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Get the Vaccine!!

“Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.”

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has moved me and millions of others in many ways over the past few years, but I never expected him to do so in a commercial.

I happened on a public service announcement made by Bishop Curry recently. He urged us to get vaccinated for the coronavirus, and he did so by relying on the teaching of Jesus.

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

His point was that we should all get one of the vaccines for two very important reasons. We should do so to protect ourselves. Implicit in Jesus’ commandment to love is that we need to love ourselves. And protect ourselves.

Equally important for Bishop Curry is that we owe it to our neighbors — to the rest of the world. A quick jab in the arm is doing our part to stop the spread and arrest the emergence of variants that might unleash the pandemic all over again.

I had received the second dose of the Moderna vaccine just before I saw the Presiding Bishop’s public service announcement, and it gave me great satisfaction to be told that I hadn’t gotten the vaccine solely to protect myself. I was fulfilling my Christian responsibility to others.

I’m told that some folks are concerned about the speed with which the vaccines were developed. Personally, I celebrate that speed. It’s indicative of a nation replete with scientific expertise that dropped everything to protect its citizens.

None other than the comedian Stephen Colbert captured the hole in this logic:

They worry the vaccines were produced too quickly. Duh! It was produced quickly because all of science dropped everything



because [the then-president] wanted them to, and they did everything right with clinical trials! You wouldn’t stand in front of your burning house and tell the Fire Department, ‘Hold on there, hold on — you fellas got here suspiciously fast.’”

I’ll add my voice to that of Bishop Curry: Get the vaccine!

To bring it all down to a personal and parish level, do it to protect and show your love for your brothers and sisters at Christ Church.

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Happy Easter!

The Rev. Thomas P. O’Dell

Holy Week & Easter Services

Live Streamed

and Available on Christ Episcopal Church Website at your Convenience

Maundy Thursday - April 1 - 4p.m.

Good Friday - April 2 - Noon

Easter Sunrise Service at Depot Beach – April 4- 7:00 a.m.**Not Streamed

Easter Sunday - April 4 - 10a.m.

Ring in **EASTER**

at Depot Beach!!

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April 4th

Gather at 6:45/Service at 7:00

*S*tart your Easter celebration early with a sunrise service at Depot Beach. And **bring a bell** to ring as Easter rises with the sun.

We'll gather at 6:45 a.m. for a brief service of scripture readings and prayers that begins at 7:00 — regardless of wind, rain, or snow.

There's no need for chairs for this short and

shivering celebration. After all these months of separation, we'll have the joy of Christian community to warm us up.

But do **be sure to bring a bell** so we can ring in Easter in the midst of our time together. Bring a flashlight, too. Just as the women trudged to the tomb in darkness, we'll also be gathering before dawn.

You'll then be prepared to take in our live streamed Easter celebration from Christ Church at 10 from the warmth of your home.

[Mask – wearing and social distancing will be observed at Depot Beach.]

Return to **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Our first Sunday service at Depot Beach

May 9th at 10a.m.

Holy **COMMUNION**

at Depot Beach!!

We'll soon resume Sunday services at Depot Beach, where we will worship throughout the summer. At our services, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist each week, beginning at 10 a.m.

Covid 19 STORIES

Dear Christ Church family,

Bishop Curry and Father Tom, have addressed the need for all people to get a Covid vaccination for the health and livelihoods of all God's children. Our Christ Episcopal Church family is of the utmost importance, at least to Mark and me.

Over Christmas we drove to Connecticut to spend Christmas with our family. We drove 17 hours, wore our masks when getting out to stretch and arrived safely in Connecticut to grandchildren attending school virtually. One of the reasons we went out was to give other grandparents a break as both parents are first responders. Our son Tyler an APRN and daughter-in-law, a school nurse. They were stripping down in the garage when getting home from work, showering before saying hi to their kids and decompressing from afar...doing everything "right."

Long story short, our son can never say he hasn't given us anything! He, along with five other doctors/nurses in the office, came down with Covid. The office shut down on Christmas Day. Ty went to his basement to quarantine and Mark and I got right back in the

car the next day, driving 17 hours back home. We got tested once home and a week later Mark tested positive. Me, negative. A few days later, Mark, still sick himself, dropped me off at the emergency room. He had to sit in the car and wait as I was admitted to the Covid unit with pneumonia/Covid. It came on that quick.

