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*Faithfully committed to
Building Disciples ~ Growing Faith
~ Serving God*

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*When the Preschool is in Session -
Access to the Education Wing will be off
limits 8:30a-3:30pm when the children are
present.*



WISHING YOU
A YEAR OF
IMMEASURABLE
BLESSINGS
AND JOY!

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people
and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY
To you for the year ahead.

Happy New Year!

Church & Community News & Events

January Birthdays

1/1 Mark Lindstrom
Emily Sergeant
1/2 Lori Bolduc
1/5 Cindy Boyer
Barb Tshopp
1/6 Michelle Lyman
1/8 Jack Breen
Isaac Stricker
1/12 Jim Waller
1/15 Kris Hayden
1/19 Jessie Panko
1/20 Dave Chapman
1/22 Char Blackwell
1/23 Teri Miller

January Anniversaries

1/2 Janet & Gerald Sanders
1/6 Don & Joni Meyer
1/23 Dave & Janet Chapman
1/28 Mike Campobasso & Kathy Gregory

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 CUMC Member
Michelle Blazekovich

Prayers for the family and friends of CUMC Member
Deanna Ashby in TN



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

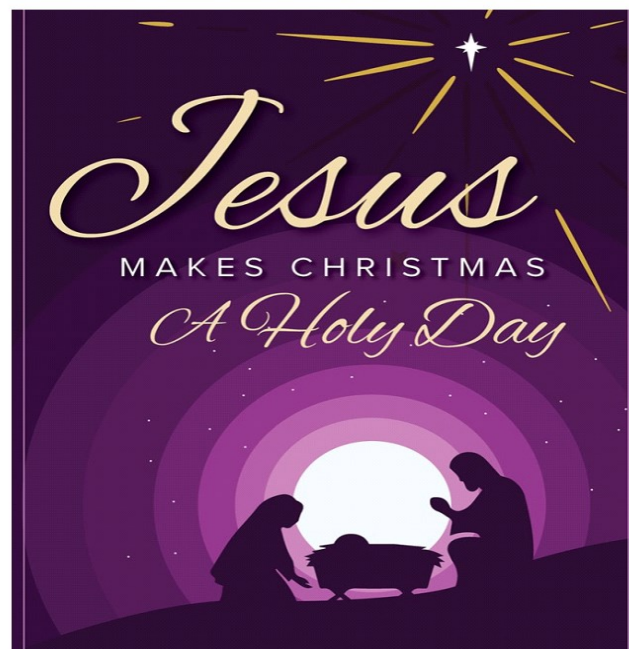
Dec 24 - Family Christmas Eve Service - 3pm - Combined service with Minoaka UMC for children, youth & family

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

Dec 31 - Worship Service - 9am & Fellowship following

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

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



Senior Luncheon

January 3 ~ 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 up in the Narthex.

Menu: To Be Determined

Community Blood Drive

Saturday, January 20th

St. Ann Catholic Church

Parish Hall - Navajo Dr - Channahon

Please schedule your appointments by either calling John at 815-325-8409 or sign up online at www.Heartlandbc.org.
(Search Channahon/60410)

Appointment times will be respected, 1st time donors are encouraged, walk-ins will be worked into the schedule.

Remember to bring a photo ID and eat a good meal before donating. Help us reach our goal of 80 units donated.

Sponsored by the Channahon & Minoaka Knights of Columbus with Heartland/Versiti Blood Center.



December 22nd - Jan 1st
Will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd

BUILDING DISCIPLES

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."

Sunday Morning Worship

9am- In-Person and Online with Live Stream

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 www.youtube.com/@channahonumc813/

The church is open and available for use for meetings, groups and events. Please be sure to confirm all usage, availability, and changes with the church office.

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



Kids Sunday School

Ages 3yr - 12th grade

10:30am - 11:15am

in Education Wing

FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Thank you for your generosity during our 2024 pledge drive. To date \$115,008 has been pledged by 33 family units. This pledge represents about half of the 2024 budget of \$234,710.

