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THE GREATEST GIFT EVER

Some time ago, a story goes that a man punished his 3-year old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and gave it to him. He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found the box empty. He yelled at her telling her that there must be something in the box for it to be a gift. The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it is not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you Daddy."

This story makes me happy and smile because it reminds me of the gift that I used to give my children. When they were young, I loved to say "Here is my gift for your birthday, '100 hundreds times kisses from you daddy'." Then I bombarded their face with tons of kisses. Well, sadly, it is not working anymore.

What does makes your gift precious and special? It's not the price tag on it. It's about love. It is the gift we received from our heavenly father through his son Jesus.

*He did not use a silvery box
Or paper green and red.
God laid His Christmas Gift to men
Within a manger bed.*

...continued

More Church & Community News



We invite you to join us for our 7pm Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service featuring children's message, choir, special music and candlelight.

Our 11pm service will include Communion & Candlelight

Family and friends... Bring them ALL!



Holiday Poinsettias



We invite you to help decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season with Christmas poinsettia plants. We have just a small amount available for purchase. The plants can be dedicated in honor or in memory of loved ones.

See page 8 of this newsletter for a printable order form, or find one in the Narthex. Please order by Sunday, December 19th.

You can bring home your plant(s) anytime AFTER the 11pm Christmas Eve Service!

...A word from our pastor continued!

No silken cord was used to bind
The Gift sent from above,
'Twas wrapped in swaddling cloths and bound
In cords of tender love.

There was no evergreen to which
His precious Gift was tied.
Upon a bare tree high on a hill
His Gift was hung....and died

'Twas taken down from off the tree
And in a grave was laid the precious Son of God,
But death itself could not destroy
The precious Gift of God

With mighty hand He lifted Him
From out the stony grave
Forevermore for everyman
An eternal Gift He gave

Author Unknown

God had given us the best gift heaven can offer.
How do we respond to such a precious gift?

Blessings to you and yours this Advent Christmas Season!

Pastor Doh



**The church office will be closed
beginning
December 24th to Jan 3rd!**

**Pastor Doh will be out of the office during
this time but available for
EMERGENCY Pastoral care
630-740-9275**

We invite you to join us for one of our Christmas Eve Services, and Sunday worship on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

More Church & Community News

December Birthdays

12/3	Sunghee Doh	12/21	Riley Boyer
12/5	Mary Baker	12/24	Brittany Alcantar
12/8	Sandy Fletcher	12/25	Marcia Kezerle
	Gwen Tunney		Clay Schuler
12/9	Jim Gray	12/28	Ashley Snot
12/10	Joni Meyer	12/30	Vickie Breen
12/11	Diane McConaughay	12/31	Susan McMillin
12/18	Jeff Barrett		
	Paul Weller		

December Anniversaries

12/4	Mary & Bob Easton
12/27	Ron & MaryAnn Lehman

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

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.*

Many will experience a BLUE CHRISTMAS this year. Please keep them in your prayers

Thank You....

We received thank you notes from our July & September Communion Mission Offering recipients, Midwest Mission Distribution Center and Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems. They are both very grateful for your generosity and prayers.

Kathy Sands - thanks CUMC for her beautiful prayer blanket, love and prayers.

Jannette Boggs sent a beautiful note to friends here at CUMC. You can find the note on the Card Ministry Table if you'd like to read it.

What a JOY for the Koran Family - Billy Koran of Boy BSA Troop 444 and his sister Eilleen Koran of BSA Troop 454 were honored at an Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday, November 13, 2021. Eilleen is the first female scout from a CUMC-chartered troop to receive the Eagle Award.



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CHAIR YOGA



Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am

In Fellowship Hall

Check our website calendar for any changes or updates.

All are welcome.

Please bring a matt.

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Support Channahon United Methodist Church
When you shop at smile.amazon.com
Amazon donates.

AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the customers selected charitable organization.

Your unique charity link

This link will take people directly to smile.amazon.com in support of your organization so they won't have to search for your charity among almost a million other organizations.

www.smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3306769

There is no catch to this – same product offerings, same prices, same shopping, same shipping....
Just CUMC gets a % !! Simple as THAT....

For more information, visit the website or talk to Mike Geldean or Barb Sweet – use this way of buying online and help our church receive extra money that goes right into our general fund!

NEW CHURCH OUTDOOR SIGN

Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the NEW Church Sign Campaign Fund. We are getting closer to having a NEW sign out front! 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' !



More information about CoDA can be found at www.CoDA.org
CUMC contact person is Nancy G.
708-912-3056

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) support group has begun meeting 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.



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.



Our church is open.

Masks are currently recommended now for ALL (vaccinated and unvaccinated) persons during worship and any other indoor gatherings as per the current CDC recommendations, until further notice!

Our ONLINE worship videos will continue to be available as they have been. They will be available after our worship service on our church website and sent via EMAIL.