I don't want anyone to go through a moment of this virus, knowing that there is a vaccine that will keep you safe...and in the process, your brothers and sisters safe.

- Get the vaccine! Get the vaccine so we can be together again in our sweet little church at the corner of State and Clinton.
- Get the vaccine so we can be with family, far and near.
- Get the vaccine so our children can return to in-school learning. (The mental health of our children and grandchildren is at a crucial point).
- Get the vaccine FOR OTHERS, if for no other reason than being a "Child of God."

Love,
Anne Stanley

We never thought a gift from God came in the form of a free, quick poke and a red band aid. But blessed we were to get 90%+ protection from this horrific global pandemic. Not just for us. But to know we are also helping

to protect our family, friends and those we pass by every day. Can a return to our beautiful CEC be far behind? Maybe the band aid should have had a bow on it!"

– Kathy and Doug Boyer

Caring SHEPHERDS

Caring Shepherds wishes all Christ Episcopal parishioners a glorious Easter! Christ is risen! We look forward to worshipping again together in our little church on the corner, but until then we want you to know that we love you.

— Dorothy, Judy, Linda, Lisa,
Pam, Margie, Betsy, Deb,
Fr. Tom, and Anne

Goodbye ANN HENRICKSEN

Goodbye to Our Friend...



Ann Henricksen

*Best Wishes to
Ann Henricksen
in her new location in
Lansing, Michigan!*

Ann recently moved to be closer to family. We will miss seeing her, especially as our weather permits us to gather in-person again outdoors for services at Depot Beach.

*What lies behind you and
What lies in front of you,
Pales in comparison to
What lies inside of you.*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Lucky ME!

Pam Sroufe Visits at American House

*L*ucky me to be able to see our lovely Christ Church friends on March 16! Both ladies look marvelous, and we visited happily!

– Pam Sroufe



Rev. Peggy Nattermann and Pam Sroufe enjoy a visit at American House in March 2021



Dottie Ernst received a St. Patrick's Day card from Pam Sroufe and shares it with her friends at CEC

Submit an Article for the Next

Red Door!

by 5p.m. April 23

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United Thank Offering

1. What is UTO?

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that encourages the personal spiritual practice of gratitude in support of the mission of the whole Church. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box, and bless others when those offerings are distributed in UTO Grants. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Since its official founding in 1889, UTO has awarded 5,357 grants for a total of \$140,625,355.77, which has supported missionaries, built and renovated church buildings, and developed innovative ministries around the world. Last year when the COVID-19 pandemic began, UTO quickly changed its previously planned grant focus to give the Ingathering to COVID relief efforts; halfway through 2020, UTO gave \$450,000 in grants supporting 30 projects, and we're about to begin reviewing applications for another round of grants that will be dispersed in June 2021. We are very proud of the work UTO has supported through its grants over the years, and we want to continue that, but gratitude really is the focus of our mission.

2. Why should I participate?

How many times each Sunday do we say, "Thanks be to God"? How many times does the Bible tell us to be thankful, in all circumstances? God's gifts of – well, everything – call for us to respond with gratitude, and God clearly expects that response. Why? Gratitude acknowledges an intimate connection between giver and recipient, a recognition that we've been given something, not because we deserve it, but because of the generosity of the giver. It's not a transactional, obligation-creating relationship between giver and recipient. Instead, it is bound up with joy in both giver and receiver.

There are great practical benefits of having a grateful perspective, both to the grateful individual and to those who come into contact with that grateful heart. Though theology has been slow to study gratitude, science has not. Over the past decade, scientific research has linked a grateful outlook to better health, greater happiness, stronger relationships, more resilience in the face of grief and anxiety, and even longer life. We all know that perspective determines our view; when we face the world from a perspective of gratitude, our view includes more and more to be grateful for. Choosing to be grateful is basically choosing to be happy and filled with a sense of abundance, rather than a constant nagging desire for more

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and better of everything.

