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Embracing Peace in Troubled Times

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter this season of Advent, our hearts are filled with anticipation and longing for the arrival of the Prince of Peace. It is a time when we reflect upon the profound message of hope, love, joy, and peace that Christ brings into our lives and into the world.

This year, our prayers and thoughts are particularly directed towards our brothers and sisters in Philistine and Ukraine, who are facing challenging and tumultuous times. The people of Philistine and Ukraine have borne the weight of conflict and discord, and our hearts ache for them.

This Advent, let us join in prayer for the resolution of conflicts that disrupt the peace intended for all God's children.

The Advent wreath, with its candles representing hope, love, joy, and peace, serves as a reminder of the transformative power of Christ's message. As we light the candle of peace, let us meditate on the words of the prophet Isaiah: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6, ESV).

In this season of waiting and preparation, let us actively seek opportunities to be instruments of peace in our communities and beyond. Reach out in love, extend a helping hand, and be ambassadors of reconciliation. The light of Christ's peace shines brightest in the darkest moments, and as followers of Christ, we are called to bring that light into the world. Let us keep the people of Philistine and Ukraine in our prayers, asking God to grant them peace, comfort, and the strength to endure.

May this Advent season be a time of spiritual renewal and a recommitment to living out the message of peace that Christ brought to the world.

Wishing you a blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas filled with the love and peace of Christ.

Pastor Doh

Church & Community News & Events

December Birthdays

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Mary Baker Sandy Fletcher Gweń Tunney

Abigail Adjei Jim Grav

Joni Mever

12/11 Diane McConnaughay

12/18 Jeff Barrett Paul Weller

Riley Boyer 12/24 Brittány Álcantar

12/25 Marcia Kezerle Clay Schuler

12/30 Vickie Breen

12/31 Susan McMillin

December Anniversaries

Bob & Mary Easton Ron & Mary Ann Lehman

If we have missed your celebration, please let the office know so we can add it the weekly bulletin announcement and monthly Circuit Rider calendar, please contact the church office at 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 the family and friends of Frieda Manion Prayers for Anita & Wilson Young on the passing of Anita's mom-Madonna Schmitt



Christmas **Poinsettias** \$10 each

Order forms for dedications are in the Narthex!

Orders are due by Dec. 17th



December 6th ~ 12:00n

Doors open 11:30am Suggested donation - \$5

Call 847-738-1268 to RSVP by Dec. 4th

Please call to RSVP w/Janet 847-738-1268 or sign in the Narthex!

Menu: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread & dessert

JOIN US FOR SOME CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAROLING & GAMES!



December 25th - Jan 1st Will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd



Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Morning Service - 9am - Christmas Cantata

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Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Midnight Service - 11pm - Holy Communion and Candlelight service

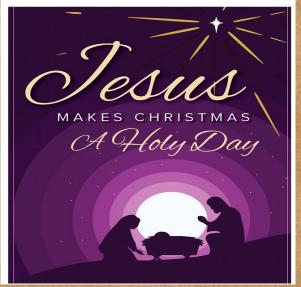
Bec 31 - Worship Service - 9am & Fellowship following

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO WORSHIP WITH YOU THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Postcards will be available in the Narthex to mail to family and friends!



Join us for our Christmas Cantata Choir presentation December 24th 9am worship featuring





Matthew 28:18-19

them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Sunday Morning Worshi

9am- In-Person and Online with Live Stream Holy Communion celebrated 1st Sunday of each month!

Masks are NOT REQUIRED at this time.

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

Anyone not feeling well, with ANY symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 - The CDC recommends to isolate for 5days & mask for 10days. If COVID-19 levels increase, masking may be recommended and/or mandated again.

FIRST Sundays of the month - we will worship with Minooka UMC here in our sanctuary and share in Holy Communion, choir and children's time.

_Can't make it to church? Join us online LIVE at 9am or watch at your convenience - from our Youtube page -

www.youtube.com/@channahonumc813/streams

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Join us as we gather for fellowship after our worship service.



