

# THE *Red* DOOR

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## *God & America*

**A Summer with Jon Meacham**

Join us as we spend a part of our summer immersed in American history and find God's hand at work in the story of our nation. In these sessions with the Rector we'll have the Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham as our guide.

We meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the north pavilion at Ferry Beach. Bring a lawn chair.

Here's the three-step process:

1. Purchase the book or books that you are interested in reading and discussing
2. Read the book
3. Attend the relevant session[s]

**July 13**

***Songs of America:***

*Patriotism, Protest, and the Music That Made a Nation\**

*\*written with Tim McGraw*

**July 27 & August 3**

***American Gospel:***

*God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation\**

**August 17 & 24**

***His Truth Is Marching On:***

*John Lewis and the Power of Hope*

**August 31**

***The Soul of America:***

*The Battle for Our Better Angels*

*Blessings,*



*The Rev. Thomas P. O'Dell*

## *Sunday Services at Depot Beach*

### **Starting May 9th**

**10 a.m.**

### **The Holy Eucharist**

**Wear a Mask**

**Bring a Lawn Chair**

## *Songs of America*

July 13

The first book by Jon Meacham that we will consider in our **God & America** discussions is *Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest, and the Music That Made a Nation*.

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A celebration of American history through the music that helped to shape a nation, by Pulitzer Prize winner Jon Meacham and music superstar Tim McGraw.**

**“Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw form an irresistible duo — connecting us to music as an unsung force in our nation’s history.” — Doris Kearns Goodwin.**

Through all the years of strife and triumph, America has been shaped not just by our elected leaders and our formal politics but also by our music — by the lyrics, performers, and instrumentals that have helped to carry us through the dark days and to celebrate the bright ones.

From “The Star-Spangled Banner” to “Born in the U.S.A.,” Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw take readers on a moving and insightful journey through eras in American history and the songs and performers that inspired us. Meacham chronicles our history, exploring the stories behind the songs, and Tim McGraw

reflects on them as an artist and performer. Their perspectives combine to create a unique view of the role music has played in uniting and shaping a nation.

Beginning with the battle hymns of the revolution, and taking us through songs from the defining events of the Civil War, the fight for women’s suffrage, the two world wars, the Great Depression, the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War, and into the twenty-first century, Meacham and McGraw explore the songs that defined generations, and the cultural and political climates that produced them. Readers will discover the power of music in the lives of figures such as Harriet Tubman, Franklin Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King, Jr., and will learn more about some of our most beloved musicians and performers, including Marian Anderson, Elvis Presley, Sam Cooke, Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Duke Ellington, Carole King, Bruce Springsteen, and more.

*Songs of America* explores both famous songs and lesser-known ones, expanding our understanding of the scope of American music and lending deeper meaning to the historical context of such songs as “My Country, ’Tis of Thee,” “God Bless America,” “Over There,” “We Shall Overcome,” and “Blowin’ in the Wind.” As Quincy Jones says, Meacham and McGraw have “convened a concert in *Songs of America*,” one that reminds us of who we are, where we’ve been, and what we, at our best, can be.

## *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation*

**July 27 & August 3**

Our second book is *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation*.

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham reveals how the Founding Fathers viewed faith — and how they ultimately created a nation in which belief in God is a matter of choice.**

At a time when our country seems divided by extremism, *American Gospel* draws on the past to offer a new perspective. Meacham re-creates the fascinating history of a nation grappling with religion and politics – from John Winthrop’s “city on a hill” sermon to Thomas Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence; from the Revolution to the Civil War; from a proposed nineteenth-century Christian Amendment to the Constitution to Martin Luther King, Jr.’s call for civil rights; from George Washington to Ronald Reagan.

*A light heart lives long.* – Shakespeare

Debates about religion and politics are often more divisive than illuminating. Secularists point to a “wall of separation between church and state,” while many conservatives act as though the Founding Fathers were apostles in knee britches. As Meacham shows in this brisk narrative, neither extreme has it right. At the heart of the American experiment lies the God of what Benjamin Franklin called “public religion,” a God who invests all human beings with inalienable rights while protecting private religion from government interference. It is a great American balancing act, and it has served us well.

