



# FIRST NOTES

FEBRUARY 2026



## From the Pastor's Desk

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**9:00 am**  
Blended Worship  
*In the Sanctuary*

**10:10 am**  
Sunday School

**11:00 am**  
Brunch & Worship  
*In the Fellowship Hall*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**  
*"Sharing the Love & Hope of God"*

### A Season of Snow, A Season of Grace

Grace and peace to you

As January settles in with snow-covered streets, icy winds, and below-freezing temperatures here in Chanute, we are reminded that winter has a way of slowing us down—sometimes whether we like it or not. While snowstorms can disrupt schedules and routines, they also invite us into a holy pause.



As the snow blankets everything in white, we are invited to pause. Winter slows us down, gently urging us to rest, to be cautious, and to look out for one another.

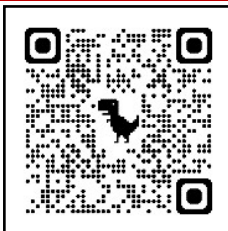
Scripture reminds us that *"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31). In these quieter days, may we find renewal—not only in body, but in spirit.*

In Scripture, God often meets people in moments of stillness. Winter, with its quiet landscapes and shorter days, offers us an opportunity to rest, reflect, and renew our trust in God's steady presence. Even when roads are difficult to travel and plans must change, God's grace remains constant and sure.

During times of severe weather, I encourage everyone to put safety first. If conditions make travel difficult, please know that

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



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2026 Monthly Budget Needs	<u>\$32,363</u>
January 2026	
4th	\$7,931
11th	\$3,529
18th	\$3,137
25th	\$903
Giving to Date	<u>\$15,500</u>

	2025	
	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 29,108	\$274,034
Expenses	<u>24,152</u>	<u>320,282</u>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 4,956</b>	<b>\$(46,248)</b>

November Mission Pennies totaled \$137.87 and were given to the Cherry Street Youth Center

**Thank you for your continued giving!**



**Prayer Concerns:**

- Casey Ruggles
- Linda Arnett
- Karen Shields
- Alice Robinson
- Sandy Strack
- Randy Lemasters
- LD Rowan  
*(father of Heather Rowan)*
- Mike Sutcliffe
- Nancy Drybread
- Kenzi Underwood

**Sympathies to the family & friends of:**

- Maggie DeLaTorre
- Greg Talent  
*(nephew of Gail Petersen & Dawn Kuder)*

**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!

staying home is an act of wisdom, not a lack of faith. Worship is not confined to a building. When you pray at home, open your Bible, or join worship in spirit, you are fully part of the body of Christ.

Let us also be mindful of one another—especially seniors, those living alone, and anyone who may need assistance during this cold spell. A phone call, a check-in, or an offer of help reflects the love of Christ in practical and meaningful ways.

As the snow falls, may it remind us of God's promise of renewal and hope.

Winter does not last forever, and neither do the challenges we face. God is at work even in the quiet seasons, preparing new life that will soon emerge.

May the peace of Christ keep you safe and warm, may God's love surround your homes, and may hope shine brightly—even on the coldest days.

With gratitude and prayers,  
**Pastor Charles**



## February 18, 2026


*Preparing our hearts  
for Easter*

Drive - Thru  
10am - Noon  
*(In the alley behind the church)*

Worship Service  
5:30pm  
*(In the Sanctuary)*

Ash  
Wednesday

***Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words when necessary.***



SAVE THE DATE!

# VBS 2026 ROME

Paul and the Underground Church

# JUNE 8—12



# OPERATION SOUPLINE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
11:00-7:00  
MASONIC TEMPLE**

**\$8 PER  
TICKET**



## Soupline Chili

### 3 ½ Gallons

- 10 lbs hamburger (browned)
- 1/3 cups of dried onion  
(or 5 fresh onions)
- 1 cup Williams chili powder
- 2 cans of tomato juice
- 1 can Mexican beans
- 1/8 cup of salt
- 2 cans of water (tomato juice cans)

### 18 Gallons

- 60 lbs hamburger (browned)
- 2 cups of dried onion  
(or 30 fresh onions)
- 6 cup Williams chili powder
- 12 cans of tomato juice
- 6 can Mexican beans
- ¾ cup of salt
- 12 cans of water (tomato juice cans)

### 36 Gallons

- 120 lbs hamburger (browned)
- 4 cups of dried onion  
(or 60 fresh onions)
- 12 cup Williams chili powder
- 24 cans of tomato juice
- 12 can Mexican beans
- 1 1/8 cup of salt
- 24 cans of water (tomato juice cans)

**DRAIN HAMBURGER**

**3 ½ GALLONS IS ONE ROASTER**

## PIE DONATIONS NEEDED

*Pies must be at least 9 inches and come in a disposable pan. Some favorites include: apple, cherry, blackberry, blueberry, gooseberry, rhubarb, raspberry, pecan & pumpkin. Sugar free pies are also needed. Please be sure to identify each pie. Cash donations will also be accepted. You may contact the church office or add your name to the to the Bulletin Board in the downstairs hallway. Pies may be taken to the Masonic Temple the morning of Soupline. Volunteers will be available to take them from your car.*

**PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL YOUR PIE SO THAT THE SOUPLINE  
VOLUNTEERS WILL KNOW WHICH KIND YOU BROUGHT.**

## OUR CHURCH

### Mission Pennies

Mission Pennies/Noisy Offering for the month of February will be given to the Soupline 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. **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

We have wrapped up another Christmas with the Christmas Helping Hands. We ended up with 92 families and 246 kids. This year seemed less stressful, maybe it's just we're getting well seasoned.

We thank you for your dedication in helping us get this project completed in time to get all of the gifts adopted and distributed.

May you have a Happy New Year. Check in with you in about 10 months! Christmas Helping Hands Committee

Dear Friends, Thank you for the wonderful Birthday gift. It is very appreciated!

Robin (Murray Hill)

Dear Friends at First UMC of Chanute, Thank you for your \$512.32 donation towards our annual fundraiser that supports our work with the children here at Cherry Street! I will be praying for the new year to be full of love and hope in Jesus for each of you!

Many Blessings, Jennifer Shields Cherry Street

Dear Church Family, I want to thank all of your for the memorial service for Mike. Pastor Charles, your words were very

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Our Youth have been busy recently! Above left, our girls group got busy making "Chunky Blankets". Above Right, our youth made muffins for our "Brunch & Worship Service". Thank you Heather for keeping our youth busy while they learn about God!



# February Just Another Tuesday Church Host Schedule

**Feb 3**  
FUMC

**Feb 10**  
Otterbein

**Feb 17**  
All Churches

**Feb 24**  
Church of God in Christ  
*(We provide condiments & buns)*

*Drive thru meal  
distribution at Otterbein UMC  
(631 W 7th) begins each  
Tuesday at 5pm.*

## Fitness Opportunities

**TAI CHI**  
Monday–Friday  
8:30am

**WALKERCIZE**  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
11:00 am



**MISSED A SERVICE OR JUST  
WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT ALL  
OVER AGAIN? FIND IT ON  
YOUTUBE!**

[www.youtube.com/  
FUMCChanuteKS](http://www.youtube.com/FUMCChanuteKS)

## Women of Grace

Meetings of the “Women of Grace” will be held on the second Mondays of each month at 6pm. This month’s meeting will take place at the home of Katie Baughn. (Call the church office for the address.) This is a fun group opened to ALL women of the church. Donations collected throughout the year by this group are given to several charitable organizations within our community. Transportation is available upon request.

## Just Another Tuesday Meal

Our church will be providing the “Just Another Tuesday Meal” at Otterbein on Tuesday, February 3. Heather Shepherd will be taking the lead on this meal. The menu she has planned will include Chili, crackers, & cinnamon rolls. Volunteers are needed to help assemble and distribute the meals. Please contact Heather if you can help!

## The Prayers of Jesus

You're Invited to join the Open Door Sunday School Class for a new study titled: “The Prayers of Jesus”. From His baptism to His crucifixion, the Gospels portray Jesus as a man of prayer who valued intimate communion with His heavenly Father. In this study, six Bible professors give historical and cultural background and a close look at the biblical text. Each session begins with footage from Israel. You are welcome any Sunday! Begins Sunday, January 4th at 10am in the classroom next to the parlor.

## Share Your Talents!

We are blessed with a congregation overflowing with God-given talents. In Colossians 3:16, we are encouraged to 'let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness.' We want to invite you to share your gifts to enhance our worship. Whether you play an instrument, sing, or have a song that has moved your heart, please consider sharing that blessing with us during a service. Let us lift up our voices and talents together to magnify the Lord. Please contact the church office or Terri DeGeer and let's make a Beautiful Noise to the Lord!

## Games with Friends

Looking for some fun? Come on down to the church and enjoy a time of fellowship & games! Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Games will be provided or you are welcome to bring a game to share with the group.

*Thank You* 

comforting and also for your help in planning the service. To all those involved in the lunch following the service, I am very grateful. It was so nice and our many relatives from out of town commented on how nice it was. Your support and kindness will forever be in my heart.

In Christian love,  
Dawn Kuder

Thank you to the Pastor & hospitality team for a beautiful service for Mike Kuder. The meal provided afterward went above and beyond. You truly are servants fo the heart. May God continue to bless your church in all ways.

Sincerely  
Sandy Kuder Hughes  
(sister of Mike)

Dear FUMC,  
Thank you for the MANY prayers and support for myself and our boys over the years, but especially this past fall during one of our scariest seasons! God heard our cry and blessed us with a miracle! Thank you for the prayers on our behalf and for the financial support we received, which is a huge help wit the medical bills. Thank you!

