

Greetings Channahon UMC Family and Friends!

Lots of things happening – be sure to check it all out here in this ENEWS and the current Newsletter.

For upcoming and future events, please refer to the church website, with our current newsletter , church calendar, and prayer requests.

We LIVE STREAM our 9am worship services now– join us live or watch on our YOUTUBE page at your convenience.

Contact the church office if you'd like to be added to our emailing list.

Any of the highlighted links : *hover over the link and right click – to open*

Reminders & Upcoming News:

With the covid levels in Will & Grundy Counties rising and currently at HIGH Risk , Masks are highly encouraged but NOT required !

Please sanitize as you enter the building.

You may CHOOSE to wear a mask at any time, especially if you are immunocompromised.

People with any symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days and wear a mask 10days following.

If the COVID-19 levels continue to increase, masking may be required again.

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 – Join us Sunday mornings for 9am worship and Fellowship following. Children's Sunday School is 10:30a - 11:15am

NO Sunday school on Christmas or New Years Day – There is 9am Sunday worship on those days.

Church Office Hours – The office hours continue to be 9a-1p Tue-Fri, closed Mondays . Church office will be closed for Christmas, Dec. 26 – Jan 2.

Also - Please note Pastor Doh's office phone extension to leave a Voice Mail for him – is now EXTENSION 18 - when calling the church.

Children's Sunday School - kids 3yr to 12th grade at 10:30am in the Education Wing ~ 10:30a-11:15am. This Sunday, 12/18 the kids will be Christmas Shopping in the Thrift Shop – there is no cost for the items they select. This is a Thrift Shop sponsored donation.

CUMC Choir –Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 3:30pm. We invite anyone who is interested in singing or to share your musical talent. Come join the SPIRIT of MUSIC! If anyone is interested in learning to play the new organ, Sarah Randolph is currently scheduling private organs lessons. Call the church office for more information. If you know how to play but would like to come practice on our new organ, you are welcome to do so during office hours.

Sunday Morning LIVE STREAM - Can't make it to church? Join us LIVE at 9am on our YOUTUBE page – find the link on our church website homepage – 'Follow us on YOUTUBE' and select STREAMING NOW or even pick a past date to view – But either way – you can be with us in service or catch up at your own time and you don't have to wait for the EMAIL of the service.

Here is the direct link for your convenience: [\(90\) Channahon UMC - YouTube](#)

(in Chronological Order)

December & January combined Circuit Rider Newsletter - Printed copies are available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Minooka UMC - we welcome MUMC to our church. Their make-shift office is in the Nursery room 117. They will use our sanctuary for their services: Saturday at 3pm and Sundays at 11:30am. Beginning Sunday, January 1st Minooka & Channahon UMC's will worship together on the 1st Sunday of the month – celebrating in Communion.

***Sunday Attendance** - anyone able to help Donna Szoke with Sunday morning attendance on days she cannot be here (Christmas Eve, New Years Day) please contact Donna 815-342-9324 or the church office.

Channahon United Women in Faith (UMW) – is hosting a Pre-Plated Cookie Sale THIS Sunday, December 18th after church service. Suggested donation is \$10per plate. Anyone interested in baking cookies - -PLEASE NO GOOEY FROSTING! Have cookies in the church kitchen by 9am Dec. 17th. Lockport UMC is hosting a cookie sale - Saturday. Dec 17th \$8 per pound - you choose the coolies!

***Christmas Poinsettia Plants** – order forms are in the narthex to order and dedicate a poinsettia plant to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. They are \$7 each. Orders are due by Sunday 12/18. Plants can be taken home after our 9am Christmas morning worship service.

Children's Prayer Blanket Ministry - is meeting next Tuesday, 12/20th **at 2pm** (1 hour earlier) in Fellowship Hall – Bring your scissors!

Christmas Cantata & Children's Special Music- will be Sunday, December 18th at our 9am worship service - or join us live online. **Choir will practice at 5pm this week – prepare for a longer rehearsal in preparation for our Cantata.** *Bring water.*

Adult Matinee 'The Chosen' - will host a Christmas Special "The Shepherd" on Tuesday, December 20th at 11am in Fellowship Hall- Come experience the CHRISTMAS Story like never before!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - will be at 7pm - All are welcome to attend. Invite family, friends and neighbors. There are postcards in the Narthex to mail or hand out to invite them. We will have our Sunday 9am worship on Christmas and New Year's Day. No Sunday school on those days.

Church Office - will be closed December 26th - Jan 2nd in observance of Christmas & New Year holidays.

Senior Luncheon –will be January 4th - doors open at 11:30am, lunch served at 12n, age 60+, suggested donation is \$4.

If you are not already on the guest list (from Dec. Luncheon sign-up), please call 847-738-1268 to RSVP or sign up in the Narthex.

Unhanging of the Greens - will be Tuesday, January 3rd at 9am with a light lunch when we are done. If you can help out - please sing up in the narthex so we make sure to have enough food/beverages.

