

The LIGHTSHINE



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Dates to Remember in September

- September 1 **Labor Day Sunday Worship / Guest Speaker/ Food Pantry Donations being taken**
Choir Rehearsal before and after.
- September 2 **Office Closed - Labor Day**
- September 3 **Abbrev. Office Hours**
- September 8 **Worship Service**
Choir Rehearsal before and after.
- September 9 **Lunch Bunch**
Finance Committee Meeting
- September 11 **Pot Luck Dinner**
Church Council Meeting
- September 14 **Building Committee Meeting**
- September 15 **Worship Service / Rally Day / with Communion**
Bowling Resumes
- September 18 **Get It Together Group Mtg.**
- September 22 **Worship Service /**
Donations for Rummage Sale being taken.
Choir Rehearsal before and after.
- September 23 **Women's Breakfast**
- September 24 **Set up for rummage sale**
- September 27 **Fall Rummage Sale**
- September 28 **Fall Rummage Sale**
- September 29 **Worship Service / Mission Moments**



Join us on Labor Day Sunday,
★ September 1, 2019 ★
at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

September

★ RALLY CALL 2019 ★

Hope everybody had a restful summer! Now we have a heavenly **RALLY CALL** for another year of ministry at Christ Church. Take a gander at all the exciting things being planned for the new year at our Church and mark your calendars to attend. May God bless us all, as we begin our ministry in answer to God's call.

Blessings,
Pastor Virginia E. Ericson

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★ Sunday, September 15, 2019 ★
★ at 9:30 a.m. don't miss our ★
★ Rally Day Worship Service! ★

GROWING IN THE WORD OF GOD

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

September 1	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalms 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
September 8	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
September 15	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalms 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 22	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalms 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 29	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Eileen Podgor called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

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

READING AND PRAYER: Gary Smith

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Small grammar error corrected and motion to approve Laura Hallberg and seconded by Donna Boyko and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kyle Speer

After review of report errors in expenses questioned and to be corrected. Total contributions for month of May \$21,451.84. Approval tabled until July meeting.

CPR REPORT: Gary Smith, Laura Hallberg, Kyle Speer

*Gary Smith reported the June 1st meeting didn't take place. A letter will go out to churches and community representatives to make plans to rekindle meeting after Labor Day.

*Kyle Speer reported receiving final proposal for outdoor plaques and is in the process of obtaining more bids.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING: Bob Neil (In Bob Neil's absent report given by Eileen Podgor)

*Building Inspector pointed out the following items to meet code:

A) Door next to pulpit closes but not self closing...this is being worked on.

B) Pressure cylinders/cross pressure has been removed resolving issue.

C) Extension cord to piano cannot be used. An UL power strip will resolve the issue.

D) Ceiling wall tiles missing need to be replaced but some confusion about matching them so Eileen will talk with Holly for better clarification to resolve.

E) Concrete posts need to be placed around gas meter so no vehicle impact to occur.

F) Dumpster needs to be 5' away from building. An alternative location will be handed over to Bob Neil.

G) A call from Elaine Seegers regarding bushes on the corner of Cora and Henry is causing her a problem for visibility.

A work order will be given to All Season Maintenance

*Discussion regarding A/C in sanctuary involving key to unlock box, how to program it, and Steve Bay has reprogrammed it but Bob Neil will need to organize a program for operating A/C both on Sunday's and off days.

*Discussion took place in regards to sound system and chain of command to be put in place.

*All downstairs floors will be done the week of July 22nd, 2019.

*Bob Neil will be asked to put AED sign.

EDUCATION: Eileen Podgor

*Summer Sunday's garden "Lettuce Turnip the Beet for God" are growing well. New signs in progress (painted by the children).

*Children's Day program "Spring's Late Arrival" and open house is Sunday June 23rd, 2019.

*Bowling will be June 23rd, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. at River Rand.

*No gift card orders in July. Donna Boyko has inventory if anyone needs any.

