

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

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NEWSLETTER OF:
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CUMC
Crosstalk 
Pastor Tim Casey

Change....

Whenever a new pastor shows up, people get a little nervous. What is he/she going to change? Perhaps we can recapture our former glory (which may or may not have existed). Perhaps she/he will be very charismatic and our church will grow like never before. Maybe we can start that special ministry to rabbits we've always wanted. Of course, there are always some who are scared to death that the new pastor is going to change THEIR church.

Perhaps it will be a great comfort to you to know that I want what all of you want. I want our church to be a place where we can be disciples and make disciples for Jesus Christ. I want dynamic, meaningful worship of God. I want a program for children where they can feel safe and learn about Jesus. I want a youth group where there's lots of laughter, depth, and personal transformation. I want education for adults who want a stronger relationship with God. I want healing and personal growth. I want ministries that raise the quality of life for our neighbors near and far. I want to know how to love my neighbor. I want to be a community of faith that reaches out with love, acceptance, and understanding. I know this list could go on and on but I think you understand.

So what do I plan to change? Nothing. Many have come to me over the past few weeks to share ideas and needs. I have heard about children's ministry, youth ministry, worship services, nurturing ministry, witness ministry, Bible studies, technology, prayer ministry, leadership training, mission trips, and more. I love it! Your desire to strengthen, rebuild, or begin any ministry is exciting and I want to be a part of it. The good news is that we can do it! I, however, cannot do it for you. I won't even try. I can arrange training, do Bible studies, put together meaningful worship, point you to resources, pray for you, love you, and share my ideas but I cannot do what we are ALL called to do together. We are a community!

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Calendar Highlights

- 3/1 - Ash Wednesday Service
Senior Luncheon
- 3/3 - UMW Sponsored World Day
of Prayer and Breakfast
- 3/10 & 11 - Annual Antique Fair
- 3/18 - Youth Group/Sky Zone
- 3/25 - JAZZ Night
- 3/31 - 4/1 - Quilt Show

PLEASE NOTE:

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS - March 12th



Time to
Spring Ahead

We have so much for which to be thankful. We have a great staff! Brittany, Kris, Laurie, Barb, Stephanie, Mickie and Matthew are extraordinary! We have a great facility! We have plenty of room to grow and to provide wonderful, creative ministry. We are people who get it. I have met so many who understand the love of God, service to others, and self denial. So many of you are already doing amazing ministry. It is our gratitude and faithfulness to God that will propel us into the future.

Most of all, like you, I want to do the will of God. As your pastor, through the grace and guidance of God, I will do my job. Sometimes, I will do my job as if I have experience and wisdom. Most of the time, I will be a disciple, along with you, who has a lot to learn. I want to make the words of the apostle Paul my words, "Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 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" (Philippians 3:12-14). I believe the God of possibilities has great things in store for us. We can be anticipating these great things together.

Peace,

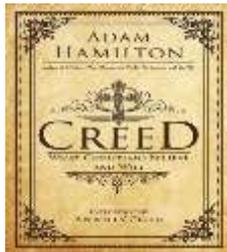
Pastor Tim



March 1st

You are invited to worship with us for our special
Ash Wednesday Service
on Wednesday, March 1st at 7pm in our sanctuary.
It will feature music, a message, meditation,
communion, and the imposition of ashes as together we
begin our journey into the season of Lent.

Lenten Adult Book Study



6 WEEK Study

Sunday Mornings at 10:30am - room 144
Beginning March 5th - ending Apr 9th
Facilitated by Becky Casey

Wednesday Evenings at 7pm - room 144
Beginning March 8th - ending April 12th
Facilitated by Pastor Tim
Study Books available in the Narthex

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Looking Ahead to EASTER!!

Palm Sunday - April 9th

Children are invited for the procession of the palms!