For those using envelopes, be aware that the number and day on the envelope will no longer be significant. Your name is most important. If you give monthly, you can choose to take a box with less than 20 envelopes. Finance is attempting to be better stewards and not throw away boxes from previous years.

Your financial commitment to Channahon UMC supports our Building Disciples, Growing in Faith and Serving God.

Blessings from Channahon UMC Finance Team



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'

Anyone wishing to fill Special Music on Sundays during Winter, please see Brittany or call the church office.

Ephesians 1:18

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the Saints.

3 WAYS TO GIVE



In Person



By Mail



Electronic Giving

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

12/3 - \$6,806 / 79 12/1 - \$4,138 / 79
12/17 - \$5,231 / 89

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

2024

Communion & 5th Sunday Offerings

The monthly Sunday Communion Offering for January, February and March will support Guardian Angel Community Services www.gacsprograms.org

5th Sundays offering for 2024 is waiting approval from Church Council.

Our last 2023 5th Sunday will be **December 31st**. Special envelopes will be in the Narthex on the Usher's table.

Monies support the **United Voices for Children**

Special envelopes provided on December 31st



Affiliated Agencies: Kids Above All • WFSB • Renaissance



Stewardship Pledge Cards

Pledge cards can still be turned in to the church office or in the offering plate.

Additional cards are available in the Narthex

Prayerfully consider your 2024 tithing

Offering Envelopes



If you have requested weekly offering envelopes - Boxes for 2024 will be available in January. Please watch for notifications. If you would like a box assigned

Growing FAITH

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.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

MEN'S BREAKFAST
 FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, January 13
 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!

craft NIGHT

No CRAFT NIGHT in January
 See you in February 2/2

Channahon UMC Preschool

Openings and Info for 2024-2025
 Or to schedule a tour!
 Call - 815-467-4708 or email
ChannahonUMPreschool@gmail.com

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

Welcome 2024

United Women in Faith

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.

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 - January 16

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

Channahon UWFaith Circles - Members Directory are printed and available by the UWFaith bulletin board across from the Choir room and/or Card Ministry Table - Or call the church office.

Channahon United Women in Faith

READING CLUB MEETING

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.

DELICIOUS GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK

Visit Channahon United Women in Faith Online webstore at:
ChannahonUWF.Terrilynn.com

Your Terri Lynn purchases benefit CUMC Tanzania Mission Trip Activities for Students

Fundraising by Terri Lynn



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.

ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME
MANTENO

The Veterans are so grateful for all of our support and donations through the year!

Continue collecting Little Debbie snacks, bite-size candy bars, and canned soda.

christmas
DECORATION TAKE DOWN

Packing of the Greens...
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!

BTB
Broken to Beautiful
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, January 25, 2pm in Fellowship Hall
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.
The point is to find WAYS to SWIM!

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.

Thrift Shop

January 2024 Schedule

Thursday	Jan 4	10a - 2p
Sunday	Jan 7	after service
Monday	Jan 8	6p - 8p
Thursday	Jan 18	10a - 2p
Monday	Jan 22	6p - 8p

Thrift Shop & Donation Shed will be closed Dec 12 - Jan 3/ Will reopen Jan. 4
The new 2024 schedule is out

PRAYER
Blanket MINISTRY

Will meet the 1st Monday of the month in Fellowship Hall.
Bring your scissors!!!
Will NOT meet in January.

Prayer Blanket Ministry for

WILL COUNTY
Children's
ADVOCACY CENTER
HOPE, HEALING, AND JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Next Date:
Wednesday, January 17-
10:15am
Bring your scissors!

CHAIR YOGA

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.

Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba!"

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



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 worn 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 our Country.



