# The LIGHTSHINE

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

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**JANUARY 2020 ISSUE**


## *Important Dates In January 2020*

Jan. 1 *Office Closed*
*Happy New Year!*

Jan. 5 **Epiphany Sunday with Communion**

Jan. 8 Book Club
Pot Luck-*New Year Goodies*
Church Council Meeting

Jan. 10 Lightshine deadline

Jan. 12 **Worship / Renewal of Baptismal Vows**
Annual Reports Due

Jan. 13 Lunch Bunch

Jan. 14 Women's Breakfast

Jan. 15 Get It Together Group Meeting

Jan. 19 **Worship /** Words For All God's Children
Bowling

Jan. 26 **Worship** /Bells with First Congregational
*Meetin' At The Beacon*

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Thanks to those who decorated our church inside and out. To those who celebrated in the Chrismon tradition. To those who Rang the Bell for the Salvation Army. To our children for sharing the Good News of the Gospel within their Christmas Pageant. To Santa for making a special stop at our Church. To those who provided food for our Christmas Brunch. To those who baked cookies and our visiting angels who delivered them to our home-bound. To those who bought Christmas Wreaths. To those who bought and those who delivered our poinsettias to our homebound. To our Music Ministry during Advent & Christmas. To the many who in countless ways helped serve our church not just at Christmas but throughout the year. To the many who have offered prayers, time, talent and treasure. ***To each and every one - thank you!!!***

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

**January 12, 2020** is the Sunday when we as a Church remember the Baptism of Jesus Christ. On that day, during our worship service, there will be an opportunity for every baptized person to renew their Baptismal Vows. We hope that everyone will make a point of joining us on that Sunday for this very special time in the life of our Church.

Reports from ***all*** Christ Church Committees and Organizations for the **2019 Annual Reports** are requested in the Church Office by **Sunday, January 12, 2020.** *Please make it a matter of priority early this New Year.*
***Thank You for your cooperation.***

## GROWING IN THE WORD OF GOD

For all those who are following the Scripture lessons used during the Sunday Worship Services, here are the January 2020 Common Lectionary readings:

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **January 5** | Isaiah 60:1-6 | Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 | Ephesians 3:1-12 | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| **January 12** Baptism of the Lord | Isaiah 42:1-9 | Psalm 29 | Acts 10:34-43 | Matthew 3:13-17 |
| **January 19** | Isaiah 49:1-7 | Psalm 40:1-11 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 | John 1:29-42 |
| **January 26** | Isaiah 9:1-4 | Psalm 27:1; 4-9 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | Matthew 4:12-23 |

## CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER: Eileen Podgor** called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** EILEEN PODGOR. GARY SMITH, IRV HALLBERG, LAURA HALLBERG, DONNA BOYKO, STEVE KLAUS, JUDY ROSEDALE, BOB NEIL, MARY JEAN COPELAND
**ALSO PRESENT:** REVEREND VIRGINIA ERICSON, KYLE SPEER **ABSENT:**

**READING AND PRAYER: Judy Rosedale**

**APPROVAL Of LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:**
Eileen Podgor holding approval until next month after corrections are made.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: Kyle Speer**
Council went through the financial report submitted by Kyle Speer. Income for the month of October $13,079.00. Year to date income: $137,897.34 less expenses: $186,327.32 leaving net income: -$48.429.98.

**CPR REPORT: Gary Smith, Laura Hallberg, Kyle Speer**
"Two Churches" will be sharing our building for their ministries. Maranatha Church will hold it's first service on Friday, November 15th and Sunday, November 17th.
*Gary suggested a sit down with Deborah Grenier to go over calendars and schedules for all churches itineraries and be posted in our bulletin. He suggested one of the three, Holly Schmidt, Gail Fisher. or Gary Smith should be made aware for communication of conflicts.
*Church keys have and will be given to both denominations so no special need for anyone from our church to open and/or close. We just close up the church as usual. Suggest sign out sheet.
*Laura Hallberg brought up our time left with Greg Carlson and CPR has to meet first and on hold with Greg Carlson. There is one more call with him and one more meeting with him and Reverend Virginia Ericson has a few more phone calls with Greg Carlson.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

