

# The LIGHTSHINE



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

FEBRUARY 2021 ISSUE

## Important Dates In February 2021

- Feb. 7** **Worship / Scout's Sunday!**  
Self Help Food Pantry  
Donations Taken  
Education Committee Meeting
- Feb. 10** **Church Council Meeting**  
NoteAbles Meeting
- Feb. 11** Women's Circle of Friends  
Meeting
- Feb. 14** **Worship Service**  
*Happy Valentine's Day!*
- Feb. 15** *President's Day (Office Closed)*
- Feb. 17** **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper**  
Ash Wednesday Service with  
Communion  
Get It Together Group
- Feb. 21** **Worship Service /**  
**First Sunday in Lent**
- Feb. 24** NoteAbles Meeting
- Feb. 28** **Worship Service**  
Annual Congregation Meeting

## February

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## To Our New Minister Jon "Gilbert" Martinez, M.Div.

Minister Jon Gilbert Martinez, Gilbert as he prefers, is a multi-generational Tejano (Texan) and Chicano (Mexican American) who's lived in Chicago since 2015. He is a 2019 Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary graduate with a Master of Divinity. He also holds a bachelor's degree in sociology minor in psychology from the University of Texas-Pan American, and two associate degrees from South Texas College.

Gilbert served San Lucas UCC-Chicago as the digital outreach minister; previously, he served them as their community pastoral care minister and pulpit supply. He is a member in discernment with the Chicago Metropolitan Association, where he serves as vice-moderator, which allows him a seat on the Illinois Conference Council. Gilbert also serves as the vice-chair for the UCC Mental Health Network Board of Directors.

During his time on the board, he has helped with their digital outreach and advancing technology use. Recently, the Colectivo de UCC Latinx Ministries contracted him to serve as the communications consultant. As an advocate for mental health, Gilbert has completed Mental Health First Aid and companionship training. Part of his self-care includes spending time with his family, consisting of his 22-month-old son, teenage nieces, sister, husband, and three fur-babies.



## **GROWING IN THE WORD OF GOD**

For all those who are following the Scripture lessons used during the Sunday Worship Services & Ash Wednesday, here are the **FEBRUARY 2021** Common Lectionary readings:

<b>February 7</b>	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
<b>February 14</b>	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
<b>February 17</b> (Wed.)	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
<b>February 21</b>	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
<b>February 28</b>	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:21-38

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### **From: The Mission Committee**

**We want to thank everyone who brought sheets, towels, pillows, etc.. We received an incredible response!**

**We also want to thank everyone who took a tag off our Christmas tree and purchased a gift for the children of San Lucas church.**

**The Feast of the Three Kings was held on Sunday, January 3rd, with several changes, but the children were able to receive their gifts.**

**Currently we do not need any additional bedding. If anything changes, we will let you know.**

***Again, thank you all for your Holiday giving.***

***The Mission Committee***

## CHRIST CHURCH NEWS — FEBRUARY 2021

### Financial Update 2021 (DOES NOT INCLUDE BEQUESTS)

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
January	\$12,800*	\$21,424.00	(\$8,578.00)	(\$8,578.00)
February	\$20,981.00*	\$15,992.00	\$ 4,989.00	(\$3,589.00)
March	\$15,828.00*	\$20,666.00	(\$4,838.00)	(\$8,427.00)
April	\$13,766.00	\$18,732.00	(\$4,967.00)	(\$13,394.00)
May	\$18,499.00	\$13,399.00	\$5,100.00	(\$8,294.00)
June	\$ 9,210.00*	\$19,507.00	(\$10,297.00)	(\$18,591.00)
July	\$19,357.00*	\$17,659.00	\$1,698.00	(\$16,893.00)
August	\$18,810.00*	\$20,682.00	(\$1,872.00)	(\$18,765.00)
September	\$10,440.00*	\$15,642.00	(\$5,201.00)	(\$23,966.00)
October*	\$13,113.00*#	\$14,625.00	(\$1,512.00)	(\$25,478.00)
November	\$10,333.00*	\$9,564.00	(\$658.00)	(\$24,820.00)
December	\$17,944.00*	\$9,918.00	\$8,026.00	(\$16,794.00)
Year-to-Date	\$181,016.00	(\$197,810.00)	(\$16,794.00)	(\$16,794.00)

\* includes Tenant Donation

# Tree of Life Gift

*Thank you for your continued support.*



## CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB



The Christ Church Book Club will next meet on **Wednesday, March 3, 2021** at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Our leader for the meeting will be *Barbara Bay*, and the book to be discussed is "*Hillbilly Elegy*" by **J.D. Vance**. 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, February 7th** with a delivery date of **Sunday, February 14th.**
- **Monthly Bowling** - Sunday, **February 21st** at River Rand Bowl at 3 p.m. (*cancelled*)
- (*Cancelled: Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. )*

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**

## FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER

Just a Friendly Reminder that Annual Statements for **2020** are on the counter in the Church Office. Please stop by and pick up your envelope.

