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What Is Your New Year's Resolution?

Last Sunday at church, I shared my never changing, never ending new year's resolution. It was about gaining weight. That is what I have wanted for more than 30 years. I always thought that I could look better that way.

I have tried many things to gain weight. One of the things I did was eating some food which contains high calorie, protein, and fat like pizza. I tried but didn't work. And somebody recommended eating cheese. Then I started eating cheese. I became a big fan of cheese. I enjoy all different flavors of cheese. Now I understand the meaning of when people say, "stinky is better". Unfortunately, It didn't work either. It didn't help me to gain even a single pound. I am still eating cheese, but not expecting to gain any weight.

Since I have been losing any hope for gaining weight, I feel that I need to change my focus from feeding my body to feeding my soul. I realize that I have been neglecting my spiritual well being. I didn't care about my soul as much as I cared about my body.

It's a well known fact that we need exercise to maintain our physical health. St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) recognized the need for exercise in order to maintain our spiritual health as well. Around the years 1522-1524, St. Ignatius composed a retreat handbook titled Spiritual Exercises. The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices to help people deepen their relationship with God.

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More Church & Community News



...A word from our pastor continued!

I don't think we have to follow his guideline. But at least we can try to do something that we can practice in our daily life. We can make a resolution on it, having personal meditation with the Upper room, attending Sunday school class, joining a small group Bible study, or fasting once a week or month. It doesn't have to be big. It can be simple and easy, we can really practice. There is no excuse on it. No matter who you are, how old you are, you can still do something to deepen your relationship with Christ.

That's what Paul says, 2 Corinthians 4:16, "Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day."

Blessings to you and yours in this NEW YEAR!

Pastor Doh

January Birthdays

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|------|-----------------------|
| 1/1 | Mark Lindstrom | 1/11 | Greyson Reagan Slater |
| 1/5 | Cindy Boyer | 1/12 | Jim Waller |
| | Barb Tschopp | 1/15 | Kris Hayden |
| 1/6 | Michelle Lyman | 1/22 | Char Blackwell |
| | Frieda Manion | 1/26 | Norma Crenshaw |
| 1/8 | Jack Breen | | |
| | Isaac Stricker | | |

January Anniversaries

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|------|---------------------------------|
| 1/2 | Gerald & Janet Sanders |
| 1/6 | Don & Joni Meyer |
| 1/15 | Pat & Gordon Steele |
| 1/28 | Mike Campobasso & Kathy Gregory |

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

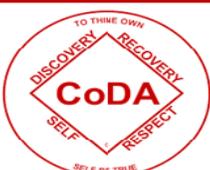
Lamentations 3:21-23

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.

Prayers for all who begin the new year with heavy hearts or facing struggles with new normals.

The results of our Worship Survey has been compiled. Please see the attached PDF file in the newsletter email, or stop by the church office for a colored printed copy!

Thank you to everyone for your feedback!



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.



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.

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.



9am - In-Person and Online

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 have Children's Sunday School for now, Sunday's at 10:15am -

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

12/5 - \$2838.50	12/12 - \$4755.25
12/19 - \$2725.75	12/26 - \$3650.75

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.



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!

A message from our Children's SUNDAY SCHOOL Advisors:

Sunday School News! Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing our children coming to Sunday School and maybe even some new faces. Remember we start Sunday School at 10:15, so make sure you get in the room after church. This next 6 weeks we will be learning about Moses from the Old Testament. Moses had many important parts to his life, so we are going to break that up a little and see why Moses is one of our Superheroes of the Old Testament.

*January 9 Lesson 1. Moses as a Baby - January 16 Lesson 2. God Speaks with Moses
January 23. Lesson 3 Pharaoh's Last Chance - January 30. Lesson 4 Parting the Red Sea
February 6. Lesson 5 The Ten Commandments - February 13. Lesson 6. Wandering in the Desert*

Lessons will have us reading our Bibles, doing experiments, acting out a scenes, playing a game and singing to better understand who Moses was from a tiny baby to a leader of the Israelites. Join us each week to go on an adventure with Moses. **See you in Sunday School!**



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.*

January Event



**CHANOOKA
WISH
FOUNDATION**

*Join us January 12th in our Fellowship Hall at 6pm for an INSIDE look at one of our very own LOCAL CHARITY organizations,
CHANOOKA WISH - presented by Carolyn Koranda.*