**BUILDING: Bob Neil**
*Quotes are being obtained for the protection around the gas meter.
The lock for the lounge has been re-keyed so keys have been made for the new churches.
*It appears that Nest thermostats will work on our heating system. The cost is $170.00 each.
The alarm system will be tested on November 19th and Al Angsten will be there. The two doors off of Henry cannot be monitored from the office. We can't use the system that is on the back doors. We can get ring bell system for $140.00 a piece and need a tablet for the office for about $50.00.

Eileen Podgor made a motion to approve. Laura Hallberg seconded. Motion passed.

***(Committee Reports continued on page 8)***

# CHRIST CHURCH NEWS — JANUARY 2020

## Financial Update 2019 (DOES NOT INCLUDE BEQUESTS)

| | INCOME | EXPENSE | DIFFERENCE | YEAR-TO-DATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **January** | $6,339.00 | $17,283.00 | ($10,944.00) | ($10,944.00) |
| **February** | $12,884.00 | $16,241.00 | ($ 3,357.00) | ($14,301.00) |
| **March** | $19,691.00 | $20,286.00 | ($595.00) | ($14,896.00) |
| **April** | $23,127.00 | $19,566.00 | $3,561.00 | ($11,335.00) |
| **May** | $19,954.00 | $15,471.00 | $4,483.00 | ($6,852.00) |
| **June** | $ 16,246.00 | $13,933.00 | ($2,313.00) | ($4,539.00) |
| **July** | $ 9,614.00 | $18,690.00 | ($9.076.00) | ($13,615.00) |
| **August** | $8,457.00 | $14,196.00 | ($5,739.00) | ($19,354.00) |
| **September** | $12,509.00 | $19,296.00 | ($6,787.00) | ($26,141.00) |
| **October*** | $11,895.00 | $19,449.00 | ($7,554.00) | ($33,696.00 |
| **November** | $12,136.00* | $19,381.00 | ($7,245.00) | ($40,940.00) |
| **Year-to-Date** | $152,853.00 | $193,792.00 | ($40,940.00) | ($40,940.00) |

**** includes Tenant Donation***

***Thank your for your continued support.***

ANNUAL MEETING

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, February 23, 2020** at 10:45 a.m. following the worship service.

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

***The following will be our Communion schedule for the year 2020:*** ***(reprinted due to omission of March 15)***

**January 5** Epiphany Sunday
**February 26** Ash Wednesday
**March 15**
**April 9** Maundy Thursday
**April 12** Easter Sunday (both services)
**May 31** Pentecost Sunday
**June 21** Father's Day
**July 19**
**August 16**
**September 13**
**October 4** World Communion Sunday
**November 1** All Saints' Day
**November 29** First Sunday of Advent
**December 24** Christmas Eve (4 p.m. only)

## BOOK CLUB

## CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

The Christ Church Book Club will next meet on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020** at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Our leader for the meeting will be Barbara Wraas and the book to be discussed is ***"The Red Address Book"*** by Sofia Lundberg. 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.*

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- **Gift Card** orders are due Sunday, **January 5th** with a delivery date of Sunday, **January 12th.**
- **Monthly Pot Luck** is Wednesday, **January 8th**. Theme: *"New Year's Goodies"*
- **Monthly Bowling** - Sunday, **January 19th** at River Rand Bowl at 3 p.m.