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 mornings 8am room 143



Winter Wonderland

D I L W I N T E R A K U E J G G Q P Y J J B A L
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BLIZZARD	BOOTS	CHILL	COCOA	COLD	DECEMBER
EARMUFFS	FIREPLACE	FLURRIES	FROZEN	GLOVES	HAT
ICE	ICICLE	JACKET	JANUARY	MITTEN	RAIN
SCARF	SHOVEL	SKATING	SKIING	SLED	SLEET
SLUSH	SNOW	SNOWBALL	SNOWFALL	SNOWMAN	SWEATER
TOBOGGAN	VACATION	WINTER			



JANUARY 2024

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
1		2		3		4		5		6			
11:00am - Shop Donation Stand Closed								10am - THIEFT SHOP OPEN		NO FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT		8am - CoDA Group - 143	
Church Office Closed		10am - UMF Leadership Mtg - FH		8am - Choir Yoga		5:30pm - BSA Troop 444 & 454 - FHEDU							
New Years Eve		NO PRESCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK											
9am - Worship In Person & ONL ME @		Church Office Closed		11:45am - MLUMC Bible Study - Choir		11am - Thrift Shop Open							
10am - Coffee Fellowship		New Years Day		11:30am - Senior Luncheon									
11:30am - Menoda UMC Sunday		10am - Prayer Banner Ministry - FH		3:30pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 5pm - GS 75934-140/76156-144 6:30pm - NA - Narcotics Anonymous 143									
7		8		9		10		11		12		13	
Communion Sunday		Church Office Closed		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		7:45am - Men's Breakfast - OS @			
9am - Combined Worship w/MLUMC @		NO PRESCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK		10am - Rachel Circle - FH		8am - Choir Yoga		5:30pm - BSA Troop 444 & 454 - FHEDU		8am - CoDA Group - 143			
10am - 11am Thrift Shop Open		10am - Ruth Circle - FH @ Fellowship Hall		11:45am - MLUMC Bible Study - Choir		10am - Packing of the GREENS							
10am - Coffee Fellowship		8pm - THIEFT SHOP OPEN		8pm - Hannah Jessup Circle - OS		3:30pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary							
10:30am - Adult Sunday Study - 144		6:30pm - Finance Team - 144 @				6:30pm - NA - Narcotics Anonymous 143							
10:30am - Confirmation Class - EDU													
10:30am - Kids Sunday School - EDU													
7pm - CS Comm. Mtg - N													
14		15		16		17		18		19		20	
9am - Worship In Person & ONL ME @		Church Office Closed		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		7:30am - MLUMC Men's Breakfast - FH			
10am - Coffee Fellowship		NO PRESCHOOL		11:45am - MLUMC Bible Study - Choir		8am - Choir Yoga		10am - THIEFT SHOP OPEN		8am - CoDA Group - 143			
10:30am - Adult Sunday Study - 144		7pm - Trustees - 144		1pm - Circle of Hope - FH @ Rotation		3:30pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary		5:30pm - BSA Troop 444 & 454 - FHEDU					
10:30am - Confirmation Class - EDU				3pm - Children's Prayer Blankets Ministry		5pm - GS 75934-140 / 76156-144							
10:30am - Kids Sunday School - EDU				7pm - CS Pack Night - FH		6:30pm - NA - Narcotics Anonymous 143							
11:30am - MLUMC Worship													
12pm - MLUMC - FH													
21		22		23		24		25		26		27	
9am - Worship In Person & ONL ME @		Church Office Closed		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		8am - CoDA Group - 143			
10am - Coffee Fellowship		8:30am - Preschool - EDU		11:45am - MLUMC Bible Study - Choir		8am - Choir Yoga		2pm - Gift Support - FH		8am - MLUMC LLP Breakfast - FH			
10:30am - Adult Sunday Study - 144		8pm - THIEFT SHOP OPEN		6:45pm - Church Council - FH		3:30pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary		5:30pm - BSA Troop 444 & 454 - FHEDU					
10:30am - Confirmation Class - EDU		7pm - MLUMC Book Group - Choir Room				6:30pm - NA - Narcotics Anonymous 143							
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10:30am - Kids Sunday School - EDU													
11:30am - MLUMC Worship													

More details and information is available on our church website calendar WWW.CHANNAHONUMC.ORG



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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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PRAYING YOU'LL SEE

the blessing
OF
God's plans
UNFOLDING FOR YOU IN THE
new year.

We are especially grateful for: