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The Enemy of the Good

"The perfect is the enemy of the good." I heard this phrase used by a politician. Apparently, it is a relatively common expression but I don't remember hearing it before last week. When I heard it, I thought "huh, it sounds right." Like many expressions and clichés, it is probably a statement that oversimplifies the truth. Nevertheless, it rings true. The statement is a quote from Voltaire, an 18th century French philosopher and writer. Voltaire was an outspoken believer in freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and the separation of church and state. He was also a sharp critic of Christianity, especially the Roman Catholic Church. He was known for his wit and is often quoted by revolutionaries.

I think I like the expression. It certainly resonates with the way I feel about the last Special Session of General Conference of the United Methodist Church. The special session was supposed to consider the proposals of a "Commission on A Way Forward" for our denomination that has been divided over LGBT issues within our church. In my opinion, it turned out to be a colossal waste of time and money. When the Conference ended, we changed nothing except strengthen the resolve of those of us who believe our present statements about human sexuality is wrong. I do not want to belong to a church that excludes people because of who they love. Yet, I am not ready to leave the United Methodist Church because of the decision made in St. Louis last month.

If you're not up to speed, let me give you a quick explanation. The Special Session was called in 2016 with the hope that we could move beyond the continuing arguments over sexual orientation. There were three plans; The Traditional, The One Church, and The Connection of Conference. The Connectional Conference plan was to remove all language from our Discipline that excludes LGBT from ordination or celebrating same-sex weddings. The One Church Plan was designed to allow local churches, pastors, and conferences to act according to their conscience and their theological understanding of

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Matthew 28:5

*But the angel answered and
said to the women,
“Do not be afraid, for I
know that you seek Jesus
who was crucified.*

Reminder:

Easter Lilies and Hyacinth plants are
available for purchase and dedication
to beautify our Sanctuary for Easter as
we celebrate the resurrection of our
RISEN KING!

*Look for order forms in your Sunday
Bulletin or in the Narthex on the
Information table!*

Deadline to order is April 7th



CUMC likes to recognize those who have
worked hard and will be achieving a diploma
or a degree from 8th grade, High School,
College, Trade School or Military.

Please fill out a form
(available in the Narthex)
and **turn it in by April 28th.**

Graduate Recognition Sunday date still TBD!

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 –
**Please use the Donation Lock box on the wall
outside the church office or in the offering plate
indicating to be designated to ‘New Church Sign’ !**

... CrossTalk continued

these issues. The Traditional Plan, which was the only plan for which there was a general vote, would leave things the same. The Traditional Plan won by 54 votes out of 822 people voting.

I am disappointed and angry. I know not everyone in our denomination agrees on everything. I recently heard it said, “If you put two Methodists together, you get three opinions and a potluck dinner.” That sounds about right. I know that there are likely people in our own faith community that disagree over human sexuality. I’m sure there are some who are simply uncertain. So be it. I want to be pastor of everyone.

People are not perfect. Churches are not perfect. The reason churches are not perfect is because it’s filled with people. Our lack of perfection should not keep us from doing “the good.” Far too often, people are judged because they are not perfect. According to Jesus, no one is good, except God because all goodness is a gift from God. (Mark 10:18). In other words, whatever goodness you and I may have is a gift from God and not of our own doing. Those of us who have given our lives over to Christ seek to be good the way Jesus is good. As Christians, we are people of the, “Good News,” Gospel! What is the good news? God loves us. God wants to transform us into the wonderful people God created us to be.

God does not love us because we are perfect! God loves us despite our flaws. It is how we are to love one another. During the season of Lent we explore our flaws and seek healing and forgiveness. We also hope that we can be more like Jesus. When we consider the last couple of days of Jesus’ life, we see betrayal, denial, injustice, pain, sorrow, mob rule, cruelty, dishonesty, torture, and death.

Jesus is both the perfect and good Son of God. He died because of imperfect people. Thank God! The story does not end there! There is resurrection! We are Easter people. We remain flawed but because of the grace of God, we have been given new life. We are to be changed by the presence of the Holy Spirit as we live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us strive for the goodness that is found in the resurrection of Jesus. Let us also strive to see one another the way God does. God, who is perfect, is certainly not the enemy of good. We do not need to be perfect to seek the good.

