

THE *Red* DOOR

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH • CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

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Finding Ourselves

Every fall churches around the country conduct stewardship efforts. So do we. You might think that the primary purpose in all of this is to shore up the church budget. You'd be wrong.

Our fall stewardship effort is a golden opportunity — not to balance the parish budget — but to offer our people the opportunity for spiritual growth. To put it bluntly, it's a chance for us to find ourselves.

All too often, we let the world define us. We lose our true selves among the welter of wants and worries that beset us in a material world, and we begin to worship a false self that we build up with possessions that cling to us like barnacles.

Thomas Merton was one of the most important Christian writers of the twentieth century. In

an essay entitled, "Detachment," he expounded on Jesus' loving invitation to let go of our false selves and truly find ourselves:

We do not detach ourselves from things in order to attach ourselves to God, but rather we become detached from ourselves in order to see and use things in and for God. The obstacle is in our "self," that is to say in the tenacious need to maintain our separate, external egotistic will. It is when we refer all things to this outward and false "self" that we alienate ourselves from reality and from God. We use all things for the worship of this idol which is our imaginary self.

Find yourself at Christ Church this fall! Yes, making our pledges helps our church. Much more importantly, it helps us become our true selves — the generous, selfless stewards God longs for us to become.

In Christ,



The Rev, Thomas P. O'Dell

Pledge In-gathering

is on

Sunday, November 15th

Please mail your pledge card to the church prior to the 15th

Altar Flowers DONATIONS



Dear friends in Christ, Thank you so much for placing fresh flowers on our altar each Sunday for October and November. It has been a blessing to see colorful vibrant flowers placed by loving parishioners each Sunday.

– Linda Wertz



Prayer List FOR NOVEMBER

Please Pray for your Brothers and Sisters

Rev. Kathy Kircher

Rev. Peggy Nattermann

Lisa Hicklen

Doris & Gunner Lundteigen

John Masson

Glen Berger

Cynthia Johnston

Liane McGhee

Persons are removed from our Prayer List at the end of each month.

Please contact John Fiedorek at jfiedorek@gmail.com to add the names of friends and family to our Prayer List



Announcement ABOUT SERVICES

Getting Back Together

Your vestry has been busy calling all parishioners in the local area to gauge whether you're ready to explore in-person worship in our beloved church. Your opinions, concerns and questions are important to us!

Here are some of the matters about which we are interested in hearing from you:

1. We've delayed reopening as we followed diocesan guidance and looked out for your health and safety. How do you feel about this period of missing worship tougher? Have you participated in our live-streamed services? Do you need some help in doing this?
2. Would you attend services in the church if we reopen for worship?
3. We'll have to control the number of people who attend each Sunday in order to

comply with diocesan guidelines. Would you be OK with "taking turns" with other parishioners and signing up for services in advance?

4. Some who attend services would have to watch the service on screens in the Parish Hall and Undercroft. How do you feel about that?
5. We would have to wear masks and maintain physical distance at all times. Is this OK with you?

We miss worshiping in person together and we know you do, too. But we also want to be responsible and keep everyone healthy.

Please let us know what you are thinking.

Grace & Peace,



*"For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest
and play, we thank you Lord, Amen"*

*– The Book of Common Prayer,
Page, 837*

Building BRIDGES

BEYOND OURSELVES

A Joint Convention of Eastern & Western Michigan

The first joint convention of the partnering dioceses will take place October 31st in an online format.

This year's theme is "Building Bridges Beyond Ourselves." As people who follow Jesus, we are called to build bridges beyond ourselves – to one another, to our communities, and to God Our bridges are built through invitation, justice seeking, and love sharing. In this time of rapid change and transition, and as we live more deeply into our period of shared ministry between our two dioceses, we consider our call to be bridge builders – to invite one another into relationship and knowledge of God's love, across parishes, across dioceses, across denominations, and beyond.

Anne Stanley submitted a photo of Charlevoix's lighted bascule bridge to the Diocesan office that is organizing the convention theme.



Building Bridges



Bascule bridge over Pine Lake Channel in Charlevoix

We seek **LOVE** • We seek **FREEDOM**

We seek **ABUNDANT LIFE**

We seek **JESUS**

Christian OUTREACH

DURING COVID-19

Our Church Calendar Moves During Ordinary Time

*A*s our church calendar begins to move past Ordinary Time, through our thoughtful discussions and actions about Stewardship, so too does CEC's Outreach ministry continue to meet 2020 goals and priorities.

