

# Circuit *Rider*

NEWSLETTER OF:  
**CHANNAHON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Our mission is to create disciples who nourish faith and work in ministering to the community.

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*Crosstalk* Pastor Tim Casey

## At a Glance

- 8-2 - Senior Luncheon
- 8-12 - Men's Breakfast
- 8-13 - Blessing of Backpacks  
and New Drivers
- 8-20 - Outdoor Worship  
and Pet Blessing
- 8-27 - New Member's Class

## The Power of the Past

"So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Jesus, Matthew 5:23-24)

"Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Paul, Philippians 3:12-14).

The two scriptures referenced above demonstrate the way in which Jesus and Paul regarded the past. Both men knew how powerful the past can be. This was especially true for two men who grew up Jewish in an occupied homeland. They knew the stories of former glory when Israel was an independent free country. They are the children of Abraham, God's chosen people. The Romans were never subtle about the way they ruled their countries. Jewish men and women had the indignity of their national and religious captivity flaunted before them.

They also saw how personal pride had turned their religion into mere legalism. Their religious leaders were corrupt and more concerned about their power than their responsibility to the people at large. The poor, the afflicted, the ostracized, the oppressed, and the lost were relegated to the margins instead of given paths of redemption. There was a need for repentance, forgiveness, redemption, humility and healing but the powers that be would have none of it. Then came Jesus and Paul.

Jesus was opposed on every side. Jesus had disciples who seem to want to meet only the minimum requirements for faith. I'm sure Peter thought he was being generous when he suggested to Jesus that a person be forgiven at least "seven times." Jesus said, "not seven times, but seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18:22). Besides this, the chief priests (who were actually appointed by the Roman government) were always sending people to trip him up.

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Whether you are new to Channahon UMC or have been coming for many years -

We invite you to consider becoming a member and joining the CUMC Church Family.

There will be a short informative class on **Sunday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am -12n** and recognition of New Members will be on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please call the church office or sign the New Members list located in the Narthex.

### CrossTalk continued ...

Finally, one of his disciples betrayed him, his own religious leaders falsely accused him, and the government crucified him.

Jesus never broke the law, hurt another person, or committed a sin. He would have been justified in calling down God's own thunder against those who persecuted him. Instead, from the cross Jesus cried, "Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34). How did Jesus deal with the past? He forgave. He has called us to do the same thing.

Paul also had his share of difficulties but the passage in Philippians isn't about his opposition. It is about his success. Before Paul became a Christian, he was a big deal. The apostle said, "If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless" (Philippians 3:4-6). As a Christian leader, he was an apostle, a friend and colleague to the first apostles, the founder of many local churches, and a Roman citizen. Paul writes, "But whatever former things were gains to me [as I thought then], these things [once regarded as advancements in merit] I have come to consider as loss [absolutely worthless] for the sake of Christ [and the purpose which He has given my life] (Philippians 3:7; Amplified Version).

How do you regard your past? Are you able to forgive those crimes committed against you just as God forgave you for the crimes you committed against God? Are you striving forward toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus or are you resting on your past success?

I am not suggesting that when our souls are wounded by someone who should know better that we can simply shrug our shoulders and go forward. Some sins are like mountains and to forgive seems impossible. We, however, serve the God who can move mountains and to make possible the impossible. Nor am I suggesting that one's past accomplishments are unimportant. What we do, we do to the glory of God. Humility has its own rewards and is an attitude greatly embraced by God and demonstrated by Jesus.

My point is this, one's past can interfere with one's future. Unresolved anger and emotional pain can become bitterness. Forgiveness releases our souls from the captivity of bitterness. It isn't always easy. There are some people that have required from me lots of prayer and even counseling to forgive. You can trust the sufficiency of God's grace to give you the strength and the tools to forgive.

Arrogance and pride can create spiritual blinders to the value of humility and graciousness. Confidence in oneself is important to one's self-esteem. I meet people all the time to think little of themselves because they have not accomplished what others have. And sometimes they are made to feel that way because the people who have accomplished "big things" look down on them. The Scriptures warn us not "to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think" (Romans 12:3). Remember, whatever we do that is of any merit, we can glory of God.