Holy Week:

Seder Meal Experience - April 13th
Good Friday Walk & Service - April 14th
Easter Eve Movie Night - April 15th

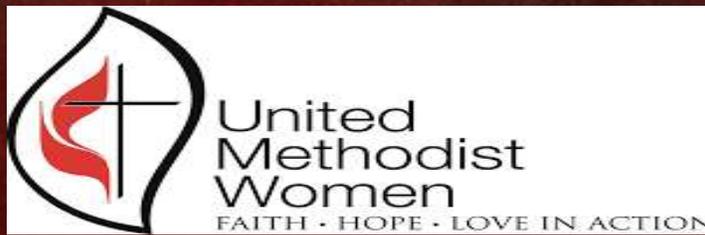
EASTER SUNDAY - April 16th

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*



Easter Lily and Hyacinth order forms
will be available March 5th Please consider
purchasing a plant to help decorate our
sanctuary for our Easter Celebration.



Ruth Circle
Mar 13 @ 10am
@ churc

Rachel Circle
Mar 14 - 6p
@ C. Taylor

Hannah Jessup
Mar 21 - 6:30p
@ A. Young

UMW
Circles

Circle of Hope
Mar 9- 7pm
@ K. Leatherwood

Ladies Aid
Mar 2 @ 9a
In Thrift Shop

UMW NEWS

Baptism Responsibilities: We wanted to update circles on the responsibilities for baptisms in our services. In January 2016 the Leadership Team agreed to the following:

The decision was made to have one contact person from each circle and that person would ask for help as needed. Each circle will have 3 months during the year. If you get the call about a baptism, you would see that the baptismal font is set up with the bowl the family chooses. You would also need to have a candle on the baptismal font. A bag will be provided to the family for carrying things home (a reusable bag from the "dollar store"). In this bag would be the baptismal certificate, baby blanket, and the card from UMW stating a "gift to mission" has been given in their honor. Also in the bag are a handkerchief made by Lana Stafford and the bowl wrapped for the family after the service. If you are called to do a baptism, supplies used should be replenished- (bowl & bag) the bowls are purchased at Home Goods.

The schedule for circles is as follows:

January-Rachel Circle (Cherri Taylor)
February-Ruth Circle
March-Circle of Hope
April-Hannah Jessup
May-Rachel Circle (Cherri Taylor)
June-Ruth Circle
July-Circle of Hope
August-Hannah Jessup
September-Rachel Circle (Cherri T.)
October-Ruth Circle
November-Circle of Hope
December-Hannah Jessup

PLEDGES

Don't forget to turn your 2017 pledges into Anita Young. Please consider giving a pledge to UMW. Pledging helps us to keep having fundraisers to a minimum. If you have any questions regarding pledging please see Lana Stafford or Lisa McMurtry.

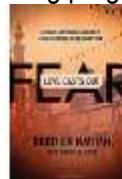
More UMW NEWS

World Day of Prayer

UMW will be holding a Prayer Breakfast on March 3, 2017 from 9:00-10:30. If you would like to attend, please let Lana Stafford know at lantwin@sbcglobal.net or 815-483-3796. We are asking that you bring a breakfast item to share.

UMW Reading Program

Looking for a great book to read? Check out the UMW Reading Program at <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/resources>. We will be highlighting books from the reading program each month.



LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR

A Jihad Survivor's Journey from Revenge to Redemption
Brother Nathan and David Culross Baker Books (2015) 192 pages Kindle \$10.49 unitedmethodistwomen.org/astore As a boy in Egypt, Brother Nathan witnessed an unthinkable attack on his father, a Christian pastor in a Muslim-majority country. Love Casts Out Fear tells a gripping, true story of danger, overwhelming anger and forgiveness that is beyond comprehension. Through Nathan's experiences in his beloved homeland, you'll see firsthand the joys and difficulties Christians face in the persecuted Middle Eastern church. You will marvel at God's ability to change hearts and care for those who follow the call.

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

UM Green Fair ~ The Northern Illinois Conference's Task Force on Sustainability/Ecojustice is hosting a series of FREE Green Fairs. Saturday, March 11th 9 am-12 noon at Suburban West Chicago at First UMC (643 E. Washington Street, West Chicago, IL 60185)

Register online - **REGISTER HERE**

Come join us for the resources and stories to allow your congregation to grow GREEN!
Bring a Green Team – 2-5 people is perfect!

