Channahon United Methodist Church

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'STAYING-CONNECTED' Weekly E-NEWS

March 3, 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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From the Pastor

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise

All These Words

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

Designing a worship experience around the commandments seems a daunting task. Yet it need not be a heavy or finger-wagging experience. Instead, it could focus on the commitments we make to one another within the life of the community of faith. It could be a celebration of who we are as the body of Christ. It could be a reminder that **we live in covenant with one another.**

It could also become a time of confession. It could be a time of admitting that we might live up to the letter of this law, but that we don't approach its spirit. Like Jesus pointed out to us, we might not have killed anyone, but we might have wished them dead with our words and our hatred. **This could be a time of healing,** not so much healing of bodies as healing of relationships. Worship can be, must be, a time of binding us together.

It takes courage, certainly, to be vulnerable enough to admit brokenness. But part of the promise we celebrate is the promise of community. Let this be a time of celebration of harmony: the harmony of the body who lives defined or described by these words that we celebrate. Make space for confession, corporate and individual. Provide silence as a way of bringing the people before the vision of these words. Let there be a cleansing, a way of throwing away the confession and embracing the grace; a way of moving beyond the rending of hearts into the claiming of the promise. Or even being a sign of the promise by how we choose to be the body of Christ together.

Whether worshiping online or in person, give a safe space for this movement from rending to claiming ... [Find] avenues for healing the broken relationships. Provide inspiration to make the first step. **Starting with a simple "I'm sorry" can often be the means to bring about a whole new start.**

The key is to not wield these words like a hammer, but to hold up this vision of living in community as an invitation, as a choice that the world has not yet tried. And maybe it is time the church leads by example.

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, March 3rd , for our 'Come As You Are Worship Service' at 6:30pm and week 2 Lenten Study *(in person & Online)* following worship.

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@channahonumc.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:

Lowell Rainwater has been in Morris Hospital since last week with an infection in his leg. He will be going to Alden Ct. in Shorewood for skilled therapy and care. Many prayers that this infection clears up. Cards can be sent to 1617 Glenwood - Joliet 60435.

Elena Warren - my daughter-in-law is recovering from shoulder surgery. Caregiver Carolyn's husband recovering from back surgery and Joanne Bednarcis is recovering from surgery. Many prayers for healing and strength.

Bob Coen - it is good to be back in church! Prayers for Jim Frisby who passed away last week from Covid- Jim was the minister at the park we wintered at in Texas.

Pat Steele - I have received news from relatives in TX that my nephew, while vacationing in Panama, fell and passed away from a brain bleed. Also, a niece suffering from ALS passed away recently. Prayers for both families.

Gwen Tunney - prayers for my cousin Peggy who fell and shattered her shoulder is having surgery. My friend Kenny is having a biopsy and praying for good results.

Kris Hayden - my friend's husband Mike, whom we have been praying for, is due to come home this week, Thursday! He is doing so well - truly our prayers for God's blessing and grace for his recovery!

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

03/09 Tim Wasilewski

This Week's Anniversaries

None - This week

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...

Thank you to Donna Szoke and Rose Admonis for helping in the office so I could be off.

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.

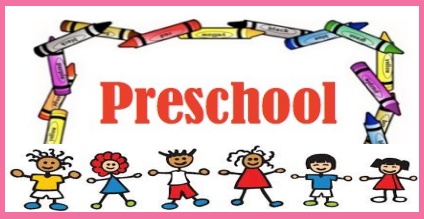
For those who have lost loved ones and whose hearts are overwhelmed with grief, may you find comfort in these days through the love and guidance of Christ Jesus.

As we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, we will learn that the best answer to some of our prayers is His gracious 'NO'

2Corinthians 12:8-9

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My GRACE is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in your weakness.'

Sunday, March 14th - So remember to set your clock ONE HOUR ahead before going to bed on Saturday or you'll be way EARLY for church!



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

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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!

Theare 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

remind

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 - Mar 3:
Preschool onsite
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*

Thursday - Mar 4:
Preschool onsite
Scouts - Troop 444/454 FH/EDU

Friday - Mar 5:
Preschool onsite
NO Online bible study

Saturday - Mar 6:
8a-9:30a CoDA Group - *ZOOM*
9a-12n Preschool Open House

Sunday – Mar 7:
9a **In-Person & Online**/*Lou Mccoy Preaching*
available on our WEBSITE
And via the REMIND link

Monday – Mar 8:
Preschool onsite
10a Ruth Circle - FH
6:30pm Finance - ZOOM
7p Staff Parish - ZOOM

Tuesday- Mar 9:
Preschool onsite
5:30p-7p Girl Scouts 75644 - 145
6p Hannah Jessup Circle - Fh

Wednesday - Mar 10:
Preschool onsite
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*

Plastic Grocery Bags:

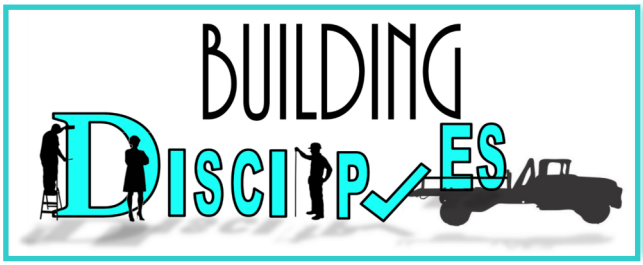
If you have an excess of plastic grocery bags that you'd like to get rid of, you can drop them by the church.

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!!!

Offering envelope boxes ae 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."