*Follow up: plaque for Sunday school tree has been placed.

*Safari VBS and Chimes and Rhythm will be held August 5-12, 2019 from 6:30-8:15 P.M. Information will be in Lightshine, local newspapers, and our web page soon.

FINANCE: Irv Hallberg - No Report

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Judy Rosedale - *Geraniums planted and flowers are blooming.

MEMBERSHIP: - No Report

MISSIONS: Laura Hallberg - No Report

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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 12, 2019 (continued from page 2)

PERSONNEL/PASTORAL SUPPORT: Gary Smith and Eileen Podgor

*Pastor Ericson will attend General Synod in Wisconsin June 21-25, 2019. Suzanne from Journey was contacted to cancel 7/23/19 due to children's day being moved and asked if she could do a different date.

*Annual check on safe church policy on www.nxopr.gov and there were no reports listed for the following individuals:

Peggy Wajda, Barbara Bay, Kyle Speer, Mike Hozian, Mary Jean Copeland, Robert Neil, Jennifer Hozian, Reverend Virginia Ericson, Eileen Podgor, Steve Klaus, Laura Hallberg, Dorothy Dindinger, Gary Smith, Irv Hallberg, Donna Boyko, Alice Barnhart, Deborah Grenier, Barbara Dopp, Judy Rosedale. Gary Smith completed search on May 25, 2019.

PROGRAM: Mary Jean Copeland - No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY: Donna Boyko - No Report

SPECIAL NEEDS: Steve Klaus - No Report

WORSHIP & ARTS: Reverend Virginia Ericson

*Reverend Ericson made 67 calls and 2 visits to Phyllis Volberding family and Rosine Warnke.

*Attended Ushers Pot Luck and first AED training.

*Attended Illinois Conference Meeting and met Reverend Justo Gonzalez II and reported Reverend David Russell has fully retired.

*Prayer requested for Dave and Polly Bell's granddaughter Courtney injured in the crane accident in Texas and for Rosine Warnke placed in hospice.

*Reverend Ericson has set her office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays noon to 5 P.M. and Saturdays 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Exception is week of June 21 - 25 on leave and will return June 27, 2019.

As nothing can be posted in office window, some form of holder will be placed on Reverend's door with these hours and/or updated information. Also will be in church bulletin and on web site.

*Worship on June 16, 2019: Choir Presentation, June 23, 2019: Children's Day.

*July 7, 2019 picnic at Optimist pavilion at Lake Opeka. Members attending are asked to bring a side dish and lawn chair(s) and this will be a combined service with First Congregational Church. Announcement will be in bulletin and Lightshine. Sign-up sheet is in the office.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*Laura Hallberg will prepare a procedure for office hours and have at next council meeting.

*Laura Hallberg reported 35 people attended at Beacon Tap and the next "Happy Hour" tentatively set for July 28, 2019. Plans for monthly "Happy Hour" to begin in September.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Steve Klaus reported lectern light by piano was bad and resolved with a clip light to shine down.

*Eileen Podgor reported she checks on the back up batteries for AED twice a year.

*Glass case in hallway (where knitted items) displayed can be used by other groups and/or individuals and a sign-up sheet is in office noting education will use this as well as book club.

*Judy Rosedale brought up a discussion regarding any future fundraisers planned and volunteered to look into possible ideas that she would chair and organize.

Motion made and seconded by Steve Klaus and Gary Smith to adjourn. Motion carried. LORD'S PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 P.M.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: July 10, 2019 headed by Gary Smith in Eileen Podgor's absence.

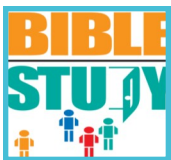
READING AND PRAYER: Steve Klaus

Mary Jean Copeland, Church Council Secretary

NEW BIBLE STUDY SESSION

In preparation of our next 4 week Saturday Bible Study, we will focus on the book *"Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues"* by Adam Hamilton.

