

The LIGHTSHINE



The Official Newsletter of Christ Church, United Church of Christ, Des Plaines, Illinois

FEBRUARY 2019 ISSUE

Important dates in February 2019

- Feb. 2 Confirmation Class
- Feb. 3 **Worship**— Communion
Self Help Food Pantry
Education Committee Mtg
- Feb. 6 Life Line Screening
- Feb. 9 Building Committee Mtg.
- Feb. 10 **Worship/Boy Scout Sunday**
- Feb. 11 Lunch Bunch at Porter's
- Feb. 13 Pot Luck Dinner
Church Council Mtg.
- Feb. 14 Women's Circle of
Friends Meeting
Happy Valentine's Day!
- Feb. 17 **Worship Service**
Confirmation Class
- Feb. 18 President's Day
(Office Closed)
- Feb. 20 Get It Together
Group Meeting
- Feb. 23 Wolves Game
- Feb. 24 **Worship Service**
Annual Congregation Mtg.
Bowling.
- Feb. 25 Women's Breakfast at
Porter's



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, **February 24th, at 10:45 a.m.** following Worship. It is important that all members make an effort to attend.

We will be installing our newly elected Church Council Members on **Sunday, March 3, 2019.**

We ask that you plan to attend Worship on both days.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

We will be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday here at Christ Church, on **Sunday, February 10th** at 9:30 a.m. *All Scouts are invited to attend our Worship Service in uniform.*



THE LORD'S PRESENCE



As the saying goes "The Lord works in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform". The more we are aware of the Lord's presence in our midst; we begin to realize the ministry we are truly called to do at our church, our community and beyond. As we look to the future, the Revitalization Committee has gathered on a number of occasions to

discuss the needs and concerns of our church, striving to outreach to the community, be open to new revelations and then put into action those things that we need to do for all concerned.

Some of those items surround our building. A door has been installed on the bathroom off the kitchen. Grab bars have been placed outside the back door and in the bathroom off the Sacristy. For safety sake, a gate was installed by the steep stairs from the hallway by the lounge to the lower level. Also another member found a way to have a portable ramp so that a wheel chair can be by the Choir pews.

For communication—one of our members is offering to help anyone after church on Sunday to learn about Facebook and Instagram. Our Facebook page is getting a face lift which will allow for more information about our church to get our into the world.

I celebrate and I am grateful to the wonderful ways the church has been open to new revelations that have been made known to us by the Spirit in this present moment.

So till next time—may the Light and Love of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Virginia

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GROWING IN THE WORD OF GOD

For all those who are following the Scripture lessons used during the Sunday Worship Services, here are the February 2019 Common Lectionary readings:

February 3	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
February 10 Boy Scout Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
February 17	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
February 24	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS — DECEMBER 12, 2018

The December 12, 2018 meeting was called to order by President Holly Schmidt at 7:01 p.m. Members present were: Donna Boyko, Mary Jean Copeland, Irving Hallberg, Laura Hallberg, Steve Klaus, Eileen Podgor, Holly Schmidt, Gary Smith and Peggy Wajda. Also present: Pastor Virginia Ericson, Kyle Speer. Absent: Mike Hozian

Reading and Prayer: Peggy Wajda

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14, 2018 Council Meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve the November minutes after correction: Copeland. Seconded: Podgor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kyle Speer

- The Financial Report was reviewed with Speer and question's answered.
- Contributions for the month of November to the general fund were \$13,468. Total expenses: \$16,202. Differences of \$2,723. Deficit YTD: \$50,588.
- The 2019 budget was presented and approved by Laura Hallberg and seconded by Gary Smith.
- Irv Hallberg presented a motion to hire outside auditors for all outside accounts and seconded by Mary Jean Copeland.

MAJOR PROJECT'S REPORT: Holly Schmidt

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING: Schmidt

There will be a meeting in January of principle players for plans of building committee.

EDUCATION: Podgor

- Gave a donation to Honor Flight Chicago in the name of Sunday School.
- Christmas Pageant will be December 9. Title is "Our Christmas Story." And brunch was a huge success.
- Bowling is December 16 at 3:00 and January 16.
- Sunday School continues December 23 with the story of Mary and continues our study of the women in the Bible.
- Live Nativity will be December 15-22. Sign-up sheet is in the office, three slots left (two Sundays listed).
- Gift orders are due January 6 with the delivery on January 13.
- January pot luck will be "soups and sides" on January 9. Adult Bible Study March 2019.