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.



Weekly Giving Report & Attendance

11/5 - \$15,226/68 11/12-\$2,572/89 11/19-\$8 083/67 11/26-\$1 643/72

Thank you for your continued support of the life, mission & ministry of our church.

2023

Communion & 5th Sunday Offerings

The Sunday Communion Offerings for Sept - Dec will support 'Heifer International - Ending Hunger & Poverty' www.heifer.org

5thSundays will be July, October & December -Monies will support the **United Voices for Children** again and offering envelopes are provided on these spēcial giving Sundays.

Dec. 31st is our last 5th Sunday for 2023







Kids Sunday School

Ages 3yr - 12th grade 10:30am - 11:15am in Education Wing

FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!





Our 'Adult Choir' sings on Sunday Mornings New Schedule is April thru December Break is Jan-Feb-March - NO CHOIR

Rehearsals are on Wednesday at 3:30pm and sing at our 9am worship services (Apr-Dec)

The choir will begin Winter break following Christmas Eve Morning 9am Worship Featuring

our Christmas Cantata 'Jesus Makes Christmas a Holy Day'



NEWS

Our Annual Church "Charge' Conference is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd in the Sanctuary at 3:00pm. We invite and encourage all to attend in support of the life and growth of our church.

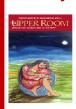


Stewardship Sunday is December 10

Pledge cards have been sent out. Additional cards are available in the Narthex

Prayerfully consider your 2024 tithing and return your pledge card on or before Dec. 10th

Stay connected in God's Word



There are many online daily devotionals. Finding the right one for you is important.

great resource: Upper Room Daily ONLINE Devotions link https:/upperroom.org/devotionals

Nov/Dec devotional books are available in the Narthex, on the card ministry table

Jan/Feb 2024 books will be out Mid Dec.



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.





Saturday, December 9th

The Men of the church meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:45am at Grandma's Pancake House 669 W. Mondamin St ~ Minooka

Men Sr. High School and older are invited!



December 1st Family CRAFT **NIGHT** is **CANCELLED**

Join us in January



Openings and Info for 2024-2025

Or to schedule a tour! Call - 815-467-4708 or email

ChannahonUMPreschool@gmail.com





YOU'RE INVITED

The invitation is always open... TO JOIN A Channahon United Women in Faith CIRCLE!

Perhaps you are ready to get connected and get involved and join a UWF circle.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following UWF members:

Dottie Priddy, Lana Stafford, Anita Young or call the church office.

United Women in Faith December Circle meetings will be off-site for Holiday Celebrations.

Call the church office for more information.

Channahon UWFaith Circle Groups

UMF Leadership - 1st Tuesday 10am - FH Ruth Circle - 2nd Monday - 9:30am FH Rachel Circle - 2nd Tuesday -10am in FH Hannah Jessup - Dates/Location Varies Circle of Hope - Varies - FH at 1pm

Ladies Aid - (Thrift Shop) 1st Thursday shop is open - 9am



Channahon United Women in Faith READING CLUB MEETING

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS

Wed., January 10, 2024 6 p.m. **CUMC Room 145**

We will discuss "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Zoom link will be available to those who want to join in online. Contact Anita Young or church office to get on the email list. Meeting will be on Zoom if road conditions are bad.

ROBIN WALL KIMMERER



Anyone wishing to bake cookies for this event – please have them at the church on/before 9am Saturday Dec. 16th Please no ooey-gooey toppings!



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.



The Veterans are so grateful for all of our support and donations.

Collecting Little Debbie & Hostess Christmas treats for treat bags. We will fill bags on Dec. 17th after worship



December \$hop \$chedule

Sunday Dec 3 after service Thursday Dec 7 10a - 2p Monday Dec 11

Thrift Shop & Donation Shed will be closed Dec 19 - Jan 3/ Will reopen Jan. 4

The new 2024 schedule will be out soon

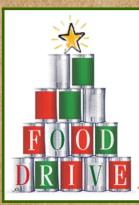


A Support Group for the broken hearted, lost and suffering!