Classes will meet at 10 am on the following Saturdays:



- ❖ September 14
- ❖ September 21
- ❖ September 28
- ❖ October 12, 2019.

As in the past, please enter the church by way of the ramp to Wobbe Hall. We will be meeting in the Lounge. Reading items for first class will hopefully be available for pick-up by **Sunday, September 8th**.



VETERANS' SUNDAY

Our sixth Veterans' Sunday Services will be on **November 10, 2019** at 9:30 a.m. **Mark Your Calendars**, so you won't miss this inspiring and patriotic service honoring ALL Veterans.

Happy Birthday — September 2019



6	Sally Sove	11	Ken Groff
6	Phyllis Groff	16	Helen Harney
8	Wendy Ortiz	16	Tim Kalvelage
9	Jessica Busse	16	Alycia Goodman
10	Steve Bay	20	Rochelle Jesse
10	Bob Neil	28	Ronald Groll
10	Jennifer Shunt	28	Meadow Putz

Happy Anniversary to Our September Couples

6	Lori and Tony Madl married 22 years	21	Elaine & Bud Hudson married 61 years
8	Stephanie & Scott Podgor married 7 years		
18	Julie and Frank Staggs married 25 years		



	Arlene Arthur (<i>new address & Phone</i>) 847-884-5703	Charlene Dohse (<i>new address</i>)
	Friendship Village 350 W. Schaumburg Road #126 Schaumburg, IL 60194-3478	800 S. River Road #907 Des Plaines, IL 60016-3202

CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - JULY 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Gary Smith called to order at 7:02 P.M .

ROLLCALL: GARY SMITH, IRV HALLBERG, LAURA HALLBERG, STEVE KLAUS, BOB NEIL, MARY J COPELAND.

ALSO PRESENT: REVEREND VIRGINIA ERICSON, KYLE SPEER

ABSENT: Eileen Podgor, Donna Boyko, Judy Rosedale

READING AND PRAYER: Steve Klaus

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

Laura Hallberg motioned to accept and Steve Klaus seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kyle Speer

*May's report was reviewed with questions answered. Laura Hallberg motioned to accept and Bob Neil seconded. Motion carried.

*June's report reviewed. June 2019 income \$17,569.60 less expenses \$28,532.53 leaving loss for

June of -\$10,962.93. Year to date income \$92,219.98 less expenses \$115,949.29 leaving a loss

year to date -\$23,729.31. Bob Neil motioned to approve & Irv Hallberg seconded. Motion carried.

CPR REPORT: Gary Smith, Laura Hallberg, Kyle Speer

*Gary Smith reported the committee will be meeting on Sunday, July 14, 2019 to discuss end of summer and/or early fall invites to churches and various organizations meeting and work on an agenda.

*Kyle Speer updated information on outside signage and the supplier will go ahead with the exception of 2 signs (by front door and garden) due to the cost. He is asking them to re-bid

*Discussion regarding a large sign and/or banner on the back side of the church for people to locate the church.

*Church rental information from 1st Congregational site has been told to Gail Fisher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING: Bob Neil

*A lot of work being done and will be sending via e-mail a list for monthly meetings.

*Frank Staggs will work on back hand rails going down from garden.

EDUCATION: Eileen Podgor

*On behalf of education, Gary Smith asked if there would be any interest to attend the Chicago Dogs game in Rosemont on August 4, 2019 as she will move ahead organizing. It was suggested we invite 1st Congregational as well.

FINANCE: Irv Hallberg

*Irv Hallberg suggested the financial report on the back of Lightshine be posted on the front.

*A/C is being left on full blast when no one is around. Questions were raised about the timers and might have to have A/C company come out to set timers or for us to learn how to use the timers. Bob Neil will talk to Steve Bay about this.

*Boy Scouts are leaving building without turning off fans, etc.