God Bless,  
Skye & Kimbrel Crew

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### 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.



### MOBILE APP

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.



### QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.



### ONLINE

Visit

<https://www.fumcchanute.com/>  
Click "GIVE". Under "Give Online", click "Give Now" to set up a one-time or recurring donation.



### MAIL

Mail your contributions to:  
Chanute FUMC, 202 S Lincoln  
Chanute, KS 66720

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, February 3:** Our church (led by Heather Shepherd) is responsible for the "Just Another Tuesday Meal" at Otterbein. Dinner pick up begins at 5pm.

**Monday, February 9:** Women of Grace will meet at Katie Baughn's house at 6pm.

**Wednesday, February 18:** Ash Wednesday Observation offered as a Drive-Thru from 10am–Noon & Evening Worship at 5:30pm

**Thursday, February 19:** Soupline will be held at the Masonic Temple from 11am–7pm

**Saturday, February 28:** A District Clergy Meeting will be held here at 9am.

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**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN SCHEDULING  
MEETINGS OR EVENTS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING!**  
*(Be sure to check inside for more details on these events!)*

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# February 2025

























































Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies</p> <p><i>* See Regular Worship Schedule</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 1:00 pm Quilt Club</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 5:00 pm JAT @ Otterbein (FUMC) 7:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm GO! Kids</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 3:30 pm JOY Club (Youth Sr. Citizen Ministry)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>2:00 pm St. Cecelia Club 6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies</p> <p><i>* See Regular Worship Schedule</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 6:00 pm Women of Grace</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 5:00 pm JAT @ Otterbein (Otterbein) 5:30 pm SPRC 7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm GO! Kids</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 1:30 pm Games with Friends</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 3:30 pm JOY Club (Youth Sr. Citizen Ministry)</p>	<p><i>Valentine Day</i></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies</p> <p><i>* See Regular Worship Schedule</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 5:00 pm JAT @ Otterbein (Ambassador) 6:00 pm Church &amp; Society at Murray Hill Apts.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 10am—Noon Drive Thru Ash Wednesday 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm GO! Kids</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>SOUPLINE</b> <b>11am—7pm</b> <b>Masonic Temple</b> 7:00 pm PEO</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 3:30 pm JOY Club (Youth Sr. Citizen Ministry)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies</p> <p><i>* See Regular Worship Schedule</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 5:00 pm JAT @ Otterbein (COGIC) 6:00 pm Church &amp; Society at Murray Hill Apts.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm GO! Kids</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 1:30 pm Games with Friends</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 3:30 pm JOY Club (Youth Sr. Citizen Ministry)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:00 am District Clergy Meeting</p>

March 2026						
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## REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Brunch & Worship  
(Fellowship Hall)

# January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  Exodus 39—40  Jaylah Harwood	<b>2</b>  Leviticus 1—4  Sarah Osborn	<b>3</b>  Leviticus 5—6  Rusty Emling Rose Mitchell	<b>4</b>  Leviticus 7—9  Devin March	<b>5</b>  Leviticus 10—12  Linda Funk	<b>6</b>  Leviticus 13  Jessica Cagle	<b>7</b>  Leviticus 14—15  Mackenzie Leroy
<b>8</b>  Leviticus 16—17  Jacob Caldwell	<b>9</b>  Leviticus 18—20  Alicia Fickel	<b>10</b>  Leviticus 21—23  Ayden Ogle	<b>11</b>  Leviticus 24—25  Frank Brazle Debbie Carpenter	<b>12</b>  Leviticus 26—27  Matthew Willis	<b>13</b>  Numbers 1—2  Brenda Krumm	<b>14</b>  Numbers 3  Isabella Baughn Peggy Myers Rhett Smith Diann Young
<b>15</b>  Numbers 4—6  Terry Cathers Staci DeGeer Cathy Mih Taylor Arianne Thompson	<b>16</b>  Numbers 7  John Mishler Cynthia Springer	<b>17</b>  Numbers 8—10  Richard Barnum	<b>18</b>  Numbers 11—13  Nora Barnum Etta Haslett Chery Hill Judy McCready	<b>19</b>  Numbers 14—15  Christopher Hatch Steve Twente	<b>20</b>  Numbers 16—17 	<b>21</b>  Numbers 18—20 
<b>22</b>  Numbers 21—22  Keirah Maloun Brianna McDonald	<b>23</b>  Numbers 23—25  Wesley Lloyd	<b>24</b>  Numbers 26—28 	<b>25</b>  Numbers 29—30 	<b>26</b>  Numbers 31—32  Jessica Brotherton	<b>27</b>  Numbers 33—35  Maddox Myer Randy Jenkins Swayzie Richard	<b>28</b>  Numbers 36 Deuteronomy 1  Trent Gabel

March 2026						
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*Please contact the office if your Birthday has been omitted or misreported.*

*We don't want to forget you!*

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