

Channahon United Methodist Church

Building Disciples ~ Growing Faith ~ Serving God

'STAYING-CONNECTED' Weekly E-NEWS

February 10, 2021

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815-467-5275/ email ~ Office@channahonumc.org

REMINDERS:

Current Office Hours :

Monday - Friday / 10a to 1pm

We have received word last week, that our area can open with a 50 max capacity per worship area (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)

What that means for us... We can come back to worship (max of 50) and we will utilize both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (when needed). Masks and social distancing will still be required. ALL ARE WELCOME AT Channahon UMC!

Be sure to sign up online <http://tiny.cc/CUMCsignup> or call the church office!

CAYA Worship will also accommodate a 50person max with sign up. <http://tiny.cc/CUMCsignup>

Groups are allowed to return with limit of 10 in the classrooms and 50 in Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary with advance approval by calling the church office.

Our ONLINE worship videos will continue to be available as they have been, on our church website, our Facebook page, and the link sent via E-mail and REMIND later on Sunday morning.

WELCOME BACK!!!!

Those who enter the building for any reason, we ask that you please SIGN-IN (located on table in the Narthex), wash or sanitize your hands, please wear a mask and wipe down the areas you visit as you exit.



This week!

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From the Pastor



DISCIPLESHIP
MINISTRIES

“Yet Even Now”

Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise

ASH WEDNESDAY

By Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries

Read: [Joel 2:1-2, 12-17](#)

You might be asking why we need Lent. After all, we've been through the “lentiest Lent that has ever lented,” as someone said last year. And, in fact, all of 2020 was about as Lenten as we can imagine. Sack-cloth and ashes-worthy, tearing of the garments and repenting in the dust; yeah, been there, done that, still wearing what's left of the t-shirt. And self-reflection? What else were you going to do during the months' long pandemic and lock-down? Physical distancing brought out a lot of introspection, don't you think? Yeah, maybe we can give Lent a miss this year.

Except, maybe there is more to Lent than the suffering that we've endured. Maybe there is more than the reflection and analysis that we are prone to doing. Certainly, these are tools and techniques, practices that we have used and continue to use to achieve the ends that Lent calls us to claim. But as always, it is the end and not the means that defines the season for followers of Jesus.

So, what is the end of the season of Lent? **Why do we have this period of preparation, of fasting and self-denial, of repentance and confession, of putting our spiritual house in order?** Simply so that we can be prepared for Easter. Lent is about embracing the Resurrected One with a whole and longing heart.

What we discover as we make those preparations is that there are so many things that get in the way of our true embrace of the risen Christ. Some of those things are external, but many of them are internal. They are habits and preferences and inclinations that clutter our souls. So, the season of Lent comes along to give us space and appropriate reminders that we need to clean house to receive the one we call Lord.

To do this well is both a painful and a fulfilling exercise. That is why we have two titles for this series, or, if you prefer, a title and a subtitle. You are free, however, to place the emphasis where you believe it needs to be for your faith community. Is the emphasis for this season of Lent the **rending of our hearts? Or is it claiming the promise?** The truth is, we need both: the rending *and* the claiming. We need to tear out the things that are in the way of truly following Christ, which is not an easy or a simple process. Nor is it something that we can do once and then forget it. It is a constant call for us to “lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely” (Heb 12:1). But then we also need to lean into the promise of the kin-dom. We need to claim the life that Christ describes and lives out before us, to embrace the joy of the life of faith.

Lent doesn't have to be a somber time; but to be effective, it needs to be intense. It needs to be taken seriously and rigorously, and we can bring our full selves to the table. It is worth the strenuous effort, however, as we are enabled to embrace the fullness of the promise of Resurrection and live as disciples of Jesus Christ; disciples who make disciples. So, despite feeling as though we have been in a yearlong season of Lent, we need the season; we need the observance to open us to all God has in store for us. **Rend your hearts, so together we can claim the promise.**

Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship - February 17, 2021 at 6:30pm
Lenten Kits (*Communion elements, Holy Ashes, Lenten devotional*) are available
see page 5 for more details

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS CONCERNS & UPDATES



Our Prayers continue to be a vital means for our congregation to remain united together!

Please send them to

office@channahumc.org or leave a voice mail
815-467-5275 and they will be included in the

Wednesday E-News and Sunday's worship,
or contact Pastor Tim with last minute Sunday updates.

