

# The **LIGHTSHINE**



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

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## Important Dates In June

- June 1 Bible Study  
Community Organization Meeting
- June 2 **Graduation Sunday** /  
Mission Moments /  
Self Help Food Pantry  
donations taken  
Education Committee Mtg.
- June 3 Usher's Annual Meeting  
& Pot Luck Dinner
- June 4 Scouts District Meeting
- June 9 **Pentecost Sunday/Comm.**  
Strengthen Church offering
- June 9 HUG Camp Staff Meeting
- June 10 Lunch Bunch
- June 11 Scouts Round Table
- June 12 Church Council Meeting
- June 13 Women's Circle Friends
- June 16 **Trinity Sunday**  
Bowling  
*Happy Father's Day!*
- June 18 Scouts Committee Meeting
- June 19 Get It Together Group Mtg.
- June 21 **Pastor Ericson is at  
Synod thru June 26th**
- June 21, 22 **Scouts Garage Sale**
- June 23 **Worship/** Guest Speaker,  
**Suzanne Ploger**  
**Children's Day**
- June 24 Women's Breakfast
- June 30 **Worship Service**

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## CHRIST CHURCH - UCC HONORS OUR 2019 GRADUATES COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY

### Deborah Barnhart

**DeVry University**  
Bachelor Degree, Summa Cum Laude,  
Mother: Alice Barnhart

### Austin Dohse

**Michigan Technological University**  
Houghton, Michigan  
Degree in Mechanical Engineering  
Parents: Dan & Carole Dohse  
Grandmother: Charlene Dohse

## High School

### Steven Copeland

**Roswell High School**  
Roswell, Georgia  
Parents: Christopher Copeland &  
Krystal Copeland  
Grandmother: Pastor Virginia Ericson

### James Kenneth Poremba

**Warren Township High School**  
Gurney, Illinois  
Parents: Jessie & Bill Poremba  
Grandmother: Dolores Tomscheck

### David Dohse

**Maine West High School**  
Des Plaines, Illinois  
Parents: Dan & Carole Dohse  
Grandmother: Charlene Dohse

### Lily Speer

**Maine East High School**  
Park Ridge, Illinois  
Parents: Kyle & Catherine Speer

### Andrew Palmer

**Chiles High School**  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Grandmother: Marilyn Hoover



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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 [June Common Lectionary readings](#):

<b>June 2</b>	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21	John 17:20-26
<b>June 9</b>	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34,35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17, 25-27
<b>June 16</b>	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
<b>June 23</b>	1 Kings 19:1-15a	Psalm 42	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
<b>June 30</b>	2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

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## Church Council Minute Highlights—April 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Eileen Podgor called the 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: Donna Boyko

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 13, 2019 were reviewed with one spelling correction (altar).

Motion to approve by Gary Smith, seconded by Steve Klaus and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kyle Speer

"The financial report was reviewed and questions answered by Kyle Speer." Kyle reported total liabilities & equity from same time 2018 to now is down \$100,000.00 with about \$25,000.00 used for major projects.

\*Contributions for the month of March \$21,367.00. Total expenses for March \$19,682.87.

\*2019 Year To Date Income: \$30,769.75 Less Expenses: \$63,462.48 = Net Income: -\$32,692.73.

\*Motion to approve February 13, 2019 Laura Hallberg, seconded Donna Boyko and motion carried.

\*Motion to approve March 13, 2019 Bob Neil. seconded Laura Hallberg and motion carried.

CPR REPORT: Gary Smith, Laura Hallberg , Kyle Speer (3) Reports

\*Gathering on March 30, 2019 with 9 (nine) other churches and organizations met with discussions including congregational needs for the community, activities of other churches, our need for drivers to deliver Meals On Wheels and Congregational Church had extra drivers

to assist us, and working jointly on future endeavors. Further discussion for future gatherings possibly May or June.

Communication was begun to reach out via e-mail exchange. The first gathering was captured in the Journal and hopefully this will encourage more churches to participate.

\*Media: The new web site is up but not fully populated and still being updated: Chr̄itChurch-UCC.org as listed on our bulletin. This will be linked to Facebook . Pictures and other activities such as Holy Week schedule and Newsletter all on web site as members may prefer to opt out of printed Lightshine to help defer cost.

