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## Lent & Vision

As we move through the month of February, I have two assignments for you. The first is to write a devotional for Lent. Just remember to keep it simple. Here are the instructions:

- 1) Choose a Scripture lesson. Pray and think about it. Your Scripture can be anything especially meaningful to you. Try to keep it relatively short. Please do not write out the Scripture lesson. Just provide the Scripture reference (example, Matthew 5:1-12). If you need help selecting a Scripture lesson, contact Pastor Tim.
- 2) Your devotional should be less than 700 words. This is approximately one page long, single spaced. Simply share an experience you've had with God based on the following: Building Disciples, Growing in Faith, or Serving God. Don't make this any more complicated than it needs to be.
- 3) It does not have to be original. If you want to use something from a favorite publication, feel free to submit that devotional. Just include the name of the author and the publication in which it was written.
- 4) Add a short prayer at the end. Make it one or two sentences long.
- 5) When you have finished, please send your devotional to Kris **no later than February 24** at the office email at [office@channahonumc.org](mailto:office@channahonumc.org).
- 6) You are free to write as many devotionals as you'd like. If you need help, please contact Pastor Tim.

Crosstalk continued....

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# Church News & Events

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Everyone has a story! Even if you don't consider yourself a very good writer, this is something that you can do. We will go through every devotional and fix any typos we find.



Next, you will see three posters sitting on a table in fellowship hall. Each poster represents one segment of our vision statement,

**Building Disciples, Growing Faith, and Serving God.**



Church Council held a Special Congregational Information meeting about Minooka United Methodist Pre-school relocating to our church, Fall 2019.

It was voted on by Church Council to accept this partnership with the school to continue serving our community through our church doors. While there are still many details to iron out, we are very excited about this new addition to our church.

### Minooka UM Preschool Director writes:

We are thrilled to announce that beginning this fall Minooka United Methodist Preschool will be moving to Channahon United Methodist Church! Minooka United Methodist Preschool has been serving the community for 42 years. We offer a hands on learning environment with opportunities for structured learning as well as free exploration. Registration will open early for church members on **Monday, February 4th beginning at 8:30 am at MUMC**. Please bring your child's certified birth certificate as well as the \$100 registration fee. *Families who have been CUMC members for at least one year will receive a \$20 discount on their registration fee.*

Interested families are also invited to an open house in our current classroom at MUMC on **Saturday, February 2nd from 10-12am**. Come and meet the teachers while your child has a chance to play and explore the classroom. Class information and tuition rates can be found on our website [MUMPre-school.weebly.com](http://MUMPre-school.weebly.com). Or like our Facebook page for pictures and videos of the fun activities that our students enjoy.

Please contact Karen Urban with any questions at

[MUMPreschool205@gmail.com](mailto:MUMPreschool205@gmail.com)



Below the posters are color-coordinating post-it notes and some pencils. Use the (color coordinated) post-it notes for that ministry to write down what our church is doing and stick it to the appropriate poster. For example, "Wednesday Night Kidz Club" is certainly one of the ways in which we are Building Disciples. Write "Wednesday Night Kidz Club" on a PINK Post-it note and stick it on the 'Building Disciples' poster.

In some instances, you can put a Post-it note on all three posters (using the color coded post-it notes) because a particular ministry may do all three principles of our Vision.

If you have a suggestion for a ministry, write that down and stick it to a poster. **Please be sure to write "suggestion" on the note.** All SUGGESTIONS will be forwarded to the appropriate team for review.

The posters will remain in fellowship hall for the next three or four weeks. After this, I would like to make a word cloud relating to **Building Disciples, Growing Faith, and Serving God**. We are a busy congregation and I'm looking forward to seeing a list of our ministries all in one place!

God bless you and have a great day.

*Pastor Tim*

## You Can Recycle PAPER While Helping CUMC!

**Drop Box at Church accepts:**



- NEWSPAPERS**
  - CATALOGS**
  - OFFICE PAPER**
  - SCHOOL PAPER**
  - MAGAZINES**
  - JUNK MAIL**
  - PAPER FOLDERS**
  - NOTEBOOKS**
- (No CARDBOARD Please)



Chair Yoga with Dottie is offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 10am in the CUMC Education Wing

Check our website calendar and FB page for any changes or updates. All are welcome. Please bring a matt.

