CHANUTE FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.

From the Pastor's Desk

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

What a joyful season it has been at Chanute First UMC! As we move through the summer months, I am reminded once again of how God continues to work through His people, bringing hope, joy, and inspiration to our community.

VBS: FAITH IN ACTION!

One of the highlights of the summer was our Vacation Bible School. It was wonderful to see children filling our church with laughter, excitement, and a desire to learn more about Jesus Christ. We are grateful to all the volunteers, teachers, youth helpers, parents, and supporters who made VBS such a success. Through songs, Bible stories, crafts, games, and fellowship, songs of faith wore planted in young hearts. Jesus reminded us, "Let the little children come to me" (Mark 10:14), and we rejoice that our church continues to nurture the next generation of disciples.

USA SOCCER: A WINNING START!

Another source of excitement has been the strong performance of the United States Men's National Soccer Team during the FIFA World Cup. The team opened the tournament with an impressive 4–1 victory over Paraguay and followed that with a 2–0 win over Australia to advance to the knockout stage. The enthusiasm surrounding these victories has brought communities together and reminded us of the value of teamwork, perseverance, discipline, and hope.

LESSONS FOR OUR FAITH JOURNEY

Sports often teach lessons that apply to our faith journey. Success rarely comes without preparation, sacrifice, and commitment. Likewise, as Christians, we are called to run the race of faith with endurance, trusting God and encouraging one another along the way. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

As a church, we celebrate the blessings God has given us through our children, our families, our worship, and the many opportunities we have to serve others. Thank you for your continued faithfulness, generosity, and prayers. Together, we are making a difference in Chanute and beyond.

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Grace and Peace,

Pastor Charles Nyamakope

Chanute First United Methodist Church

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayer Concerns:

Mary Lou Manley
Phyllis Bigler
(mother of Heidi Bolt)
Haley Peters
(sister of Katie Peters)
Alice Robinson
LD Rowan
(father of Heather Rowan)
Mike Sutcliffe
Nancy Drybread
Kenzi Underwood

Sympathies to the family & friends of:

Emilly McNeal Robinson
Sharon Carpenter
Shirley Leroy

Serving in the Military:

Nathan Ruggles
Josh Underwood

Please Note: Names submitted for the Prayer Concerns List will be removed after two weeks. Please call the church office @ 431-4240 or e-mail office @fumcchanute.com if you need to add or continue a name on the Prayer List. Thank You!

"America is a tune. It must be sung together."

~ Gerald Stanley Lee

Chanute First UMC

Pastor's Preaching Schedule

June – July, 2026



Worship Times

9:00AM – 10:00AM: Sanctuary

11:00AM – 12:00 NOON: Fellowship Hall

JUNE 28

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:40-42
Sermon Title: Hospitality and Kindness

JULY

JULY 5

Combined Worship with Holy Communion
Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1:13-14
Sermon Title: Free Indeed: Using our freedom to Serve

JULY 12

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-11
Sermon Title: There is No Condemnation, But New Life

JULY 19

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12-25
Sermon Title: Jesus Changes Us

JULY 26

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:26-39
Sermon Title: We are more than Conquerors

Compiled by Pastor Charles

MEET OUR NEW Youth Director!

STARTING JULY 1



Fueled by COFFEE + JESUS

Sara Kessler

TO CHANUTE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

A LITTLE ABOUT SARA

I'm a **busy mom of five**, coffee lover, faith follower, cookie baker, garden nurturer, and a **passionate advocate** for youth and their journey.

PROUD MOM TO 5 AMAZING KIDS

- 21 ETHAN
- 19 WYATT
- 16 MAVRICK
- 12 SAVANNAH
- 11 CHARLIE

My greatest adventure started at home, my biggest joy is watching them grow!

OUR LOVE STORY



Sara & Skyler have known each other since they were kids! Their dads were best friends. Sara's dad used to joke they would get married someday, and Skyler's mom used to say, *"I don't think so!"*

They came together later in life and blended their families in the most beautiful way.

CALLED TO THIS MOMENT

I've worked with kids my whole adult life—but never imagined youth ministry would become my greatest joy. Since starting at Cherry Street Community, I've found my passion, my purpose, and my people.

