednesday - April 5th @ 11:30am

Suggested Meal Donation is \$4 per person

Reservations are requested by before **April 3rd**
call **815-726-0094** ext 322
(Please note **NEW NUMBER!**)

April Menu:

Rotisserie chicken, garlic/rosemary baby russet potatoes, corn, cantaloupe wedge. Dessert provided by the women of CUMC.

Please Note:

Senior Luncheon will continue to be held on the **FIRST**
Wednesday of each month (Except in November.)

April Mission Offering



Our April Communion Mission Offering will be going to the United Methodist Global Committee on Relief; also known as **UMCOR**...

This committee directs mission work of the Church for Missionaries and those needing disaster relief.

They reach out to provide relief in 5 core areas: Hunger, Health, Refugees, Emergencies, and Relief Supplies.

UMCOR has served people in almost 100 countries around the world. 100 percent of all donations are channeled directly to the chosen projects or relief efforts. Very little advertising is done by this Committee to help deter cost of it's operation.

Checks can be made payable to **CUMC**

Memo: **UMCOR**

A Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show

Saturday, May 6th
1:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Fashions brought to you from our very own CUMC Ladies Aid Thrift Shop!

More details to come!
So Save the Date!

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

Spring Food Drive



Bags distributed on 4/23
Collection is Apr. 30 going to Minooka Bible Church Food Pantry



Will meet April 8th

The Men of the church meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:45am
at Grandma's Pancake House ~ 669 Minooka Rd. - Minooka
All men, (high school and older) are invited!

John
11:25-26 (niv)

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'

Community Blood Drive

at Minooka Village Hall

121 E. McEvelly Rd (Community Room)

Saturday, April 1st ~ 7:30am to 12n

Sponsored by St. Mary's and St. Ann's Knights of Columbus

Please call Ron 815-467-6916

to schedule your preferred donation time
or sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org

Walk-Ins are welcome ~ Appointments are preferred!

A Photo ID is required and eat a good meal before donating.



And Alive

An active community group of men & women 55 and older!

The **55 & Alive** group will be heading to the **Morris Theater** on Thursday, April 6th to see "**Zoo Keepers Wife**" We will have lunch @ 2:30 at "R" Place before the movie. Please call the church office or contact Sharon Hedgren - Hedgren@comcast.net to RSVP if you would like to join us so we can make the appropriate restaurant reservations.

Please Remember



No open containers of food and beverages in the Sanctuary and Hoverboards are **NOT** allowed anywhere on the church property!

Remember to



April 4
Municipal Election



Card Ministry

We now have cards available in the narthex to be sent to those members who are ill/hospitalized or have lost loved ones. Please take a few moments to sign the cards as an expression of your love and concern for those in need. Receiving a card will fill them with hope and comfort.

Meals that Heal

If you would like to volunteer to make a meal occasionally for members of our congregation who are ill or just returning from the hospital, your efforts will be greatly appreciated. For this program to continue to be successful, additional volunteers would be helpful. If you are interested, please call Char Musser at 815-302-2791 or Kayla Wendel at 815-973-8072.

Also, sign-up sheets will be available at the Nurturing bulletin board located near the kitchen.

Thank you for your support.

Kayla Wendel /Nurturing Team -chair

A Parade of Quilts
March 31 & April 1, 2017
9am to 4pm both days
Channahon United Methodist Church
24751 W. Eames St. (Route 6)
Channahon, IL
Quilts, Vendors, Raffles, Lunch, Boutique
\$5.00 entrance fee
Presented by:
Pieces From The Heart
QUILT GUILD MORRIS, IL

St. Baldrick's Foundation in Channahon!!

at Skateland -25334 Eames on April 22nd
Doors will open at 6:30pm
Registration is needed to Shave Your Way
stbaldrics.org or call 888-899-BALD



From the desks of our
Director of Christian Formation
Brittany Alcantar



I&M Canal Trail Spring Clean Up
Saturday, April 22nd - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



The historic and beautiful I&M Canal Trail needs our help. Before the trees, plants and flowers bloom; before the hikers and bikers take to the path, help is needed to clean it up. In partnership with the Channahon Park District and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Channahon UMC has once again agreed to help clean up a section of the trail. This will be the 5th year our church has participated in this project. This an event for all ages - anyone interested in joining this effort, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy closed toe shoes.