God bless you.

*Pastor Tim*



**We Welcome  
Nikki Young  
Our Summer Intern**

We are happy to introduce to you, our summer intern, Nikki Young. One of the goals for 2017 is to research and establish our vision as a community of faith within the larger community of Channahon. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, and for the next few weeks, Nikki will be contacting and interviewing people in our congregation. Her purpose is to gather information that will help us determine our vision for Channahon UMC.

#### ***A little bit about Nikki :***

"After graduating from North Central College with a degree in English Writing and Sociology, Nikki continued on to Boston University School of Theology to pursue her Masters of Divinity. She is currently pursuing ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. Her interests include studying Trauma and Critical Race Theory as well as drinking unhealthy amounts of coffee. As a Plainfield native, Nikki is thrilled for the opportunity to serve close to home this summer in such a friendly congregation."

# Church & Committee News



**Annual Church Picnic**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> on Renewal Sunday**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
*More details to come!*

## **Hebrews 13:21**

*May He equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him. All glory to Him forever and ever! Amen.*



## **August Mission Offering –**

Our Communion Sunday Mission Offering will support the mission of the Wesley Foundation at Northern Illinois University is to bring the excitement of life with Christ to the Northern Illinois University community. Campus ministry at NIU is to develop faith and safe community in NIU as Wesley Foundation every semester. This faith community in NIU supports and encourages students to be connected each other, to grow in faith, and to be leaders for the world that we want to transform.



## **Lots Happening on September 10<sup>th</sup>**

This will be our Fall Renewal Sunday

We are excited to announce a 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service is in it's final planning stages and to kick off on this day!

Sunday School will Resume this day with registration, meet our leaders and a celebration!

A Church Picnic is planned for the afternoon.  
More details to come.



**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 to change as needed!*

## **Café Worship**



**Starting**  
**Sept 10, 2017 - 10:45am**  
Channahon United Methodist Church

*Illustration by Nancy Simpson*

Our **NEW Café Worship** (2<sup>nd</sup> Service) will begin on Sunday, September 10. It will take place in our Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:45am and lasting approximately 1 hour. **Café Worship** is worship in a casual setting while sitting at tables and sharing coffee. Worship will include a blend of praise songs and inspiring videos as we share Gods word. The Message will encompass an interactive dialog with attendees, allowing the opportunity to share their own thoughts during this time. Children's Sunday School, (Pre-school – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) will continue to take place in the Education Wing during this time. Fellowship Hour will continue in the Narthex when the worship begins.



At Channahon UMC  
Wednesday – August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
@ 11:30am

Suggested Meal Donation is \$4 per person

Reservations are requested by the Monday prior  
call 815-726-0094 ext 322

**August Menu:** *Glazed Ham, baby potatoes,  
peas/carrots, fruit & dessert*

**Please Note:**

Senior Luncheon will continue to be held on the  
**FIRST Wednesday of each month**  
(*Except in November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday*)

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Blessing  
of the  
Animals**



**And Outdoor Worship**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

**This is a perfect opportunity to invite family  
and friends to church**

**Bring your pets or a picture of your pet to  
church to be blessed!**

*Invitation postcards are available in the Narthex*

**DON'T FORGET YOUR FAVORITE  
LAWN CHAIR**

We need help on **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** to set  
up the big tent and get things ready for our **OUTDOOR**  
worship – Anyone available – we could use your help!



**Meets August 12<sup>th</sup>**

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



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

The **55 & Alive** group is planning to attend the “The  
Road Crew, American’s Rt. 66 Band’ concert at the  
**Joliet Rialto on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.**

If you are interested please let Sharon Hedgren  
know before July 30<sup>th</sup> !

She will be purchasing the tickets as a group on 7/31  
\$20 (*You can pay her when you see her*)

We will be going to dinner at 5:15 at the new Wild  
Horse’ Restaurant in Joliet, on W. Jefferson  
After July 31<sup>st</sup>, anyone can purchase their own tickets  
but you may not be seated with the group.