# More Church News & Events

## NEW CHURCH SIGN CAMPAIGN

Trustees are looking into a new FRONT YARD CHURCH SIGN and have started a FUNDS collection. If you would like to help with this campaign - there is a Bucket in the front entry of the Narthex! Or place in Sunday offering ...  
*Memo: Outdoor Sign*



## S.H.A.R.P. Women's Self-Defense Class

# Saturday, March 16, 2019

## 8am - 12n

At Channahon United Methodist Church - Fellowship Hall  
24751 W. Eames - Channahon

**\$30pp** (12yrs & Older)

or pick up a form in the church Narthex

**Pre-registration is required**

includes (limited class size) training and a personal text book

Registration is available online (\$32.50)

[www.selfdefensetacticsbyjamespozen.com/](http://www.selfdefensetacticsbyjamespozen.com/)

*This is an invitation to women of the church and the surrounding communities.*

Click on Link [www.selfdefensetacticsbyjamespozen.com/](http://www.selfdefensetacticsbyjamespozen.com/)

## 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.*

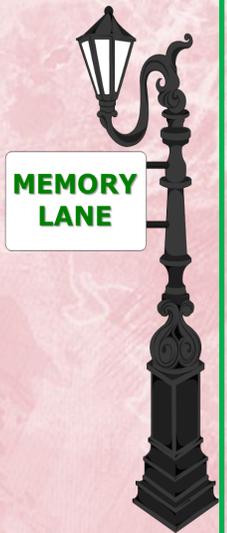
Prayers for Rev. Ann Spurgeon and family, on the recent death of her father.

**Mark your calendars:**

# CHANNAHON ANTIQUUE FAIR

## March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

**VENDORS WANTED...  
SPONSORS NEEDED!**  
*See Vickie Breen for details!*



## February Birthdays

2/7 Lila Barrett  
Janet Sanders  
2/8 Jack Hawkins  
2/10 Larry Schuler  
2/13 Brent McMurtry  
2/14 Donna Buckley  
Aileen Cotter  
2/25 Leonard Hoffman  
2/27 Pat Steele

## February Anniversaries

2/14 Bob & Elaine Coen  
2/21 Tim & Cherri Taylor

*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)*

## Thank You....

*It is through you, that our prayers have been answered. You shared your time, talents, and treasures. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and gifts to the families of our community. In addition to food items, all of our families received gifts to open on Christmas morning through the Stars of Hope program. Thank you on behalf of the families who benefited from your generosity. I personally want to thank you for your involvement as it was invaluable and I look forward to building an ongoing relationship through our community outreach and programming in the years to come. MorningStar Mission Staff*



## Tuesday Morning BIBLE Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study is studying the book of Matthew. The weekly scripture focus is the passage that will be used the following Sunday in our worship service. If you'd like to attend pick up a curriculum packet on the information table outside the sanctuary. The group meets each Tuesday, 9:30 am to 11 am in Fellowship Hall. Contact Becky Casey with questions, [beckyrosecasey@gmail.com](mailto:beckyrosecasey@gmail.com) or cell 815-557-9659.

## Mid-Week Adult Bible Study



The Midweek Adult study is currently studying the Gospel of Luke

The class is led by Pastor Tim  
And meets every Wednesday  
6:30pm in room 144

This is an ongoing class so everyone is invited to come when able.

Only a Bible is needed.  
Other materials will be provided, if needed.  
Class will break for Lent for alternate study.



**10:15a – 11:00am**

**Pre-School to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Preschool thru K meet in room 136*

*1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> meet in room 145*

We are excited to be living, learning and loving others together on this journey.

Youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come work with the younger kids in their classrooms!



## February Outing

*And Alive*

Will enjoy a dinner prepared by Gail Flattness & her crew, together as a group at Minooka UMC (Annex Bldg.) on **February 16th at 5pm.**  
**Cost is \$20pp.** RSVP to Sharon Hedgren 815-5210 9032 or the church office on/before February 9th.

