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Access to the Education Wing will be off
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Prayer for 40 Days

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days before Easter (Sundays are not included in the count).

The number 40 holds particular significance in the Bible. There are at least ten instances in the Old Testament and New Testament where 40 occurs, either in years or days, e.g. it rained for 40 days and 40 nights, Moses was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights, the Israelites wandered 40 years, Jesus fasted and tempted in the wilderness for 40 days and was seen on the earth for 40 days after His crucifixion.

I want to invite our church family to join our Lenten study. During the Lenten season, we will gather to share our lives, meditate, and pray. This 6 weeks journey will help us experience the power of prayer and meditation.

For those who are not able to join the Lenten study, let me share with you some simple guidelines.

Prepare your heart for fellowship with God. Open your heart with some music or singing songs. You can choose a scripture for meditation but don't stay too long. This is not a Bible study. The most important part is inviting the Holy Spirit to come and illumine your heart. Rather than rushing into God's presence and saying many things, it is good many times to quieten your mind and wait in God's presence so you can feel God's heart and pray the things that the Holy Spirit shows you to pray for. It is the Spirit who is to lead us in the kind of prayer we offer to God. He gives us the power to pray.

Begin with Praise and Thanksgiving. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." (Psalm 100:4). Tell Him how great He is. Praising God for His goodness, faithfulness, and greatness, especially for the wonderful blessing.

Having a purpose in Prayer. You can pray for yourself, your family, and others in the church and their needs, national and local situations, and the government. Please remember the people in Palestine and Ukraine. Please join us on our 40-day prayer journey.

Blessings, Pastor Doh

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
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.

February 4th may be our last Combined Worship Sundays with Minooka UMC, fellowship & Sunday School.

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

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.

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

1/7 - \$1,370/73 1/14 - \$5,882/35
1/21 - \$5,267/37 1/28 - \$1,353/70

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

2024

Communion Sunday Mission Offering

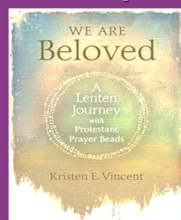
The monthly Sunday Communion Mission Offering for January, February and March will support Joliet Will County Guardian Angel Community Services

www.gacsprograms.org

Lent

Ash Wednesday is February 14

A worship service combined with MUMC is planned for 7pm at CUMC



Lenten Book Study

Wednesdays @ 2pm in FH

Information and sign up is in the Narthex or call the church office for more info.



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)

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 information.



Ash

Wednesday

Breakfast and service, with imposition of ashes

UMC of New Lenox
339 W. Haven Ave ~ New Lenox
invites everyone to join them on Ash Wednesday Morning- February 14th at 9am

Service at 9am with imposition of ashes and a continental breakfast following.
Childcare is provided



Openings and Info for 2024-2025

Or to schedule a tour!

Call - 815-467-4708 or email

ChannahonUMCPreschool@gmail.com



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, February 10th

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!



CUMC's Family CRAFT NIGHTS

For Adults and Kids - All Ages!

This is a **FREE** Family Friendly Event

An Open Invitation for ALL!

Be sure to invite a friend or two!

Craft Night ~ February 2nd at 6pm
- All supplies provided!



'SOUPER BOWL' Sunday Soup Sale ~ to Benefit Tanzania Mission Trip

Order now (\$15/quart)

Pick up Sat., Feb. 10 ~ 3p - 5p

or Sun. Feb. 11 ~ 10a - 12m

Order forms are in the Narthex



Tanzania Fairy Tale Soup



Grandma's Cream of Chicken Rice



Beef Barley

Orders are due February 4th

Orders can be called into the church office by 2pm Friday



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 Devotionals link

<https://upperroom.org/devotionals>

Jan/Feb devotional books are available in the Narthex, on the card ministry table



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 - TBA

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

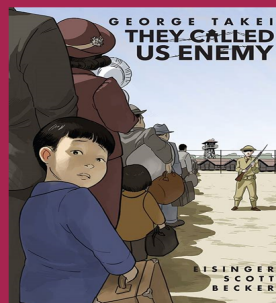
Channahon UWFaith Circles - Members Directory are printed and available by the UWFaith bulletin board across from the Choir room and/or Card Ministry Table - Or call the church office.



Channahon United Women in Faith READING CLUB MEETING

Thurs., February 15, 2024
6 p.m.

CUMC Room 145



We will discuss George Takei's graphic novel "They Called Us Enemy." 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 weather and road conditions are bad.