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Memorials — June & July 2019

To Honor / Remember



General Fund:

In memory of Phyllis Volberding - Charlene Dohse

In memory of my husband, Bill & son, Jerry on their June birthdays - Rosine Warnke

In honor of 3 generations of birthdays, Carol, Rich and Annaliese - Carol Borris

In memory of Phyllis Volberding - Bud & Elaine Hudson

In thankfulness to our new janitorial service - Stephen & Barbara Bay

In honor of Grace Hansen's 90th Birthday - Barbara Wraas	- Cathy & Bob Chappell	- John Hangey
- Bud & Elaine Hudson	- Roy & Sally Sove	- Ronald & Kathleen Groll
- Charlene Dohse	- Irving & Ruth Hallberg	- Gail Fisher
- Marilyn Hoover	- Rita Barth	

In memory of our Mom/Gramma LaVerne Wajda's 99th birthday 7-16-20 - David & Peggy Wajda

In memory of mom, Goldie's & dad, Walter's birthday - David & Peggy Wajda

In honor of Luella Senne's 100th birthday - Bud & Elaine Hudson

In memory of Rosine Warnke - Irving & Ruth Hallberg

- Pat & Merlin Wille

In memory of Cathy Shipp's mother - Irving & Ruth Hallberg

Comstock Fund:

In honor of Hunter Busse's 2nd birthday - Philip & Nancy Seils

In memory of Phyllis Volberding - Dorothy Dindinger

In memory of our Aunt Phyllis Volberding - Barbara & John Nix

In honor of our dads on Father's Day - Philip & Nancy Seils

Education Fund:

In honor of all our Veterans on Memorial Day - Allen & Eileen Podgor

In honor of Grace Hansen's 90th birthday - John Hangey

George Goebel Fund:

In memory of Lila on our anniversary - John Hangey

In honor of Grace Hansen's 90 birthday - Allen & Eileen Podgor

Music Fund:

In honor of Grace Hansen's Birthday - Allen & Elaine Angsten

Revitalization Fund:

In honor of Grace Hansen's 90th birthday - Holly Schmidt

In celebration of Roy Sove's 90th birthday - Holly Schmidt

Trust Fund:

In memory of mom and dad - Patricia Morris

In memory of Phyllis Volberding - Jack & Janis Storm

COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 2019 (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)

MEMORIAL GARDEN: *Judy Rosedale* - No Report

MEMBERSHIP: - No Report

MISSIONS: *Laura Hallberg* - No Report

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

*Reverend Ericson will be on study leave July 15 - July 21, 2019 and will be back in office July 24, 2019.

*Discussion of guest speakers and Reverend Ericson suggested Megan Wajda to talk about Elmhurst College.

*Reverend Ericson would like Eileen Podgor to share the pulpit supply list with her so she knows who will stand in for her when on leave.

*Deborah Grenier will be on vacation July 25th, 26th, 29th and there is a list for people to cover her in the office. Barb Dopp has offered to help. A list with abbreviated church hours and people covering will be posted on the office door and printed in church bulletin.

PROGRAM: *Mary Jean Copeland*

*Laura Hallberg reported the next get together at Beacon Tap is set for July 28, 2019 at 11:30 A.M.

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

SPECIAL NEEDS: *Steve Klaus*

*"Thinking of you" cards were sent to the homebound. *A 100year birthday card will be sent to Luella Senne.

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Sunday Church Ministries for September 2019

We celebrate with all those who are participating in our Sunday Church Ministries for September. If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please call us at the church for further information.

