

# Circuit Rider

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Pastor Tim Casey

**Vision** - I recently saw a movie where two police officers were rushing to a location where they knew a robbery was taking place. The driver was having a difficult time navigating through the city streets, weaving between cars and trying to avoid pedestrians. At one point the driver took to the sidewalks, running over parking meters and mailboxes. The passenger, while desperately searching for a seatbelt, begged the driver, "Are you driving with your eyes open or are you using the force?" It made me laugh.

Driving with your eyes closed is a bad idea for all the obvious reasons. Anyone attempting this feat would find themselves in big trouble almost immediately. Good and responsible driving requires one's eyes to be wide open. Vision with an acute awareness of your surroundings is essential. Without vision, you will not only fail to reach your destination, but are likely to crash in the attempt.

We also know from experience that we need more than 20/20 vision. Your eyesight may be perfect in every respect but if there is insufficient light your ability to see is of no use. Light in combination with our eyesight is what gives us what we need to navigate effectively. In other words, in order for vision to function, there must be light.

This principle also applies to a life of faith. It is the light of Christ in combination with spiritual sight that gives us the ability to navigate through life. Without the light of Christ, our spiritual insights, no matter how profound, are useless. The opposite is equally true. To have the light of Christ is useless if we are unwilling to open our eyes. Vision in the literal sense is a partnership between light and our ability to see. Vision, in the spiritual sense, is the light of Christ with the willingness to see and respond to what that light shows us.

## At a Glance

- 9/4 **Labor Day**  
Church Office & Thrift Shop CLOSED
- 9/6 Senior Luncheon
- 9/9 Crusin' For Logan Car Show  
Men's Breakfast
- 9/10 **Renewal Sunday**  
Pot-luck Brunch  
Café Worship  
Children's Sunday School Kick Off
- 9/17 Bible Sunday  
Children's ministry leader dedication
- 9/30 Community Blood Drive

*Proverbs 22:17*  
*"A merry heart does  
good like medicine"*

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This is certainly true when it comes to our individual lives but it is especially true when it comes to our lives together in the church.

A church must have vision. The Bible provides us with several examples where prophets and disciples were given extraordinary experiences and insights through a vision. These visions transformed the people of God. Moses, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Peter, John, James, the women at the tomb of Jesus and many others were given direction and hope through visions. In some cases, they saw extraordinary events that required interpretation. But in most instances their visions simply focused their hopes for the future on God's plan for the future. These were ordinary people to whom God gave extraordinary insight.

One of my favorite expressions of this is in Acts 2. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter quotes the prophet Joel concerning the power and purpose of the coming of the Holy Spirit, ". . . God says, I will pour out my Holy Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will have dreams. In those days, I will pour out my Spirit even on those who serve me, both men and women. When I do, they will prophesy."

"Visions" and "dreams" refers to the ability to see God's plan and revelation beyond our present circumstances. To "prophesy" is to witness to the greatness of God and communicate the message of hope.

In the weeks to come, we will be discussing a vision for our faith community. The forming of this vision will require the input of as many people as possible. None of us see things exactly the same way. That is the beauty of the body of Christ. So it is my hope that together we can combine what we see into a unified vision.

Our visioning process will need imagination and commitment. Most of all this vision will need light. Light that can only be provided by God. I invite you to join me in prayer as we seek enlightenment. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God, may we dream dreams, and express an extraordinary vision for the future of Channahon United Methodist Church.

Blessings, *Pastor Tim*



## September Mission Offering

Our September Communion Sunday Mission Offering will support the mission of Morning Star Mission in Joliet, IL. They offer the hungry, needy, and homeless of Joliet and Will county safe indoor accommodations and meals to all who enter our doors. They also aim to introduce the gospel of Jesus Christ to all their program participants experiencing addictions or life hardships and struggles. Checks can be made payable to CUMC – *Memo: Morning Star. Thank you for your generous caring heart as we come together to help our community.*

## Adult Book Study this Fall



*Wednesday Nights – 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
beginning Sept. 13 – Led by Pastor Tim*

Join us on September 13<sup>th</sup> as we set out to learn about the Scriptures and the people to whom this revelation was first given.