ADVENTURE CALLS

Until recently, I had only been to 4 states.

Then came Georgia for my son's National Guard training... and Colorado joined the list!

GA

CO

New places.
New perspective.
New story unfolding.

YOUTH VIBES

- YOUTH NIGHTS
- MISSION TRIPS
- GAME NIGHTS
- WORSHIP
- SERVICE
- FRIENDSHIPS
- FAITH THAT LASTS

HER HEART FOR YOUTH

She believes in every teen's potential and the power of Christ-centered community.

She's here to listen, encourage, laugh, challenge, and walk alongside them.

She can't wait to build real relationships and grow together in faith!

IN MY DOWNTIME...

You can find me experimenting with new cookie recipes or nurturing my garden!



LET'S CONNECT!

Always here. Always cheering you on. Let's do this together!

EXCITED TO GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH & JOY!

OUR CHURCH

Mission Pennies

July Mission Pennies & this month's Noisy Offering will go toward the Agape Fund.
Offerings toward the "Mission Pennies" offering may be made throughout the month by putting your change contributions into the little wooden churches as you enter the sanctuary.
A "Noisy Offering" is collected on the last Sunday of each month.

Gifts/Prizes Needed

The Church & Society committee continues to need items for the monthly birthday/bingo party held every 3rd Tuesday at the Murray Hill Apartments. A tub to collect these items is located downstairs in front of the elevator.

AGAPE—*A Greek word for self-giving love.*

The FUMC Agape Fund is a ministry that offers help to a specific area person or a family in need. If you would like to make a donation, just mark "Agape" in the memo line of your check or on-line gift.

Electronic Giving

Download **"Vanco Mobile"** free from the App Store. Search for "Chanute" First United Methodist Church. Vanco Mobile provides secure and convenient giving using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account where you might choose to toggle to "cover processing fees" to reduce the charge for the church.
If you prefer to have money automatically taken from your checking account, contact Sidney Haslett or the church for an authorization form.

Questions? Contact Linda Jones

Sunday School Classes for ALL

Have you joined one of our Sunday School Classes yet? Well, stick around after church!

Classes for children & youth meet upstairs.

See below for more information on our adult classes.

Fellowship in Grace & Mercy: Meets in Room 107 (Library). Facilitator: Corwin Shields

Open Door: Meets in Room 112. (The classroom just off the parlor.) Class led.



Thank You

Dear Barb Keller Scholarship Fund Committee,
I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to thank you for graciously selecting me as a Barb Keller Scholar. I am very glad and overjoyed to be receiving this scholarship.
This fall I will be a second-year student majoring in pre-nursing, and I am on track to start the nursing program in the fall of 2027. When I first arrived on campus, I was anxious about whether or not ESU was going to be the right school for me. I had anxieties about having good professors, good friends, and a community that accepts me. I am overjoyed to say that my journey at ESU thus far has been delightful. The professors prioritize their students' success and I have met very wonderful people that I call my friends. I am involved in the Black Student Union, Sister Circle, the African Caribbean Association, Christian Challenge, and Treble Choir. In Sister Circle, I hold a leadership position as the vice president, and I am an involved member in the prior listed RSOs. I am able to be in these organizations because of your support. This scholarship will help me continue my studies and obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Thank you for investing in my future.

Sincerely,
Savemore Nyamakope

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Fitness Opportunities

TAI CHI
Monday—Friday
9:00am

WALKERCIZE
Mondays & Wednesdays
11:00 am

WATCH US ON YOUTUBE

MISSED A SERVICE OR JUST WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT ALL OVER AGAIN? FIND IT ON YOUTUBE!
www.youtube.com/FUMCChanuteKS





Thank You

Dear Barb Keller Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for your generous gift. Your kindness and continuous support throughout my education have been a blessing to me. I am incredibly grateful to be part of such a supportive church community. Thank you again!

Love,
Katelyn Caldwell

I want to thank you for providing this wonderful opportunity for my granddaughter each summer to grow closer to the Lord. (VBS) She looks forward to it all year long!

God Bless You All!
Mary Durand

We wanted to say thank you once again for all you do for our Survivors each year in hosting our reception for them. In appreciation we would like to offer this small donation to your group. We couldn't do what we do for our Survivors without your help!