YOUTH GARDEN:

No report.

FINANCE: Hallberg

Tuning pianos only as needed.

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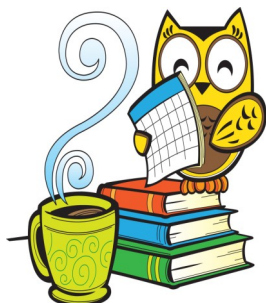
CHRIST CHURCH NEWS — FEBRUARY 2019

Financial Update 2018 (Includes only donations to the General Fund)

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
January	\$15,069.00	\$18,542.00	(\$3,473.00)	(\$3,473.00)
February	\$11,045.00	\$14,715.00	(\$3,670.00)	(\$7,143.00)
March	\$12,002.00	\$28,564.00	(\$16,562.00)	(\$23,705.00)
April	\$15,459.00	\$14,792.00	\$667.00	(\$23,038.00)
May	\$31,983.00	\$23,415.00	\$8,568.00	(\$14,470.00)
June	\$11,182.00	\$20,660.00	(\$9,478.00)	(\$23,948.00)
July	\$14,626.00	\$20,515.00	(\$5,879.00)	(\$29,827.00)
August	\$12,615.00	\$21,171.00	(\$8,556.00)	(\$38,383.00)
September	\$13,396.00	\$17,675.00	(\$4,279.00)	(\$42,662.00)
October	\$12,630.00	\$17,818.00	(\$5,188.00)	(\$47,850.00)
November	\$13,468.00	\$16,202.00	(\$2,723.00)	(\$50,584.00)
December	\$28,046.00	\$17,525.00	\$10,521.00	(\$40,063.00)
Year-to-Date	\$191,531.00	\$231,594.00	(\$40,063.00)	(\$40,063.00)

(No Special Fund, Gifts, Benevolence of 125th donations are included)

Thank you for your continued support!



CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

The Christ Church Book Club will next meet on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019** at 1 P.M. in the Church Lounge. Our leader for the meeting will be Kathie Groll and the book to be discussed is "Karolina's Twins" by Ronald Balson. Please bring the book with you - it may be obtained from the library or purchased at your book store. If you like to read and enjoy a good discussion, please plan to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Wraas.

A Note From Your Business Manager:

Are you in the habit of writing out a check to the church on a regular basis? Interested in making things easier on yourself?

If so, you may want to consider setting up a recurring payment from your bank checking account. Doing so is "unbelievably easy" and can be done either online or at your bank. The bank will mail Christ Church a check in the amount and with the frequency determined by you.

We already have a number of members using such a system.

Note that this is not the same system people use when they pay their bills each month, bills with varying amounts: it is used when the \$ amount is constant from week-to-week (or month-to-month.)

Let me know if you have questions.

Kyle H. Speer - kylespeer@comcast.net

Sunday Church Ministries for February 2019

We celebrate with all those who are participating in our Sunday Church Ministries for February.

If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please call us at the Church for further information.

	<u>2/3/19</u>	<u>2/10/19</u>	<u>2/17/19</u>	<u>2/24/19</u>
Acolytes	Dorian Schrader Murphy Putz	Ushers	Dorian Schrader Murphy Putz	Ushers
Greeters	Alice Barnhart	Rita Barth	Kathy & Ron Groll	Sally & Roy Sove
Ushers	Rita Barth	Steve Klaus*	Al & Elaine Angsten	Barbara Wraas
* Team Captain(s)	Donna Boyko	Barbara Dopp	Bob Neil*	Holly Schmidt
	Charlene Dohse	Mike Hozian	Lori Fabian	Frank & Julie Staggs
	David Podgor	Patricia Morris	Gary Smith	Alice Barnhart*
	John Hangey	Terri Wester		
	Peggy Wajda*	Jack Branding		
Liturgist	Gail Fisher	Sally Sove	Don Meseth	Alice Barnhart
Lector	Pastor Ericson	Sally Sove	Don Meseth	Barbara Wraas
Council Greeters	Donna Boyko	Mary Jean Copeland	Irv Hallberg	Laura Hallberg
Flowers	OPEN	Barbara Dopp	OPEN	OPEN
Sunday Secretary	Peggy Comstock	Terri Wester	Barbara Wraas	Marion Meseth
Altar Guild	Dolores Tomsheck			
Coffee Hour	Ushers			
Children's Ministries	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School

We are a caring congregation. Our building is handicap accessible.