	9/1/19	9/8/19	9/15/19	9/22/19	9/29/19
Acolyte	Ushers	Murphy Putz	Dorian Schrader	Murphy Putz	Dorian Schrader
Greeters	Barbara Dopp Steve Klaus	Nancy & Phil Seils	Elaine & Bud Hudson	Barbara Wraas	Bob Neil
Ushers	Al & Elaine Angsten*	Barbara Wraas*	Rita Barth*	Steve Klaus	Al & Elaine Angsten*
* Team Captain	Bob Neil	Frank & Julie Staggs	Donna Boyko	Barbara Dopp*	Bob Neil
	Lori Fabian	Alice Barnhart	Charlene Dohse	Mike Hozian	Lori Fabian
	Gary Smith	Patricia Morris	David Podgor	Terri Wester	Gary Smith
			John Hangey	Jack Branding	
			Peggy Wajda		
Liturgist	Alice Barnhart	Sally Sove	Chick Schulze	Don Meseth	Gail Fisher
Lector	Barbara Wraas	Sally Sove	Chick Schulze	Don Meseth	Pastor Ericson
Council Greeter	Bob Neil	Donna Boyko	Mary Jean Copeland	Irv Hallberg	Laura Hallberg
Flowers	Open	Open	Barbara Wraas	Bob Neil	Irv & Ruth Hallberg
Sunday Secretary	Peggy Comstock	Ted Mashek	Alice Barnhart	Julie Staggs	Peggy Wajda
Altar Guild	Terri Wester & Patricia Morris				
Coffee Hour	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School
Children's Ministries	Sunday School	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!

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Financial Update 2019 (DOES NOT INCLUDE BEQUESTS)

	<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)
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)	(\$4,539.00)
Year-to-Date	\$107,855.00	\$121,470.00	(\$13,615.00))	(\$13,615.00)

God Loves a Cheerful Giver & So Does Your Church!

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.

IN JUNE & JULY OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WERE WITH...

Gail L. Annes	Lynne Hansen-Salak	Melissa Neil
Theodore Annes	Helen Harney	Nancy Nevin
Alice Barnhart	Donna Hedstrom	John Nix
Mike Berg	Donna Helma	Desiree Perry
Matty Beuke	Fred Hillger	Rafet Radoncic
Darlene Boeckenhauer	Emily Hozian	Carol & Ernie Rommel
Kevin Boeckenhauer	Denise Gibbons	Courtney Saltarski
Steve Boeckenhauer	Elaine Hudson	Chick Schulze
Paul Brodack	Robert Jenkins	Lorraine Seils
Jill Brennan	Jill Johnson	John Sieben
Liz Casas	Tom Knoll	LaVerne Thackaberry
Teddy Christiansen	Mike Koponka	Bruce & Hope Tschappat
Peggy Comstock	Kathy Krivanek	Mary Vanden Branden
Jean Cutrara	Kathy Krueger	Herb Volberding, Jr.
David Dindinger	Dawn & Ted Mashek	Bob Wagner
Dorothy Dindinger	Rita Maves	Bob Zeller
Ken & Phyllis Groff	Marilyn McCown	Dorothy & Larry Zemke
Pat Haas	Don & Marion Meseth	
Rich Hagedorn	Stacey Neibhur	

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

Special prayers for: Our Pastor, Our Servicemen, Our Service-Women, Our Veterans, Our Country and its Leaders.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

TO ALL WOMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH!
You are Invited to **Women's Circle of Friends** first meeting of the 2019-2020 season on
Thursday, October 10, 2019
starting at 12 noon.
Please see details inside this issue!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, September 27th - 2 to 6 p.m.
&
Saturday, September 28th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Please bring rummage donations starting on
Sunday, September 22nd.*

Fall cleanup, attic, garage, storage closets,
bring it all to Christ Church!



TREE OF LIFE

We have received a gift from **The Hansen Family** in honor of their mother, Grace Hansen's 90th birthday. A leaf inscribed in the names of Grace and Roy Hansen has been placed on the "Tree of Life" recognizes bequests by present members or members who have passed away who have been kind enough to make a contribution or bequest with a minimum cash value of \$5,000. We are grateful to the Hansens for the generous gift to Christ Church and we hope that you will all join us in wishing Grace a very happy birthday!