This week's prayers from Sunday's Worship & E-Mails:

Concerns:

Joyce Williams - Please continue prayers for little Zachery Sing. He had an MRI of his brain this week and it showed some brain damage due to such prolonged seizures, but the extent of the damage won't be known until they can wake him up. His seizures still continue. Many prayers, please, for this little guy, his parents and family. Thank you so much. .

Sandy Fodero - prayers for my next door neighbor, Jeanette Anderson MC Nicol, she is in the hospital still and has two infections she is fighting on top of cancer. Please say prayers for her to get better.

Lowell Rainwater's daughters are still needing help – anyone who might have some time to spend with Lowell during the daytime hours (9a – 3p). It has become unsafe for Lowell to be left alone. It would be just sitting with him and serving him breakfast and lunch. Please call Sharon if you are able to visit and help – 815-768-9572.

Mary Baker - prayers for my friend Monica Harris' family. Monica past away recently.

Many prayers that we can remain meeting in person. Prayers for those who are suffering and are home alone without human interaction. Prayers for those who face the elements of this weather without comfort or protection.

NOTE:

Please submit church announcements ahead of time to be addressed during service & the weekly ENews. Please send these to the church office before 12noon on Fridays, to be included on Sunday morning and in the Midweek ENews. **Any last minute emergency announcements for Sundays, Please text Pastor Tim 630-344-9661 .**

Nurturing Reminder: We are all Ministers of this church. If someone comes to mind give them a call or drop them a card. Check in on them, see how they are doing or if they need anything. If you need phone numbers and/or addresses, contact the church office. Church directories are available upon request.



This Week's Birthdays

2/10 Larry Schuler
Brinlee Hogg
2/13 Brent McMurphy
2/14 Donna Buckley
Aileen Cotter

This Week's Anniversaries

2/14 Bob & Elaine Coen
(Date correction!)

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@Channahumc.org

Thank You...

Thank you to Lou McCoy and Donna Buckley for preparing the Lenten Kits for distribution and delivery.

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.*

For those who have lost loved ones and whose hearts are overwhelmed with grief, may you find comfort in these days through the love and guidance of Christ Jesus.

For all those who have lost loved ones this past year!



For God ❤️
SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY
BEGOTTEN
SON SO
THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES
IN HIM SHALL
HAVE EVERLASTING
Life ❤️

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS, CONCERNS & UPDATES

continued!



**Channahon United Methodist Preschool
Is back to school in-person!**

Class times are Monday-Friday

3yr - Tue/Thur 9a-11a

4yr - Mon/Wed/Fri 9a-11:30a & 12:30p - 3p

If anyone needs more information about the preschool, please contact the school directly at

815- 467-4708 or email

ChannahonUMpreschool@gmail.com

2021-2022 Registration is OPENING!

Community Registration opened on February 1, 2021

If you are interested in the preschool program, please contact the school for an OPEN-HOUSE appointment on February 6th - private tour appointments also available.

Give Us A Call Today!

This week at Channahon UMC:

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am – 1pm

- Wednesday - Feb 10:** Preschool onsite
9:30a Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
6:30pm CAYA Worship (*pre-recorded*)
Sign up to watch in Sanctuary or FH
Also available Online/Website
6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous -143
- Thursday - Feb 11:** Preschool onsite
Scouts - Troop 444/454 FH/EDU
7p Worship Team ZOOM
- Friday - Feb 12:** Preschool onsite
10am Online bible study w/Becky
- Saturday - Feb 13:** 8a-9:30a CoDA Group - ZOOM
- Sunday – Feb 14:** 9a **In-Person & Online**
available on our WEBSITE
And via the REMIND link
- Monday – Feb 15:** Preschool onsite
7p Trustees - ZOOM
- Tuesday- Feb 16:** Preschool onsite
1:15p Circle of Hope FH
6:30pm SPR (*re-scheduled*) ZOOM
- Wednesday - Feb 17:** Preschool onsite - JAM
Ash Wednesday
9:30a Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service
Sign up to watch in Sanctuary or FH
Also available Online/Website
6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous -143
7:15p Lenten Study Sanctuary & Zoom

Our texting communication system

called “REMIND” is to receive alerts, church information and special announcements. This allows us to send out a group text with short, immediate information about needs in our church, reminders of upcoming events and emergency notifications and just all around - stay better connected. Follow these simple instructions:

Receive emergency announcements, event reminders by text or email or both from church using



To Sign-up

Send a text message **@cumchurch** to **81010**

If you have a smart phone. Get push notifications. On your iPhone or android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: **rmd.at/cumchurch** and follow the instructions to sign-up. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

If you don't have a smart phone, get text notifications. Text the message **@church** to the number **81010**.