Large print bulletins and hearing assist devices are available.

May we celebrate the multitude of ministries that God has provided for us at Christ Church!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY — FEBRUARY 2019

(SS = Sunday School)

3 Ted Mashek	15 Helen Smith
7 Lori Madl	16 Marianne Mullineaux
7 Peter Osborn	17 Shirley Bednar
8 Arlene Schultz	21 Tim Anderson
12 Elaine Berg	24 Kathleen Groll
15 Rev. Virginia Ericson	25 John Hangey

27 Rita Barth

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR FEBRUARY**

12 Jennifer & Michael Hozian, married 25 years.



Please keep the church office informed when you hear of someone in need of prayers.
Prayer makes a difference for those who pray and those who are prayed for.

DURING THE MONTH OF **DECEMBER**

Alice Barnhart
Mike Berg
Joy Bertone
Matty Beuke
Darlene Boeckenhauer
Kevin Boeckenhauer
Steve Boeckenhauer
Paul Brodack
Jill Brennan
Peggy Comstock
Jean Cutrara
Dorothy Dindinger
Barbara Dopp

Lori Fabian
Denise Gibbons
Bob Golterman
Deborah Grenier
Ken Groff
Phyllis Groff
Pat Haas
Rich Hagedorn
Lynne Hansen-Salak
Helen Harney
Donna Hedstrom
Donna Helma
Fred Hillger

Emily Hozian
Robert Jenkins
Rochelle Jesse
Jill Johnson
Tom Knoll
Mike Koponka
Kathy Krivanek
Dawn & Ted Mashek
Rita Maves
Marilyn McCown
Don & Marion Meseth
Stacey Neibhur
Melissa Neil

Nancy Nevin
John Nix
John Sieben
Kathy Stonequist
Jack Storm
LaVerne Thackaberry
Curtis Tice
Bruce & Hope Tschappat
Mary Vanden Branden
Dorothy & Larry Zemke

Special Prayers for: Our Pastor, our Church,
our Servicemen, our Service-women,
and our Veterans,

Our Homebound: Marilyn Comstock, Donna Helma,
Sig Jensen, Luella Senne, Phyllis Volberding, Rosine Warnke.

Church Directory**UPDATE**

Includes addition of new members and friends, address / phone updates and miscellaneous corrections (**in bold type**). If you are aware of additional changes or corrections, kindly notify the Church office. *Thank you.*

Rochelle Jesse (*new address*)
Autumn Leaves of Crystal Lake
495 Alexander Blvd.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
General # 815-459-7800

Marilyn Mason (*new address*)
4031 W. Kiva Street
Laveen, AZ 85339-9271

MEMORIALS - DECEMBER 2018

To Honor / Remember



General Fund:

In loving memory of my mom, Goldie, 12-3-89 - Peggy & Dave Wajda.
In loving memory of my husband, Don, at Christmas - Charlene Dohse
In memory of our cousin, Kenneth Tomsheck - the Franzen & Darbyshire families.
In loving memory of my husband, Don, on his birthday 12-17 - Charlene Dohse
In memory of our parents and grandparents at Christmas - Bud & Elaine Hudson
In memory of Richard Arthur - Arlene Arthur
In memory of Louis Schumann, Onna and William Walters - Arlene Arthur
In memory of Paul and Hulda Schumann, Willis and Louise Arthur - Arlene Arthur
In memory of Ken Tomsheck - Larry & Dorothy Zemke
Get well wishes for Peggy Comstock - Larry & Dorothy Zemke
Celebrating friends at Christmas - Rev. Virginia Ericson
In memory of Bruce Becker - Pamela Bone
In memory of Louis Volberding - Bud & Elaine Hudson
In memory of my beloved uncle, Louis Volberding - Karen Springman
In memory of my dear uncle and Godfather, Louis Volberding - Laura Volberding Gillis & Lauren Gillis

Music Fund:

In memory of Louis Volberding - Barbara Nix

Trust Fund:

In memory of my parents, Elmer & Marian Franklin - Patricia Morris



DEDICATED REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The Dedicated Revitalization Committee has been busy.