Channahon United Women in Faith

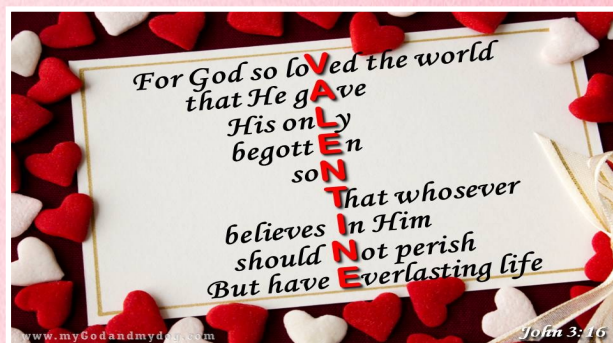
Enjoy delicious nuts, candy and snacks while supporting missions for women, children & youth!

Place your order at:

channahonuwf.terrilynn.com



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.



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.



Outreach is collecting EASTER Candy and Treats for Treat Bags. Filling bags on March 24th

Thank You in advance for your support!
Channahon United Methodist Church Outreach Team



Outreach team is cooking & serving dinner at Daybreak Shelter in Joliet on Monday, February 26th at 6pm

Donation needs-list will be available soon.

Senior Luncheon

February 7 ~ 12:00n

Doors open 11:30am

Suggested donation - \$5

Call 847-738-1268 to RSVP by Feb 5th
Please call to RSVP w/Janet 847-738-1268 or sign up in the Narthex.

Menu: To Be Determined



February 2024 Schedule

Thursday	Feb 1	10a - 2p
Sunday	Feb 4	after service
Monday	Feb 5	6p - 8p
Thursday	Feb 15	10a - 2p
Monday	Feb 19	6p - 8p
Thursday	Feb 29	10a - 2p



*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, February 22nd, 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!



Will meet the 1st Monday of the month in Fellowship Hall.
Bring your scissors!!!
Will Meet February 5th

Prayer Blanket Ministry for



**WILL COUNTY
Children's
ADVOCACY CENTER**

HOPE, HEALING, AND JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Next Date:
Wednesday, February 28th
10:15am
Bring your scissors!



CHAIR YOGA



Wednesday Mornings at 9:00am

In Fellowship Hall

Check our website calendar for any changes or updates.

All are welcome.

Please bring a mat.

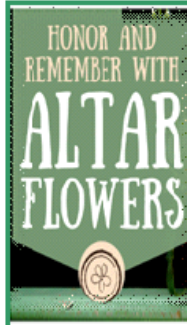
More Serving God...



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 out Country.



More information about CoDA can be found at www.CoDA.org
CUMC contact person is Nancy G.
708-912-3056

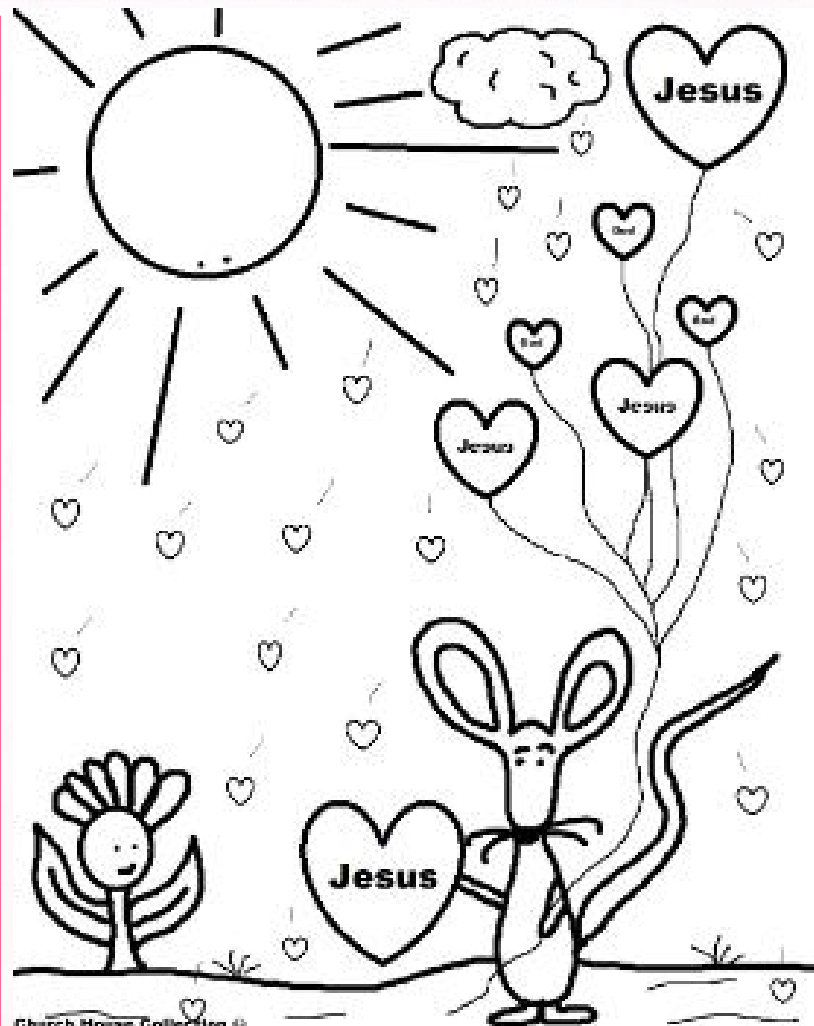
CoDA Group meets on Saturday mornings 8am room 143



Happy Valentine's Day !