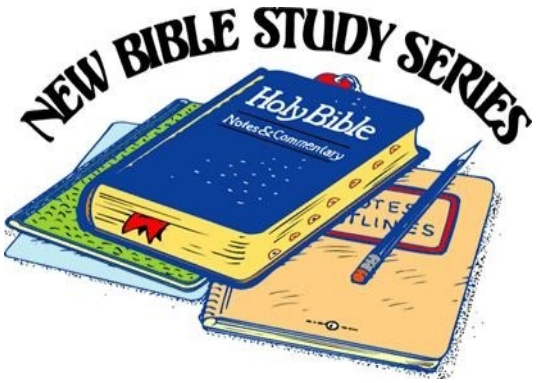
***Mark Your Calendar for our Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.***

## FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER

Thank you to those using the Church's ***"Billboard of Bills"*** in Wobbe Hall during 2019. At the time of this (mid -December) writing, it is clear that bills paid by individuals and organizations during 2019 will total in the $2,500. range. ***Thank You for your continued support.***

## WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE

Worship and Arts will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, **January 4th** at 10:00 a.m. If you can help it will not take long!




## CHRIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

In preparation for our next 4 week Saturday Bible Study, we will focus on the book "**The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life" by Adam Hamilton.**

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

- **February 29, 2020**
- **March 7, 2020**
- **March 14, 2020**
- **March 21, 2020**

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 will be in the church office starting **January 5, 2020** with the deadline to sign up on **February 2, 2020.** Study items that need to be read before the class will hopefully be available for pick-up no later than Sunday, February 23, 2020.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Will next meet on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 9:15 a.m. at Christ Church in the Lounge for a *Board Meeting.*
Also, a meeting on Friday, March 6, 2020 in Wobbe Hall for "WORLD DAY OF PRAYER" at 9:30 a.m.

# Sunday Church Ministries for January 2020

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

| | 1/5/2020 | 1/12/2020 | 1/19/2020 | 1/26/2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Acolytes** | Murphy Putz | Ushers | Murphy Putz | Ushers |
| **Greeters** | Nancy & Phil Seils | Sally & Roy Sove | Elaine & Al Angsten | Bud & Elaine Hudson |
| **Ushers**<br>* Team Captain(s) | Al & Elaine Angsten*<br>Bob Neil<br>Don & Sue Winter | Barbara Wraas*<br>Frank & Julie Staggs<br>Alice Barnhart<br>Gary Smith | Rita Barth<br>Donna Boyko*<br>Charlene Dohse<br>David Podgor<br>John Hangey | Steve Klaus<br>Barbara Dopp<br>Mike Hozian<br>Terri Wester*<br>Jack Branding<br>Peggy Wajda |
| **Liturgist** | Don Meseth | Gail Fisher | Sally Sove | Alice Barnhart |
| **Lector** | Done Meseth | Pastor Ericson | Sally Sove | Barbara Wraas |
| **Council Greeter** | Gary Smith | Donna Boyko | Mary Jean Copeland | Irv Hallberg |
| **Flowers** | Barbara Dopp | Open | Bob Neil | Barbara Dopp |
| **Sunday Secretary** | Alice Barnhart | Julie Staggs | Peggy Wajda | Terri Wester |
| **Altar Guild** | Terri Wester | | | |
| **Coffee Hour** | Church Council | | | |
| **Children's Ministries** | Sunday School | Sunday School | Words for All God's Children | Family Worship |

***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 — January 2020

(SS = Sunday School)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Richard Boyko, Jr. | 14 | Larry Zemke |
| 3 | Lauren Wajda Thorson | 15 | Barbara Bay |
| 8 | Virginia Holler | 15 | Megan Shipp |
| 10 | Linda Steckel | 19 | Jan Storm |
| 13 | Diane Franzen | 24 | Dawn Mashek |
| 13 | David Podgor | 27 | Arlene Arthur |

## Happy Anniversary to Our January Couples

1 Helen & Gary Smith, married 23 years.

5 Virginia & Tom Holler, married 40 years.

## STATIONS OF LIFE:

**Edward Cheng** became a Christ Church Member through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 8, 2019.
**Henry Jacob Thorson** born on June 2, 2019, was Baptized on Sunday, December 29, 2019.
Henry's Parents: Lauren & Jake Thorson. Proud Grandparents: David & Peggy Wajda.

| November 2019 | Sunday Attendance |
|---|---|
| November 3rd | 65 |
| November 10th | 91 |
| November 17th | 70 |
| November 24th | 59 |