Call Sharon H. by July 30<sup>th</sup> - **815-521-9032**  
to order your ticket(s)



Outreach Team has scheduled CUMC to serve  
dinner at DayBreak Shelter on

**Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Meet in church parking lot @ 6pm to carpool!*

A donation list and volunteer sign up will be  
in the Narthex soon.

*Ephesians 5:15-16*

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*

Anyone is invited to come show your car  
or truck - \$25 Fee  
*No advance registration needed.*

Everyone is invited to come for the day!  
**FREE ADMISSION!**

**Volunteers are needed that day!**  
Please call the church office  
or See Pixie Koenig for more information  
*if you can help with Raffles, Concessions,  
Traffic flow, etc.*

**Matthew 25:21**

*His master said to him, 'Well done, good and  
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a  
few things, I will put you in charge of many things;  
enter into the joy of your master.'*

September 9th  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
'Cruisin' for Logan' Car Show  
9-3pm  
United Methodist Church  
24751 W. Eames  
Channahon, IL  
Dash Plaques  
Goody Bags  
HUGE RAFFLE PRIZES  
AWARDS  
Top 25  
Best Car\*Best Truck  
\*\*LUNCH will be available!!  
I LOVE SOMEONE  
WITH AUTISM

**Calling all  
CRAFTERS & VENDORS!**

We are planning a

**RED SLED**  
*Holiday Bazaar*

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
9am – 2pm

Vendor Registrations are now being accepted!  
You can find them online or in the Narthex.



A Summer Farmers' Market Table will be  
in Fellowship Hall for a few weeks for  
those *mass-producing* gardens.  
Bring in your excess fruits and veggies –  
This will be a FREE-WILL offering that  
will be used for the Annual Church Picnic  
on September 10<sup>th</sup>.



Outreach has designed  
Polo shirts and T-shirts with a CUMC Logo  
This is a great idea for Church Events!  
They will be selling shirts beginning June 4<sup>th</sup>  
*In Fellowship Hall after service.*

**\$20 – T-shirts (Adult Small – 2x)**  
**\$30 – Polo Shirt w/collar (Adult Small – 2x)**

Shirts are still available – Please call the church office  
if you would like to purchase one!!

**Donation Central**

Outreach is collecting several things for the community  
*Gently used shoes, snacks, books, magazines, toiletries,  
and more...*

Check out **'Donation Central'** located in the Narthex  
and see how you can help!

## Weight Watchers is here!!

Weight Watchers now offers meetings at  
Channahon United Methodist Church  
Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm  
Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.

Is it time for you to take care of your health?  
Come visit a meeting for **FREE** and if you join you  
will receive a **FREE** box of snack bars.



## Midwest Mission



Distribution Center

**CHATHAM, IL MISSION TRIP**

**Nov. 26-29, 2017**

**Cost is \$124pp**

Sign-up in the Narthex to be included  
in the info/meeting detail emails!

**See Elena Warren or call the church  
office for more information.**

## United Methodist Women/Faith-Hope-Love in Action



### August Shop Dates

Wednesday	Aug 2	- 11a - 12p	
			<i>Senior Luncheon</i>
Thursday	Aug 3	- 10a - 2p	
Sunday	Aug 6	- 10a - 11a	
Monday	Aug 7	- 6p - 8p	
Thursday	Aug 17	- 10a - 2p	
Monday	Aug 21	- 6p - 8p	10¢ Sale
Thursday	Aug 31	- 10a - 2p	10¢ Sale

**Thrift Shop will be closed Sept 1<sup>st</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> for the  
Holiday and Restocking**

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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the  
month at 10am for shopping convenience to our  
church family and friends.*

**No UMW  
Circle meetings  
in August**

*Circle Meetings will resume  
in September*

## UMW NEWS

### Thank You

Thank you for helping us collect travel-size toiletries for our PURSE  
ministry. We are anxious to get started filling the purses!

Thanks to the ladies from Circle of Hope and the other circles for a  
successful Father's Day Brunch that was held on June 18th to  
celebrate the men of our church.

**Annual UMW Meeting** is September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lockport 1<sup>st</sup> UMC.

**UMW 'Fall Auction'** - October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00p - 3:00pm. Mark your  
calendar!!! More info to follow soon!