\*Outdoor signage: A walk through to get started for old, outdated, or nonexistent signage has begun but will take some time and proposal's will be asked for this project. Another need is for a new bathroom on first floor but will require identifying correct contract or to first determine if it's even possible and location.

\*Next CPR meeting is set for Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

BUILDING: Bob Neil

\*Fire Inspection done with suggestions of items to be given to Al Angsten , as chair of committee, and also asked to hold meeting.

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## Christ Church News — June 2019

### Financial Update 2019 (DOES NOT INCLUDE BEQUESTS) Includes only donations to the General Fund.

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
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)
Year-to-Date	\$62,041.00	\$73,376.00	(\$11,335.00)	(\$11,335.00)

*Thank you for your continued support!*

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 **APRIL** OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WERE WITH...

	Alice Barnhart	Lori Fabian	Robert Jenkins	Rafet Radoncic
	Mike Berg	Ken & Phyllis Groff	Jill Johnson	Carol & Ernie Rommel
	Matty Beuke	Family of Richard Grossklas	Tom Knoll	John Sieben
	Darlene Boeckenhauer	Pat Haas	Mike Koponka	Lorraine Seils
	Kevin Boeckenhauer	Rich Hagedorn	Kathy Krivanek	Kathy Stonequist
	Steve Boeckenhauer	Lynne Hansen-Salak	Dawn & Ted Mashek	Jack Storm
	Paul Brodack	Helen Harney	Rita Maves	LaVerne Thackaberry
	Jill Brennan	Donna Hedstrom	Marilyn McCown	Bruce & Hope Tschappat
	Peggy Comstock	Donna Helma	Don & Marion Meseth	Mary Vanden Branden
	Jean Cutrara	Fred Hillger	Stacey Neibhur	Bob Wagner
	David Dindinger	Emily Hozian	Melissa Neil	Dorothy & Larry Zemke
	Dorothy Dindinger	Elaine Hudson	Nancy Nevin	
	Denise Gibbons	Scott Jellish	John Nix	

**Special Prayers for:** Our Church Our Servicemen, Our Service-women, Our Veterans, Our Country and its Leaders.

**Our Homebound:** Elaine & Merritt Berg, Marilyn Comstock, Donna Helma, Rochelle Jesse George (Bud) Peters, Luella Senne, Curtis Tice, Phyllis Volberding, Rosine Warnke.

### CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

The Christ Church Book Club will next meet on **Wednesday, July 10, 2019** at 1 P.M. in the Church Lounge. Our leader for the meeting will be Gail Fisher and the book to be discussed is *"Before We Were Yours"* by Lisa Wingate. 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.



### WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

**Mark your calendars...**  
for the Women's Circle of Friends Annual Luncheon  
on **Thursday, June 13** at 11:30 A.M.

The luncheon will be held at  
**Club Casa** on River Road, in Des Plaines.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the church office beginning on Sunday, May 12th. Please indicate your luncheon choice. The cost will be \$22.

*All ladies (and gentlemen) of Christ Church, are invited to attend. It's always a fun afternoon!*  
If you have any questions, please see Barbara Wraas or Pat Morris.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

**Des Plaines Pantry and Self-Help Closet** donations will be collected on **Sunday, June 2nd**. Please bring your donation of non-perishable food to help support this vital local ministry.

## FROM THE USHER'S PLATE

Please mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting on

**Monday, June 3rd.**

Again we'll have a potluck.

A sign-up sheet is in the office. A new schedule will be available for the last half of the year. We'll have our annual election of officers. The time of meeting and dinner is 6:30 p.m.

### *A note from the Ushers*

We are looking for a few Good Men and Women to become Ushers. Please notify the Church Office or Gary Smith if interested.



Join Us On  
Sunday, June 16, 2019  
For Our Trinity Sunday  
Worship Service  
At 9:30 a.m.

## BILLBOARD OF BILLS



A very big THANK YOU to all who have taken bills off of the bulletin board in Wobbe Hall. This added giving has helped greatly in meeting our yearly budget.

The summer months are slower as to contributions. So, if you can, please take a bill off of the board. All contributions are truly welcome. In addition to the individual Church members who have participated in this program, we have had a wonderful response from Church Committees and Organizations.