In the event of severe weather conditions or extreme health concerns - you can join us virtually online with ZOOM. Here is the meeting link:

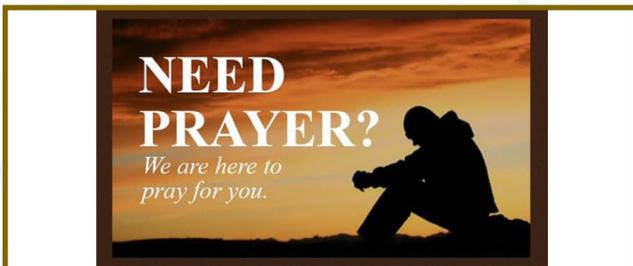
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Saturday, January 8th

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!



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/

- Ruth Circle**
Jan 13 - 10a
@ Church (FH)
- Rachel Circle**
Jan 14 - 10am
@ Church (FH)
- Hannah Jessup Circle**
TBD
- UMW Circles**
- Circle of Hope**
Jan 18 - 1:15p
@ church (FH)
- Ladies Aid**
Jan 6
9am- FH



Now a full fledged Christian Education school

Classes are in session Monday-Friday with am & pm classes

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

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

Welcome!

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

*We'd like to introduce our newest part time employees: Meghan Sweet as our new treasurer. , and **TIMOTHY SCATES** of Plainfield IL as our new part-time pianist - beginning this Sunday 1/9/22. Let us give them both a warm and friendly Channahon UMC Welcome!!*

Serving GOD

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.

January 2nd was our Communion Sunday and Communion Mission Offering, supported Grace Children's Hospital, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Grace Children's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti provides care for children and families with tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections, and those impacted by the earthquake. In this area where many live on less than \$1/day, the hospital provides much-needed immediate care and follow-up clinical care for children and families.

Please make checks payable to CUMC
 -memo: Grace-Haiti
AND all monetary donations marked as Grace- Haiti'

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

CHOIR

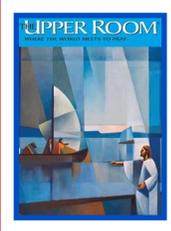
Our 'Adult Choir' rehears on Wednesday at 3:30pm and sings at our 9am worship service Sep-May.
 Anyone interested in being a part of the Sunday Morning Choir or musicians interested in playing during worship, Please see Brittany or call the church office for more info.

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!

NEW Year Devotions

[Daily Devotionals \(touchinglives.org\)](http://touchinglives.org)



Jan/Feb UpperRoom Prayer books have been delayed. We hope to have them arrive soon. When they do arrive, be sure to pick one up or call the office to have one mailed to you.



January Shop Dates

- Thursday Jan 6 10a - 2p
- Monday Jan 10 6p - 8p
- Thursday Jan 20 10a - 2p
- Monday Jan 24 6p - 8p

A special writing shared with you from Bob Coen May we all be inspired!

The Church of My Dreams

This is the church of my dreams:
 The church of the warm heart,
 Of the open mind,
 Of the adventurous spirit;
 The church that cares,
 That heals hurt lives,
 That comforts old people,
 That challenges youth;
 That knows no divisions of culture or class,
 No frontiers, geographical or social;
 The church that inquires as well as avers,
 That looks forward as well as backward,
 The church of the Master,
 The church of the people,
 High as the ideals of Jesus,
 Low as the humblest human;
 A working church,
 A worshipping church,
 A winsome church,
 A church that interprets the truth in terms of truth;
 That inspires courage for this life and hope for the life to come,
 A church of courage,
 A church of all good men,
 The church of the living God.

—John Milton Moore

BE WARM, BE KIND



Broken to Beautiful

A Support Group

for the broken hearted, lost and suffering!

'Broken to Beautiful' is a new support group here at CUMC for our members, families, friends and community - for anyone suffering a loss. A loss of any kind is GRIEF, and we come together as ONE to support ONE another!

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD AT 10:45AM
at CUMC (room location TBD)

Community Blood Drive

Saturday, January 22nd, 7am - Noon

St Ann's Catholic Church Hall

(north of the Channahon Village Hall)



Thank you for donating over 900 units with us since the start of the Pandemic. Your support for the local hospitals and community is greatly appreciated. With your donation we can make that over 1000 units at this Drive.