Aurora district UMW are looking for women to serve on:  
Nominations - Vice President - Spiritual

**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.

**If you are on Instagram... Be sure to follow UM Women**  
online [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

*Colossians 4:5-6 (CEV)*

*When you are with unbelievers, always make good use of the  
time. Be pleasant and hold their interest when you speak the  
message. Choose your words carefully and be ready to give  
truthful answers to anyone who asks questions.*

**From the desks of our  
Director of Christian Formation & Choir Director  
Brittany Alcantar**



**Night at the RACES**

Stay tuned.....  
Details will be out soon!!!!!!

**Musicians & Vocalists Still Needed!**



As the Summer comes to a close very soon, there are still a few Sundays that are available for Special Music before our Wonderful Choir returns on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you are able to provide special music for any remaining Sunday – Please sign the sheet in the Narthex!

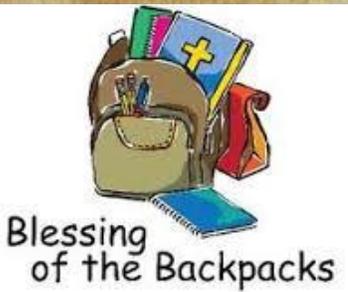
Looking for Singers & Instrumentalists alike,  
Please contact Brittany Alcantar or call the church office  
with any questions!!

**[BALCANTAR24@gmail.com](mailto:BALCANTAR24@gmail.com) or 815-603-9851**

*Want to perform a song and need  
additional help or musicians that's fine too....  
We can work something out together!*

**Proverbs 22:6**

*Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it.*



**And NEW DRIVERS...**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**

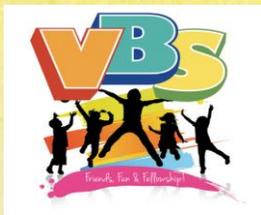
**Start the new Fall School Season with  
a Blessing**

**Bring your backpack, brief case, satchel, car keys  
and/ or driver's license to be blessed during our  
9am worship Service!!**



We had a great Vacation Bible School Week and we are so grateful for all our volunteers that came out all week! And thank you to the parents for sharing their children with us as we learned of God's love for us!





# PHOTO GALLERY!



Look for more VBS pictures on our website and FB page



## Education Team Update



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**Thank You :** A very big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Children's Summer Sunday School and our VBS this year!! – *We are so very grateful for your time, talent and love for the children.*

**Jr High and Sr High Youth:** The Youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) will continue to have events planned beginning in the Fall. So stay tuned and watch for details!

**Elementary:** Summer Sunday School ends August 27<sup>th</sup> – No Sunday School September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Our Fall Sunday School Kick Off is on Renewal Sunday – September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

*This will be the time for registration, meet and greet our leaders and to join the celebration at our Church Picnic.*

**If you would like to serve as a Sunday School leader or helper, please talk to Brittany!**  
Brittany Alcantar - [balcantar24@gmail.com](mailto:balcantar24@gmail.com)

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

## Thank You

Thank you to all of my friends for remembering me with a card on my birthday signed by so many! My church and your friendship have been a joy to me for many years. Thank you so much. **Lois Nickel**

Thank you for the beautiful prayer blanket. I love it! Thank you also for all of your prayers. I'm doing much better. The good Lord was with me and carried me through. **Kathy Frey**

Thank you for the prayer blanket for my sister Corrine Myer. She and her nurses really loved it. Thank you for all your prayers for her. **Leo Markel**

I could not thank you enough for the many prayers of concern and healing following my recent back surgery. The prayers, love, beautiful cards, delicious meals and the lovely prayer blanket all deeply moved my heart. We reap what we sow and I pray God's blessings on each of you. I am mending slowly. **Cindy (&Jon) Larson**

### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

Prayers for Leo Markel and family on the death of his sister Corrine Myer, in Cleveland, OH

Prayers for Steve & Linda Olson and their family on the death of Steve's mother, in IA.

Prayers for Jack & Vickie Breen and their family on the death of their sister-in-law Louise, in PA.

Prayers for Joan Bertram on the death of her mother.