I wish you a happy Easter!

Blessings,

Pastor Tim

Church News & Events



Palm Sunday - April 14

Children are invited to participate in the Procession of the Palms
(Please arrive 15 minutes early for instructions)

Lenten Study Through Holy Week

Tuesday mornings at 9:30am & Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm

Maundy/Holy Thursday – April 18

Round Table Holy Communion with family and friends

(8 guests every ½ hour) **5p -7p - Family sign up is in the Narthex!**

Good Friday – April 19

10am - Cross Walk at Lion's Park

7pm - CUMC's Good Friday Worship Service (Childcare provided)

Easter Sunday – April 21

7:00am – Sunrise Service - outdoors at the Cross

7:30am – Easter Breakfast

9:00am – Easter Worship Service

10:15am - Children's Sunday School & Egg Hunt

Please bring a fresh flower for the Living Cross



Easter Postcards are available in the Narthex to invite family and friends for our Holy Week & Easter events and services!

Holy Thursday ROUND TABLE COMMUNION

5p-7p on the 1/2 hr marks - your family can come together for Holy Communion in the Sanctuary. Sign up is in the narthex!



ALBUM OF
THE YEAR

DOBRO PLAYER
OF THE YEAR

SONG OF
THE YEAR

THE FARM BLUEGRASS BAND OF THE YEAR HANDS



ON TOUR

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
7:00 pm

CHANNAHON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
24751 W. Eames; Channahon, IL

Free will offering will be taken

Heart Songs Quilt Show



April 5 & 6 9am to 4pm \$5
2019 both days Admission

Channahon United Methodist Church

24751 W. Eames St. (Route 6)

Channahon, IL

Quilts, Vendors, Bake Sale

Raffles for a quilt and decorated antique windows,
Guild Boutique with \$1 - \$4 per yard fabric, tons of
charm packs, 2.5" strip packs, magazines, notions
and more. Second area with \$5 a yard fabric!

Presented by:

Pieces From The Heart

QUILT GUILD

MORRIS, IL

More... Church News & Events



Minooka UMC Preschool is coming to CUMC, Fall 2019 Registration is now open

Families who have been CUMC members for at least one year will receive a \$20 discount on their registration fee. Registration is now available to CUMC families. Please bring your child's certified birth certificate as well as the \$100 registration fee.

Class information and tuition rates can be found on our website MUMPreschool.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

April Birthdays

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| 1 | Matthew Sergeant |
| 2 | Steve Boyer |
| | Nick Olson |
| | Scarlet Tupa |
| 6 | Travis White |
| 10 | Mary Frederick |
| 11 | Wilson Young |
| 18 | DeAnna Meadows |
| 19 | Curtis Brown |
| | Rachel Kulisek |
| 20 | Robert Tupa |
| 23 | Ray Brick |
| | Lisa McMurtry |
| 25 | Nancy Geldean |
| 27 | Stephanie Elmore |
| 28 | Brenda Gear |
| 29 | Stanley Yenerich |

April Anniversaries

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|----|-----------------------|
| 4 | John & Emily Sergeant |
| 7 | Mike & Laura Finney |
| 23 | Todd & Kris Hayden |

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary and you would like it to be added to the weekly bulletin announcement and monthly Circuit Rider calendar, please contact the church office @ 815-467-5275 or email:

Office@channahonumc.org

Thank You....

Want to thank all of you who helped with the 2019 Antique Fair I'm blessed to have a great crew to work with. Thank you and God bless !

Vickie Breen - Antique Fair Chair Person

Heartfelt thanks for the beautiful prayer blanket and for the prayers for my wife Bev. Jesus took her home on Feb. 11th. She is greatly missed.

Bev's husband Ron

New MEMBERS ORIENTATION

THIS Sunday March 24 - 10:30am
in Pastor Tim's Office

Anyone interested in becoming a CUMC member, please join us this day for a brief orientation class.

Welcome New Members!



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 the Berg family on the recent death of Robert



Matthew 28:18-19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



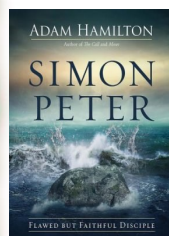
Tuesday Morning

BIBLE Study

A new 13-Week study began Tuesday, March 5th. This study takes us from the arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament church, with God faithfully leading the people as in the days of Moses. Books are \$10.