Gratitude is not about how much we have; it is about being aware of all we do have and paying less attention to what we don't have. Like any other spiritual discipline, gratitude takes practice. At the beginning, it requires a conscious choice each time we're tempted to be grumpy and grudging, but eventually it becomes a normal response and just part of the way to see the world. Gratitude actually changes the wiring of our brain over time so that we become more grateful, more socially oriented, and healthier.

Because that gratitude spills over onto everything in our life, we don't have to choose participation in UTO VERSUS other ministries but can choose UTO AND other ministries. It doesn't take big chunks of time or money to be grateful and put coins into a Blue Box, but it does make us more aware of our blessings and the needs of other people, needs

that we can help meet through participation in the appropriate ministry. And because gratitude makes people more generous, participating in UTO helps to fulfill the mission of the whole Church by inspiring more generous participation in the Church's work. Practicing gratitude with UTO is a foundation on which to build the rest of our life and work, a foundation that will support our personal life as well as our life in the Church and that will grow stronger over the years. Join us in creating a more grateful world and changing lives – starting with our own.

As spring approaches and we once again start to worship together; whether inside or outside, we want to thank God for bringing us through the year-long pandemic. I can't think of a better way than with a dish full of coins, to thank God for his love. If you have a question or need a new blue box, please let me know. 231-437-3135 or email: matmg@aol.com.

– Anne Stanley, President-ECW

True Happiness, True Liberation and Salvation

Come from our clinging first to Christ
and only secondarily
to the external trappings of our life.

Berger's CELEBRATE

Celebrating 69th Wedding Anniversary!

The Berger's Celebrate Their 69th Wedding Anniversary!



*Wedding Day
March 13th 1952*

Wedding Day Photo – Berger's



Elfriede & Henry Berger – 1952



Elfriede & Henry Berger – 2021

Elfriede and Henry Berger were married March 13, 1952 in Berlin Germany, and they have four sons and 3 grandchildren.

"We say to our children, 'Act like grown-ups,'
But Jesus said to the grown-ups, 'Be like children.'"

– Billy Graham

CEC *Scholarship* MINISTRY TEAM



2021 Scholarship Ministry Team – Pam Sroufe, Debbie Esenther, Brownie Flanders (missing from photo Patti Masson)

The Educational Scholarship Ministry team for 2021 welcomes Deb Esenther. Returning members are Brownie Flanders (year 2) and Patti Masson (year 2 of her second three-year term). Pam Sroufe is completing year 3 of a second three-year term). The ministry, guided with by-laws, seeks nominations as members ‘retire’ and are recommended to the CEC Vestry.

A light heart lives long.

– Shakespeare

During April this team will be very busy reading and reviewing applications from graduating high school seniors in Charlevoix County who will be seeking credentials from post-secondary educational programs or higher education institutions.

It is our hope that CEC will be able to invite the selected recipients to a setting so that we can offer our three \$1000.00 scholarships along with our continuing prayers.

Hayden Dvoracek

One of my roommates and I spotted an albino doe only a 1/2 mile from campus while out hiking mid-February. We watched it for about 5 minutes before it ran off and it was really cool to see. Classes have all been going well but it's been extremely cold up here.

Hope all is well,

Hayden Dvoracek

3rd year recipient Northern Michigan University

Kendall McNitt

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

“Apparently there was a mistake in the (Fall semester) grade book, and I ended up not passing pharmacology even though my grade said I did. It has been a very stressful 2 weeks figuring out what the heck I’m going to do. I am not able to move on in the nursing program until I pass this class. I have been so upset over this, but my mom keeps reminding me that everything happens for a reason. I just wanted to keep you guys in the loop and I genuinely appreciate all you have done for me.”

Friday, March 5, 2021

“I’m retaking that class right now. I think I’m going to start volunteering at the humane society here too because Charles (ed: Kendall’s cat) and I decided to foster this sweet girl. She isn’t too sure about Charles yet.”

Kendall McNitt

Davenport University at the Traverse City

ed: Hayden’s and Kendall’s messaging are just some of the examples of communiquéés that are emailed and/or texted from scholarship recipients. With God’s help, our relationships to the cadre of young adults are forged beyond our supporting each with a monetary gift. The updates are genuinely forthcoming, even when they are filled with challenge. As their ‘first responder’, I reiterate that



Albino deer



Kendall McNitt’s new cat

all of us at Christ Church remain interested to know where there is need and we help find ways whether it is in prayer or the counsel of having had experience.