To ensure social distancing all healthy blood donors are asked to make an appointment to donate. Please sign up online at www.versiti.org/IL (search city Channahon/60410) or call Ron at 815-467-6916. Walk-ins are welcome.

Remember to bring a photo ID and eat a good meal before donating. Masks will be required.

Hosted by the Channahon & Minooka Knights of Columbus with Versiti Blood Center.



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



United Voices for Children

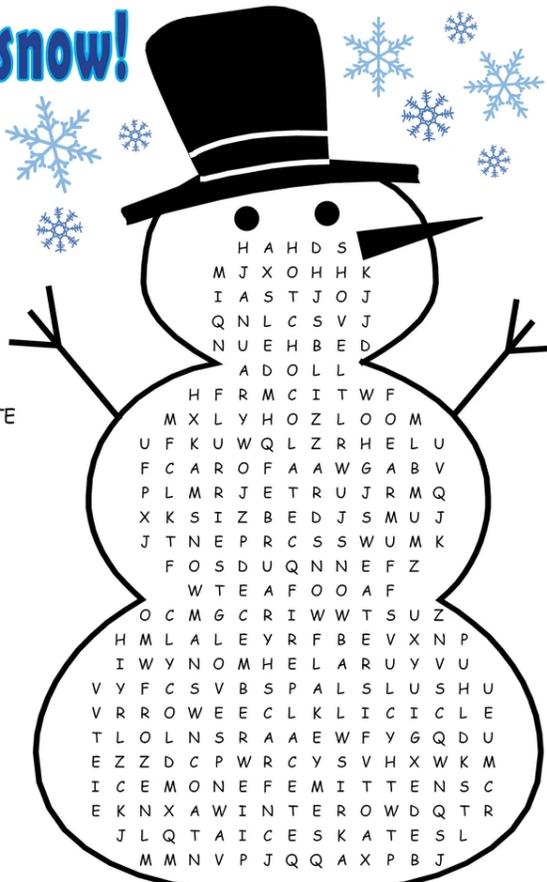


Sunday, January 30th is
5th Sunday Offering for the
UNITED VOICES FOR CHILDREN

*Special Envelopes will be available in the Narthex.
Contribution gifts can be mailed or dropped off at the church -
Please mark as 'UMW United Voices for Children'*

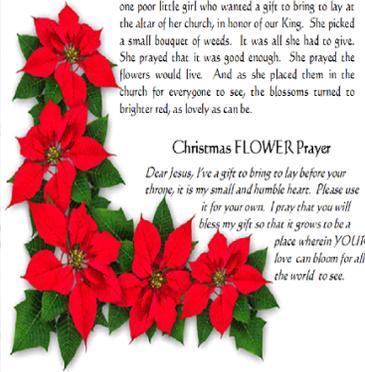
Let it snow!

- BLIZZARD
- COAT
- COLD
- DECEMBER
- EARMUFFS
- FEBRUARY
- FIREPLACE
- FLURRIES
- FROZEN
- GLOVES
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- ICE
- ICE SKATES
- ICICLE
- JANUARY
- MITTENS
- SCARF
- SHOVEL
- SLED
- SLUSH
- SNOWBALL
- SNOWFLAKE
- SNOWMAN
- SWEATER
- WINTER



*Be Still
and know that
I am God*

Psalm 46:10



The legend of the Poinsettia, Christmas Flower tells of one poor little girl who wanted a gift to bring to lay at the altar of her church, in honor of our King. She picked a small bouquet of weeds. It was all she had to give. She prayed that it was good enough. She prayed the flowers would live. And as she placed them in the church for everyone to see, the blossoms turned to brighter red, as lovely as can be.

Christmas FLOWER Prayer

Dear Jesus, I've a gift to bring to lay before your throne, it is my small and humble heart. Please use it for your own. I pray that you will bless my gift so that it grows to be a place wherein YOUR love can bloom for all the world to see.

Our poinsettias are given to the glory of God and our loved ones.

Thank you for your loving contribution!