Darcie, Diana & Sherri

***We uphold the United Methodist Church by our* PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS**

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2026 Monthly Budget Needs	$32,363
June 2026	
7th	$5,643
14th	$7,376
21st	N/A
28th	GIVE!
Giving to Date	$13,019

2026

	May	Year to Date
Income	$ 15,811	$ 114,702
Expenses	23,567	131,622
Net Income / (Loss)	$ (7,756)	$ (16,920)

May Mission Pennies totaled $297.59 for VBS Expenses

Thank you for your continued giving!

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Ways to Give

IN-PERSON
Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. You may put your offering in an offering envelope and place it in the offering plate.

ACH WITHDRAWAL
Schedule your contribution to be taken out of your account automatically each month.

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Download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Search **"Chanute First United Methodist Church"** Available on Apple & Android devices.

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VBS 2026: Paul and the Underground Church!







We are so very grateful for all those who donated of their time, talents, and treasures toward this year's VBS Program. The kids had a BLAST! We can't wait to do it all again next year!!!

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:00 am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Brunch & Worship (Fellowship Hall)			***1*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 11:00 am Walkercize 6:00 pm Youth	***2*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***3*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***4*** 
5 9:00 am Combined Worship / Communion 10:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies **** Combined Worship / Communion Schedule***	***6*** OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Quilt Guild	***7*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Trustees	***8*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Youth	***9*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 1:30 pm Games with Friends	***10*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***11***
12 6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies **** See Regular Worship Schedule***	***13*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Women of Grace	***14*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm SPRC 7:00 pm Church Council	***15*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Youth	***16*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***17*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***18***
19 6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies **** See Regular Worship Schedule***	***20*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***21*** 8:30 am Van Trip to Joplin for lunch & shopping 6:00 pm Church & Society at Murray Hill Apts.	***22*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Youth	***23*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 1:30 pm Games with Friends	***24*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***25***
26 6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies **** See Regular Worship Schedule***	***27*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***28*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***29*** 9:00 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Youth	***30*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	***31*** 9:00 am Tai Chi	**August 2026** S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please contact the office if your Birthday has been omitted or misreported. We don't want to forget you! 431-4240 office@fumcchanute.com			**1** Isaiah 31—34	**2** Isaiah 35—37	**3** Isaiah 38—41 Audrey (Bolt)	**4** Isaiah 42—44 Julie Berg Reagan Berg Michelle Finley Tannah Jones
5 Isaiah 45—48 Paula Dingman	**6** Isaiah 49—51 Kayla Bailey Jim Dillow	**7** Isaiah 52—56	**8** Isaiah 57—60	**9** Isaiah 61—64	**10** Isaiah 65—66 June Cathers Max Hendrickson	**11** Jeremiah 1—4 Ashton Greer
12 Jeremiah 5—6 Kenny Finley Demian Wegehaupt	**13** Jeremiah 7—9 Kristin Chase Jake Frese Linda Jones Jennifer March Randy Ogle Keith Wiltse	**14** Jeremiah 10—12 Hannah Robinson	**15** Jeremiah 13—15	**16** Jeremiah 16—18 Traci Loss Beckham Wheeler	**17** Jeremiah 19—22	**18** Jeremiah 23—24 Benny Robbins
19 Jeremiah 25—27 Linda Robbins	**20** Jeremiah 28—29 Jackson Osborn	**21** Jeremiah 30—31 Katie Manbeck	**22** Jeremiah 32—33 Cory Kepley John Vernor	**23** Jeremiah 34—36 Dan Mildfelt Devon Tinsley	**24** Jeremiah 37—39 Travis Leach Andrew March	**25** Jeremiah 40—42 Sadie John
26 Jeremiah 43—45 Harlow Braman	**27** Jeremiah 46—48 Natalie Antonios Tyler Brotherton Treca Jackson Kelly Rowe	**28** Jeremiah 49—50	**29** Jeremiah 51—52 Adrianna Ayers Reece Haslett	**30** Lamentations 1 Wade Kimbrel Abigail Morris	**31** Lamentations 2—4 Judy Baker Corwin Shields	

August 2026

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