The church is open and available for use for meetings, groups and events. Please be sure to confirm all usage and availability with the church office.

Coffee Fellowship has resumed. Join us as we gather after our worship service.

Our nursery care is not yet available.

We currently have an adult Advent Sunday School study on Sunday's at 10:30am - 'Christmas Is Not Your Birthday'

Everyone Is Welcome Here!



Thank you for your continuous and generous support of our church.

There are 3 ways to give:

In-Person Worship ~ Offering plates are now in the Sanctuary as you walk in. Place offerings as you enter.

MAIL - you can mail in 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 or check with your bank for auto-payment/billing)

2 Corinthians 9:6-8
Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



Past weekly giving reports

General Fund

**Nov 7 - \$2796.50. Nov 14 - \$5576.50.
 Nov 21- \$2871.50. Nov 28 - \$2378.50.**

Offering plates for Sunday worship are now placed at the back of the sanctuary as you enter. The ushers will bring the offerings forward for blessing during the worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School is HERE!

For ages **Pre-School to 6th Grade**

45 minute classes
10:15am to 11am

We'll have some fun VBS style with bible stories, skits, music, crafts, games and projects!

Our Children's Sunday School has been going well since we began in September. Thank you parents for bringing your children.

On **November 28**, the First Day of Advent, we began following an Advent curriculum called "A Different Kind Of Christmas" based on Mike Slaughter's book "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday".

In his book and in our Sunday School lessons, the focus is on keeping Jesus the focus of our Christmas celebrations through relationships and service.

We are grateful that you have your children join us on Sunday mornings from 10:15am to 11:00am in room 140.



The THRIFT SHOP will host a Christmas Gift Shopping day for our Sunday School kids on December 12 during Sunday School class - 10:15 to 11am, to come and shop and wrap gifts for their family.



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.



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.*

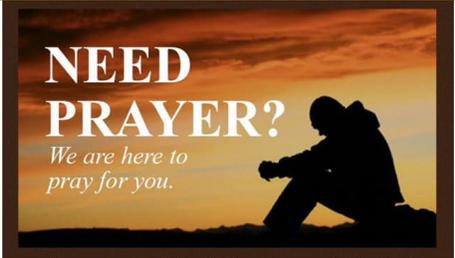


Saturday, December 11th

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!

UMW Circles will meet off-site for Holiday gatherings.



We now have an online-prayer center on our church website – request prayer or pray for others now online and shared on Sunday and Mid-Week. They can be labeled: to share, or private (for Pastor), name or anonymous.
www.channahonumc.org/prayer-requests/

LET THE BAKING BEGIN!



CUMC members who would like to participate in our **COOKIE EXCHANGE & SALE** ~ should bring baked cookies to church on **Saturday, December 18, at 9 a.m.**

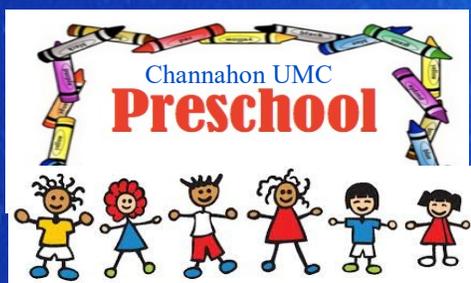
For every **4 dozen** you bring, you can create an assortment of 18 of your choice from all the cookies there.

The remaining cookies will be packaged in 18-count assortment plates for sale at church on **Sunday, December 19.**

Suggested donation: \$10

If you would like, you may purchase an assortment for delivery to another church member, shut-in, or Channahon organization. We can deliver that gift if you prefer or you can do it yourself.

Proceeds from this activity will go toward Channahon UMW's 2022 pledge to mission.



Now a full fledged Christian Education school

Classes will be in session Monday-Friday with am & pm classes

3yr - Tue/Thur 4yr - Mon/Wed/Fri

Anyone interested for next semester or next school year can call 815-467-4708 or email ~ ChannahonUMpreschool@gmail.com



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.



During Communion each month we give an offering as part of our mission giving in connection with the Northern Illinois Conference Rainbow Covenant.

December 5th Communion Mission Offering, will support Missionary Rev Jose Roberto Pena-Nazario ~ Honduras

Rev. José Roberto Peña-Nazario is a mission superintendent for the Honduran Mission Initiative. In addition to his superintendent responsibilities, he also pastors Danli Central United Methodist Church, Honduras where he is active in developing new churches, bringing new members into the Christian community, and assisting people in the community to improve their living conditions. A native of Fajardo, Puerto Rico, and he is a clergy member of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico.

E-mail: joropena@yahoo.com

Please make checks payable to CUMC
-memo: HONDURAS

AND all monetary donations marked as 'HONDURAS'

Communion Offering collection baskets are in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Narthex.



Anyone interested in being a part of the Sunday Morning Choir or musicians interested in playing during worship, Please see Brittany or call the church office for more info.

