

Greetings CUMC Family & Friends,

We are delighted to announce the launch of the **Channahon United Methodist Church Member Survey**, a vital initiative aimed at gathering valuable insights and feedback from our beloved congregation. This survey marks a significant milestone in our efforts to improve long-term planning and achieve our collective goals as a faith community.

By actively participating in this survey, our esteemed members will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, ideas, and perspectives on various aspects of our church's ministries, programs, and overall experience. We firmly believe that each member's input is invaluable in shaping the future direction of our church. The comprehensive survey will cover topics such as worship services, community outreach efforts, spiritual growth opportunities, fellowship events, and more. Understanding our members' preferences, needs, and aspirations will allow us to tailor our activities more effectively to serve both the congregation and the wider community.

The data collected from this survey will undergo meticulous analysis, forming the foundation for informed decision-making and strategic planning.

It will help us identify areas of strength to build upon and areas that may require improvement or innovation.

Moreover, actively involving our members in this process fosters a spirit of inclusivity and ownership within the church community.

Working together to shape our church's future will strengthen the unity and shared purpose that defines us as Channahon United Methodist Church.

In conclusion, the Channahon United Methodist Church Member Survey is a powerful tool for charting a course toward a thriving and spiritually enriching future.

Through collective feedback and thoughtful analysis, we will be better equipped to set meaningful long-term goals and bring our vision for the church to life.

Together, we embark on this journey of growth and transformation, guided by our shared faith and dedication to serving the greater purpose of love, compassion, and fellowship.

You have three convenient options to fill out the survey. You can visit the safe online computer link found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Channahon or call the church to request to have one delivered to you, or pick up a printed survey in the Narthex and return to the office when completed.

We kindly request that EACH church member in the family over the age of 16 complete a survey.

Your valuable input will help shape the future of our church and strengthen our community's bonds.

Thank you in advance for your participation and support as we continue to seek opportunities to grow our church community.

The link for the survey is [Channahon United Methodist Church Church Planning Inventory Survey \(www.surveymonkey.com/r/channahon\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/channahon)

Backpack Sunday - is this Sunday, August 20th – if you're headed off to school or a new job - bring in your backpack, briefcase, or satchel this Sunday to be blessed during worship service.

CUW Faith Book Club - have scheduled to meet again on Thurs., September 21, at 6 p.m. They will read and discuss "All We Can Save," a book about the climate crisis. Zoom link for the meeting will be available to those who want to join online. Contact Anita Young or church office to get on the email list.

Thrift Shop - 10¢ Sale begins this Thursday, Aug 17th, 10a-2p and Monday, Aug 21 6p-8p. Grab a new schedule – there have been some changes/corrections! - Donation Shed will be closed August 13th to Sept 3 for restocking. New Inventory will be in on August 31st.

September Circuit Rider Newsletter - all info/events/details to be included need to be in the office by 9am Tuesday Aug 29th or sooner please. Newsletter will be out on August 31st.

Veterans Home Special Request: Manteno Veteran's home is needing (NEW) size Large gym shorts with elastic/tie waists and always are grateful for all of the other needed items as well: Little Debbie snacks and bite-size candy bars!

UW Faith Online Fundraiser - the Terry Lynn online fundraiser is ongoing and anyone can order. Terry Lynn will ship to anyone and anywhere (US) and UWF will receive a % of all sales. click here for the link: [Fundraising for Channahon UMW/UWF | Channahon, IL \(terrilynn.com\)](https://fundraisingforchannahonumwuwf.com/) (ChannahonUWF.terrylynn.com)

Channahon UM Preschool – 2023-2024 School year enrollment is OPEN / Call 815-467-4708 for more info/tour/forms etc – School starts September 5th !!!

The Preschool is HIRING – teacher's Aid and Substitutes – anyone interested, please contact Mrs. Smith 815-467-4708.

The Preschool is collecting ALL and ANY books for a USED BOOK sale fundraiser in October – collection Bin is in the Narthex!

The preschool also has an AMAZON NEEDS LIST if anyone is interested in helping – you can do so my shopping the link – the items deliver directly to the school link: <https://rb.gy/lh4dq>

Craft & Vendor Fair – October 14th – hosted by CUMC UWFaith –
CALLING ALL SHOPPERS – Mark your calendar for great HOLIDAY shopping with 42 Vendors throughout the whole church! UWFaith will be hosting a BAKE SALE – so let the BAKING BEGIN!!!!

Turkey Supper – Annual 67th Turkey Supper - November 4th – Carry Out Only – reservations will open on October 4th.

The calendar changes often, you can refer to it online as well, for any changes/updates.

[Calendar - Channahon United Methodist Church \(channahonumc.org\)](http://channahonumc.org)

Prayers & Joys this week & last Sunday's worship

Elena Warren – pray for Tia Manion who was in a car accident.

Prayers for Jim & Pixie Koenig's family in Dixon.

Continued prayers for all our church friends: Chip & Joyce Williams, Linda Olson, Elaine & Bob Coen, Mark Baker, who are needing strength for recovery and healing in the process, and those suffering from the Hawaiian Island fires. Will be implanting UMCOR to help with relief.

Kris Hayden – busy weekend – 2 out of town weddings – lots of traveling! Also - Prayers for my youngest son Camron, finishing up EMT Training with final tests this week. Then needing to find a firehouse to sponsor him to continue with Paramedic and Fire Academy.

Continued prayers for Brittany's Mom, Barb, for healing and recovery, after another trip to the ER for issues with a pic line.

Thank you to all who participated in the Channahon Parade – walking with the preschool! So good to get school & church info out to the community!

Celebrations this week Aug 15-22

Birthdays: Janet Weakley, Susan Schuler, Gordon Steele

Anniversaries: Steve & Cindy Boyer

Romans 8:26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Mark 8:31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

John 8:30 Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.

Mark 8:29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

Have a magnificent back to school week!!

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

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