– Pam Sroufe

Prayer List FOR APRIL

Please Pray for your Brothers and Sisters

Rev. Kathy Kircher
Dr. John Lignell
Deb Stutzman
Cort Esenther
Doris & Gunnar Lundteigen
Ann Puffpaff
Elfriede & Henry Berger
Glen Berger
Cynthia Johnston
Nan Binns
Linda Smith
Jim Flanagan
Anders McCarthy
Robert Nikkola
Lori Sessler
Luke Albright
Rosemary Pace
Rev. Peggy Nattermann
Kristen and Michael Sytsma



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

The Book of Common Prayer

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

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Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING BY ZOOM FROM MARCH 16, 2021

Meeting opened with a prayer by L. Wertz. Proceeded to talk about Chpt.2 Ephesians. The promise of salvation does not depend on good works; it is by the Grace of God!

■ **Minutes** of the February 10, 2021 meeting were approved.

■ **Treasurer's Report:** Accepted

February Actual

Income: \$12,827.93
Expense: \$8,460.83
Net Income: \$4,367.10

February Budget

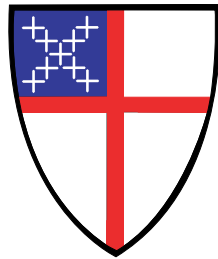
Income: \$10,270.00
Expense: \$10,985.00
Net Income: - \$715.00

YTD Actual

Income: \$42,809.93
Expense: \$23,029.47
Net Income: \$19,780.46

YTD Budget

Income: \$36,462.00
Expense: \$27,455.96
Net Income: \$9,006.04



Warden's Report

- Senior Warden introduced 2 items requiring Vestry decision:
 1. Motion to approve by Resolution, clergy request for claiming 2/3 salary as housing allowance, as per tax code.
– Carried

2. Motion to approve annual CEC Parochial Report as presented to Wardens.

– Carried

Junior Warden communicated that a schedule for cleaning the church remains in effect.

Information

- *Hope of Glory* Lenten Book Study has attracted 28-30 people. Sessions continued on March 17 and 24;4 pm by Zoom.
- Rev. O'Dell-Away 4/21 5/1. Canon Ann Hallmark will be celebrant on 4/25.
- A message from Bishop Michael Curry reminds us to love your neighbor as yourself and explains that it is a gift to oneself to be vaccinated while protecting others.
- The Northern Region Episcopal Clergy signed a letter-to-editors in support of inclusivity and welcoming for the LGBT community.
- Vestry Calling Tree to CEC members has continued (with profuse thanks from Rev. O'Dell).

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*Now is our time to go.
To go into the world to share the
good news of God and Jesus Christ.*

Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING BY ZOOM FROM MARCH 16, 2021

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Discussion

■ Commissions, as defined by being assigned a task, provide Vestry liaison links to CEC groups. The liaisons provided the following updates to activity occurring with our ministries:

■ **Parish Life** – Ever hopeful that in-person worship will resume and allow Fellowship, this ministry group is planning for ways to invite sign-up by our seasonal parishioners who have indicated that they would like to provide gifts of refreshments and/or help with preparation and cleanup. Parish Life ministry would also like the names of the chairs/conveners of the other church groups to expedite communication as needed.

■ **Christian Outreach** – the budget is in place, Outreach Partners are identified and each will be featured in upcoming articles in the (CEC)

Red Door newsletter. A Zoom meeting is requested among Outreach members (serving with this ministry) to garner help in connecting with Outreach Partners for informational updates.

■ **Evangelism** – will be assembling a team to welcome visitors to church gatherings.

■ **Worship & Music** – recently met twice to consider and outline ‘what ifs?’ for gathering in-person worship. **BY DECISION**, a motion to resume in-person worship outdoors (only) and introduce observance of the Eucharist (bread only). – **Carried**.

Dates of Importance

4/1 & 2 Holy Week Observances to be announced

4/4 Easter Sunrise Service (brief) at Depot Beach 6:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Live Stream from CEC.

Easter Flower DONATIONS



A big thank you to the generous people who donated to the flower fund for Easter. Fresh flowers always make our church beautiful and especially special for the

Easter Season. Please call me, if you are interested in placing altar flowers for our Live Stream service on April 25th.

