

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday, February 4, the Staff Parish Relations Committee announced that our Associate Pastor, Rev. Scott Himel, will be appointed to North Shore UMC in Glencoe, Illinois. His new appointment begins on July 1, 2018. Our warmest congratulations to Pastor Scott and continued prayers for him as he begins his ministry at his new church. No information is available yet on a new Associate Pastor at Christ UMC.

Weekly Enews for February 9 – February 18, 2018



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<http://www.Facebook.com/cumcrockford>

<https://www.facebook.com/studentministriescumc/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Christumcchildrensministry>

Click below to go to the Christ UMC Website:

<http://www.christumc.cc>

This Weekend



Scout Sunday is February 11

On February 11, we will celebrate those who are in Boy or Girl Scouting. Everyone is invited to wear their uniform to church that day as we recognize those who participate in these organizations.

Next Week



Ash Wednesday Events
February 14, 2018

7:00 am at Alpine Center Sanctuary

Brief service of liturgy, music, communion and opportunity for imposition of ashes.

8:00 - 10:00 am

The pastors will be at Mary's Market in the Edgebrook Center and at Gray's IGA and Great Harvest at Highcrest Center to offer ashes.

11:30 am at Wesley Willows

4141 N. Rockton Ave.

The pastors will lead a service including communion, homily, and imposition of ashes.

5:00-6:00 pm

Curbside outside the Alpine Center main sanctuary door.

The pastors will offer imposition of ashes in a drive-through setting.



**Springtime in the Alpine and
Our Master's Center Sanctuaries
Purchase flowers for
Easter Sunday**

This year you'll have the opportunity to purchase flowers which will be used in our sanctuaries on Easter morning. There are several types of flowers available to order. You may then dedicate the flowers in honor of or in memory of someone. The dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 1. An order form will be included in your bulletin of Sunday, February 11. They are also available at the Connection Center at both Centers. **The deadline for orders and payments to be submitted is February 26.** You may drop off the form and check made to Christ UMC at the church office. Or you may give it to Karen Greenwood at the Alpine Connection Center on Sundays, February 18 and 25. If you have any questions, call Karen at 309-714-9143.

Click below for the order form:



**Church bridge group in
February**

The next evening of the church bridge group is **Friday, February 16, 6:30 pm at George and Mary English's home, 4103 Windy Ridge Trail, Rockford, 61101.** Bring your partner and come for dessert and an evening of friendly bridge. Please call George and Mary at 815-397-4883 by Monday, February 12, if you can come or if you have questions. New people are always welcome!



**Rebekah Circle Annual
Baby Shower**

Wednesday, February 14

Rebekah Circle held its first baby shower of love on another Wednesday, February 14, many

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UMW Layette Project During the month of February

February is UMW Layette project month. We will donate layette packages to Crusader Clinic. A basket will be in Fellowship Hall each Sunday in February. We would appreciate the following donations of **new or gently used** items. **Newborn size only, please.**

- **Newborn size sleepers or gowns**
- **Receiving blankets**
- **Crib-size blanket**

years ago. The purpose was to enjoy brunch at a restaurant and bring items for the United Methodist Women's layette month for Crusader Clinic's new mothers. This year we'll meet at the Alpine Center parking lot at 9:00 am on Feb. 14 to carpool to Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles St. If you prefer, you can meet us there at 9:30 for a buy-your-own-meal and the baby shower for Crusader Community Health. Layette items should be newborn size and not gift wrapped. **See the layette month announcement in this enews for the items needed.** Visitors and new people are welcome. For more information, call Gennie Schultz at 815-877-3405, or Mary English at 815-397-4883.



Alpine 2018 Flower Calendar is Now Available

The flower calendar is now posted on the wall near the Alpine

- **Newborn size sweater or jacket with a cap or hood**
- **Bibs**
- **Creative knit or crochet items**

Note: Due to generous donations last year we do not need onesies or socks.

Any questions, call Phyllis Melenas at 815-633-2288 or Marilyn Rothermel at 815-332-2494.

Connection Center. You may sign up now to reserve the date you prefer to provide flowers for worship. If you have any questions about flower donation, please call Linda Kuntz in the church office at 815-399-5910.



Scrapbooking/Stamping Group

**Saturday, February 17,
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Alpine Dining Room**

The scrapbooking/stamping group is scheduled for Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Alpine Dining Room. Stay for all day or just a half day - whatever fits your schedule. Not everyone in our group scrapbooks. Some are stamping or working on other projects, so join us for a fun day of crafting! If children will be joining us, it's requested they be at least middle school age. As always, please bring money for a sandwich

plus a snack to share and your own
beverage. Any questions - call
Mary Hicks at 815-742-1136.