If you don't have a mobile phone, go to **rmd.at/cumchurch** on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Any questions, please see Pastor Tim.
If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting **@cumchurch** to **(412) 927-1459**.



No LONGER collecting plastic caps & lids!!

Thank you for all your efforts & support!

Plastic Grocery Bags:

If you have an excess of plastic grocery bags that you'd like to get rid of, you can drop them by the church.



Someone is needing them to make homeless pads using the plastic bags, and about 400-500 are needed for just one mat.

Envelopes



Offering envelope boxes are here in the Narthex for pick up.

End of Year giving statements have been mailed. Please contact the church office if you should have received on but did not or have any questions concerning your statement.

BUILDING DISCIPLES

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."



WELCOME BACK!

Our Sanctuary has reopened for our Sunday morning worship to accommodate 50 people and 50 in Fellowship Hall (as needed)

Experience IN-Person and Online Worship with song, message and prayer.

Sign up is needed- <http://tiny.cc/CUMCsignup>

Masks, social distancing and sanitizing will be enforced.

Mid-Week ONLINE Worship

In the Sanctuary & Online

A service of prayer, music and meditation for all!

'COME AS YOU ARE'

Come! Whosoever will come, let him take the water of life freely!
Revelation 22:17

Join us Wednesday's at 6:30pm
In-Person watch party in the Sanctuary with reservations (Limit 50)

Sign up online (<http://tiny.cc/CUMCsignup>)
Or watch online @ your convenience.

February 17th

You are invited to worship with us for our special Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30pm in our sanctuary or ONLINE.

It will feature music, a message, meditation, holy communion, and self-imposition of ashes as together we begin our journey into the season of Lent.

Lenten Kits will be available for our worship service. --- The kits will include Holy Communion Elements, container of Holy Ashes and a Lenten Booklet.

For those watching from home: Lenten kits can be picked up beginning Thursday 2/ 11 during office hours.

If you would like your kit delivered, please contact the church office by February 15th .

Mission Offering

HOLY COMMUNION

During Communion we give a Mission Offering. Our Communion Mission offering on Ash Wednesday will support **Micro Credit (Mixed-Farming) 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.

Checks can be made payable to CUMC memo: **Micro Credit**

Contributions can be mailed and/or delivered to the church office.

Sign up is needed to worship In-Person
www.tiny.cc/CUMCsignup

'BUILDING DISCIPLES'

continued!



Thank you for your continuous and generous support of our church. There are 3 ways to give:

In-Person Worship ~ there will be an offering drop box in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall

MAIL - you can mail or drop off your offerings to the church (Mail is picked up daily and monies are counted weekly. Please do NOT send CASH through the mail)

Online Giving - safest and easiest (Please contact the office for more information and details for online giving and a form can be mailed to you)

The weekly Giving Report:

Jan. 24 ~ \$1,451 and Jan. 31 ~ \$3,336

Jan. 7 ~ \$4,659.75

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our church.

Need more pre-addressed blank mailing envelopes, let the office know.

Lay Leaders Meetings

on ZOOM @ 7pm

February 18

March 18

April 15

June 17

Zoom LINK :

<http://tiny.cc/LayLeadersMeetings>

We encourage our Lay Leaders and anyone interested in Lay Leadership to participate in our meetings.



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.



Register by Feb. 15!

Join us as part of your Lenten Journey!

Aurora District Virtual Lay Academy 2021

5 Sundays in Lent 2 to 4pm

Beginning February 21

Introduction to Lay Ministry: Basic Course
Roger Curless, Instructor

Called to Preach: Rev. Becky Nicol, Instructor

Biblical Storytelling: Rev. JoAnne Chase,
Instructor

Leading Worship: Chuck Dexter, Instructor

For more information or to register, go to

<http://tiny.cc/AuroraLayAcademy2021>

These workshops are available for anyone who is interested Lay Ministry within our church and community. REGISTER BY FEB. 15 / \$20 fee.



LAITY CONVOCATION 2021

The Other Side

Making our churches vital in a post-pandemic world

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
9 AM TO 12 NOON

Via Zoom webinar
Cost: \$10
Register by February 11 at 12 noon

umcnic.org/2021-laity-convocation

Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Registration Link:

<http://tiny.cc/2021NICLaityConvocation>

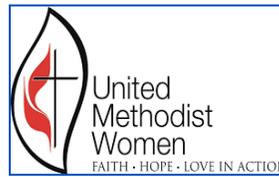
Stay connected in God's Word

There are many online daily devotionals. Finding the right one for you is important. Find suggestions and links here each week to feed your SPIRIT - Spiritually!