**Prayer makes a difference for those who pray and those who are prayed for.**

**Please keep the Church office informed when you hear of someone in need of prayers.**

**DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WERE WITH...**

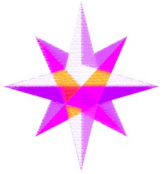
Gail L. Annes
Theodore Annes
Mike Berg
Matty Beuke
Darlene Boeckenhauer
Kevin Boeckenhauer
Steve Boeckenhauer
Paul Brodack
Jill Brennan
Liz Casas
Teddy Christiansen
Peggy Comstock
Mary Jean Copeland
Jean Cutrara
Dorothy Dindinger
Pamela & Dominique Dixon
Rich Emmons
Jodi Erpelding
Denise Gibbons
Rev. Justo Gonzalez
Pat Haas
Rich Hagedorn
Rob Halsey
Lynne Hansen-Salak
Helen Harney
Donna Hedstrom
Donna Helma
Jean Henschke
Robert Jenkins
Jill Johnson
Tom Knoll
Mike Koponka
Kathy Krivanek
Kathy Krueger
Dawn &Ted Mashek
Marilyn McCown
Don & Marion Meseth
Patricia Morris
Stacey Neibhur
Melissa Neil
Nancy Nevin
John Nix
Rafet Radoncic
Carol & Ernie Rommel
Courtney Saltarski
James Sciabica
John Sieben
Lorraine Seils
LaVerne Thackaberry
Curtis Tice
Dolores Tomsheck
Hope Tschappat
Mary Vanden Branden
Herb Volberding, Jr.
Bob Wagner
Bob Zeller

Our Pastor, Our Church, Our Servicemen,
Our Service-Women, Our Veterans, Our Country
and its Leaders.

**Our Homebound:** Elaine & Merritt Berg, Barbara Blume, Marilyn Comstock, Rochelle Jesse, George (Bud) Blume, Luella Senne, Curtis Tice.

# Memorials — November 2019

## *To Honor / Remember*



**Education Fund:**

In honor of PFC Alex Podgor and all of our veterans - Al & Eileen Podgor

**HUG Camp Fund:**

In honor of PFC Alex Podgor and all of our veterans - Al & Eileen Podgor

**Music Fund:**

In memory of Irv Hallberg's 90th birthday - Grace Hansen

**Revitalization Fund:**

In honor of the Revitalization Committee for a work well done - Don & Judy Rosedale

## MISSION COMMITTEE

We, the Mission Committee at Christ Church, will be collecting the following items for our winter project to distribute to various organizations.

Unopened travel size shampoos, conditioners, body wash and hand creams Scarves, mittens, gloves, etc.

The items may be dropped off at Christ Church, UCC, 1492 Henry Ave., Des Plaines, IL - Monday thru Friday between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM and Sundays between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

There will be a collection box in the Narthex beginning December 1st and will be there until January 31, 2020.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me, *Donna Boyko.*

## VETERANS SERVICE 2019

With sincere gratitude to our Veterans, all my volunteers who helped set up Wobbe Hall, picked up the cake, assisted the Veterans with their picture display, took pictures, helped in the kitchen and clean up afterwards. Your support over the past six years means so much. Thank you. Appreciation to Don Meseth for his guidance every year. To Chick Schultz for his wonderful reading of "The Ragged Flag". Our music department for their amazing songs and talent, and to Pastor Ericson for her support of this special service and always being there for me. To our church family and friends, your support of our Veterans means so much to them. Thank you to everyone for your support of Honor Flight Chicago.
I am very proud to say that this year we again raised enough money to send a Veteran to Washington D.C.

***Elaine Hudson***

## WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

**THANK YOU……**

To all the members and friends of Women's Circle of Friends who purchased and donated the great variety of items that will be used by *Journeys….the Road Home,* as they provide a new home for a family in their homeless shelter program. From pots and pans to dishes, glasses and utensils, the selection was great. Only two duplicates and who cannot use two can openers! It is our hope that these items will provide joy to these families as they are able to move forward to a place they can call their home.