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mark Your Calendar for Church Rally Day Sunday, September 15th

- **Gift Card Orders** are due Sunday, September 1st with delivery on Sunday, September 8th.
- **Monthly Potluck Wednesday**, begins September 11th at 6 p.m.
- **Adult Bible Study** begins on Saturday, September 14th.
- Youth Group - **Monthly Bowling** will be on Sunday, September 15th at River Rand Bowl at 3 p.m.



CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

As they enter their 10th year, the The Christ Church Book Club will next meet on **Wednesday, September 4,**

2019 at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Our leader for the meeting will be Barbara Wraas and the book to be discussed is "**Educated**" by **Tara Westover**. Please bring the book with you - it may be obtained from the library or purchased at your book store. As we enter our 10th year, we invite others to join us for a fun afternoon of reading and good discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Wraas.

PROGRAM

The next play at the Lincolnshire Marriott is a musical - comedy "**Something Rotten**" We will be going on Friday, September 20th at 8 p.m.

(Tickets are required)



MEETIN' AT THE BEACON

Watch the Christ Church Sunday Bulletin for Our Next **Meetin' at the Beacon date!**

Come for a short time or stay awhile to enjoy socializing with fellow members.

Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

If the weather is nice we will sit on the patio, if not we will be inside.

The Beacon Tap is at 1374 Lee St in Des Plaines.

For questions, contact *Laura Hallberg* or *Megan Shipp*.



THE GET IT TOGETHER GROUP

Do you like to knit or crochet or even just socialize in good company! Then get your knitting, crocheting or any project together and work on it at Christ Church! If you're a beginner and would like to learn to knit or crochet that's ok too – we have lots of yarn and someone to get you started.

The **Get It Together Group** will again meet on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting **September 18th** in Wobbe Hall at 10 a.m.

For more details see Alice Barnhart.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

June 2019

June 2nd - 57
June 9th - 50
June 16th - 54
June 23th - 51
June 30th - 45

July 2019

July 7th - unknown (Lake Opeka)
July 14th - 49
July 21th - 46
July 28th - 26

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 2019 *(Continued from page 5)*

WORSHIP & ARTS: Reverend Virginia Ericson

- *Reverend Ericson made 78 phone calls. Including a meeting with Reverend Co DuToit from 1st Congregational planning the July picnic. Also officiated with Reverend Co DuToit at park on July 7, 2019.
- *Bible study finished on June 15, 2019. A new study to begin in September, 2019, "Confronting The Controversies: Biblical Perspectives On Tough Issues" by Adam Hamilton. Dates: September 14, September 21, September 28, & October 12, 2019. Sign up deadline is August 5, 2019.
- *Private Internment for Rosine Warnke at Memory Gardens on June 19, 2019. A memorial service at United Church of Christ to be determined.
- *Attended General Synod as delegate (32nd) of the U.C.C. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Went as elected delegate for Illinois on Friday, June 21, 2019 and returned June 26, 2019.
- *Attended Reverend Dr. David Russell retirement worship on June 30, 2019.
- *Office hours have been posted on doors.
- *Attended Women's Circle of Friends luncheon in June. A) As requested purchased items for the church at General Synod. (B) Received notification that the Reverend Dr. Vertie Powers, our associate conference minister will be retiring at the end of the year. (C) Article on the Illinois Conference will be printed in September issue of Lightshine due to lack of space available.
- *Hug camp Sunday at United Church of Christ (and part of the service) is August 4, 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE: - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Discussion for review for 2020 possible changes as to choir only doing one month of coffee next year and review of other groups and handling flowers for every Sunday.
- *Bob Neil made a motion to do away with the red pads and use cards for visitors and was seconded by Steve Klaus, . Motion carried.
- *A brief discussion took place on possibly working on a better offering envelope. Motion made by Bob Neil and seconded by Irv Hallberg and carried to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 P.M.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: August 14, 2019

READING AND PRAYER: Mary Jean Copeland
Mary Jean Copeland - *Church Council Secretary*

SO, YOU SAY YOU CAN'T SING?