Questions? Contact Becky Casey, Class Leader, call or text at 815-557-9659 or bekyrosecasey@gmail.com..

This class meets Tuesday mornings in Fellowship Hall, 9:30am – 11am. Both men and women are welcome!



Adult LENTEN STUDY

The Midweek Adult study switched 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 Began on Wednesday March 13th at 6:30pm in room 144 - meeting every Wednesday evening.

Books are available from Pastor Tim (\$15 ea.) This is also available in Kindle version to order on your own.

This class will resume it's study of the Gospel of Luke after Easter.



10:15a – 11:00am

Pre-School to 5th Grade

Preschool thru K meet in room 136

1st thru 5th meet in room 145

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

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

Children are invited on Palm Sunday - April 14th to participate in the Procession of the Palms

Please arrive at 8:45 to prepare

Easter Sunday - Sunday School will include an egg hunt and decorating the Living Cross

If possible, please bring a live fresh flower for the cross

Luke 24:6-7

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

'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "



Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



Saturday, April 13th

The Men of the church meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:45am at Grandma's Pancake House
669 Minooka Rd. - Minooka

Men Sr. High School and older are invited!



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



UMW NEWS & EVENTS

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.

Upcoming Conference & District UMW Events Calendar

March

30 Membership Census Report - final due date

April

27 Aurora District UMW - "Remembering Our Past - Leading into a Future of Faith, Justice & Peace - Oswego
Registrations are in the Narthex

May

4 UMW 150th Celebration at CUMC

June

2-4 NIC UMW Dinner at Annual Conference
(Schaumburg Convention Center)

July

11-14 Mission U (Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien)
27 Mission U - 1Day Event

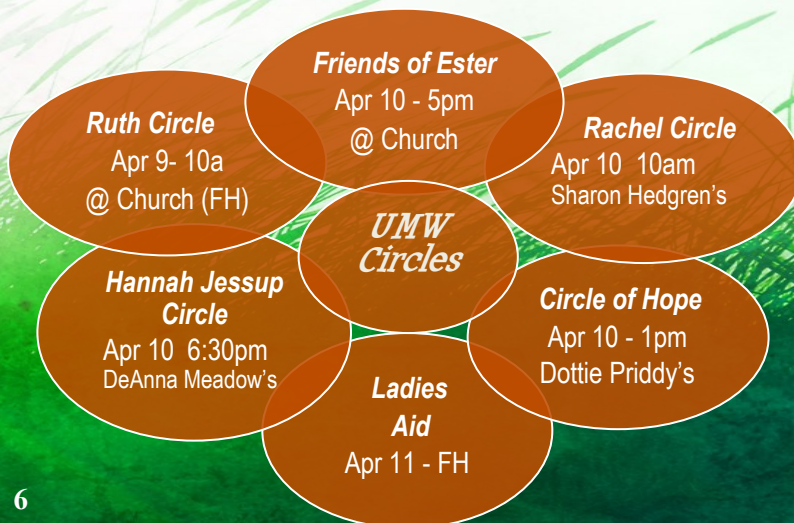
YOU'RE INVITED

**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.

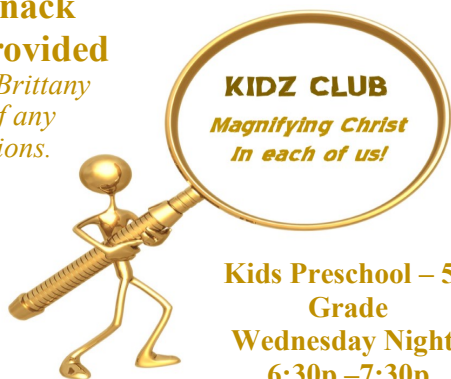
If you have any questions, please contact one of the following UMW members:

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



**Light snack
will be provided**

*Please let Brittany
know of any
restrictions.*



**Kids Preschool – 5th
Grade
Wednesday Nights
6:30p – 7:30p**

Friends are always WELCOME!
No KIDZ CLUB on April 17th



GET PLUGGED IN...
**with our Youth Group Ministry
and our Leaders,
Craig & Bridget Stephenson**

Youth - 5th – 12th 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
No Youth Group on April 17th (Holy Week)



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!!