In Honor of

Joseph L. Allen and Family

Love from Barbara A. Allen

Gary and Patti Brick

Love from Dawn and Ray Brick

My family and friends, and to the Glory of God

Love from Kris Hayden

Brittany and Kris

Love from Donna and Chuck Szoke

Our daughters and Son-in-laws

Kristen and Curt Brown, Lindsey and Jeff Barrett

Our Grandchildren – Lila and Broden Barrett

Love from Chip and Joyce Williams

The Tunney Family

Love from Gwen Tunney

In Memory of

George and Wilma Allen, William and Ann Allen

William and Babel Holcomb

Love from Barbara A. Allen

Rev. James Allen

Love from Nancy Allen

Dick and Dorothy Skinner, Marle Skinner, Alexis Barga,

Ray and Bernie Brick, and Tommy McMahan

Love from Dawn and Ray Brick

Our Niece, Amy Schaefer Love

Love from Bob and Elaine Coen

My beautiful Mother, Donna – forever in my heart

Love from Kris Hayden

Carol Hoffman

Love from Leonard Hoffman

Ray Jones and Pam Jones – I love and miss you

Love from Carol Jones

Bob G. Manion

Love from Frieda Manion

Roy Robb, his parents, and my parents

Love from Janet Robb

Chuck, Dorothy and Ed Musich

Love from Donna and Chuck Szoke

Our Parents

Bob and Dorothy Leedy, Ludy and Sara Williams

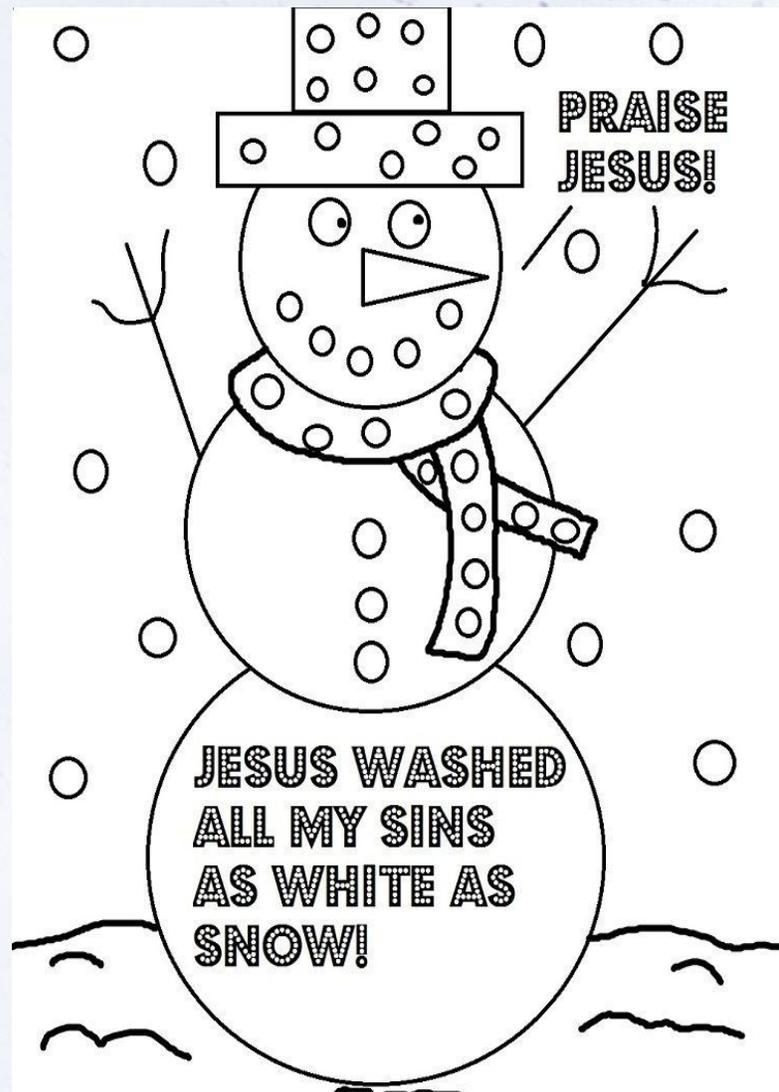
Love from Chip and Joyce Williams

Our Parents

Love from Stan and Sandy Yenerich

The poinsettia, so fitting for this season of celebration.

May it be a reflection of the joy and salvation that comes at Christmas through Christ Jesus our King and Savior of the world!





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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service	9:00am
Coffee Fellowship	10:00am
Sunday School	10:15am

Adult & Children

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

Child Nursery Care has not reopened yet.



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www.Facebook.com/ChannahonUMC

We are especially grateful for:

THOUGH YOUR SINS ARE LIKE SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE

WHITE AS SNOW

ISAIAH 1:18