**You will only need to bring a Bible and a notebook.**

This class will take place at the same time as our KIDZ CLUB and will lead us into our Advent study in November.



Whether you are new to Channahon UMC or have been coming for awhile....

We invite you to consider becoming a member and joining our 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 plan on attending the 'New Members' meeting or call the church for more information on Recognition Sunday.

## Thank You

We would like to thank Nikki Young for her dedication and service to CUMC these summer months. We appreciate her drive and passion to do a job well-done and server throughout the church during her time with us. We wish her well in Boston as she continues her Ministry Studies.

# Church News

ReNEWal Sunday!



**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

## Here's what's happening on our Fall Celebration Sunday!

We are excited to announce CAFÉ WORSHIP, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service set to kick off on this day!

**Kids Sunday School** will resume this day with registration, meet our leaders and a fun outdoor celebration!



## Celebration BRUNCH!

Join us in Fellowship Hall at 10am - between services - to share a meal together as we celebrate what God has blessed us with and to welcome our New Café Worship at 10:45am

Bring your favorite dish to pass, if you'd like.

Main entrees will be provided.

*Brunch is being organized by our Nurturing Team*



## CUMC Adult Choir

Sings at the 9am worship service and will rehearse at 8am on Sunday mornings beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

*An invitation is open to all who would love to share their musical talent!*

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 God's 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 can continue in the Narthex when the worship begins.



## What A GRAND Beauty

*by Tammy Self*

The piano was a surprise gift to me from BW the 1st year we were married. The birthday card was signed "Here's wishing you a **Baby Grand** time searching for your gift." The disk player enabled it to play by itself, and allowed it to be played more often, from Holiday community celebrations to wedding ceremonies. The piano made the move from one home to another, as we navigated life. Eventually simplifying meant smaller yet, and there was just no room for the piano. We had it delivered to a piano store to be put on the sales floor. After several years it never did sell. But God had another purpose in mind. After BW passed away, I had thought about donating it to the church, but I didn't think the Church needed another piano. Until recently, I heard the talk of a 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service in the Fellowship Hall where coffee would be served and the Love of God would be shared. This now was my opportunity to donate the piano in honor of BW's life and as a small Thank You to this congregation. This is where it belongs!

Please know, there are not enough words to convey how much we appreciated and relied on the Support, Love and Prayers of All of you during that couple of years, the list is endless from beginning to end.

"Here's wishing you a **Baby Grand** time" playing and/or listening to the music that comes from this piano and "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts "for your Gift", the Gift of Love~ the Greatest Gift of All! ~

*Blessings, Tammy (& BW) Self*



At Channahon UMC

**Wednesday – September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 11:30am**

Suggested Meal Donation is **\$4 per person**

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

**September Menu:** *Roast pork, au gratin potatoes,  
California blend veggies, fruit salad & 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)*

**Trustees'**



**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9am**

Trustees are looking for some volunteers to help with  
some small church improvement projects.  
Mark your calendar if you are able to attend.



**Meets September 9<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!

September 9 th

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

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.*

**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!



A Summer/Fall 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>.

## 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.**



## 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.



**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)**



## 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 or just need a word of hope from their church family. 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**

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

## UMW NEWS

**Annual UMW Meeting - September 23, 2017** –at First UMC of Lockport /1000 S. Washington St. – 8:30am – 12:00pm.  
If you need a ride to the meeting, please contact Lana Stafford at 815-483-3796

**UMW ‘Fall Auction’ - October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00p - 3:00pm in Fellowship Hall**

Bring an item to auction off and bring a snack to share. We will be raising money for Cunningham Home in Urbana.  
<http://www.cunninghamhome.org/> Plan on having a great time full of fun and laughter and of course, food! Please let either Sharon Hedgren or Lana Stafford know if you are able to come.

