

## **Greetings Channahon UMC Family and Friends ,**

Sorry for the delay.

Our Circuit Rider Church Newsletter comes out the first Wednesday of each month. NON-Circuit Rider weeks you will receive an ENEWS- in email format with updates and info pertaining to the current and coming week. 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. 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 Fellowship** – Join us Sunday mornings after worship for our Fellowship Hour!

**UMW – Cookie Exchange** – Bring in your baked goods on THIS Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Bring 4doz or more and receive a variety of selected cookies for yourself. The plates of cookies will be available for sale on Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall after our worship service - suggested donation ~ \$10 per plate.

**'Broken to Beautiful' Support Group – *Blue Christmas*** - a new group is forming at CUMC, starting this month, with a focus on the difficulties through the holidays with grief and loss. Join us Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2p - 3:30pm for a group gathering for

support this holiday season. January's meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:45am . This is an open invitation to congregation, family and community, the group is being led by Kris Hayden.

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

**Christmas EVE** - we will have 2 Christmas Eve Candlelight services: 7pm (*children's message, choir, special music, candlelight*) and 11pm(*Communion and candlelight*) Mailing Postcards are available in the Narthex to invite family and friends to join us. We will worship together on December 26 and January 2 at 9am.

**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.

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

**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](http://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*)

**January Circuit Rider Newsletter** – will be out on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please, if you have any info/events etc. details that need to be included, please contact the office right away. (office closed 12/24 – 1/2) submission by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**A JACKET Mix-Up** – there was a mix up at the coat rack this Sunday – Please check to make sure you have your own jacket. There is Grey LL BEAN jacket that is missing. There is a darker grey one here on the rack that is similar. If you notice that you have mistakenly taken the wrong one home, Please stop by the church to claim the correct one and return the other. Please call the church office if you need more information.

### **Prayers & Joys from our Online Prayer Wall and Sunday Worship**

Chuck & Kathy Lyons – our daughter Dawn Huels is responding well to the treatment for covid at Edwards Hospital. Continued prayers needed for her full recovery. A prayer blanket has been requested for her.

Elena Warren – prayers for my son and family in Dresden TN hit by the tornados and all other families suffering from the affects of the many storms.

Cyndi White – needing prayers for my sister Maria DeMoss of Woodstock IL, and her family on the unexpected death of her son Gregory Wren of Crystal Lake IL. This past Tuesday. He was 54yo.

Prayers for Jon Larson for hip surgery this week, and speedy recovery.

#### From our website Prayer Wall\*

Anonymous - Please pray that God would give my friend Kaley peace and hope in everything she's dealing with. Pray that she would come to know God's love and that the wrong people in her life would be removed. Finally pray for complete healing.

### **Joys & Thank You's**

Stan & Sandy Yenerich – Our Granddaughter Ashly graduated from Medical School from the University of South Carolina with a degree in nursing.

Our church received a \$1000 grant from UMFNIC for the prayer blanket ministries. Last year we were also awarded the same grant to the Veteran's through our Outreach ministry. We are so grateful for this support for our programs and ministries.

A special thank you was received from Midwest Mission Distribution Center for our July Communion Offering.

A special thank you for an anonymous gift donation to our Good Samaritan Ministry. This ministry is made possible by donations like this, to help those in our congregation and community when faced with challenging and unexpected struggles.

Thank you to our outreach team and all the little elves who helped pack 400 Christmas Treat bags for the Veterans.

### **Celebrations this week**

Birthdays: Jeff Barrett, Paul Weller, Riley Boyer

Anniversaries: None this week.

*Isaiah 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and*

*upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

*1 John 3:17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?*

*Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

*Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also..*

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

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