UMW NEWS
Continued



Friday, March 3rd

Channahon United Methodist Women

invites our church and community to a

World Day of Prayer Breakfast

9:00^{am} to 11:100^{am}

Channahon United Methodist Church

24751 W. Eames (Rt.6) ~ Channahon

ENJOY 'Prayer and Breakfast shared together!'

To RSVP for the Breakfast

*Please call the church office
or sign up in Fellowship Hall!*



March Shop Dates

Wednesday	Mar 1 st	- 11a - 12:30p
		<i>Senior Luncheon</i>
Thursday	Mar 2 nd	- 10a - 2p
Sunday	Mar 5 th	- 10a - 11a
Monday	Mar 6 th	- 6p - 8p
Thursday	Mar 16 th	- 10a - 2p
Monday	Mar 20 th	- 6p - 8p
Thursday	Mar 30 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.

Church & Committee News



Ladies Night

A Party with a PURPOSE!

Monday, February 27th ~ 7p-8:30p

This is an opportunity to be a **WORLD CHANGER!!**

Join us Monday, February 27th at 7pm

In Fellowship Hall

Refreshments and Desserts will be served.

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!



Will meet March 11th

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!

1 Peter 1:3 "According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Senior Luncheon



At Channahon UMC
Wednesday - March 1st @ 11:30am
Suggested Meal Donation is **\$4 per person**

Reservations are requested by before **February 27th**
call 815-726-0094 ext 322
(Please note **NEW NUMBER!**)

March 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.)



2017 Channahon Antique Fair

Take a stroll down Memory Lane . . .

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
9:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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 2017 Antique Fair, now in its 17th 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. The show's appraiser will conduct appraisals on Friday, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 3:00 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 our new Fellowship Hall throughout the event.

*The CUMC Thrift Shop will be open during the show:
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 8:30 to noon Saturday.*

For information, call (815) 351-1254 or (815) 467-5273.

Volunteers are needed - please see the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.



Please keep our Jonestown Mission Team in your prayers, as they depart early morning March 26th and return on April 1st. We will commission them to God's work on Sunday, March 19th during our 9am worship service.

Anyone interested in joining the team, there are still spots available. please call the church office or see Wilson Young on Sunday mornings. Registration and payment are due at the last meeting on March 12th at 11:30am.

A NIGHT OF JAZZ



Join us for an evening concert in our Fellowship Hall
With a Potluck Dinner and Dessert

Featuring:

Matt Miller

Saturday, March 25th at 5pm

A free-will offering will be accepted.
Bring a dish or a dessert to pass if you'd like!



Thank you for helping with NameTag Sunday each week. This is very helpful when we have new visitors come in, that they would feel a sense of comfort seeing us and knowing our names. It's an invitation to come back and that is what we hope for!

We are excited about putting the name tags out on the table each Sunday and we encourage you to find your name, choose a chord, clip or a pin to wear it. Please return it to the nametag file box as you leave.

If you do not see your name pre-printed on a tag, please use a name tag label, but write your name down to request one ready for you the following week.

Thank you in again for your participation, cooperation and help with NAME TAG SUNDAY.

Girl Scout SUNDAY

March 12th

Girl Scouts, Troops and leaders and their families are invited to come dressed in uniform and join us for worship at **9am on Sunday, March 12th.**

The scouts are invited and encouraged to greet at the door, help with ushering, and perhaps read scripture as the liturgist that day.

A word from our Outreach Team:

The first Sunday of every month is Communion Sunday. On these Sunday's you will find baskets in the window sills as you return to your pew. These donations are designated to support Special Missions as a NIC UMC commitment to support local, regional and international mission projects and ministries through the Rainbow Covenant. January's collection went to the ICC for Grace Children's Hospital, February's went to New & Inclusive Program at UIC, and March's collection will go the United Methodist Global Aids Fund. An explanation of each Sunday's designated fund will be printed in that week's bulletin.