To *Leslie Thomas* and the **Celebration Singers** from **Lincoln Middle School** in Mount Prospect, who provided a spectacular program of holiday dance and song for our December meeting. What talent these young people have! Joy and smiles all around!

To all those who baked and provided the cookies to fill tins of home baked sweets that were delivered to the shut-ins and homebound of Christ Church. Sixteen tins were filled and delivered by members of Women's Circle of Friends in the week before Christmas.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS……SAVE THE DATE!**

The February meeting on WCOF will be held on February 12th (Wednesday). *NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY.* Our guest speaker will be the *Rev. Harriet Dart*. Her presentation is entitled "Music….. Physician for Times to Come". Guests from other churches will be invited to join us for the afternoon. Watch the bulletin for more details as we get closer to the date.

## Church Council Minute Highlights — November 13, 2019 *(Continued from page 2)*

***COMMITTEE REPORTS: continued***

**EDUCATION: Eileen Podgor**
*Eileen Podgor requested replacement cork board in nursery. Bud & Elaine Hudson found rolled cork board for about $88.00...No white boards.
*Next bible study begins November 16th (4 Saturdays (no lesson on November 30th) entitled: "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent".

*'31 Fundraiser is on Sunday, November 17th at 12:30 P.M.
*Wreath delivery on Sunday, November 24th.
*Gift card orders due December 1st with delivery December 8th.
*Christmas pageant is December 8th with rehearsals on November 10th. 24 and December 7th from 9:00 A.M 1:00 P.M. with pizza lunch to follow. Brunch to follow program with education committee coordinating. Title is 'Tis the Reason For The Season"
*Creche will be set up Saturday, December 7th.
*Pot Luck is December 11th with them of "Holiday Favorites".

**FINANCE: Irv Hallberg** - No Report.

*Discussion regarding who can attend Trust Committee meetings. The Trust Committee is considered an independent group. Gary Smith suggested a formal request with respect to allowing church members to be considered to come in to observe their meetings.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN: Judy Rosedale** - No Report.

**MEMBERSHIP:**
*Needs to be worked on and Reverend Virginia Ericson did relay to council that Pat Morris is not living at home but in a facility. Address at this time is unknown.

**MISSIONS: Laura Hallberg**
*Cupcakes for San Lucas due November 24th for their Thanksgiving meal.
*Tags for tree are being prepared for gifts for the children.

**PERSONNEL/PASTORAL SUPPORT: Gary Smith and Eileen Podgor**
*Deborah Grenier's vacation November 15th
*Kyle Speer's meeting on the 24th (Gary Smith & Reverend Virginia Ericson) and a suggestion to create & update job description and guidelines.
*Reverend Virginia Ericson requests January 20 - 26, 2020 vacation week and she is looking into study leaves possibly a couple of retreats (UCC Clergy Support).

**PROGRAM: Mary Jean Copeland**
Spirit of Life" Concert Sunday, November17th at 4:00 P.M.
*Meetin' at the Beacon with an invitation to First Congregational Church on November 24th@11:30.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY: Donna Boyko** - No Report.

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Steve Klaus**
Halloween cards were sent to the homebound and three *(3)* birthday cards were also sent.

**WORSHIP & ARTS: Reverend Virginia Ericson**
*Phone calls to members 60+ and 6 member visits.
*Attended trip to Holocaust Museum with Women's Circle on October 10th and Chicago Metropolitan Association meeting on October 19th.

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## BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR WITH GRATITUDE

*Happy New Year!* Difficult to believe another year has swiftly passed by and here we are beginning the new year of 2020.

On New Year's Day, many will be taking down their Christmas decorations and looking forward to the January sales - that is if they have any money left after Christmas. But in reality, Christmas is far from over. Many of you remember the song "The 12 Days of Christmas." It is a reminder that Christmas is a very brief season that begins on December 25th and lasts until the celebration of the Epiphany which in Christian traditions is January 6th. Epiphany is the time where we acknowledge the fulfillment of prophecy in the visit to the Christ Child by the 3 Wise Men.