Well then, you need to join our Christ Church Handbell Choir. You don't even have to know how to read music - you just have to be able to count! Christ Handbell Ringers rehearse on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning **Tuesday, September 10th** and we would love to have you join us! We ring for one Sunday a month plus special services such as Christmas, Easter, etc. Anyone from high school age on up are welcome. This is a different kind of music ministry that I'm sure you will enjoy. Feel free to talk to one of the members of Christ Handbell Ringers and find out how exciting ringing can be.

*Come and join — be a part of the
Fun Music Ministry of Christ Church!*



WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS OCTOBER 10TH PROGRAM

As our first meeting of the year the Women's Circle of Friends has planned a visit to the **Illinois Holocaust Museum and Educational Center in Skokie**, for our October program. A docent guided tour will be provided and will include a presentation entitled "**Women in the Holocaust**". Many of us have indicated a desire to visit the museum and this will provide the opportunity to do so as a group.

The cost is \$12.00 per person and must be paid in advance since firm numbers are required for both the tours and lunch. Members of WCOF and their guests are invited to attend.

- *Transportation and carpooling will be arranged
- *Lunch will be provided on site
- *We will meet in our church parking lot at 10:15; our program will begin at 11:00 at the museum.
- *There will be two guided presentations, with additional time afterwards to explore on your own.
- *The museum is handicapped accessible.

Please see Marilyn Hoover, Alice Barnhart or Gail Fisher with any questions. A signup sheet will be available in the church office.





ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Last month, I shared with you some information about the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the UCC which our church is in a covenantal relationship with and meets twice a year in spring and fall. The CMA is a part of the Illinois Conference with 68,972 members and 241 churches and is the third largest conference in the UCC. The meeting is held once a year in June. The Mission Statement is "The Illinois Conference is a United Church of Christ covenant community promoting congregational health and vitality and pursuing God's peace and justice." The Illinois Conference core Process is consistent with this mission and its functions are : 1.) Facilitating communication, participation, reconciliation, justice and action; 2.) Bridging local churches and pastors to concerns and relationships beyond the local church; 3.) Training/equipping/supporting leaders and congregations; 4.) Identifying and empowering Conference ministries for mission and outreach; 5.) Developing and nurturing new churches and churches in transition, and 6.) Linking local churches and members to the national and global ministries of the UCC.

This year, our Illinois Conference meeting was held at Elmhurst College on June 6th through June 7th. First thing to do was register at the dorm for overnight accommodations and then out to lunch. Back at the chapel, a welcome was given by the President of the Illinois Conference, Rev. Chuck Maney. This was followed by worship, a presentation of our Sustainability team and then the First Business meeting. The Sustainability Team has been working on what folks in the Illinois Conference are saying about the future of the Illinois Conference and our understanding of what a covenantal relationship is between churches and the Illinois Conference. In the evening, we attended a banquet at the Diplomat West Banquets in Elmhurst. It was a time to get to know our new interim Conference Minister, the Rev. Justo Gonzales II and also to acknowledge the ministry of the Rev. David Russell, who will be retiring at the end of June. After the banquet it was off to the dorms for some shut eye.

During breaks on Friday and Saturday, there was a chance to meet up with friends and colleagues and then go to a room dedicated to picking up new resources which includes new books.

On Saturday, we checked out of the dorm and then went to breakfast in the cafeteria. After our meal, it was back to the Chapel for a Communion Service. Following worship, the Rev. Justo Gonzales II was our Keynote Speaker and he even had us dancing in the aisles. This was followed by going to an energizer (meeting) of our choice. After our energizer, it was back to Business session 2 with closing Benediction and Prayer.

I look forward to going to our Illinois Conference meetings each year. My next stop is General Synod in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I have wanted to go to General Synod for 30 years. Now is my chance! I will tell you all about it next time.