Channahon UMC Preschool - has an online SILENT AUCTION **Dec 5 thru Dec 19** - all proceeds will benefit the preschool - visit [Silent Night Auction | 32auctions](#) ALSO - Priority Registration is open to Channahon & Minooka UMC families for the 2023/2024 – to enroll early and hold a spot. Priority Registration opens January 9th. Enrollment will open to the community on January 30th and fees will increase on May 24th. Registration information and forms are available in the church offices or contact the school director, Andrea Smith 815-467-4708.

Family Craft & Movie Night - This is a **FAMILY FRIENDLY** program (Sep - May) All church and community, parents and children are invited.

Craft night will be offered on the 1st Friday at 6 p.m. and Movie night on the 3rd Friday of each month at 6 p.m.

Here is the schedule for January :

Craft Night: Friday - January 6th

Movie Night: Dec 16th Movie Night has been cancelled - Join us January 20th.

Channahon United Women in Faith (UMW) - continues the online fundraiser. It's an online store with Terri Lynn Fundraising. You can check out the items and order right online – at [Fundraising for Channahon UMW/UWF | Channahon, IL \(terri Lynn.com\)](http://FundraisingforChannahonUMW/UWF|Channahon,IL(terri Lynn.com)) - Choose from delicious nuts, candy and snacks while supporting missions for women, children & youth! These make great teacher and co-worker gifts.

Outreach Team – is collecting some things for the Manteno Veterans Home – needing NEW Men's Winter Puffer Coats (size: L, XL, 2x navy/black or dark gray) you can find these at Amazon (\$22-\$24) also collecting Holiday Little Debbie treats and bite size candy bars for their Christmas parties.

Upper Room Devotionals - Jan/Feb books are out. Be sure to grab one to be able to start the new year with your readings/prayers. Call the office if you'd like one mailed.

UMC Church Calendar – *is constantly changing and being updated* –

Here is the link to our website church calendar [Calendar - Channahon United Methodist Church \(channahonumc.org\)](http://Calendar-ChannahonUnitedMethodistChurch(channahonumc.org))

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 \(channahonumc.org\)](http://PrayerRequests-ChannahonUnitedMethodistChurch(channahonumc.org)) - You can also find it at www.channahonumc.org/Prayer-request

Prayers from our Online Prayer Wall and Sunday Worship

Jim & Joan Waller - Prays for the Hoffman family on the loss of Dan's father Ron. Continue prays for Lisa McMurtry on her road to recovery. Praying for the best outcome on my (Jim) surgery Monday for kidney cancer.

Bonnie Gray – prayers for my mom, Fran. She had a fall.

Linda Corp – needing prayers for my nephew Tom. He was in a serious accident and is in ICU on life support.

Keta Lindstrom – prayers for my brother's wife whose ovarian cancer has returned with a mass in her pelvic region.

Prayers for Janet Robb – returned home from vacation and is now sick.

Prayers for healing strength for Sandy Yenerich and Kayla Wendel – who haven't been in church for a few weeks.

Sandy Fletcher – prayers for my brother-in-law ,Ken Zink. He will be having a brain surgery today to stop his hand tremors.

JOYS - Thank You's

Congrats to Tori Weller is will soon be retiring.

Jim & Joan Waller - It's truly been a blessing we got to spend time with are Son Joe and family after his return from Iraq this fall and they will be home for this Christmas! Prayers for safe travels during the holidays for all...

Message from Outreach Team:

Thank everyone who donated to Morning Star Mission's Stars of Hope program. We adopted approximately eighteen children this year.

We would also like to thank everyone for their food pantry donation, which will be delivered this week to the Minooka food pantry, now located at Saint Mary's Church.

With your donations/purchases, along with family and friends' donations/purchases, it looks like we may have exceeded the goal of thirty-five coats for the Manteno Veterans Home. Boxes are still coming in, so we don't have a final tally. We also received several boxes of Little Debbie Christmas treats, along with bags of candy, that they will be able to use for each unit's Christmas party.

We are so blessed to have such a caring and loving congregation that truly gives from their hearts.

And, a very special thank you to Pastor Doh, along with Kris, Donna, Lana, and Jackie (piano), who sang Christmas carols at the Senior Luncheon. They were absolutely wonderful. People are still talking about the music and singing. Thank you for making the luncheon so very special.

We also appreciate the ladies for having the Thrift Shop open during the luncheons. Everyone loves shopping for bargains.

Thank you Sandy and Frank Fodero for the wooden Christmas decorations for bingo prizes.

The Outreach Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Celebrations this week and Next: Dec. 14-20

Birthdays: Matt West, Jeff Barrett, Paul Weller

Anniversaries: None this week

John 15:5, 8 - [Jesus said,] "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 11:25 [Jesus said,] "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Blessings to experience a week of Advent Miracles.

Respectfully submitted with abundant blessings and prayers to experience God's presences all around you ~ and take in the beauty of God's amazing artwork this Fall Season!

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