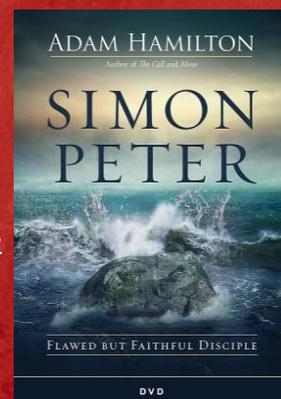
**Location:** Minooka UMC Annex Building  
**Date:** Saturday, February 16  
**Time:** 5:00pm  
**Cost:** \$20pp (*fundraiser for their new building*)  
**RSVP – by Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – to Sharon or church office**

## Mid-Week Adult LENTEN STUDY

The Midweek Adult study will switch gears for a Lenten Study with Adam Hamilton's 'Simon Peter - Flawed But Faithful Disciple'

The 6-Week Lenten class is led by Pastor Tim Beginning on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in room 144 - meeting every Wednesday evening.

Please indicate on the sign up if you would like us to order your book. This is also available in Kindle version to order on your own.



This book shows us that we are all like Peter -flawed disciples striving to be faithful. As you read and hear more about Peter, you will learn more about Jesus. and Yourself.

Sign up will be in the Narthex and books will be ordered soon.



## UMW NEWS & EVENTS



### Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

5p to 6:30p in Fellowship Hall

*With a FREE-WILL Offering Accepted*

**Doing LIFE together begins with a MEAL!**

The FIRST Monday of each month (Oct- May) we will provide a soup and bread dinner for anyone who would like a night off from the routine cooking and cleaning!!

**Come single or as a family, we look forward to a time together with food and fellowship!**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~ And hope you will join us!**



### **Saturday, February 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

*Men Sr. High School and older are invited!*

UMW Members - Channahon UMW has begun their 2019 PLEDGE Kick Off.

Pledge cards are available in baskets located in Narthex and Fellowship Hall. CUMW Members, please pick up a pledge card and prayerfully consider your 2019 pledge and turn it in to your circle.

UMW Circle of Hope is in the process of restructuring with meeting at 1pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month with some exciting ideas for Growing in Faith, Building Disciples and Serving God. If you are interested in becoming a part of this circle, please contact Dottie Priddy or call the church office.

## YOU'RE INVITED

**The invitation is always open...  
 TO JOIN A CUMW CIRCLE...**

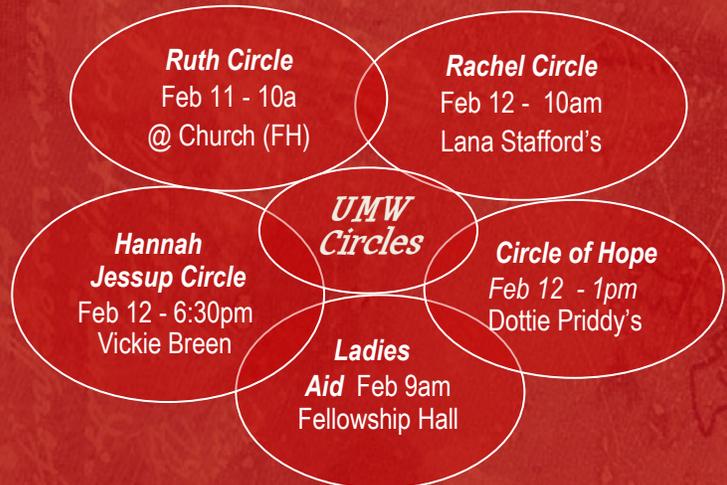
Perhaps you are ready to get connected and get involved and join a UMW circle.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following UMW members:

*Dottie Priddy, Lana Stafford, Anita Young  
 or call the church office.*



**Ignite  
 God's  
 Power**  
**PRAYER  
 CIRCLE**  
**Wednesdays  
 9-9:30 a.m.**  
**in the  
 CUMC  
 Narthex**





**Student**  
Small Groups

**GET PLUGGED IN...**

**with our Youth Group Ministry  
and our Leaders,  
Craig & Bridget Stephenson**

Youth - 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come  
**Wednesday nights 6:30p – 7:30p**  
for fellowship and discussions.