Here are a couple of changes that we have made.

There is a new Facebook page and a new bathroom door installed by the kitchen, and a automatic light that turns on when you enter the restroom, and turns off when you leave.

You'll be hearing about an updated Mission Statement for Christ Church, as we continue our work with the Center for Progressive Renewal. The future holds a fresh website for us, too.

The team had a conference call with Gregg Carlson on January 16. We will keep you updated on its content.

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have given us extra monetary support for the program. It is very much appreciated.

Eileen, Gail, Gary, Kyle, Laura, Megan, Mike, Peggy, Rita, Virginia, Wendy, and Holly.



BILLBOARD OF BILLS FOR 2018

A Big 2018 Thank You goes out to:

- Alan Bruhn
- Linda Steckel
- Bob Neil
- Mary Jean Copeland
- Women's Circle of Friends

*For reimbursing the church for bills posted on the "Billboard of Bills" in Wobbe Hall. For the 2018 year, contributing in this manner totaled **\$1,512.00.***

Kyle H. Speer, Business Manager



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregation will be voting on two items at our Annual Meeting on February 24th.

The First is: The Council has voted to change from 12 council members to 9 council members.

Are you in favor?

The Second is: It has been suggested that we change the time of our Sunday Service from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Are you in favor?

Holly Schmidt

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

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CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION OF 25, 50 & 75 YEAR ANNIVERSARY Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019

We are inviting all who have been confirmed at Christ Church from 25, 50 & 75 years ago to remember this important occasion in their church life. The classes will be recognized during the church service on Palm Sunday and a reception will follow. We would appreciate your helping us notify friends and family who are no longer in the area of this event. If you have any questions, please see Elaine Hudson or Barbara Wraas.



BIBLE STUDY SESSION

In preparation for our next 4 week Saturday Bible Study, we will focus on the book **"Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple"** by Adam Hamilton.

Classes will meet at 10 a.m. on the following **Saturdays:**

- March 9**
- March 16**
- March 23**
- March 30**

Join Our Class!

As in the past, please enter the church by way of the ramp to Wobbe Hall.

We will be meeting in the **Lounge** of the Church. **A sign-up sheet is in the office.**

December 12, 2018 Council Highlights *(Continued from page 2)*

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Wajda

Greenery container was purchased.

MEMBERSHIP: Schmidt

Pam and Peter Malik dropped their membership.

MISSIONS: Hallberg

- 463 cupcakes were taken to San Lucas for the community Thanksgiving Meal. (We had 470 cupcakes last year)
We received names for 123 kids for Three Kings Day, (We had 93 names last year.) The gifts should be returned to Church by Christmas. Rita, Gail and Donna will inventory and bag the gifts and a van will be coming from San Lucas to pick up the gifts.

PERSONNEL: Smith

Talk to Hanna and Leslie about 2019 schedule for music.
Schedule is on office door for Hanna and Leslie.
Laura Hallberg will be a mentor to Hanna.
No one rehearsed for Children's program on Saturday.
Virginia asked Kyle to play piano for December 30.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: Schmidt/ Smith

- Roger Dart penciled us in for 2019. Dart is to be available if needed.

PROGRAM: Copeland

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/ PUBLICITY: Boyko

Christmas ads are in the newspapers.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Klaus

- Thanksgiving cards were sent to the homebound.
- Poinsettia plants are being ordered and will be picked up on the 15.

WORSHIP AND ARTS:

- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion at 4:00 p.m.
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight at 11:00 p.m.
- December 30 Hymn sing
- January 6 Epiphany Sunday and Decorations will be coming down.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There will be an Executive Meeting to be held following Council meeting.
Donations made to CPR

NEW BUSINESS:

- Steve Klaus to help with media.

STAFF:

No report.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn: Podgor. Second: L Hallberg, Motion carried.

MEETING END TIME: 8:26 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, January 9, 2019

READING AND PRAYER: Pastor Ericson

Peggy Wajda
Church Council Secretary Temp

See calendar of events on this Website

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