Daily Word Devotions ~ www.dailyword.com

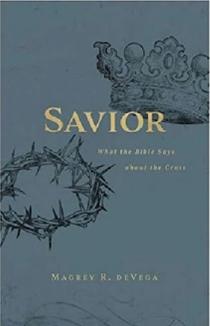
'GROWING FAITH'

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Channahon UMW Circles may be meeting via ZOOM, please be sure to check with your Circle Chair or call the church office if you are interested in becoming a part of a Channahon UMW circle.

Online & In-Person Study will be offered



Online study requires sign up to receive the ZOOM link!

Lenten Study begins Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021
7:15 PM (following CAYA)
\$12 for book
Call the Office to Sign up 815-467-5275

Savior

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE CROSS

The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. But what exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean for us today?

In *Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross*, Magrey deVega faithfully describes the need for reconciliation between humankind and a holy God through Jesus' death on the cross. The Bible uses many images to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and deVega guides us through these images to achieve a richer understanding of the Christian faith. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, we can deepen our love for God and others and strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus.

Pastor Tim will lead the **online study** via ZOOM and **in-person study** following Wednesday CAYA Worship. Sign up on our SIGN UP LINK <http://tiny.cc/CUMCsignup>
Books are here in the Narthex - \$12ea.

This YOUTUBE video clip provides a little insight into the book study
<http://tiny.cc/SAVIORvideoclip>

Save the Date:

UNITED VOICES FOR CHILDREN:
VIRTUAL PRESENTATION & CONVERSATION
THURSDAY, February 18, 2021~ 7p.m.
ZOOM Link: <http://tiny.cc/UMWFeb18>

Please mark your calendars for this Zoom Event on February 18, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. Channahon UMW will host this Zoom Event with representatives from "United Voices for Children" (formerly *Child Serve*). The event will focus on mission for children, youth, and their families. There will be a question/answer time and a time to hear how we can support this mission. There is no charge for this event, everyone is invited (even if you are not a member of UMW).

Here is the **AGENDA** of the evening:

Welcome, Opening Prayer, and Introductions (Dottie Priddy, Channahon United Methodist Women)

What is United Voices for Children? (Deaconess Catherine Inseerra, United Voices for Children Board Member)

Kids Above All, formerly ChildServ (Deaconess Catherine Inseerra, Manager of Faith and Community Relations, Kids Above All)

Rosecrance (Jennifer Hahs, Community Relations Coordinator, Rosecrance)

MYSI (LaTonia Booth Johnson, MYSI Program Outreach Coordinator)

Q&A & Discussion (facilitated by Char Musser, Channahon United Methodist Women)

* Is there anything more you would like to know about these organizations?

* How does the work of these organizations fit into the mission of UMW and our churches? What does our support look like right now? How might it evolve in the future?

Thank you and Closing Prayer (Lana Stafford, Channahon United Methodist Women)

Channahon UMW will again participate in the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." Circle chairs will distribute information and giving envelopes. This offering can be mailed to or dropped off at the church. Please make all checks payable to Channahon UMW and mark it "Prayer & Self-Denial". The theme for 2021 is "**She Leads: Empowering Women to make a Difference.**" 100% of these offerings will go directly to fund projects for women, children and youth.
Please turn your donations in by April 30, 2021.

BIBLE STUDY

Do you have a smart phone or a computer and access to the internet at home? You can download the Zoom app and join us for Bible Study. Everyone is welcome.

Lectionary Scripture Bible Study
Fridays, 10 am to 11 am via Zoom

Curriculum is sent out the week before each study along with a Zoom link. Materials can be emailed or sent regular mail. If you need help with Zoom call Becky Casey 815-557-9659.

No Bible Study on 2/26

John 13:35
"By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another."



Continuing with ZOOM for now. Please contact Nancy G for the Zoom Link.



Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) support group has resumed meetings here at Channahon UMC every Saturday Morning 8a-9:30a in room 143. (unless otherwise posted). CoDA is a fellowship of people who seek healthy relationships. The only requirement for membership is the desire for improved relationships. Group members support each other on their individual journeys as they learn to love themselves. CoDA therapy relies upon a set of 12 steps for recovery. For more information can be found at www.CoDA.org or CUMC contact is Nancy G. 708-912-3056.



John 12:26

*Whoever wants to serve Me must follow Me,
so that my servant will be with Me where I am.
And my Father will honor anyone who serves Me.*



As our church slowly emerges from isolation and things can begin to flourish again, this is an opportunity for NEW IDEAS - NEW PLANS - NEW DIRECTIONS - and we need YOUR help!