'Broken to Beautiful' is a 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 – Thursday, Dec. 14 @ 1:30m at Lallo's Restaurant in Channahon for Christmas Cheer & Celebration. All are invited and Everyone is Welcome!

The point is NOT, (and it NEVER will be) to STOP the Grief. That's like stopping the Ocean.



CUMC's Winter Food Drive

Collection is Sunday, December 10th Donations will support Minooka UMC Food Pantry (at St. Mary's Parish)

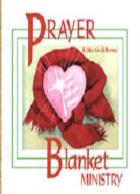
There is a **SPECIFIC NEEDS LIST** that will be available wit the bags on 12/3 in memory of Virginia, the backbone of the pantry - who passed away late November.



January 10th at 10am

Light lunch served when done! Sign up will be in the Narthex soon!

Many hands are needed to help - Mark your calendar if you can lend a hand!



Will meet the 1st Monday of the month in Fellowship Hall. Bring your scissors!!!

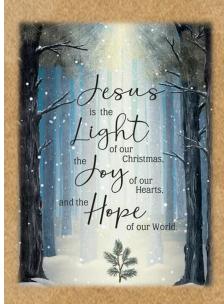
Will NOT meet in December.

Prayer Blanket Ministry for



HOPE, HEALING, AND JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN.

Next Date: Monday, December 18 - 10am Bring your scissors!





Wednesday Mornings at 9:00am

In Fellowship Hall

NO YOGA - Dec. 20th & 27th

Check our website calendar for any changes or updates. All are welcome.

Please bring a mat.

Luke 2:13-14

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

More Serving God...



Narcotics Anonymous recovery group meets here at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in room 143.

Enter around back through door #4.

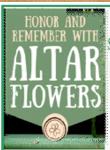
For more information, contact NA Rep.

Pete - 815-530-1065



Interested in our Hospitality Ministry for Ushering, Greeting and Liturgy?

Please contact the church office or see Donna Buckley to be added to the rotation list.



Arrangements can be brought in for Sunday Morning Worship in memory or honor of someone or something!

Please let the office know what date and the details so it can be included in the Sunday bulletin. Dispose of your old warn and tattered flags here at the church in the bin outside of Fellowship Hall. The Troop 444 Boy Scouts will dispose of them through a Troop Ceremony. Thank you for honoring out Country.





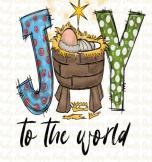
CoDA

More information about CoDA can be found at www.CoDA.org CUMC contact person is Nancy G.

708-912-3056

CoDA Group meets on Saturday momings 8am room 143





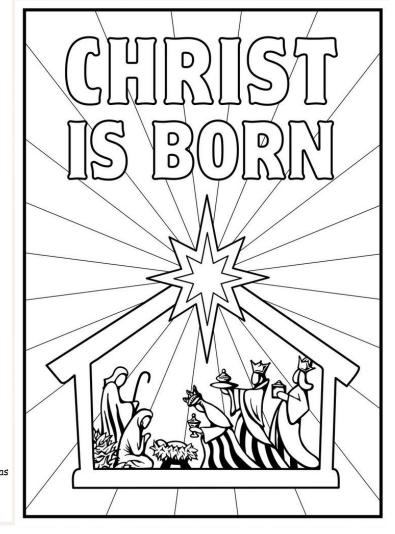
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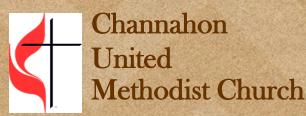
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service

9:00am

In person, live stream and online!

Coffee Fellowship

10:00am

Children's Sunday School is offered for Pre-school -12th grade (Sept. - May) 10:30a - 11:15 All are welcome!



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