– Linda Wertz

Christian OUTREACH

DURING COVID-19

Ministry Partner Update

• Manna Food Project

Thank you for your ongoing support of Manna Food Project during the COVID-19 crisis. While we have not been able to welcome our weekly crew from Christ Episcopal Church, you have continued to support us with your prayers and your financial support. I am so proud to be part of our caring Christian community.

Manna has responded well to the challenges of COVID. We've been forced to rethink how we deliver our programs to ensure the safety of our staff, a very few volunteer couples, and those in need of food assistance.

As soon as the pandemic hit Northern Michigan, we immediately closed our client-choice pantry to a drive-thru service with pre-assembled food boxes to minimize contact with others. For the same reason, we also suspended our Food Rescue program and all public donations of food.

We also limited access to our facility to only our staff of seven and a handful of core volunteer couples essential to keep the operation going.

Early on, one of our biggest challenges was acquiring enough low-cost food to meet the growing demand for food in our tri-county area. Many of our regular suppliers were facing supply-chain issues of their own, so we looked close to home and, as a result, we have gained several new local partners for the future.

While I will admit that it has not been easy, and that our staff has become weary from time to time, the good news is that Manna has been able to provide an abundance of good,

nutritious food to our partner agencies and to continue delivering thousands of "Food 4 Kids" backpacks for at-risk elementary students.

Throughout our tri-county area, those requesting food assistance increased by 38 percent, and many of those had never asked for help before. We tried to make it as easy as possible for families to find and receive the food they needed.

From April to June, we operated two mobile food pantry sites — we spent four weeks at Boyne Highlands and six more weeks at Odawa Casino. The goal was to reach hospitality and service workers — many of whom lost their jobs with the statewide lockdown. Hundreds of households came through and received boxed and canned goods, fresh produce, dairy products, and an assortment of frozen meats.

This past summer, Manna partnered with Coveyou Farms to distribute nearly 18,000 USDA produce boxes to our food pantries, the Salvation Army, and our local Friendship Centers for seniors. Manna continues to distribute 400 food boxes continuing milk, dairy products, cooked meats, and fresh produce to our pantries and senior centers.

While it's difficult to plan ahead amid some uncertainty, we're prepared to pivot in whatever ways we need to in the coming months.

Looking forward to seeing many of your faces back at Manna later this year.

Love you all.

— Kim Baker,
Manna's executive director

Manna FOOD DRIVE



Manna Drive – Thru Food Pantry

Little Free LIBRARY

Dear Friends,

Because of the pandemic, many of us stayed home in 2020 and read many great books. If you have extra books around the house, please consider donating them to CEC's Little Free Library. Our library will be moved outdoors the first of May and we need to fill our library shelves. Please bring your gently used, formerly enjoyed books to Depot Beach any Sunday starting in May. Thank you so much.

– Brownie Flanders

*Start by doing what's necessary
Then do what's possible; and
Suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

– Francis of Assisi



Books, Books and More Books!

Ministry Schedule **APRIL**

2021

Ministry	<i>Sunday April 4</i>	<i>Sunday April 11</i>	<i>Sunday April 18</i>	<i>Sunday April 25</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle Prayers of the People	Kim Baker	Deb Stutzman	Rick Wertz	Mark Andresky
Altar Guild	Linda Wertz	Susan Flanders	Marge Kirinovic	Ann Bahr



Holy Week Services **2021**

During the Covid 19 Pandemic

Ministry	<i>Maundy Thursday April 1</i>	<i>Good Friday April 2</i>	<i>Easter Sunday April 4</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle Prayers of the People	Roger Peak	Lisa French	Kim Baker
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier	Dorothy Miller	Linda Wertz

Ministry Schedule **MAY**

2021

Ministry	Sunday May 2	Sunday May 9	Sunday May 16	Sunday May 23	Sunday May 30
OT Lesson & Psalms					
The Epistle	John Fiedorek	Gary Stutzman	Mark Heydlauff	Phil Pratt	Chris Barrett
Prayers of the People					
Altar Guild	Lisa French	Deb Stutzman	Nancy Porter	Dorothy Miller	Betsy Collier

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