*Thank You for your continued support.*



Our **Ash Wednesday Service** with Communion, will be on Wednesday,

**February 17, 2021,**

at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Please join us before the Service in

**Wobbe Hall** at **6 p.m.** for our

**Ash Wednesday Soup Supper.**

*Please sign-up in the Church Office or call to have your name added to the list if you plan to attend.*

*Thanks for your co-operation.*

Soup  
Supper



## BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

We will be celebrating

**Boy Scout Sunday**

at Christ Church-UCC on

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

at 9:30 a.m.

*All Scouts are invited to attend our Worship Service in full uniform.*



**Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2 a.m.**

**SPRING FORWARD**



## Sunday Church Ministries for FEBRUARY 2021

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

	<b>2/7/2021</b>	<b>2/14/2021</b>	<b>2/17/2021 Ash Wed.</b>	<b>2/21/2021</b>	<b>2/28/2021</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tom March	Tom March	Tom March	Tom March	Tom March
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob Neil	Rita Barth	Bob Neil	Alice Barnhart	Barbara Wraas
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Klaus	Al & Elaine Angsten	Barbara Wraas	Rita Barth	Steve Klaus
<b>* Team Captain(s)</b>	Mike Hozian	Bob Neil*	Frank & Julie Staggs*	Donna Boyko	Mike Hozian
	Terri Wester		Alice Barnhart	Charlene Dohse*	Terri Wester
	Jack Branding*			Gary Smith	Jack Branding*
	Peggy Wajda				Peggy Wajda
<b>Liturgist</b>	Al Podgor	Alice Barnhart	Gail Fisher	Don Meseth	Tom March
<b>Lector</b>	Al Podgor	Barbara Wraas	Tom March	Don Meseth	Tom March
<b>Council Greeter</b>	Bob Neil	Eileen Podgor		Judy Rosedale	Megan Shipp
<b>Flowers</b>					
<b>Sunday Secretary</b>	Nancy Seils	Peggy Comstock		Peggy Wajda	Terri Wester
<b>Altar Guild</b>					
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Ushers				
<b>Children's</b>					
<b>Ministries</b>	Sunday School	Sunday School		Family Worship	Sunday School



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

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



## Happy Birthday — FEBRUARY 2021

7 Lori Madl	16 Marianne Mullineaux
7 Nate Cheng	16 Shirley Bednar
8 Arlene Schultz	21 Tim Anderson
12 Elaine Berg	24 Kathleen Groll
15 Rev. Virginia Ericson	25 John Hangey
15 Helen Smith	27 Rita Barth



## Happy Anniversary to Our FEBRUARY Couples

12 Jennifer & Michael Hozian married 27 years.



## BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:

Marion Lutz was born on **June 1, 1917**, and died on **December 26, 2020**, at the age of 103.

Ted Mashek was born on **February 2, 1946**, and died on **January 5, 2021**, at the age of 74.



Grace Hansen *(New Address)*  
**Dimensions Living (Brookdale)**  
 700 Euclid Avenue  
 Prospect Heights, IL 60070

Megan Shipp *(New Address)*  
**12297 W. 29th Street**  
 Beach Park, IL 60099

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



Rita Barth	Grace Hansen	Lucille Tyrpin
Steve & Barbara Bay	Phyllis Heinrich	Mary Vanden Branden
Shirley Bednar	Ted & Dawn Mashek	Family of Bob Zeller
Peggy Comstock	Marilyn McCown	Dorothy Zemke
Debbie & Ray Cook	Family of Judy Pierce	Larry Zemke
Gustavo Delagarza	Tim Seagrave	
Jackie Heinlein	Michael Shunt	

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

**Our Homebound:** Elaine & Merritt Berg,  
 Barbara Blume, Darlene Boeckenhauer,  
 Jean Henschke, George (Bud) Blume, Curtis Tice,  
 Mary Vanden Branden

## Memorials — DECEMBER 2020

### *To Honor / Remember*



#### **General Fund:**

In appreciation of the prayers for Steve & Barb Bay - Stephen & Barbara Bay

In memory of my husband, Don Dohse - Charlene Dohse

With get well wishes for Grace Hansen - Women's Circle of Friends

In wishing my friends at Christ Church a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year - Charlene Dohse