**UMW CIRCLES:** If you are interested in joining a UMW 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)



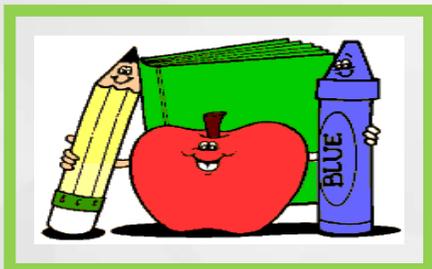
### September Shop Dates

Sunday	Sept 3	CLOSED
Monday	Sept 4	CLOSED
Wednesday	Sept 6	CLOSED
		<i>Senior Luncheon</i>
Thursday	Sept 14	10a - 2p
Monday	Sept 18	6p - 8p
Thursday	Sept 28	10a - 2p

**Thrift Shop will be closed Sept 1<sup>st</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day 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.***



You are cordially invited to:

**“FALLING FOR FUN”  
October 7, 2017**

**1:00<sub>pm</sub> – 3:00<sub>pm</sub>**

**Please bring a “Fall” item to auction off**  
(decorations, food, clothing, etc. anything Fall related)

*Decorations,  
clothing,  
food –  
Anything  
Fall Related*

**A snack to share and a smile on your face.  
Proceeds from the “auction” will be given to  
Cunningham Home in Urbana.**

<http://www.cunninghamhome.org/>

**Please invite your friends to come along and  
enjoy the fun!**

**Please call the church office or let Sharon Hedgren  
or Lana Stafford know if you are coming.**

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



**September 17<sup>th</sup> – 9am Worship**

**Education Teachers and Leaders  
Please join us for worship for  
Recognition & Dedication**

***ALSO...***

**Presentation of Bibles to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders  
And Prayer Pillows  
to our NEW Preschoolers**

*If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader or a NEW  
preschooler - they are invited to join us at  
the 9am service on  
September 17<sup>th</sup> to receive their  
Bible or Pillow*

*Please notify the church office so we can be prepared!*



Education Team is excited to be bringing back our  
mid-week KIDZ CLUB this Fall!

Anyone interested in helping as a leader for our  
Wednesday Night KIDZ CLUB - 6:30p-7:30p  
or our Sunday Morning Sunday School - 10:45a-11:45a  
Please call the church office or see someone from the  
Education Team:  
*Brittany Alcantar, Amanda Francisco,  
or Katie Hughes.*



**GET PLUGGED IN...**

**Wednesday Nights  
6p-7:30pm**

beginning on September 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Kids 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**  
are invited to come experience  
Youth Small Group.

**Bring a friend –**

it helps being in a group much easier!  
*Any questions – call the church office or  
see Rachel Lynch-Kulisek.*



**Light snack  
will be provided**  
*Please let Brittany  
know of any  
restrictions.*

**KIDZ CLUB**  
***Magnifying Christ  
In each of us!***



**Kids Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wednesday Nights  
6:30p – 7:30p  
Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>**



Join us each month for  
**KIDS MOVIE NIGHT!!**  
**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!**

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Craft, Game, Movie, Popcorn & Refreshments!

September 22<sup>nd</sup>    October 20<sup>th</sup>    Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

December 22<sup>nd</sup> 6p-8:30pm (Extra Holiday Shopping Time)

**Psalm 37:30**

*The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just.*

**Outdoor  
Worship  
Photo  
Gallery**



**Community News**



**Community Blood Drive**

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:30a to Noon  
at St Ann Catholic Church on 24500 S Navajo Dr

To reserve your preferred donation time go online to [www.Heartlandbc.org](http://www.Heartlandbc.org).  
You can also call Ron at 815-467-6916 or email him at

[KnightsBloodDrive@gmail.com](mailto:KnightsBloodDrive@gmail.com) with your preferred time.

*Walk-ins always Welcome; Appointments are preferred.  
Remember to bring a photo ID and eat a good meal before donating.  
This drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with Heartland Blood Center*



**Families of Faith Church**

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

## Thank You

I am so grateful for my beautiful prayer blanket. Our God is good always. This could not have come a t better time. Many blessings for your ministry.

**Your Sister in Christ, Samantha Schwartz**

Thank you to all who kept me and my family surrounded in love by prayers, cards, and expressions of care during my mother's illness and transition to her eternal home on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Continued prayers are asked for guidance and direction in the care of my father, Richard Crosby who is in a nursing home and for safety as I travel back and forth to NY in the coming weeks.