Youth Bible Study is offered **6p - 6:30pm**  
**FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!**

**YOUTH SCHEDULE**

**Meet Wednesday Evenings  
And February 15 - 6pm-8pm - Movie night**



**KIDS MOVIE NIGHT  
& PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month**

**With tons of fun:**

**Craft, Game, Movie, Popcorn & Refreshments!**

**Friday, February 15**

**Parent's Valentine Date Night**

**6p - 8:30pm** *extra 1/2 hour!*

*(kids PreK – 12<sup>th</sup>)*

*We will be making Heart-Shapped Pizzas and the  
kids (all ages) will be together this night!*

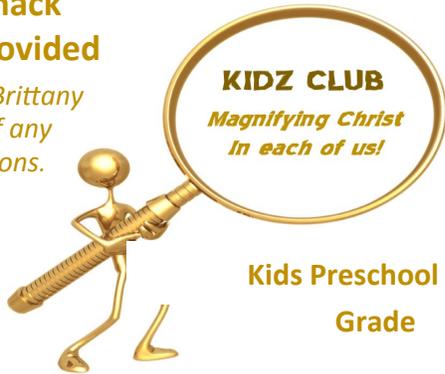
**Sign up is in the Narthex or Call the office.**

*Sign up is important so we can have enough supplies and if  
there are any allergies we need to know about.*

**Double the Fun & Bring someone!**

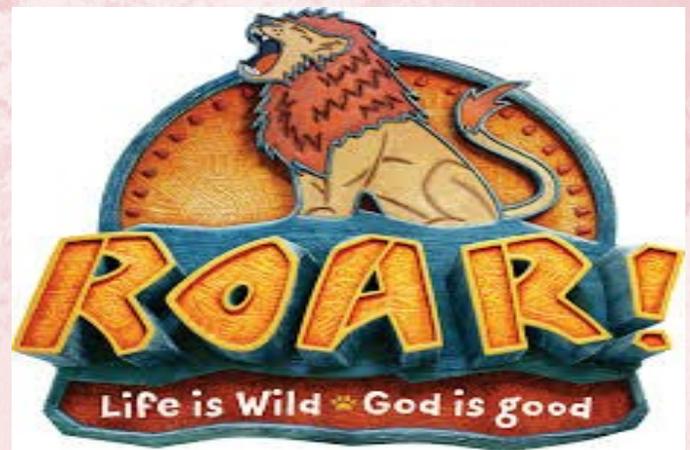
**Light snack  
will be provided**

*Please let Brittany  
know of any  
restrictions.*



**Kids Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade**

***Friends are always WELCOME!***



**Our VBS Adventure will take place**

**July 14 -18, 2019**

**So mark you calendar now and plan to be part  
of this WILD LIFE and SEE just how  
GOOD GOD IS!!**



*Happy Valentine's Day!*

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the  
LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your  
God with all your heart and with all your  
soul and with all your might." -*



February Communion Mission Offering will support Micro Credit in Mo-Dega & Pepease, Ghana.

The mixed-farming project is set up to reduce food shortages through improved crop reproduction processes and providing viable seed lands for production on an out-grower basis as well as production of animals for supply to peasant farmers.

January's Mission Offering went to Grace Children's Hospital, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

## February Sunday Worship Ambassadors

Counters: Warren Wendel

### Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Communion Stewards

Becky Casey, Donna Szoke, Barb Powell, Bridget Stephenson, Lana Stafford (L)

#### Responsibilities of the Liturgist/Worship Ambassador:

*Greeting & announcements, lead opening prayer & 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>February 3</u>	<u>February 10</u>	<u>February 17</u>	<u>February 24</u>
<b>Greeters</b>	Carol Holt	Nancy Moran	Jack & Vickie Breen	Dawn & Ray Brick
<b>Liturgists</b>	Lana Stafford	Bridget Stephenson	Mike Geldean	Beth Thelo
<b>A/V</b>	Connor & Ryan McKay	Mark Lindstrom & Mike Geldean	Anita Young & Steve Olson	Mike Geldean & Mark Lindstrom

*If anyone is interested in serving on the Sunday Morning Ambassador rotation list, please see Donna Buckley or call the church office to be included or added as a fill-in.*



### Adult-Youth Mission Trip

**March 24-30, 2019**

*(during Minooka H.S. Spring Break)*

A mission group from Channahon UMC will work on Habitat Homes in Jonestown, Mississippi.