In memory of my husband Don, on his birthday December 17th - Charlene Dohse

With many thanks to the Women's Circle of Friends for the Christmas Cookies - Charlene Dohse

In memory of Lee R. Williams, our long time family friend - Lori Bruhn

In memory of Louise Schumann, Onna & Bill Walters - Arlene Arthur

In memory of Richard Arthur - Arlene Arthur

In memory of Paul & Hulde Schumann, Louise & Willis Arthur - Arlene Arthur

In memory of Bob Zeller - Rita Barth

- Irv & Ruth Hallberg

- Barbara Dopp

- Don & Marion Meseth

In memory of Bob Zeller, good friend and fellow traveler - Bud & Elaine Hudson

In remembering our parents, grandparents at Christmas - Bud & Elaine Hudson

In memory of Rochelle Jesse - Traci Sweeney

- Mary C. Reid

In memory of Marlene Zygler - Holly Schmidt

In memory of Bear Malik (Pete & Pam Malik's Great Pyrenees) - Holly Schmidt

**ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING  
February 28, 2021  
Please Join Us!**



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 28, 2021** at **10:45 a.m.** in **Wobbe Hall**. ***It is important that all members make an effort to attend.***

We will be *installing* our newly elected Church Council Members on **Sunday, March 7, 2021**. ***We ask that you please plan to attend service on both of these Sundays.***

**GET IT TOGETHER GROUP MEETING**

Will next meet on **Wednesday, February 17th**  
at **10 a.m.** in Wobbe Hall.

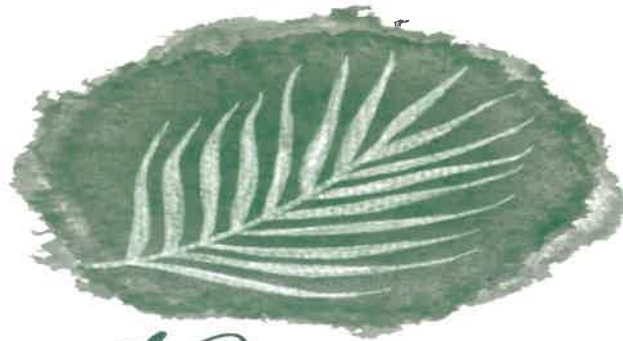
If you enjoy knitting and crafts you need to  
*get it together with the group!*

We will be practicing social distancing.

***Any questions please contact Alice Barnhart***

*Lent*  
B E G I N S

- First Sunday in Lent is February 21st -



*Palm*  
**SUNDAY**  
*March 28, 2021*





## WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

*Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021*

The first meeting of the year 2021 of Women's Circle of Friends will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Join other ladies (men are invited as well!) At 1:00 p.m. in Wobbe Hall. Bring your lunch, and of course, your mask.

Coffee and tea will be provided. We will not only complete/finish the "stamp project", which has been in progress for many years, but also will discuss how Women's Circle of Friends can continue to be a part of the ministry and mission of Christ Church in the year ahead.

Bring your lunch, your mask, and your scissors!

See you there!

# God's Promises





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R	R	S	S	E	P	T	P	A	C	S	L
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- GODS WORD
- AGAPE LOVE
- PROMISES
- PEACE
- FAITHFULNESS
- BLESSINGS
- PACTS
- HAPPINESS
- PHYSICAL
- COVERING
- JESUS
- DESERT
- HEALING
- FATHER
- HOLINESS
- FINANCES

# Christ Church



# February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 28 following Service in Wobbe Hall.</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p><b>2</b> Happy Groundhog Day!</p>  <p>Scouts District Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b> Scouts Sunday Minister Gilbert Worship Service Communion/ Self Help Food Pantry Donations Sunday School Education Committee Mtg. Gift Card orders due</p>	<p><b>8</b> Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Scouts Round Table Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b> Lightshine articles due for March 2021 Issue  NoteAbles Church Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b> Women's Circle Of Friends 1 pm  Scouts Committee Mtg.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Abbrev. Office Hours</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> Worship Service Gift card orders Delivered</p> 	<p><b>15</b> President's Day (Office Closed)</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Scouts Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>17</b> Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 6 pm &amp; Service with Communion at 7 pm  Get It Together Group Meeting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> First Sunday in Lent Worship Service / Sunday School</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>NoteAbles</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> Second Sunday in Lent Worship Service</p> <p>ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING IN WOBBE HALL Following service.</p>	 <p><i>BIG Welcome to Our New Minister Gilbert!</i></p>					

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