We will meet at the corner of South Tryon Street and West McMillin Drive at 9 a.m. and set out from there. We have 1 ½ mile section of the canal from Milepost 42 to Knapp Street.

Any questions, please contact Brittany Alcantar in the church office at (815) 467-5275 ext 11 or email at director@channahonumc.org

Fun Facts:

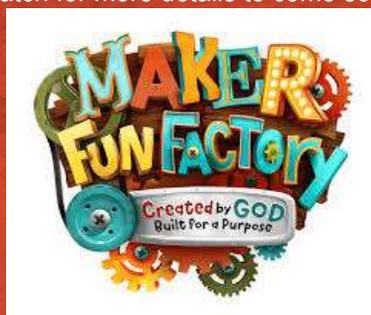
- For every hour of volunteer work done on the canal, the I & M Canal receives \$24.74 in additional funding from the National Park Service for helping on this particular day.
- All who participate on this date, will be given an opportunity to take a ride on the Canal Boat located in LaSalle between May 5th – 7th.

Vacation Bible School

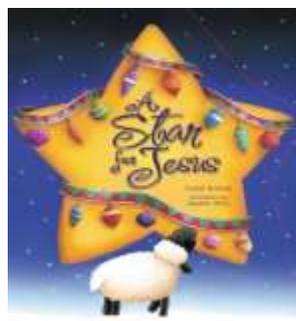
July 23 - 27, 2017

Mark your calendar for that week and plan to participate as a volunteer

Watch for more details to come soon!



Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God and sparking their creativity!



Levi Ridenour

Our Star for Jesus

this month is **Levi Ridenour**

His friends and family call him "Levi"
He is 5 years old and is born on May 15th.

Some of his favorite things:

Color:	Red
Game:	Deadpool
Food:	Chinese
Animal:	Cat
Movie:	"Deadpool"

His friends & teachers at church say he is funny and helpful.
We love having him as a part of our church family.

Be sure to introduce yourself to our friend Levi if you see him at church. You just might make a new friend!

Education Team Update



and



Jr High and Sr High Youth: The Youth are invited for an **OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN** on Easter Eve following our Family Movie Night - Please sign up with Brittany! They Youth are also invited to participate as a group for the I&M Community Clean on April 22nd. **Volunteers are needed (in Shifts if you are not able to say all night!)** - See the sign up in the Narthex.

Elementary: The children are invited to participate in the Procession of the Palms on Palm Sunday - April 9th. Please arrive by 8:40am in the Education Wing to prepare for worship. Palm Sunday - Sunday School will be in their classrooms as normal from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. On Easter Sunday - Sunday School they will be participating in a craft and then escorted outdoors to place a flower on the Living Cross and join in an Easter Egg Hunt with their class. Please have your child bring a flower(s) for the Living Cross that day. Please bring your children to their classroom for Sunday School!

Items & Help is Needed - Education Team is requesting donations of peanut free candy, stickers, little toys for stuffing the Easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. A labeled basket for donations is on the side table in the Narthex for the donations. We will need the donations in by Sunday, April 9th so we can get the eggs ready!

Also, we will be hosting a **Family Movie Night Sat April 15th** for all ages. Adults in Sanctuary, Jr High/Sr. High Youth in Education Wing, younger kids in Fellowship Hall. We will need volunteers to help for this event. **A volunteer sign up is in the Narthex.**

Thank you for helping us build a foundation of faith for our children!

Good Friday CROSS WALK

We will be joining St. Ann's, St. Mary's, Resurrection Lutheran, Plattville Lutheran, and Minooka UMC in a 7 station Chanooka Community Crosswalk at Lyons Park starting at 10am. Bring the whole family including your four legged friends and worship with us as we remember the walk Jesus took that day.



Easter Lily & Hyacinth Plants

The Easter Lily symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, Christians decorate their churches and homes with this beautiful white flower for Easter .

Please consider purchasing a plant to be dedicated in honor or in memory of loved ones or families and to decorate our sanctuary for the Easter Season and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus.

Order forms can be found in the narthex and in the church bulletins.

Please order by April 9th.



The Prayer Blanket Ministry would like to thank the United Methodist Women and Ruth Circle's pillow fund for the extremely generous donations. The blankets bring warmth, love, and our prayers to people who need comfort and the feeling that others care and are praying for them.