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affection	bow	boyfriend	candy	card
crush	cupid	date	diamond	envelope
fairy tale	February	flowers	friend	gifts
girlfriend	heart	hug	kiss	lace
letter	love	love song	poem	ring
rose	serenade	sweets	teddy bear	valentine



Church & Community News & Events

February Birthdays

2/7 Lila Barrett
Janet Sanders
2/10 Larry Schuler
2/14 Donna Buckley
Aileen Cotter
2/21 Pastor Doh
2/25 Leonard Hoffman
2/26 Vesta Nyamekye
Amy Powell
2/28 Bob Eaton

February Anniversaries

2/14 Bob & Elaine Coen
2/23 Kent & Martha Ulmer

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 Mark & Mary Baker & Family

on the recent passing of Marks Sister, and their daughter-in-law's uncle

the.prayer wall

BECAUSE PRAYER MATTERS

Visit our prayer wall on our church website to leave a prayer or pray for others.

www.ChannahonUMC.org/prayer-requests

NIC Laity Convocation 2024

Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Growing
Together
in Love*

LEARNING TO HAVE COURAGEOUS
RESPECTFUL CONVERSATIONS



Anyone interested in attending, please see Pastor Doh or call the church office - registration closes February 5th - Anyone is invited to attend.

NIC Laity Convocation 2024

Date: Saturday, February 10

Time: 8 a.m. registration
9 a.m. event begins
11:45 a.m. wrap-up, followed by lunch

Format: Live/in-person

Location: Belvidere: First UMC, 610 Bonus Avenue, Belvidere,

Topic: Learning to have courageous and respectful conversations

FAMILIES OF FAITH MINISTRIES

Once Upon A Time Sweetheart Dance

GIRLS K-6TH GRADE AND
THEIR DADS OR SPECIAL GUESTS

SATURDAY | 2nd | MARCH
4:00-6:00PM

POPCORN BAR
DANCING & CRAFTING
ONE PROFESSIONAL
PHOTO PER FAMILY

\$40 / DUO
+ \$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD
Tickets must be purchased in advance

FOFCA GYMNASIUM
24466 W EAMES ST, CHANNAHON, IL 60410

MINDOKRA CHOIR

2024 SPRING CRAFT FAIR & RAFFLE

Presented by the Minooka Community
High School Choir Boosters

NEW LOCATION!
MCHS SOUTH CAMPUS
26655 W EAMES ST, CHANNAHON, IL 60410

-ONE DAY ONLY-
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 24
9AM-3PM

\$2 ENTRANCE FEE 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE
VENDORS LOCATED IN BOTH LARGE & SMALL GYMS
RAFFLE BASKETS, CONCESSIONS & MORE!



COME and SEE

A drama by ANGEL films about the life of Jesus Christ - introduces Jesus and the calling of his initial disciples. Seasons 1-3 are now streaming on Amazon Prime

The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. **The Chosen** allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

The release of Season 4 premiering in Theaters February 1, 2024

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

If you don't have enough to eat, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry can help.

Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry distributes nutritious food in high-need areas.

Food is free to low-income neighbors in need.

Please bring bags or boxes in which to package your food.

➔ Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis, while supplies last.



Date: Sunday, February 4

Time: 5pm - 6pm

Location: Channahon Township Highway Garage

Address: 25461 S Fryer St - Channahon IL

Those in need are welcome - Bring boxes and bags.

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun		Mon	Tue		Wed	Thu		Fri	Sat
		28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
9am - Worship-In Person & 10am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30am - Adult Sunday Study - 10:30am - Confirmation Class - 10:30am - Kids Sunday School - 11:30am - MUMC Worship		<div>Church Office Closed</div> 8:30am - Preschool - EDU 11:45am - MUMC Bible Study -		8:30am - Preschool - EDU 11:45am - MUMC Bible Study -	8:30am - Preschool - EDU 9am - Chair Yoga 3:30pm - NO CHOIR 6:30pm - NA - Narcotics	8:30am - Preschool - EDU 10am - THRIFT SHOP OPEN 6:30pm - BSA Troop 444 & 454 -	8:30am - Preschool - EDU 6pm - Family Craft Night	8am - CoDA Group - 143	
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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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