*Thanks again we appreciate all of you!*

Kyle Speer, *Business Manager*

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- **Gift Card Orders** are due **Sunday, June 2nd** with a delivery date of **Sunday, June 9th**.  
*Reminder:* No Gift Card Orders in July.  
*See Donna Boyko for inventory on hand.*
- **June 23rd is Children's Day.**  
*(please note date change)*
- **Wednesday Potlucks** are done for the summer, (no potlucks in July or August.)  
*We hope to see you all again in September!!*
- **Adult Education-Bible Study:** "The Gospel According to Leviticus: Finding God's Love in God's Law. Final class in this session is **Saturday, June 15, 2019**.  
*Watch for information to come about a new Bible Study Session!*
- **Bowling - Sunday, June 16th** and will begin at 3 p.m. at River Rand Bowl - a sign-up sheet is in the office.



## Sunday Church Ministries for June 2019

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

	6/2/29	6/9/19	6/16/19	6/23/19	6/30/19
<b>Acolytes</b>	Dorian Schrader	Ushers	Dorian Schrader	Murphy Putz	Ushers
<b>Greeters</b>	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Dorothy & Larry Zemke	Alice Barnhart
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Klaus*	Al & Elaine Angsten	Barbara Wraas	Rita Barth	Steve Klaus*
<b>* Team Captain(s)</b>	Barbara Dopp	Bob Neil*	Frank & Julie Staggs	Donna Boyko	Barbara Dopp
	Mike Hozian	Lori Fabian	Alice Barnhart*	Charlene Dohse	Mike Hozian
	Patricia Morris	Gary Smith		David Podgor	Patricia Morris
	Terri Wester			John Hangey	Terri Wester
	Jack Branding			Peggy Wajda*	Jack Branding
<b>Liturgist</b>	Don Meseth	Gail Fisher	Sally Sove	Alice Barnhart	Chick Schulze
<b>Lector</b>	Don Meseth	Pastor Ericson	Sally Sove	Barbara Wraas	Chick Schulze
<b>Council</b>	Steve Klaus	Eileen Podgor	Judy Rosedale	Bob Neil	Gary Smith
<b>Flowers</b>	Hope & Bruce Tschappat	Barbara Dopp			Dolores Tomsheck
<b>Sunday Secretary</b>	Peggy Comstock	Ted Mashek	Marion Meseth	Terri Wester	Marion Meseth
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice Barnhart				
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Women's Circle of Friends				
<b>Children's Ministries</b>	Sunday School Summer Program	Sunday School Summer Program	Sunday School Summer Program	Children's Day Summer Program	Sunday School Summer Program

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 — June 2019

1 Donna Helma	8 Alice Barnhart	17 Bob Zeller
1 Bruce Phillips	10 Justin Williams	23 Carl Malone
1 Jack Storm	12 Hope Tschappat	25 Dorothy Dindinger
3 Julie Fritz	14 Steve Klaus	25 Mary Tyson
3 Megan Wajda	16 Michele Matthews	29 Diane Ratto
4 Marge Riley	17 Emily Hozian	30 Nancy Seils
6 Franklin Staggs	17 Elaine Hudson	



## Happy Anniversary to Our June Couples

1 Eileen & Al Podgor, married 35 years	7 Rose & Tim Barnhart, married 22 years
1 Hope & Bruce Tschappat, married 51 years	14 Amy & Joseph Marconi, married 16 years
2 Dawn & Ted Mashek, married 40 years	17 Elaine & Al Angsten, married 52 years
2 Jan & Jack Storm, married 57 years	19 Nancy & Michael Czapar, married 71 years

### From the Church Office Important Reminders...

- ♦ All committees and groups are requested to turn in to the Church office by **Sunday, August 4th** their calendar schedule of activities and the locations & times for **Sept. 2019 through June 2020**.
- ♦ **Monday, June 10th** is the deadline to turn in articles for the July / Aug. Issue of *the LIGHTSHINE*.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

*Deborah*



### SUNDAYS & EASTER ATTENDANCE

APRIL 2019	Attendance
April 7	49
April 14 Palm Sunday	84
April 18 Maundy Thursday	28
April 19 Good Friday	37
April 21 7 a.m. Easter Service	31
April 21 9:30 a.m. Easter Service	85
April 28	41

### Join Us For Christ Church Sunday School's 2019 Summer Sunday Program

Each week children will have the opportunity to garden, learn about a Bible story, and do a craft project to take home or share with other.