Prayers for Pastor Tim, Becky and their family on the death of Tim's Uncle in Wisc.

Prayers for Patti Kelly and her family on the death of her mother, Kay Nero.

#### **John 14:1-2**

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?"*

Celebrating a special occasion?  
Honoring a loved one?



With Gardens in bloom all around - if you are celebrating a milestone, or would like to honor a loved one or the memory of one, Altar Flower arrangements are a beautiful way to do just that, as well as decorate our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Dedications can be printed in the Sunday Bulletin.

**Call the church office 815-467-5275**



CUMC still participates in the Paper Recycling fundraising - located in the SE corner of our parking lot –  
The Dropbox Accepts:

**NEWSPAPERS - CATALOGS  
OFFICE PAPER - SCHOOL PAPER  
MAGAZINES - JUNK MAIL  
PAPER FOLDERS - NOTEBOOKS**

### **Families of Faith Church**

of Channahon - 24466 W Eames St.  
offers ELECTRONIC RECYCLING  
The 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.  
Call their church office (815) 521-1381  
for more information!

## Donation Central

Be sure to stop by the OUTREACH  
Collection Center in the Narthex

Here you will find several items being  
collected for local charity organizations:

**Gently used shoes - Toiletries and more  
Snacks & Drinks - Books & Magazines**

### **Nurturing's Care Card Ministry**

Please take a moment to stop by the  
Care Card desk in the Narthex on  
Sunday Mornings to sign the cards  
going out with prayers!



*Philippians 2:3*

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.*

# August 2017 Worship Service Volunteers

**Church Ambassador:** Witness Team  
**Counters:** Wilson Young & Jim Waller

## Communion Servers

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** - Janet Rob, Tammy Self, Barb Powell, Lana Stafford, Dottie Priddy(L)

### 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 assist with serving Communion (on Communion Sunday)*

	<u>Aug 6</u>	<u>Aug 13</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Aug 27</u>
<b>Greeters</b>	Ron & MaryAnn Lehman	The Platt Family	Tammy Self	Dawn & Ray Brick
<b>Liturgists</b>	Elena Warren	Amanda Francisco	Barb Powell	Mike Geldean
<b>A/V</b>	Anita Young & Mike Geldean	Connor & Ryan McKay	Tim Taylor & Steve Olson	Mark Lindstrom & Justin Prokop

## August Anniversaries

8/3 Gary & Joan Cogdal  
 8/5 Jim & Joan Waller  
 8/10 Ron & Norman Crenshaw  
 8/15 Steve & Cindy Boyer  
 8/19 Dom & Sandy Fodero  
 8/30 Steve & Marcia Kezerle  
 Chris & Christy Ridenour  
 8/31 Dave & Lisa 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 calendar, please contact the church office @ 815-467-5275 or email: [Office@channahonumc.org](mailto:Office@channahonumc.org)*

## August Birthdays

8/2 Barb Seehafer	Nicoderm Hargis
8/3 Joan Waller	8/13 Cassie Crenshaw
8/5 Tammy Platt	Kathy Leatherwood
8/7 Georgia Johnson	Mary Ann Lehman
8/8 Hayden Kulosek	8/16 Mike O'Brien
Micki Thompson	Susan Schuler
8/9 Nancy Allen	8/18 Laura Finney
Emma Jones	8/21 Janet Mitchell
Nick Pappas	8/22 Wendy Hoffman
8/10 Lindsey Barrett	8/25 Elena Warren
Tom Leatherwood	8/27 Cassie Blazekovich
Amelia Prokop	Dave McMurtry
8/12 Barbara Bush	8/30 Tom Koscik



### ***Be Alert:***

*Most of the area schools start back Mid -August!.*

Please pray for the students, teachers, staff and families!



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**We currently offer ONE service at 9:00am**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Service at 10:45am to begin on September 10<sup>th</sup>*

<b>Worship:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	<b>10:15am</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:30am</b>

*Sunday School is offered for children 3yr – 12<sup>th</sup> grade*

*Begins September 10<sup>th</sup> (registration day)*

*Children's Summer Sunday School through Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 9:15-10am*

*No Sunday School September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017*



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