**The next meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at CUMC.**

First deposit requested now.

Habitat For Humanity

Anyone interested in participating in this mission trip and missed the first meeting on January 20th, should contact Wilson Young or the church office. More information is available on the Jonestown brochure in the Narthex and plan to attend the February meeting.



### February Shop Dates

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 3</b>	<b>10a-11a</b>	<i>Following our Worship Service</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>6p - 8p</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>11a - 12n</b>	<i>Senior Luncheon</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>10a - 2p</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>6p - 8p</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>10a - 2p</b>	



**CUMC's Adult Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8am and sings at our 9am service.**

*(Sep-May)*

**All are welcome!!**

## Outreach News!

### LOOKING TO HELP?

Outreach Team would like to thank everyone for your continued support through contributions and donations to the needs which they are trying to meet in our community with our recent successful spaghetti dinners, serving dinner at Daybreak Shelter, food drives, Jump on the Bus mission, as well as and our Donation Central Collection station.

Our **DONATION CENTRAL** is located in the Church Narthex!



### We have 2 Prayer Blanket Ministries.

Fleece blankets can be requested for any loved one or friend who needs comforting, prayers,

strength to get through difficult times. They are blessed and tied by the congregation when needed.

The 2nd newest ministry is to provide completed blankets, blessed and tied, for the Will County Children's Advocacy Ministry who gives these blankets to battered and abandoned children.

Anyone is welcome to come help prepare and cut the blankets on either or both days!

**2nd Thursday of the Month**

**9:30am - Will Co. Children's Advocacy Blankets**

**3rd Friday of the Month**

**10am - Family/Friends blankets**

## SCOUT SUNDAY

February 10<sup>th</sup>

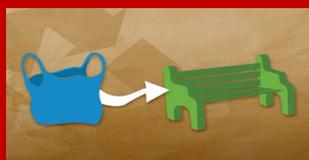


All scouts and leaders are invited this day to take part in our worship service. Please contact the church office if your group is planning to attend and participate!

**Pack 444, Cub Scouts** are collecting plastic grocery bags in hopes to reach 600lbs to be able to get a recycled material park bench which they will in turn donate to the church for our Prayer Walk.

A collection bin will be in the front entry way. Please bring in your plastic bags and lets start collecting!

**ONLY PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS Please!**



At Channahon UMC

**Wednesday – February 6 @ 11:30am**

Suggested Meal Donation is \$4 per person

Those 60 and older who would like to attend are asked to call for reservations on/before February 4<sup>th</sup> - call 815-726-0094 ext 322

March Senior Lunch will be on March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Come Early - Thrift Shop will be open  
10:30a-11:30am



## Serving at DayBreak Shelter

**Monday, February 25**

Channahon UMC Outreach team is scheduled to serve dinner at the DayBreak Shelter in Joliet.

A sign up for 8 volunteers will be in the narthex  
We will meet in the church parking lot at 6pm that Monday to carpool to Joliet because parking is limited

Items for the meal are needed for donation. Please see the sign up list in the Narthex, coming out soon. Items are needed here at church by Sunday, February 23rd please.

## Channahon UMC GOOD SAMARITAN Ministry

With the recent modifications and guidelines in place for this ministry, we have been able to help families in need on a much greater scale than just a \$25 gas card. e.g.: rent & utility assistance, Christmas hope, transportation, car repair and more.

This ministry is solely funded by YOUR generous donations throughout the year, as well as a few from the community.

Good Samaritan donation envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please mark checks : *Memo: Good Samaritan.*

*For those directly impacted by the current government furlough situation , please contact the church office to see how we may be able to help.*

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# The **CIRCUIT** *RIDER*

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

*Sunday School is offered for pre-school –5<sup>TH</sup> grade  
6 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to assist in the  
younger kids classrooms!*

*\*Staffed nursery is provided for children kindergarten and younger - room 117*



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