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Channahon United Methodist Church

Building Disciples ~ Growing Faith ~ Serving God

‘STAYING-CONNECTED’ Weekly E-NEWS

February 17, 2021

 Follow us on FACEBOOK/Channahon-UMC / website: www.channahonumc.org
815-467-5275/ email ~ Office@channahonumc.org

REMINDERS:

Current Office Hours :

Monday - Friday / 10a to 1pm

Our area has reached PHASE 4 with Covid mitigations

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 www.tiny.cc/CUMCsignup or call the church office!

CAYA Worship will also accommodate a 50person max with sign up. www.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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- Pg. 5 - Ash Wednesday -Service Link, Lenten Kits and Mission Offering
- Pg. 6 - Stewardship update & info links
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UMNIC Men's Annual Meeting
Daily Devotion suggestions
- Pg. 7- UMW - Voices for Children Event - Agenda
- Pg. 8 - Spring Community Clean up
No Chair Yoga for 3 weeks!



From the Pastor



Rend Your Hearts: **'This Is The Sign'**

Lent begins today, on Ash Wednesday; we admit that. But this first Sunday is when many people become aware of the season. If there are rituals to be adopted, they will often begin today. So, we are on the brink again, or still, or even for the first time, of the journey. That's why we begin with promise; we begin with covenant.

What is the promise of Genesis 9? It is about relationship and about presence. Perhaps you noticed in the overall title for the series that "hearts" is plural, but promise is singular. "Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise." That was intentional. There is a corporate call to the Lenten journey, as discussed on Ash Wednesday. Bring the whole community together; no excuses are allowed. We are together in this act of rending, of opening ourselves as a whole body to the promise of God. But the promise is singular, and that promise is that God will be in relationship with us.

Of course, you think, there are lots of promises in the Bible. That is true, but the variety of gifts and encouragements and equipping all stem from the singular promise of presence. "Best of all, God is with us," as John Wesley supposedly said on his deathbed. We can, of course, and should, enumerate some of these manifestations of the promise of presence throughout the series, but here we focus on that simple and profound truth: God is with us; we are not alone.

The symbol of the rainbow is well known throughout the history of the faith. We should not be afraid of using it in worship, even though there are new connotations to that symbol. Be assured that it is a symbol of acceptance and inclusion, of gathering the community together under a common faith. The Lenten call is corporate, remember; it is about gathering together "all who have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

In fact, our worship could declare not only that "there is the sign" as we point beyond ourselves to the naturally occurring light refracting through the rain and producing an arc of color and light; but that because of that sign and because of that promise, now we are the sign. The church has become the rainbow sign of the presence of God as we seek to gather up the scattered beloved of God into one covenanted community of faith. We are the sign.

About the author:

Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, served churches in Indiana and Arkansas and the British Methodist Church. His PhD is from University of Edinburgh in preaching and media. He has taught preaching in seminary and conference settings for more than 20 years.

Join us tonight, February 17th, for our Ash Wednesday Worship - February 17, 2021

It will be available to watch LIVE on ZOOM www.tiny.cc/AshWednesdayCAYA
at 6:30pm and Lenten Studies (*in person & Online*) following worship.

We will also send out the recorded link later for those who were not able to join us at 6:30pm

Blessings,

Pastor Tim



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 - It is with much sadness to say that Little Zachary Sing lost his battle this past Saturday, 2/13/21, and Jesus took him Home. Please, please many prayers for Zachary's parents, brother and his entire family as they learn to live their lives without Zach.

Prayers for Rick Lyman who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Continued prayers for Tom Sweet for strength and healing through treatment.

Prayers for all those who have to be on the road this week, dealing with such harsh temperatures and dangerous conditions.

Kris Hayden - update on my friends husband, Mike - he has made a miraculous recovery - he continues to get stronger with PT to walk and move around again. With only a few minor set backs after being on the vent for 21 days - he is due to come home by the end of the month. Thank you for so many prayers that have been answered. Continued prayers for strength and healing still needed....

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.

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

2/19 Hayden Hogg

This Week's Anniversaries

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@Channahumc.org

Thank You...

Thank to everyone for being so patient and understanding while we figure things out, to get us back together for worship and to remain compliant of the rules and regulations during this time, to help keep everyone safe, connected and informed.

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.

**We lift up the Sing family, of Channahon IL
on the unexpected death of their 6yr old son Zachary**



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!

*There are 3 dates available for OPEN HOUSE -
March 7, April 17 & May 22 - Call for an appointment*

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**.