Sharon Hedgren & Shirley Koscik.

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

Thank You

Thank you everyone who supported, volunteers, served at the Annual Antique Fair this year. please see this insert in this month's Circuit Rider issue for more details. **Vickie Breen**

Thank you so very much to our amazing and wonderful church family for your prayers, cards and meals while Vearl and I both were tag-teaming it in the hospital. We are slowly getting stronger. Thank you so much. **Keith Clower & Vearl Keeton**

To everyone at ChannahonUMC - Please accept my sincere thank you for the beautiful prayer blanket. It was very humbling to receive this and know all of the effort and prayers that went into its making. A special thank you for Carol & Everett Holt for bringing it to me... Thank you and God bless each of you. **Bob Guess**

Our Deepest Sympathy

Prayers for Janet Robb and her family of the death of her nephew Joe Schults.

Lamentations 3:21-23

*Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed. For his compassions never fail.*

Memorial & Celebration of Life

There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Darwin Sneed at the church on April 8th at 11am with a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the service. Dee invites her church family on this day.

Donna Szoke is coordinating the volunteers and the lunch menu. If you are able to help setup/serve/clean up and or make a dish to share, please contact the **Donna Szoke at 815-467-2165**.

CUMC 55 & Alive group had the opportunity to serve together at the Northern IL Food Bank in Geneva IL in February. They packed 980 pounds of Mini Wheats Cereal that will provide 816 meals for hungry neighbors in Northern IL



April 2017

Worship Service Volunteers

Church Ambassador: Tammy Self
Counters: Vickie Breen & Mike Geldean

Communion Servers

April 2nd - Sharon & Sonny Hedgren, Sandy & Stan Yenerich, Vickie Breen

April 16th - Easter Sunday

9:00am -

10:30am - Sonny & Sharon Hedgren, Stan & Sandy Yenerich

New responsibilities of the Liturgist/Worship Ambassador:

*Call to Announcements, Lead Call to Worship, Reading of Joys and Concerns,
 Reading of Scriptures, assisting with the blessing of the offering,
 and serving Communion (on Communion Sunday)*

	<u>April 2</u>	<u>April 9</u>	<u>April 16</u> 9am & 10:30am	<u>April 23</u>	<u>April 30</u>
Greeters		Kobe Family	Ray & Dawn Brick	Lou McCoy & Donna Buckley	Jackie Goggins
Liturgists	Vickie Breen	Ron Lehman	9a Char Musser 10:30a Donna Buckley	Phil Hughes	Donna Buckley
A/V 9am	Tim Taylor & Justin Prokop	Mark Lindstrom & Anita Young	9a -Mike Geldean & Steve Olson 10:30a Connor & Ryan McKay	Anita Young & Justin Prokop	Mark Lindstrom & Tim Taylor

April Birthdays

- 4/1 Doug Downing
Matthew Sergeant
- 4/2 Steve Boyer
Nick Olson
Scarlet Tupa
- 4/6 Travis White
- 4/8 Laurie Knott
- 4/10 Bonnie Buckingham
Mary Frederick
Kyle Kobe
- 4/11 Wilson Young
- 4/15 Bob Hargis
- 4/18 Deanna Meadows
- 4/19 Rachel Kulisek
- 4/21 Chris Kobe
- 4/23 Ray Brick
Lisa McMurtry
- 4/25 Nancy Geldean
- 4/27 Anika Platt
- 4/28 Gary Cogdal
Brenda Gear
- 4/29 Stan Yenerich

April Anniversaries

- Apr 5 John & Emily Sergeant
- Apr 7 Mike & Laura Finney
- Apr 23 Kris & Todd Hayden

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 calendar, please contact the church office @ 815-467-5275 or email: Office@channahonumc.org



Have you been thinking of making more time for prayer????

A group will meet in the Narthex for dedicated prayer on Wednesday mornings at 8:45am to 9:15am.

Check the church website calendar to confirm the meeting schedule for the IGP -Prayer Circle!

Meeting dates subject o change as needed!

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Please note our new email addresses.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We currently offer ONE service at 9:00am

Worship:	9:00am
Coffee Fellowship	10:15am
Sunday School	10:30am

Sunday School is offered for all ages



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