**NO KIDS MOVIE NIGHT
in APRIL**

Join us on May 17th 6p-8p

For our NEXT MOVIE NIGHT

With tons of fun:

Craft, Game, Movie, Popcorn & Refreshments!

kids PreK – 12th are welcome!

Sign up will be 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!

Matthew 28:5
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"Do not be afraid, for I
know that you seek Jesus
who was crucified.*





April - Sunday Worship Ambassadors

Counters: Vickie Breen & Mike Geldean

Sunday, April 7th - Communion Stewards

Sonny & Sharon Hedgren, Stan & Sandy Yenerich, Vickie Breen(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)

Anyone interested in being part of the Ambassadors Servant list, please see Donna Buckley or let the church office know what your interests are.

| | <u>April 7</u> | <u>April 14</u> | <u>April 19</u> Good Friday | <u>April 21</u> | <u>April 24</u> |
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| Greeters | Tom & Shirley Koscik | Ray & Dawn Brick | | Ricky & Jean Lawrence | Cindy Boyer |
| Liturgists | Vickie Breen | Ron Lehman | _____ | Char Musser | Janet Robb |
| A/V | Connor & Ryan McKay | Anita Young & Mark Lindstrom | Mike Geldean | Mike Geldean & Mark Lindstrom | Mike Geldean & Anita Young |

April Communion Mission Offering will support United Methodist Global Committees on Relief (UMCOR)

UMCOR exists to assist UM churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need through programs of relief, rehabilitation, and service, including issues of displaced persons, hunger and poverty, disaster response, and disaster risk reduction; and to assist organizations, institutions, and programs related to annual conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in their involvement in direct service to such persons in need..

Please make checks payable to CUMC

-memo: UMCOR

Please be sure to mark all donations as UMCOR.

Collection baskets are to the left and right window sills at the front of the sanctuary as you come up for communion!



April Shop Dates

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday | Apr 1 | 6p – 8p |
| Wednesday | Apr 3 | 11a - 12n |
| | | <i>Senior Luncheon</i> |
| Sunday | Apr 7 | 10a-11a |
| | | <i>Following our Worship Service</i> |
| Thursday | Apr 11 | 10a – 2p |
| Monday | Apr 15 | 6p – 8p |
| Thursday | Apr 25 | 10a – 2p |
| Monday | Apr 29 | 6p – 8p |



Choir Members Welcome!

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

(Sep-May)

All are welcome!!

More...Serving God



Spring Food Drive
will be **March 31st**
Bags will be distributed
on **March 24!**

The donations will support Families of Faith
Living Mana Food Pantry.

Reminder- please be sure to check all food expiration dates.
A list of much needed items will be attached to the bags.

Reminder...

Join the Nurturing Team
for a **SPRING POTLUCK BRUNCH**

Sunday March 31st

Following church service!

**Sign up in the Narthex to bring
your favorite dish to pass!**



Channahon UMC

Wednesday – April 3 @ 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
March 4th - call 815-726-0094 ext 322

May Senior Lunch will be on May 1st
Come Early - Thrift Shop will be open
10:30a-11:30am



acolyte training

AND



USHER TRAINING

Sunday, April 28th

Adults and Kids (8 & older) are invited to
train as an ACOLYTE and an USHER.
10:30am in the Sanctuary

Extended Table - Communion Training

Anyone interested in training to serve our
Home-bound CUMC Family & Friends wishing to
have communion with EXTENDED TABLE;

Please join us on **Sunday, April 7th at 10:30am**

See Pastor Tim for more details!

Pack 444, Cub Scouts are **STILL** 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!



Outreach Presents:

A Spaghetti Dinner Church Fundraiser

April 7th

Carry-Out or Dine-in begins at 10:30am

A FREE-WILL offering will be accepted.

Proceeds will benefit Outreach Adult Missions



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Just CUMC gets a % !! Simple as THAT....

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Announcements 8:50am *

**Worship Service
9:00am ***

Coffee Fellowship 10:00am

Sunday School 10:15am

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

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

Follow us on FACEBOOK at



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