Our sister church, San Lucas, like many in Hispanic Christian traditions, celebrate the appearance of the Wise Men by giving gifts on the Sunday nearest to Epiphany. We at Christ Church, throughout the Advent season, have been taking tags off the San Lucas Tree to buy gifts for children who might not receive on 3 Kings Sunday. It is believed that this tradition between the 2 churches began in 1984 when 2 ministers - friends from seminary days the *Rev. Lynda Vackar* (serving as Associate at Christ Church) and *Rev. Mary Lou Porrata* from San Lucas came up with the thought of this combined ministry to the children in the Humboldt Park neighborhood in Chicago where San Lucas is located. It is in gratitude to God that we celebrate the 35th anniversary of this combined ministry.

It is in this spirit of gratitude that I thank all members and friends of Christ Church for your ministries within and beyond our doors throughout 2019. Your openness, kindness and generosity are a blessing to many.

I, too, would like to thank all those who have shown me acceptance, love and generosity in 2019. You have touched my heart in ways that will never be forgotten.

*May God continue to bless us all at Christ Church in 2020.*

**Pastor Virginia**

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## PEW RACK PROJECT COMPLETE

Special thanks to *Barbara Dopp* and *Steve Klaus* for all their time and efforts assisting me in cleaning out the pews of our sanctuary and helping in filling the pew racks. Again to help us maintain our pews we ask your help. If you notice that our pew rack materials are depleted, please let an Usher know so that they can be filled.

Barbara also helped in cleaning out our Ushers cabinet in the Narthex. Now all is orderly and labeled. There now is a sheet that defines what is in that cabinet on the inside door to assist the Ushers in maintaining our pews. All pew materials are now in that cabinet. If ordering for more materials is needed, please see Deborah our Administrative Secretary who will assist you in your orders.

*Thank for all your help.*

**Pastor Virginia.**

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## MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Our dedicated Christ Church Volunteers will once again be delivering Meals-on-Wheels from Monday, February 3, 2020 to Friday, February 28, 2020. Many thanks to everyone who keeps this worth while ministry going. *See Jennifer Hozian after church in Wobbe Hall beginning Sunday, January 5th to sign-up.*

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## Church Council Minute Highlights — November 13, 2019 *(Continued from page 9)*

***Worship & Arts continued***

*Met with Eileen Podgor, Gary Smith, and Holly Schmidt for performance review on October 20th. Request for guidelines for the call and support of ministry leadership and Pastor's vacation/leave dates for 2020. Guidelines shared today with Eileen Podgor and Gary Smith. Requesting one vacation week Monday January 20th through Sunday January 26, 2020. Remainder dates pending.
*God and Life Program - Dorian Schrader requested postpone work on program to summer 2020 due to full schedule.
*Attended and received certificate for Clergy Boundary Training on November 2nd. (Good for 3 yrs.)
*Covered and will cover office November 4th and 15th.
*Attended meet and greet with Maranatha Church on November 4th.
*Met with Ed Cheng on November 10th. Ed will become a member through adult baptism on December 8, 2019. Also met with Andrea Putz & Ed Cheng on November 10th to plan their wedding on February 2, 2020.
*Ordered and received additional visitor cards for pews. Waiting for stickers from Laura Hallberg. Discussed with Barb Dopp, Chair of Worship & Arts, that pew slots will now contain 2 new visitors card, 2 prayer request cards, and 2 offering envelopes. Will try to also include Pastor's calling cards in slots, too. Wrote article for December Lightshine to inform members of changes to pew racks and also that there will no longer be red books for sign in Goal to have accomplished by the first Sunday in December.
*Don and Sue Winter request to come back into membership. Pastor e-mailed Sue. Meeting pending reply.
*Bible study ordered, received, and distributed books. Class dates: November 16, 23rd, December 7th and 14th.
*Will be planning evaluations for Deborah Grenier and Kyle Speer for the beginning of December.
*November 17th: Laity Sunday...November 24th: Thanksgiving & Consecration Sunday with Bell Ensemble to play in Worship...Decorate Sanctuary & Wobbe Hall for Advent/Christmas… December 1st: First Sunday in Advent/Communion, Mission Moments, Chrismon service in Wobbe Hall after worship...December 8th: Second Sunday in Advent. Children's Pageant, Ed Cheng becomes member through adult baptism, and accepting donations for Christmas Fund (aka Veterans of the Cross) one of our 5 for 5...December 15th: Third Sunday in Advent with Choir Music presentation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**
Gary Smith read a letter from the Community Social Justice Renewal Program which will be tabled until the new year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
*No further mention from Kyle Speer regarding Channel 11 fund drive in 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
*Kyle Speer requested e-mailed annual report and paired down. Council wants to leave the report as is.
*Suggested Lightshine be e-mailed and to have Deborah Grenier quit mailing it out so quickly.
*Discussion for guidelines for council needs to addressed i.e. expectations of council, what needs to be visited by council, etc. Laura Hallberg will start a list.
*Suggestion was made to just highlight Lightshine Council reports as now takes up a bit of room .
*Bulletins have too much stuff looking for suggestions how to cut back on announcements. Motion made and seconded and carded to adjourn the meeting.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Eileen Podgor adjourned meeting at 9:05 P.M.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** December 11, 2019

