Greetings Channahon UMC Family and Friends ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

This will be the last E-NEWS email for the year. Our January Circuit Rider Newsletter will be out on January 5th.

For upcoming and future events, please refer to the CURRENT newsletter online or church calendar.

Printed copies of this EMAIL and Current Newsletter are available in the Narthex!

Sunday Mornings – We invite you to worship with us at 9am, followed with coffee fellowship, children and adult Sunday school at 10:15am in the education wing. We will meet for worship on December 26th and January 2nd. We hope you will plan to join us.

Our recorded worship service will be online following the end of the service – via our website and email distribution. Contact the church office if you'd like to be added to our emailing list.

NEW Info and Upcoming Reminders:

Current COVID – MITIGATIONS & RESTRICTIONS :

Attendance will still be taken on Sunday Mornings – pew pads are not out yet. Sign up is no longer needed

Our limits in the building are back to normal capacity limits.

Masks are required by ALL – both vaccinated and non-vaccinated when indoors in large group settings.

***The Church Council in accordance with the US Centers for Disease and Control has changed the mask policy to require that EVERYONE wear a mask indoors to prevent the spread of the variants until the transmission of COVID-19 in Will County and surrounding areas decreases.**

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.

Sunday Morning Worship. Fellowship & Sunday School – Join us Sunday mornings for 9am worship and Fellowship following. We will have our 9am service & fellowship on December 26th and January 2nd. Children's Sunday School at 10:15am – 11am will continue through the holidays and into January. Adult Study completed the Advent study and will not meet until they determine the next study book and an announcement will be made then. Thank you Lana for leading the Adult Fall Study and for Pastor Doh for leading the Adult Advent Study.

Christmas EVE - we will have 2 Christmas Eve Candlelight services: 7pm (*children's message, choir, special music, candlelight) and 11pm(Communion and candlelight)* We looking forward to celebrating with you and your family. Poinsettia dedications will out on Christmas Eve – extras will be in the Narthex.

'Broken to Beautiful' Support Group – a new group is forming at CUMC that started this month with a BLUE CHRISTMAS focus. January's meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 23rd at 10:45am . This is an open invitation to congregation, family and community, the group is being led by Kris Hayden with guidance of our Nurturing team.

Thrift Shop Dates: Thursday December 23rd 10a – 2p – then will reopen on Sunday, January 2nd after service, and Thursday, January 6, 10a-2p(updated correction)

Church Office - will be closed through Christmas Eve 12/24 through January 2nd – Pastor Doh will be out of the office as well, but available for Emergency Pastoral Care (630-740-9275)

Choir Winter Break – Jan 2nd and 9th – no rehearsal Dec. 29th or January 5th. Will resume with rehearsal on Jan. 9th , and back on Sunday Jan. 16th

CUMC Online Prayer Wall - prayers can be posted on our church prayer wall on our website. You can also see prayers and generate a note to the folks that you prayed for them. Here is the link. Prayer Requests - Channahon United Methodist Church (channahonumc.org) - You can also find it at www.channahonumc.org/Prayer-request Be sure to check the prayer wall often during the Christmas break.

CUMC Church Calendar – *is constantly changing and being updated* –
Here is the link to our website church calendar Calendar - Channahon United Methodist Church (channahonumc.org) *(hover over link and right click – open Hyperlink)*

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Christmas Spirit – Frieda Manion has an open invitation for folks and families to come tour her extended exhibits of nativities. There are about 285 nativities set up around her home for viewing. Please call Frieda for a convenient time to visit now through first week of January.

Prayers & Joys from our Online Prayer Wall and Sunday Worship

Kathy Gregory – prayers for Mike for fast healing from vascular surgery. Also for my friend Mary Lou's cousin Kathy White who had a stroke.

Chuck & Lyons – Our daughter Dawn Huels was released from the hospital on Friday She is home on oxygen. Prayers for continued healing and strength for recovery. Thank you for all the prayers so far.

Sandy Fodero – prayers for my brother Dennis who has prostrate cancer and will be having surgery on January 24th. Also for my dear friend Gayle who faces some serious health concerns. And prayers for my friend Sandy Stobbione who just got home from another hospital stay.

DeAnna Meadows – prayers for my cousin who is 56, in the hospital with covid and gravely ill. Her husband passed on Friday morning from covid – he was 61.

Ray & Dawn Brick – praters for Ray's brother Gary (longtime MS patient) had surgery on Saturday for an infected wound. Prayers for healing and for him and his wife as they face the new challenges.

Prayers for all our care givers, nurses, assistants and doctors who are facing the increase in covid cases.

Brittany Alcantar – m y youngest sister Leticia was in the hospital with covid, but came home Monday morning. Thank you for answered prayers.

Beautiful message from Jackie Goggins: *Pastor Doh talked last week about our church, the need to e here, to care for each other and to lift each other up. I truly don't know what I would have done without this church in my life. You have cared for me in ways you may not even know. My son received a beautiful prayer blanket and cards from people he doesn't eve know. Pat is so appreciative of all this. Today I'm asking that as Pat ets ready to have his chest tube removed (Monday) that THIS time it is successful and that there are no more setbacks keeping him from getting better and back home to his wife Shelby and his kids Lauren and Shawn.*

Sandy Fletcher – prayers for Kristie Kawa, 50 yo, with terminal cancer. Requesting a prayer blanket for her.

Joys & Thank You's

Kathy Gregory – my granddaughter is home from school. She will be aw vet in 3.5 more years!!!

Thank you to those who came out for our BLUE CHRISTMA support gathering on Monday. Next one is January 23rd at 10:45am. Anyone can attend. No sign up needed

Thank you to another anonymous giver for a donation to our Good Samaritan Ministry.

Thank You Kathy Gregory for shining up the sanctuary.

We received a written thank you from UMCOR Global Ministries for our last 7 Communion Offering donations – totally $253.00 – thank you're your generous support.

Celebrations this week and Next:

Birthdays: Last week: 12/13 – Ryland Miller. This week and next: Brittany Alctantar, Marcia Kezerle, Clay Schuler, Ashley Snow, Vickie Breen, Susan McMillin, Mark Lindstrom

Anniversaries: Ron & Mary Ann Lehman, Janet & Gerald Sanders

John 1:5 ~ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
Psalm 119:105 ~ Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
Matthew 4;16 ~ The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Jesus is the LIGHT of OUR WORLD!!! Let Him be the LIGHT OF YOURS!!...

Have a very Merry Christmas and blessings in the coming New Year!

Respectfully submitted with abundant blessings and prayers to experience God's presences all around you!

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