**Program Dates:** June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 + July 7, 14, 21, 28, +  
August 4, 11, 18, 25 + September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

To sign up for any or all of these dates, please contact Christ Church at 847-297-4230.

So that we can have supplies for your children, ages 5 to 11, please try to register early.

So plan on joining us at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday for our Church service or for Sunday School.



## Memorials—April 2019

### To Honor / Remember

#### General Fund:

In memory of my sister, Phyllis M. Baker - David & Peggy Wajda  
 In honor of Murphy's Confirmation - Joann Schindler  
 In memory of Jennifer's father, Ronald Bachmann - Michael & Jennifer Hozian  
 In memory of husband, father, grandpa, Ralph Borris - Carol, R.J., Rich & Annaliase  
 In memory of our parents & grandparents at Easter - Eldred & Elaine Hudson  
 In memory of my husband, Don, on our anniversary, May 3rd - Charlene Dohse  
 In honor of Roy Sove's birthday - Gail Fisher



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH



The month of June brings many celebrations to mind within the life of our church. The main celebration is Pentecost. This year **Pentecost** is on **June 9, 2019**. We remember that Jesus told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait until they received the power of the Holy Spirit. This conversation took place just before Jesus ascended into heaven. When Pentecost arrived, a great celebration for all Jews to come back to Jerusalem to celebrate, Peter would deliver his great speech. All heard him no matter what language they spoke. The message would be one they all knew as it would be the fulfillment of a prophecy spoken by Joel. Verse 21 of Acts states "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." And many did come to accept our Lord as Savior on that day. This is Pentecost - the beginning of the church.

In addition to celebrating Pentecost, as a church, we celebrate the people and the various ministries that take place within our church.

**Our Ushers** will have their Annual Meeting and Potluck in June. Their ministry at every service is vital - and we so appreciate everything they do for our church.

**Our Chancel Choir** is planning to have a special presentation in June. This will mark another year of outstanding ministry within our church.

**Children's Day** is June 23rd - and it is a time to celebrate and support the children of our church. They are a blessing to each of us.

And of course - we can't forget Father Day. It is with heartfelt love and thanksgiving that we lift up all Fathers in prayer to our Lord. Their care and love for their family, those within our church and beyond is an example of God's love for all his creation.

*Happy Birthday Church!* Thank you for answering Jesus' call to reach out in love to others with your ministries within and beyond the doors of our church.

Many blessings to all,

*Pastor Virginia*



**COME CELEBRATE ALL  
OUR WONDERFUL  
FATHERS**

**on Sunday, June 16, 2019  
at 9:30 a.m. Service**



### NEW SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Join us for a Sunday afternoon of fellowship on **June 2** at 12 noon for our first **Meet'in at the Beacon**. All are invited to stop by for a quick beverage or stay for lunch.

Additional dates will be scheduled for the remainder of the summer. Beginning in Fall we will have a schedule for **Meet'in at the Beacon** with a regular cadence. For questions, contact *Laura Hallberg* or *Megan Shipp*.

## Church Council Minute Highlights —April 10, 2019 (continued from page 2)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Continued)

#### EDUCATION: Eileen Podgor

- \*Last bible study class is April 8th.
- \*Next bible study dates are May 11th, May 18th, June 1st, and June 15th "Gospel According to Leviticous". Sign-up sheet will be in the church office.

#### FINANCE: Irv Hallberg - No Report

#### MEMORIAL GARDEN: Judy Rosedale - No Report

#### MEMBERSHIP: Irving Hallberg

- \*A print out of Directory List (based off Power Church program) was handed out.
- \*Irv given this list for the membership committee to begin an accurate accounting and update the list to be turned into council by June meeting.

#### MISSIONS: Laura Hallberg - No Report

#### PERSONNEL/PASTORAL SUPPORT: Gary Smith and Eileen Podgor

- \*Gary Smith and Eileen Podgor held a meeting with Reverend Virginia Ericson with a directive of expectations to include small message in Lightshine, an accounting of time to council i.e. visiting sick/ homebound, meetings, events attended such as seminars or conferences.
- \*A basic template will be provided and turned in monthly to be kept on file.

#### PROGRAM: Mary Jean Copeland

- \*Sunday, May 5th Annual Dinner/Theater Event Play "From 9 to 5" at Prairie Lakes followed by pizza at Moretti's. Cost \$46.00 (includes tax and tip). Tickets are on sale now.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY: Donna Boyko - No Report

#### SPECIAL NEEDS: Steve Klaus

- Lilies have been ordered and will be picked up the Saturday before Easter. They will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter and then be delivered to the homebound.
- \*Easter cards will be sent to the homebound.