We have many openings to fill for our 2021 Councils & Teams Leaders. Prayerfully consider your passion and God's call to serve your church in such a way that can make a difference!

We are called to 'BE the CHURCH' and that's just what we need. People to step up, step out and 'BE' a vital part of CUCM and who we are, what we stand for and how we CAN make a difference.

Anyone interested can contact the office or see Pastor Tim for more details and information that may be needed.

OUTREACH NEWS

The Manteno Veteran's Home is so grateful for the abundant donations that come from our faithful and generous congregation. They continue to LOVE Little Debbie snack cakes and treats.

Outreach team will begin serving dinner at **Daybreak Shelter - Joliet** - on the 4th Monday of Feb, June, Aug & Oct.

3 volunteers are needed each date.

CUMC is also filling in on March 29th - need 3 volunteers on that date too.

Janet Weakley feels it is easier to accept monetary donations rather than the needed items, and she will do all the shopping at GFS.

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the church (marked DAYBREAK) or call Janet Weakley directly to make other arrangements 815-302-4947.

Again, thank you for sharing your abundant blessings with our ministries at CUMC.



It is always so refreshing to see new faces, especially those of our church friends and family whom we miss so much! **SO...** We invite anyone who is interested in taking part in parts of our RECORDED worship videos, (readings, scripts, and/or music,) to please contact the church office so we can make arrangements for recording.

CHAIR YOGA



**Is BACK -
in Fellowship Hall**

NEW START time is
9:30am

Please bring a mat!



**Is Still Closed
and NOT receiving
donations
at this time.**



Channahon I&M Canal Spring
Clean Up is set for
Saturday, April 10th.

We have been invited to participate as a Church Group, but we need a minimum of 10 people to make it doable.

If you and/or your family is wanting to participate, please sign up NOW on our SING UP LINK so that we can see if we have enough volunteers to make it official. <http://tiny.cc/CUMCsignup>

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:3





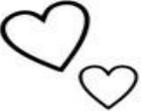
Adults and Kids!

Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.

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 U P A E M L G A A V E A B O N
 W R T V Q F P R R J A T P W E
 U E I E Z J R B R Z R E O P Z
 U N R I G H T E O U S N E S S
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 N S Q E K E R S A V P P R P X
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Is **PATIENT**

Is **KIND**

Is Not **JEALOUS**

Does Not **BRAG**

Is Not **ARROGANT**

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

Is Not **PROVOKED**

Does Not Take Into Account A Wrong **SUFFERED**

Does Not Rejoice In **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

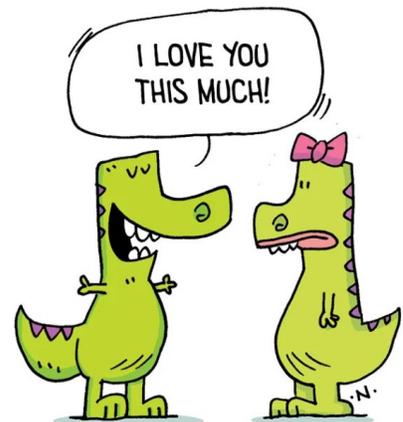
REJOICES With The Truth

BEARS All Things

BELIEVES All Things

HOPES All Things

ENDURES All Things





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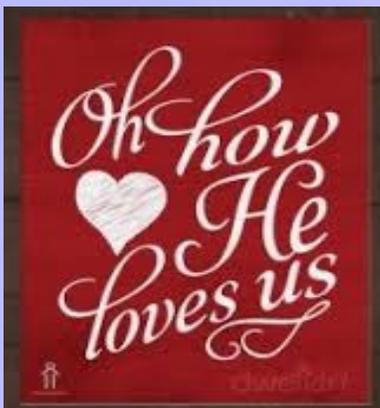
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Happy Valentines Day!

Family & Friends

During these difficult and uncertain times, if anyone is needing spiritual guidance or someone to talk to, please contact the church office and you will be put in contact with church staff/leader.

2 Chronicles 6:29-30

When all your people Israel pray and ask for help, as they acknowledge their intense pain and spread out their hands toward this temple, then listen from your heavenly dwelling place, forgive their sin, and act favorably toward each one based on your evaluation of their motives. (Indeed you are the only one who can correctly evaluate the motives of all people.)

Rejection, though undeniably painful, does not have to hold us back from accomplishing what God wants us to do.

John 1:11
He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.