This week at Channahon UMC:

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am - 1pm

Wednesday - Feb 17:
Ash Wednesday

Preschool onsite - JAM
9:30a Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service
*Sign up to watch in Sanctuary or FH
Also available Online w/ZOOM link*
6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous -143
7:15p Lenten Study Sanctuary & Zoom

Thursday - Feb 18:

Preschool onsite - JAM
Scouts - Troop 444/454 FH/EDU

Friday - Feb 19:

Preschool onsite
10am Online bible study w/Becky

Saturday - Feb 20:

8a-9:30a CoDA Group - ZOOM

Sunday - Feb 21:

9a In-Person & Online
*available on our WEBSITE
And via the REMIND link*

Monday - Feb 22:

Preschool onsite

Tuesday - Feb 23:

NO Preschool - Teacher Institute
6:45pm Church Council ZOOM

Wednesday - Feb 24:

Preschool onsite - JAM
NO CHAIR YOGA
6:30pm 'Come As You Are' Worship
*Sign up to watch in Sanctuary or FH
Also available Online/Website*
6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous -143
7:15p Lenten Study Sanctuary & Zoom

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.

Neatly folded helps tremendously!!!

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.



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."



**TODAY - FEBRUARY 17TH
IS ASH WEDNESDAY
- THE FIRST DAY OF LENT -**

You are invited to worship with us tonight for our special Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm in the sanctuary or online

ONLINE ZOOM LINK :

www.tiny.cc/AshWednesdayCAYA

(you can log on as early as 6:15pm to participate LIVE - or you can watch later at your convenience - it will be sent via email and REMIND and on our website)

Our worship will feature music, message, prayer, holy communion and self-imposition of ashes, as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Our Lenten Study will follow after our worship service. Class is offered in Person in the Sanctuary and Online -Zoom (using the above LINK)

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

For those watching from home:

If you were not able to pick up Lenten Kits for the service, you can prepare communion elements and ashes (if you so desire) prior to viewing the video.

Mission Offering



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.



We are 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.

'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. 7 ~ \$4,202.75.

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

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

2/21/21 Lenten Generosity

"40 Acts, Give Out – Not Up"

<https://40acts.org.uk/>

The 40 Acts program is a free one started six years ago in the United Kingdom by a charitable organization, "Stewardship."

There are two easy ways to get connected with the 40 Acts of Generosity Challenge. You can sign up on the 40 Acts website by entering your email address at <https://40acts.org.uk/> Once you have signed up, you will receive a daily email with that day's challenge and three ways you might complete it along with a short inspirational story with how generosity played a role in the writer's life.

Or you can just visit the site daily and see what that day's challenge is. On the website you can also go back to previous years and their challenges.

This website has somewhat easier ideas as well as lots of choices:

<https://fabfortykindnesschallenge.wordpress.com/acts-of-kindness-ideas/>

A lot of the challenges in these 2 websites can be done by the whole family but I have also found one just for kids:

<https://www.churchinaquitaine.org/images/stories/pdf/files/40actskidswallchart.pdf>

Try one of these or parts of all of them and stick to it. No one is keeping score except maybe yourself. Even doing one challenge is a step forward!



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.



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 LATE registration contact

Mary Mecker by e-mail at mary.mecker@gmail.com.

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



NICUMN Annual Meeting Invitation

George Groves is inviting the men of CUMC to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NICUMM ANNUAL MEETING

Time: Feb 27, 2021 08:45am Central Time

Group #5

Join Zoom Meeting: www.tiny.cc/UMNICMen2021

Meeting ID: 508 532 8410

Passcode: 678718

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!

Bread for our Hearts ~ www.breadforourhearts.org

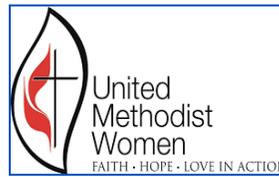
[Meditation - Bread for our Hearts](#)



March/April UpperRoom Prayer books are now available in the Narthex. Stop by and pick one up or call the office to have one mailed to you.

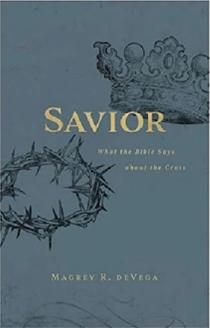
'GROWING FAITH'

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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

www.tiny.cc/SAVIORvideoclip



Save the Date:

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

Feb. 18 - join us for a Zoom Event. Link is above. 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 Inerra, United Voices for Children Board Member)

Kids Above All, formerly ChildServ (Deaconess Catherine Inerra, 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

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.

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 CUMC 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 worship service or worship videos, (readings, scripts, and/or music,) to please contact the church office so we can make arrangements for recording or schedule for Sunday participation.

CHAIR YOGA



**Is BACK -
in Fellowship Hall**

On Wednesday Mornings
NEW START time
is **9:30am**

Please bring a mat!

**NO YOGA ~February 24,
March 3, and March 10!**



**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>



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