OUTREACH NEWS

Please remember our **Donation Central Collections**

located in the Narthex.
 Gently use shoes / Boxed snacks / Cases of soda / Travel toiletries
 And individual treats for the Veterans!
Please visit the collection area to see the complete list of needed items!



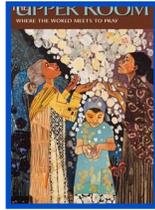
Outreach will host a **Food Drive** collection on **December 12** - to support the Minooka Untied Methodist Food Pantry - Bags and list of needed items will be available on 12/5!

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!

Advent Family Devotions

[Advent 2021 Family Devotional - Week 1 - Focus on the Family](#)



NOV/DEC UpperRoom Prayer books are available in the Narthex - now located at the Card Ministry table.

Pick one up or call the office to have one mailed to you. Jan/Feb books will be out at the



December Shop Dates

Sunday	Dec 5	10a-11a
	<i>Following our Worship Service</i>	
Thursday	Dec 9	10a - 2p
Monday	Dec 13	6p - 8p
Thursday	Dec 23	10a - 2p
Monday	Dec 27	6p - 8p



WISHING YOU AN ABUNDANTLY BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON!

FROM THE FULLNESS OF GRACE WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED ONE BLESSING AFTER ANOTHER.
 JOHN 1:16

More... Serving God

"Taking down the Christmas decorations is just as much fun as putting them up".....said no one ever!!



But, none the less, we need your help and we'll feed you lunch!

**Tuesday, January 4th
10a - 2pm**

*We will work until we are done,
hopefully before 2pm.*

*A light lunch and refreshments
will be served!*

Many hands make for light work!

**Please SIGN UP
in the Narthex so we know how to
prepare for lunch!**

A Christmas Prayer



**I said a Christmas prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
with the precious gift of love.**

**I asked Him for sincere love,
the kind that's meant to stay.
Just like the generous love
you give to those you touch each day.**

**I prayed for love from family.
And from every cherished friend.
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end. ♥
Amen.**

Merry Christmas!



We are conducting a Worship Experience Survey to hear from you what your ideas and thoughts are about our worship here at CUMC.

You can do the survey online via the email that will be sent out very soon, or you can fill out a survey (*printed forms will be in the Narthex on Sunday*) and return them to the church office.

EITHER WAY - WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



CUMC Prayer Blanket Ministries

Children's Blanket Ministry - Is headed up by Dottie Priddy and the UMW Circle of Hope. They have started to prepare blankets again for the **Will County Children's Advocacy Center**. Blankets are given to physically, sexually, and emotionally abused children. Many times this blanket and the clothes on their back are the only possessions they have. Our committee buys material for 60 blankets when they are drastically reduced in November. Each blanket averages \$10 but is priceless to the receiver. If you are interested in donating to the children's advocacy blankets, please mark on your envelope "Children's Blanket Fund".

Prayer Blankets - The Prayer Blanket ministry is headed up by Sandy Yenerich and they have started to cut material again for the Blankets. They are blessed, tied and given with love for those suffering illness, emotional or physical strain. The blankets average a cost of \$13 each. Donations to the prayer blanket fund, or a donation when you request blankets are so greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to those who give on a regular basis.

Anyone interested in helping prepare blankets is welcome to come, and bring scissors!

Prayer Blankets - 1st Monday at 10am

Children's Blankets - 3rd Tuesday at 3pm

(not meeting in December)



Joy to the World



ADVENT
ANGEL
BETHELEHEM
BIRTH
BLESSINGS
CAMELS
FRANKINCENSE

INFANT
JESUS
JOSEPH
MAGI
MANGER
MARY
MIRACLE

MYRRH
NATIVITY
REJOICE
STABLE
STAR
THREE KINGS
WISE MEN



I have come into the world as A LIGHT, SO no one who believes in ME should stay in DARKNESS
John 12:46



Holiday Poinsettias



We invite you to help decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season with Christmas poinsettia plants. We have just a small amount available for purchase. The plants can be dedicated in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Please use this form to order and dedicate a plant!

You can bring home your plant(s) AFTER 11pm Christmas Eve Service!

6in potted plants ~ (\$10ea) ordering _____ plant(S)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to 'CUMC' - Memo: Poinsettias

Place in offering plate or send to the church office.

Deadline to place your order is December 19th

DEDICATION:

Your Name: _____

Please PRINT your name/family name how you would like it printed in the dedication bulletin insert

Phone # : _____

Dedication: Please PRINT names how you would like your message printed

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____



The First Christmas



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service	9:00am
Coffee Fellowship	10:00am
Sunday School	10:15am
	<i>Adult & Children</i>

*Children's Sunday School is offered for
pre-school – 5TH grade (Sept. - May)*

Child Nursery Care has not reopened yet.



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