Judy Colt details what is happening with the 2020 Shoebox Ministry in another article included in this issue of Red Door.

Upcoming, Outreach awaits further information about the Christmas Project and how annual gifts of food, to which CEC contributes, are being prepared for those who register need. In addition, time will tell if the Angel Tree CEC has created for many past years will be enacted.

For the remainder of the 2020 Outreach

Partners, gift checks have been designated from the Outreach budget, and are ready to be gifted to: Charlevoix Food Pantry, Charlevoix Public Schools, Charlevoix Safe Haven Men's Shelter, East Jordan Food Pantry, East Jordan Public Schools, Manna Food Project of Northern Michigan, and Rayder Den.

In addition, the Charlevoix Ministerial Association received a gift check earlier this year.

We've been blessed during this Pandemic to maintain our commitment to Service. We must meet what 2021 calls forth from us, with God's help.

– *The Outreach Team*

Help End Hunger in Our Community

*Y*ou can help end hunger in our community by donating \$1, \$5 or \$10 when you check out your groceries at Family Fare Supermarket between October 28 through November 8. All monies donated will directly help Charlevoix Food Pantry. All you have to do is add whatever

dollar amount you wish to donate to your total grocery bill at checkout. This is a great way to support our local Food Pantry during this pandemic.

– *Thank you.*
Judy Colt

Christian OUTREACH

DURING COVID-19

Christ Church Shoebox Ministry

Christ Church's Shoebox Project is just around the corner.

Each year, we have sent a shoebox filled with "goodies" to college students — both our scholarship recipients and grandkids of our parishioners — to enjoy while studying for their finals.

This year, things will be a little different due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Some colleges have face-to-face learning, others are conducting virtual sessions, and many are

using a combination of both. Some institutions have on-campus housing, other don't. And schedules for finals are varied based on when their academic year began.

With these things in mind, our planning team decided to send a \$25 VISA gift card to each student in lieu of a goody box. These will be mailed the second week in November.

Hopefully, a year from now, we'll be back to our shoebox of goodies!"

The Way of Love

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

TURN Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus

LEARN Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus' life and teachings

PRAY Dwell intentionally with God each day

WORSHIP Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and draw near God

BLESS Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

GO Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus

REST Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

Worship & MUSIC

Thank You Note from Phil Pratt

The Family of Christ Episcopal Church,

Thank you for the flowers and for all the support you gave me with my online concert. I greatly appreciate your supportive comments and your kind words. I hope you enjoyed the concert. Doing an online concert was a totally new experience for me.

Both Judy and I are extremely grateful for the privilege of being part of such a wonderful family.

– Phil



Phil Pratt, CEC's accomplished organist

Green Thumb GARDENERS

AT CHRIST CHURCH



Wendy Perrett and Susan Flanders mask up and social distance while cleaning church gardens for the 2020 season



Nancy & Jeff Porter help clean church gardens for the 2020 season

Worship & MUSIC

Hymns for November 2020

November 1

Processional -

For All the Saints, hymn 287

Sequence -

I sing a song of the saints of God, hymn 293

Recessional -

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
hymn 618

November 8

Processional -

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, hymn 436

Sequence -

Jerusalem, my happy home, hymn 620

Recessional -

To God Be the Glory, Worship & Rejoice,
hymn 066

November 15

Processional -

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, hymn 561

Sequence -

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, hymn 708

Recessional -

O God, our help in ages past, hymn 680

November 22

Processional -

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, hymn 544

Sequence -

Lead on, O King eternal, hymn 555

Recessional -

All hail the power of Jesus' Name, hymn 450

November 29

Processional -

Come, thou long expected Jesus, hymn 66

Sequence -

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us, hymn 61

Recessional -

Watchman, tell us of the night, hymn 640

*Submit an Article for
the Next Red Door!*

by 5p.m. November 20

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*"Prayer is not asking for what you think you want,
but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine."*

– Kathleen Norris

Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

FROM OCTOBER 16, 2020

First Corinthians study 12:1-13 Paul discusses meaning of spiritual gifts; gifts from God through the working of the Holy Spirit to church **members**, meaning members are limbs or organs. As the body is one, it has many members. So also is the church.