Blessings,
Pastor Virginia



Meet Hana Fujisaki

Returning to church this fall, we wish to reintroduce you to our stellar organist and skilled keyboardist, Hana Fujisaki. As you know, she has become an integral part of our Sunday worship service.

The music search committee was sold on Hana the minute we heard her impromptu recital at the interview last October. She played a powerful version of Amazing Grace, that was moving with its jazz beat. It was a fresh sound, that left us a bit teary and a little breathless.

Hana's signature postlude pieces are recognizable because they are current, at times coming from movies or pop music. Her selections offer music with messages of faith and hope, for example, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *My One and Only Love*, and *There Will Never Be Another You*.

Hana received her master's in music and Jazz studies from Northwestern University. Her Bachelors Degree is from Roosevelt University in Music and is in Jazz and Contemporary Music Studies.

She is currently an instructor at Harold Washington College and gives piano instruction at Northside Music Academy. Hana performs as Keyboardist, Arranger, and Accompanist with McNary Experience, an R & B Band. As Keyboardist, Arranger and Lecturer, she interacts with groups like Chicago Samba, Modern Soul and the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University.

She has volunteered with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra teaching 3-5 year olds about the wonders of music.

We are talking with Hana about a possible concert, showcasing her talents in the near future.

Thanks to Hana, our big pipe organ is being heard again.

We are thrilled!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 <i>Worship Service / Labor Day Sunday / Guest Speaker: Marcia Urban</i></p> <p>Self Help Food Pantry donations / Gift Card Orders due Sunday School Education Meeting Pastor Ericson on vacation till Sept. 9th</p>	<p>2 <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed in honor of Labor Day.</p> 	<p>3 <i>Abbrev. Office Hrs. (Dolores Tomscheck)</i> Scouts District Mtg.</p>	<p>4 <i>Book Club</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Meeting</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 <i>Meeting</i></p>
<p>8 <i>Worship Service / Guest Speaker: Marcia Urban</i></p> <p>Sunday School Gift Card Orders Delivered Bible study items pick-up</p>	<p>9 <i>Lunch Bunch at Porter's</i></p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p>10 <i>Scouts Round Table</i></p> <p>Deadline for October Lightshine articles</p>	<p>11 <i>Pot Luck "Summer Harvest"</i></p> <p>Church Council Meeting Pastor Ericson in Office Noon to 5 pm</p>	<p>12 <i>Meeting</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Meals-on-Wheels ends</i></p>	<p>14 <i>Meeting</i> Bible Study Class (First in New Session)</p> <p>Building Committee Meeting</p>
<p>15 <i>Worship Service / with Communion / Rally Day</i></p>  <p>Sunday School Bowling (resumes)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p>17 <i>Scouts Committee Meeting</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Get It Together Group Meeting</p>	<p>19 <i>Meeting</i></p>	<p>20 <i>Musical Comedy "Something Rotten" Lincolnshire Marriott</i></p>	<p>21 <i>Meeting</i> Bible Study Class</p>
<p>22 Worship Service</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>Donations for Rummage Sale being accepted</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Set-up for Fall Rummage Sale Women's Breakfast at Sunrise Grill</p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Set-up for Fall Rummage Sale</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Set-up for Fall Rummage Sale</p>	<p>26 <i>Meeting</i></p> <p>Set-up for Fall Rummage Sale</p>	<p>27 <i>Rummage Sale</i></p>	<p>28 <i>Meeting</i> Bible Study Class <i>Rummage Sale</i></p>
<p>29 <i>Worship Service / Mission Moments</i></p> <p>Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Scouts</p>	 <p>RALLY DAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15th</p>			 <p>Sponsored by our Women's Circle of Friends FALL RUMMAGE SALE 27th - 2 pm to 6 pm 28th - 9 am to 1 pm RUMMAGE Sale</p>	

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