**Reading and Prayer: Laura Hallberg**

**Mary Jean Copeland - *Church Council Secretary***

# Christ Church January 2020



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mark Your Calendars. For January 5th to Celebrate Epiphany Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m. | MC=Maranatha Church<br>LH = Living Hope Church | Welcome 2020 | 1 New Year's Day<br>Office Closed<br> | 2 Meeting | 3<br>MC meeting | 4 Meeting<br>Taking down Christmas Decorations |
| 5 Epiphany<br>Sunday Worship Service Communion/<br>Self Help Food Pantry Donations being taken /<br>Sunday School<br>Education Comm. Mtg.<br>LH meeting<br>MC meeting<br>Gift Card Orders Due<br>HUG Camp Staff mtg.<br>3 Kings San Lucas | 6 EPIPHANY<br>Lunch Bunch at Porter's<br>Finance Committee Meeting<br>MC meeting<br>Scouts | 7 Women's Breakfast Sunrise Grill<br>Scouts District Meeting<br>MC meeting<br>bells | 8 Book Club<br>Pot Luck Dinner<br>Theme: New Year Goodies<br>Church Council Meeting | 9 Meeting | 10<br>Lightshine articles due for February 2020 Issue<br>MC meeting | 11 Meeting<br>Building Committee Meeting |
| 12 Worship Service<br>Baptism of Christ / Renewal of Baptismal vows<br>Annual Reports due to Church Office<br>Sunday School<br>LH meeting<br>MC meeting<br>Gift card orders delivered<br>Finance Committee Meeting | 13<br>MC meeting<br>Scouts | 14<br>Scouts Round Table Meeting<br>MC meeting<br>bells | 15<br>Get It Together Group Meeting | 16 Meeting | 17<br>MC meeting | 18 Meeting |
| 19 Bells Rehearsal<br>Worship Service / Words for All God's Children<br>Sunday School<br>Choir Rehearsal - Lounge<br>LH meeting<br>MC meeting<br>Bowling | 20<br>Pastor Ericson on Vacation thru January 26th<br>MC meeting<br>Scouts | 21<br>Scouts Committee Meeting<br>MC meeting<br>bells | 22 | 23 Meeting | 24<br>Church Women United Meeting (Lounge)<br>MC meeting | 25 Meeting<br>Scrapbooking (B.B.) Wobbe Hall |
| 26<br>Worship Service /Guest Preacher / Bells with First Congregational Church<br>Sunday School<br>LH meeting<br>MC meeting<br>Meetin' at the Beacon | 27<br>MC meeting<br>Scouts | 28<br>MC meeting<br>bells | 29 | 30 Meeting | 31<br>MC meeting | |

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