- Minutes of the September meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Accepted

YTD Actual

Income: \$117,619.56
Expense: \$107,131.17
Net Income: \$10,488.39

YTD Budget

Income: \$135,749.80
Expense: \$129,651.49
Net Income: \$6,098.31

Request to see 'pledges by stock' appear on personal quarterly statements. Final bill from the contractor (Columbarium) was received for \$7400.00

- **Warden's Report:** The church office is operational on the ground floor. Minor exterior repairs are completed or in progress. Some minor electrical repairs are scheduled. Interior kitchen and bathroom surfaces are cleaned frequently each week.

Informational:

- *The Bluest Eye* - a book study to help us search our hearts, increase awareness of, and reconcile issues of racial inequality and justice for our personal spiritual growth.

- Vestry Nominating Committee - M. Kirinovic, J. Masson, D. Miller are pursuing invitations for 3 members and will verify a slate by November 6 meeting.
- Feast of All Saints - email names of any names for remembrance to jfiedorek@gmail.com.
- Annual Meeting - format for conducting will be studied.

Discussion:

- Thank you to D. Loving, D. Miller and B. Stephen for compiling the Stewardship messages that were mailed to church members as well as inviting others to provide personal messages in the Red Door and during Worship. (K. Boyer, D. Stutzman, M. Andresky, M. Heydlauff, L. French, P. Sroufe).
- Live Streaming of Sunday Worship is being met with praise for the quality of the video and audio components. Services are being saved for subsequent viewing on the church website; christepiscopalchurch.net. Including a digital donation component is being explored. Thank you to S. Flanders and P. Pratt for facilitating this technological endeavor through Dan Buday.
- Thank you Phil Pratt for your months of live organ accompaniment; the last of this year on October 25.
- **In person Worship** - MUST BE conducted according to EDWM Covid protocols. Accountability for following each guideline MUST BE the responsibility of EACH service attendee. A planning task group from Vestry was organized.

Ministry Schedule **NOVEMBER**

2020

| Ministry | <i>Sunday November 1</i> | <i>Sunday November 8</i> | <i>Sunday November 15</i> | <i>Sunday November 22</i> | <i>Sunday November 29</i> |
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| OT Lesson & Psalms | Bill French | Rick Wertz | Deb Stutzman | Lisa French | Mark Andresky |
| The Epistle | Chris Nyland | John Fiedorek | George Perrett | Ruth Willis | Lea Peak |
| Prayers | Susan Flanders | Betty Stephen | Gary Stutzman | Kim Baker | Gary Stutzman |
| Acolyte | Brownie Flanders | Roger Peak | Dorothy Miller | Roger Peak | Rick Wertz |
| Altar Guild | Dorothy Miller | Marge Kirinovic | Lisa French | Betsy Collier | Ann Bahr |
| Vestry Duty | Lisa French | Betty Stephen | Anne Stanley | Linda Wertz | David Loving |

*Deadline for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. November 20 susankflanders@gmail.com

If you see an error in this month's issue, please let us know!
We will correct it or print a correction in the next issue of the **Red Door**.

(We try to be as accurate as possible.... the Red Door Production Team)

Ministry Schedule **DECEMBER**

2020

| Ministry | <i>Sunday December 6</i> | <i>Sunday December 13</i> | <i>Sunday December 20</i> | <i>Sunday December 27</i> |
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| OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle | Steve Hall | Mark Heydlauff | Kim Baker | Lea Peak |
| Prayers | Linda Wertz | Rick Wertz | Bill French | John Fiedorek |
| Acolyte | Dorothy Miller | Brownie Flanders | Roger Peak | Rick Wertz |
| Altar Guild | Deb Stutzman | Susan Flanders | Linda Wertz | Ann Bahr |
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by Linda Boss

Note Cards

- Note Card – Single \$3.25
- Note Cards – Package of 6 \$16.00
- Note Cards – Gift Box of 8 \$24.00

Prints

- 5x7 Signed Print \$20.00
- 8x10 Signed Print \$35.00
- 11x14 Signed Print \$55.00
- 16x20 Signed Print \$75.00

(Larger sizes can be custom ordered
Contact Susan Flanders)

Total: _____

Print and send in or drop off at the Church
with total amount. **This is a fundraiser!**

The proceeds go towards CEC - Christian
Outreach projects.

Order Prints and Note Cards

A Wonderful Christmas Gift!