#### WORSHIP & ARTS: Reverend Virginia Ericson

- \*Psalm Sunday will celebrate with our 2 confirmands Dorian Schrader and Murphy Putz along with 25, 50, and 75th Confirmation anniversaries. Palms from Helen Harney will be given out.
- \*Holy Week schedule : Maundy Thursday with communion in Wobble Hall (7:00 P.M.), Good Friday in Sanctuary at 7:00 P.M., Saturday at noon creating the Easter cross, Easter 7:00 AM. First Communion with confirmands, Boy Scout breakfast at 8 A.M., and 9:30 A.M. Service in sanctuary.
- \*A presentation for a religious Boy Scout award to be presented to Dorian Schrader on May 12th.
- \*Reverend went back to the Ministerial Association on April 9, 2019 and shared with the council program information i.e. Clean Up - Give Back.Org, Self Help Closet. Prayer Labyrinth, and Maine Community Youth Association Foundation .
- \*May 3rd is Agency Day at Maine Township Workshop. May 4th CMA meeting at Bethany Church, Illinois Conference is June 6 -8 at Elmhurst College.
- \*May 26th Don Meseth will read the message from Colin Powell.

#### CORRESPONDENCE: - None

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- \*Boy Scout French Toast breakfast on April 27, 2019.
- \*Flyers for fundraiser at Wendy's both in bulletins and in the office.
- \*Discussion continues on speakers when Reverend is away. Suggestion to reach out to local seminary's. Mary Jean Copeland will research this.

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## 2019 GRADUATES *(Continued from page 1)*



### Junior High School

***Drew Beiersdorf***

Cooper Junior High School

Buffalo Grove, Illinois

Grandmother: Marilyn McCown

***Henry Speer***

Gemini Junior High School

Niles, Illinois

Parents: Kyle & Catherine Speer

***Dorian Michael Schrader***

Iroquois School

Des Plaines, Illinois

Parent: Wendy Ortiz

Grandmother: Maria Perez



## Church Council Minute Highlights —April 10, 2019 *(continued from page 8)*

### NEW BUSINESS

\*Laura Hallberg and Megan Shipp thinking about putting together an adult Sunday "Happy Hour" around noon and thinking about Beacon Tap. They will advise when they have implemented such a get together both in LightsHine and bulletin.

\*Eileen Podgor called for an Executive Session to follow immediately upon adjournment.

### LORD'S PRAYER

Motion made and seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 P.M.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Reading and Prayer: Bob Neil

Mary Jean Copeland - *Church Council Secretary*

## **LIGHTNING AND KINDNESS** by Peter Burchard *(as told to Mike Skibbe)*

Following a tragic incident in 1906, members of your church (Christ Church) cared for my great-grandmother, the boy who would become my grandfather and his siblings. I attribute the work of your church to my presence today and the power of the gospel. I was able to locate a document my dad wrote in 1993 in which he summarized a bit of family history in Des Plaines (at least the parts he decided to remember.) Following a tragedy in 1906, your church provided my ancestors with a house - a home. Others in Des Plaines also helped "this destitute family." I suppose I am here today, along with my siblings, because of how your church family took care of mine. Further, isn't it amazing that Mike and I would come to know each other and this would lead to sharing a story of love and goodness from 113 years ago. God's generational grace is indescribable. I'm unsure how to say "thank you" for what the church at Cora and Henry did for my great-grandmother, the young boy who would become my grandfather and his siblings. As I think about how this may have unfolded, I'm teary-eyed. Thank You Christ Church.

***Peter Burchard***

Foot Note: Don & Judy Rosedale are my in-laws. Judy currently serves on the Christ Church Council Board.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

We would like to invite all singers and/or instrumentalists to participate in our 2019 Summer Music Ministry here at Christ Church. We would love to have you share your talents with us. Please call the Church at 847-297-4230 to see what Sundays are available and sign-up.

*Come and share your talents in our Worship Services.*



Come and join our [Chancel Choir](#), starting back in September! *Looking forward to seeing some new faces & our wonderful familiar ones!!* Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. (before and following Worship Service) starting in the Fall.

## CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION - UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SPRING MEETING 2019 REPORT

On May 4, 2019, the Chicago Metropolitan Association had their Spring Meeting at Bethany, UCC in Chicago. Pastor Virginia Ericson was our clergy delegate and Barbara Dopp was our lay delegate at the meeting. The Hosting Pastors at Bethany-UCC were Rev. Rebecca Anderson and Rev. Vince Amlin.

Registration and continental breakfast began the day at 8 am. It was a great time to meet up with many friends from other churches. At 9 am, we all gathered in the sanctuary to be greeted by Juanita Bradley, our CMA Moderator. Worship followed with Pastor Vince Amlin giving the message on "Relationships". Communion was served uniting us in a special way.

Our first presentation was from the Illinois Conference. Rev. Justo Gonzalez our Conference Minister and Rev. David Russell were the presenters. During this time all churches who have been 5 for 5 givers were honored. Our church received a certificate for being one of those supporters.

After a small break, the business meeting began. The most important part of the Spring Meeting is the election of new officers and members to various committees within the CMA. Following our business meeting, 2 more presentations took place. The first was "Storytelling in Worship" by Rev. Rebecca Anderson. The second was "The Opioid Epidemic" by Deborah Dillon. All 3 presentations were very informative.

After the presentations, there was the Benediction and Blessing followed by Lunch and Fellowship. A great time was had by all.

## PICNIC AT LAKE OPEKA

At the beginning of May, Pastor Ericson and the Church Council received a letter from the Rev. Co DuToit from First Congregational Church in Des Plaines. This letter was an invitation to join their church for an informal worship and picnic beginning at 9 am on July 7th, 2019 at Lake Opeka. At our May Council meeting, we decided that this would be a great way to have fellowship with our sister UCC church in Des Plaines.

On July 7th, worship will be at Lake Opeka. Pastor Virginia and Pastor Co will have a joint worship experience for all. **Please Note:** *"There will not be a service at Christ Church on that Sunday."* First Congregational will supply the hot dogs and hamburgers and they ask that those who come bring a side to share. All we need to do is have a count of how many people will be attending.

If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet that is available in the Church office. You can also call the church during the week and let Deborah know if you plan to attend.

*Car pooling is the best for that day. If a ride is needed - or - if you are willing to drive - please call Bob Neil at 847.815.7324.*

Any other questions, please speak to Holly Schmidt, Gail Fisher or Pastor Ericson.

# CHRIST CHURCH *June* 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>GRADUATION SUNDAY</b> is JUNE 2, 2019 9:30 a.m. SERVICE					<b>1</b> Meeting Bible Study	
<b>2</b> <i>Worship / Graduation Sunday / Mission Moments/ Self Help Food</i> Pantry donations being accepted  Education Committee Meeting Gift Card Orders Due	<b>3</b> Usher's Annual Meeting and Pot Luck dinner  Scouts	<b>4</b> Scouts District Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Meeting	<b>7</b> Illinois Conference At Elmhurst College  NW Day Care Center Graduation cere-	<b>8</b> Meeting Illinois Conference Building Committee Mtg
<b>9</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday / Strengthen the Church Offering</i> Gift Card Order Delivery HUG Camp Staff meeting	<b>10</b> Lunch Bunch LIGHTSHINE deadline for July/August Issue  Scouts	<b>11</b> Scouts Round Table	<b>12</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>13</b> Meeting Women's Circle of Friends — at Club Casa (Final till Fall)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Meeting Final Bible Study in this session
<b>16</b> <i>Trinity Sunday Service with Communion</i>  <b>Happy Father's Day!</b>  Bowling	<b>17</b> Scouts set up for Sale  Pastor Ericson on Vacation through June 24th  Scouts	<b>18</b> Scouts set up for Sale  Scouts Committee Mtg.	<b>19</b> Scouts set up for Sale  Get It Together Group Meeting  Scouts set-up	<b>20</b> Meeting Scouts set up for Sale	<b>21</b> Pastor Ericson at Synod through June 25th  	<b>22</b> Meeting
<b>23</b> <i>Summer Sunday / Suzanne Ploger guest speaker</i>  <b>Children's Day</b>	<b>24</b> Pastor Ericson at Synod through June 25th  Women's Breakfast  Scouts	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Meeting
<b>30</b> <i>Worship Service</i>						

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