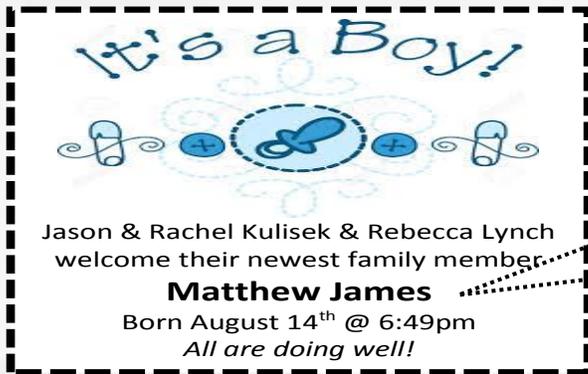
**Joan Bertram**

## **Our Deepest Sympathy**

Prayers for those who have experienced loss and seek refuge from our Lord Jesus, may they be comforted.

**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?"*



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WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

## **Find Out What's going on at CUMC!!**

Did you see the picture of our VBS in the Herald-News?

Perhaps you saw information about our Outdoor Worship Service and Pet Blessing flashing on the Channahon Village sign? If you listen to WBGL Christian radio 104.7 fm, you will hear CUMC events on their Community Calendar. Now you can go online to [www.wbgl.org](http://www.wbgl.org), click the Community Calendar and find events and programs taking place at Channahon UMC. It's exciting to have this new presence in our community. If you are leading an event at CUMC and want to get it publicized, please contact Becky Casey at [beckyrosecasey@gmail.com](mailto:beckyrosecasey@gmail.com) or at 815-557-9659

## **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 non-profit organizations:

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



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**

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**

# September 2017 Worship Service Volunteers

**Church Ambassador:** Witness Team

**Counters:** Ricky Lawrence & Mark Lindstrom

## Communion Servers Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Barb Powell, Rachel Kulisek, Janet Robb, Pixie Koenig, 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>Sep 3</u>	<u>Sep 10</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>
<b>Greeters</b>	Janet Robb	Chip & Joyce Williams	Donna Szoke	Jackie Goggins
<b>Liturgists</b>	Dottie Priddy	Rachel Kulisek	Jackie Goggins	Donna Szoke
<b>A/V 1<sup>st</sup> Service</b>	Mark Lindstrom	Steve Olson & Anita Young	Mike Geldean & Mark Lindstrom	Anita Young & Mike Geldean
<b>AV Café Worship</b>	_____	TBD	TBD	TBD

## September Anniversaries

9/2 Brett & Sommer Middleton  
 9/3 Sonny & Sharon Hedgren  
 9/5 Nick & Amy Olson  
 9/7 Randy & Tammy Platt  
 9/11 Joe & Bonnie Eigenheer  
 Jim & Pixie Koenig  
 9/13 Mike & Deb O'Brien  
 9/19 Brian & Dawn Kulousek  
 9/24 Steve & Linda Olson  
 9/27 Roy & Janet Robb  
 9./30 Ray & Cathy Breen

## September Birthdays

9/2 Mike Finney	9/17 Steven McConnaughay
Aaron Platt	Adam Platt
9/4 Colton Francisco	Donna Szoke
9/6 Chuck Byers	9/18 Rebecca Lynch
Bob Manion	Brett Middleton
9/7 Mary Caher	Steve Olson
9/8 Matthew Powell	9/19 Bob Coen
9/9 Darrick Swanson	Ray McSteen
Tom Sweet	9/20 Kayla Wendel
9/12 Sonny Hedgren	9/21 Barb Sweet
Tori Weller	9/23 Jean Lawrence
9/13 Glen Meadows	9/25 Joe Eigenheer
9/15 Jackie Goggins	9/26 Gabrielle Jones
9/16 Carol Jones	



*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)*

### **Be Alert:**

*Schools are back in session!*  
 Please pray for the students, teachers, staff and families!



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Worship:** 9:00am  
10:45am

**Coffee Fellowship** 10:00am-10:45am  
*Begins September 10<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday School** 10:45am  
*Sunday School is offered for children 3yr – 12<sup>th</sup> grade*  
*Fall session begins September 10<sup>th</sup> (registration day)*  
*No Sunday School September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017*



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**Pray to Win!**

**Back to School Success**

...Pray for them.

...Teach them how to pray.

...Pray with them.