So GOOD to be BACK!

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

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

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

Dates are available through Easter Sunday for Sign Up!

Masks, social distancing and sanitizing will be enforced.

This Sunday is COMMUNION SUNDAY -

Those viewing from home can prepare bread and juice for the time of Communion.

During Communion, we give a Mission Offering. Our Communion offering this morning, will support UMCOR/Undesignated - United Methodist Committee On Relieve - provides humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally. These undesignated funds allow UMCOR to allocate funds to disasters as they arise. ***umcor.org***

. Checks can be dropped off or mailed to the church and made payable to CUMC memo: **UMCOR**

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 - in the Sanctuary with reservations (Limit 50)

Sign up online

http://tiny.cc/CUMCsignup

Or watch online @ your convenience.

Link will be sent via REMIND and today E-News Email ~ Or visit our church website.

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 sight 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!

Stewardship
a way of life

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:

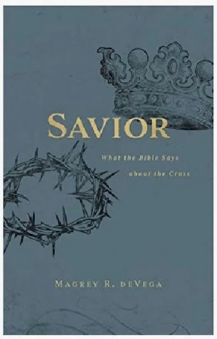
Feb 21 - $2323.75 / Feb 28 - $3443.75

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

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.

Online & In-Person Study will be offered



Online study requires sign up to receive the ZOOM link!

Lenten Study began on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) . Join us for the next 5 weeks as we continue through the chapters of our book - following our CAYA Worship Books are $12 - in the Narthex.

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.

United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

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.

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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 of sent regular mail. If you need help with Zoom call Becky Casey 815-557-9659.

AURORA DISTRICT

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LENTEN GATHERING

Saturday, March 20th 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Zoom Presentation

Join a celebration of Worship with our brothers from across the District and invite your pastor.

A worship presentation will be by Bishop John Hopkins in a video presentation of his Lenten gathering message to Northern Illinois Conference. A short District UMMen meeting will follow including a discussion on the Redistricting of Northern Illinois Conference.

No RSVP required for this meeting, but a zoom link will be required. If you do not receive an e-mail with this link by March 17, 2020 please e-mail Jim Simmons at jwsimengr@comcast.net.

CoDA
DISCOVERY · RECOVERY · SELF · RESPECT

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. 708-813-3056*

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

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!

Gospels in Life ~ *Lenten Devotional*
(www.gospelinlife.com/lent-devotional)
Lent Devotional - Gospel in Life

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.

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.

Sunday, March 14 ~ 9am

As a CHARTER to the BSA-TROOP 444/454
We look forward to a morning in Sunday
worship to celebrate and honor the scouts.

If you plan to attend - Be sure to sign up early!
www.tiny.cc/CUMCsignup

OUTREACH NEWS

Channahon School Kids are making St. Patrick Day cards for the Manteno Veterans and we are in need of extra treats to send with the cards!!

Items needed by March 12th

Little Debbie Snacks
Single serving Lays Potato Chips
Gallon Jug Red Hawaiian Fruit Punch

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

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

Is Still Closed and NOT receiving donations at this time.

Called to Serve

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.

Staff Parish Relations	***Outreach***	***Nurturing***	***A/V***
Trustees	***Finance***	***Education***	***Worship***
IT/Network	***Meals***		

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 regarding any of the councils or teams.

Prayerfully consider your passion and God's call to serve your church in such a way that can make a difference!

Meals that Heal

The Nurturing Team is looking to reignite the 'CUMC Meals that Heal' ministry .
This ministry has been a vital part of our church and congregational care.

We are looking to refresh our list of people who would like to be part of "Meals that Heal" ministry.
What does this mean? -
We would have a rotating list of people who would be willing to prepare/deliver a meal for a family when a need arises *(illness, grief, financial, etc)* and prepared meals can be helpful. Depending on the amount of volunteers and needs that arise, you may be called to prepare/deliver a meal 2-3 times a year.
To be added to this ministry volunteer list, please contact the church office or **Char Musser /815-302-2791** cgmusser66@att.net.

Community Cleanup

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**

If you and/or your family is interested in participating in this SERVICE DAY - PLEASE sign up so that we know who and how many of CUMC folks we will have so we can sign up.

JUST FOR FUN

Adults and Kids!

On the Road to Easter Word Search

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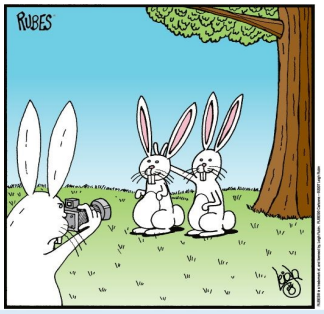
Ash Wednesday	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Sacrifice	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Almsgiving	Good Friday	Jesus
Prayer	Holy Saturday	Passover
Fasting	Easter	Foot Washing
Lent	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
	Purple	Love



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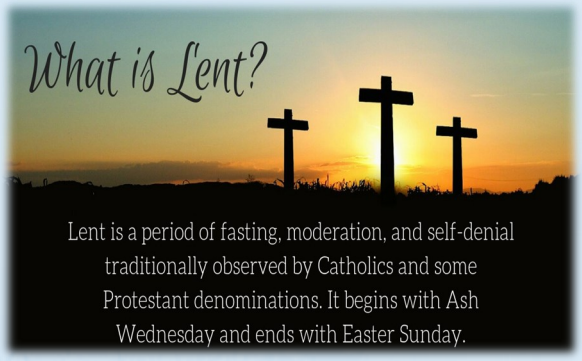

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