We collected over 80 bags of food for our local community Pantry from our winter food drive on 2/12. Thanks to everyone! Since the beginning of the year we have filled in and served meals at the Daybreak Shelter; and prepared and served a meal furnished by our congregation. We really as a church have stepped up to serve others. Thanks to Janet Weakley for heading this up; we now have been filling in to serve extra meals on a short notice need by the Shelter. If you are interested in helping serve on a last minute notice, please leave your name and contact information with the church office, Janet, or myself!

Another outreach service is being taken on by the 55 and alive group helping out at the Northern food bank. We are doing great serving others and we have so much more we can do!! Stay tuned for upcoming community events and opportunities to serve.

Please help us, Help others. Thanks you all for stepping forward!

May God RICHLY bless you, **Jim Waller** ICP -Outreach Team



The NURTURING Team has begun to find ways and opportunities to CARE for our congregation. We have started with our CARING CARD Ministry -

You can look for cards on Sunday Morning at the Nurturing table to sign for those needing prayers, hope, healing, strength, or encouragement. We hope you will take a moment to sign a card or two!

We are also planning the Sunrise Breakfast on Easter Morning. We look forward to CARING for one another.



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

Channahon Music Boosters 8th Annual ITALIAN PASTA NIGHT

Baked Mostaccioli, Salad, bread and Ice cream sundae bar!

Wednesday, March 15th 4p to 7p
@ Channahon Junior High School

24917 W. Sioux Dr

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE.

Adults - \$8

Students/Seniors - \$6

Children under 3 eat free.

Proceeds benefit the school band and choir programs!



Philippians 3:10-11

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

From the desks of our
Director of Christian Formation
 Brittany Alcantar
And Youth & Education Teams



and



Jr High and Sr High Youth: **SAVE THE DATE!!!** The youth group and advisors will enjoy an evening at SKY ZONE on **Saturday, March 18th**. More details to come - watch for emails/weekly blast/ and bulletin for info to come!!!

Elementary: Our ONE-Classroom Sunday School - has been going very well. We are grateful for the kids that come and enjoy hearing the word of God and experiencing discipleship through fun and energizing activities. Mission in February included the kids making Valentine cards that were sent to 3 active military people in our church. They were so excited to share the love. We continue to learn about God's love thru our bible verses John 3:16 and Luke 8:8, ask them to tell you about these verses.

MORE FUN!! - Thank you to all those who came out to our Valentine Parent Date Night / Kidz Movie we had such a great time with the kids and we are sure the parents enjoyed a little quite time to get our or just be together... Our gift to you... We look forward to planning our next movie night in April. Thank you from the Education team.

Our Star for Jesus

this month is
Colton Francisco.

His friends and family call him "Cole".

He is 7 years old and is born on September 4th .

Some of his favorite things:

Color: Red

Sport: Baseball

Food: Pizza

Movie: "Batman"

Colton has one brother and a dog.

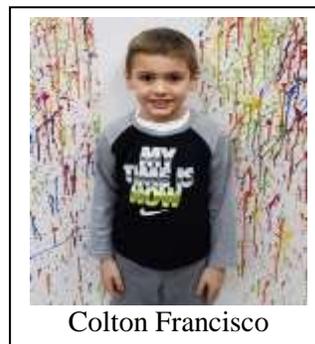
His friends at church say he is friendly and smart.

His teachers think he is a fun, helpful, and very smart.

We love having him as a part of our church family.

Be sure to introduce yourself to our friend Colton if you see him at church.

ou just might make a new friend!



Colton Francisco

Vacation Bible School

July 23 - 27, 2017

**We will have our first planning meeting
 on March 12th at 11:30am**

Anyone interested in the planning of VBS this year.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful stack of cards that I received while I was in the hospital and at the Rehab center. It was such a joy to receive all of them. I look forward to being in church soon. **Howard Goodwin**

Thank you for the beautiful prayer blanket. It is a great comfort knowing that it was made with your love and prayers. I wish that I could tell you how I feel when I surround myself with its warmth, but my words are inadequate. I am reminded of our hymn My Peace I Give Unto You. Through your actions and prayers you have certainly shared not only your peace and love but have generously shared God's peace and love.

I also want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, soup, goodies and especially all the hugs that you have given both George and me over the past three years. The love and support you have shared sustained us through a challenging journey and we never felt alone.

You have also given comfort to my children, Kristen and David, in knowing that I am surrounded by so many loving and supportive church family members. I feel extremely blessed to have you in my life and be a part of CUMC. Shalom, **Georgia Johnson**

Our Deepest Sympathy

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.

Prayers of sympathy for Georgia Johnson and her family on the recent death of her husband George. A member of CUMC since 2008. A beautiful memorial service and luncheon were held here on February 4th.

Prayers of sympathy for Lisa McMurtry and her family on the recent death of her father, George Armstrong from Clinton IL.

Memorial & Celebration of Life

We continue to keep Dee Sneed in our prayers. 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 would like to invite her church family on this day. Donna Szoke is coordinating the volunteers and the lunch menu. An email will go out at the end of March seeking those who can provide a dish or help with serving/set up and/or clean up on that day. Those that do not have email you can call the church office or let Donna Szoke know what you are able to help with.

Acts 20:36

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

1st Corinthians 12:13

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

**Meet the Novotny's,
Peter and Mandy, from the Channahon community.**

**We had the honor of baptizing their daughter,
Awoyn Rose Novotny on February 19th.
We welcome them to our family!**



March 2017

Worship Service Volunteers

Church Ambassador: Tammy Self

Counters: Ricky Lawrence & Mark Lindstrom

March 5th - Communion Servers

Barb Powell, Rachel Lynch, Janet Robb, Pixie Koenig, Lou McCoy

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 Comm. Sunday)

	<u>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
Greeters	Janet Robb	Elena Warren	Donna Szoke	Jackie Goggins
Liturgists <u>9am</u>	Lou McCoy	Rachel Lynch	Lana Stafford	Donna Szoke
A/V <u>9am</u>	Mark Lindstrom & Connor McKay	Anita Young & Tim Taylor	Mike Geldean & Justin Prokop	Steve Olson & Liam O'Brien

Ash Wednesday Worship Attendants: A/V - Mike Geldean, **Ushers-** Lowell Rainwater
Communion Ambassadors - Sonny & Sharon Hedgren, Stan & Sandy Yenerich, Lou McCoy
Liturgist Worship Ambassador - Lou McCoy

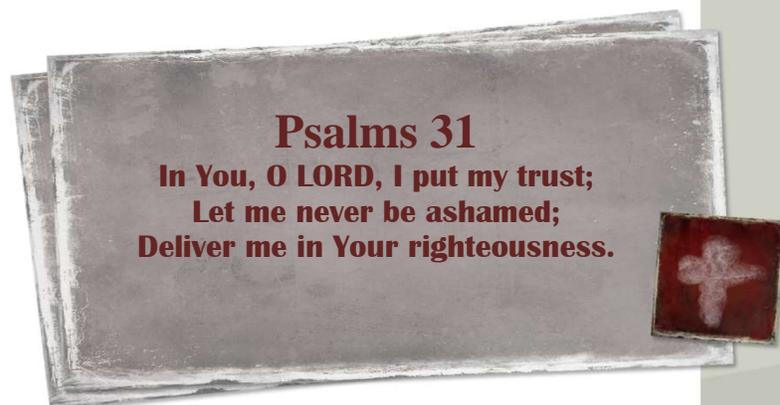
March Birthdays

3/1 Sylvia Downing
 3/5 Dan Hoffman
 3/9 Timothy Wasilewski
 3/14 Tyler Finney
 3/17 Angelina Easton
 Jaxon Francisco
 3/22 Dawn Kulousek
 3/23 Lou McCoy
 3/24 Deb O'Brien
 3/25 Jeff Powell
 Dottie Priddy
 3/28 Logan Knott
 Kirby McConnaughay
 3/30 Alex Szoke
 3/31 Sophia Snow
 Warren Wendel

March Anniversaries

Mar 3 Larry & Susan Schuler
 Mar 9 Leonard & Carol Hoffman
 Mar 26 Chuck & Donna Szoke

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



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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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