*American Gospel* makes it compellingly clear that the nation’s best chance of summoning what Lincoln called “the better angels of our nature” lies in recovering the spirit and sense of the Founding. In looking back, we may find the light to lead us forward.

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# Prayer List FOR MAY

*Please Pray for your Brothers and Sisters*

Rev. Kathy Kircher

Peter Pace

Glen Berger

Deb Stutzman

Cynthia & Hewitt

Johnston

Doris & Gunnar

Lundteigen

Ann Puffpaff

Nan Binns

Linda Smith

Georgeann Lindberg

Rev. Peggy Nattermann

Esther Carey

Luke Albright

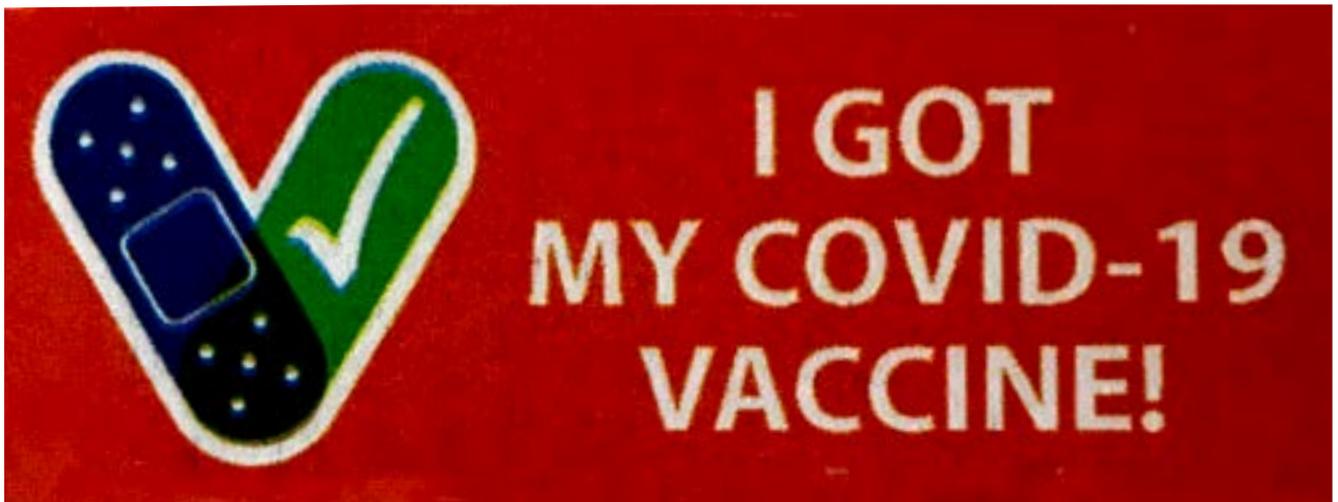


*Persons are removed from our Prayer List at the end of each month.*

*Please contact John Fiedorek at*

[jfiedorek@gmail.com](mailto:jfiedorek@gmail.com)

*to add the names of friends and family to our Prayer List*



# *Celebrating* **EASTER**

*At Christ Church*

## *The Pandemic Did Not Stop Easter Preparations at Christ Church!*



Linda Wertz and Betsy Collier place embroidered frontal on altar for Easter



Altar Guild ladies: Linda Wertz, Betsy Collier, Susan Flanders polish candle sticks and Cross for Easter



Our Altar Director, Betsy Collier, irons the altar frontal for the Easter morning service



Roger Peak prepares for Easter live stream service

# *Celebrating* **EASTER**

*At Christ Church*



*Christ Church Rings in  
Easter on Lake Shore*

**Morning Sun rises over Lake Charlevoix on Easter**



**Approximately 50 Parisioners Attended CEC's Sunrise Service on Easter Morning**

# *Celebrating* **EASTER**

*At Christ Church*



Tom O'Dell rings in Easter on the shores of Lake Charlevoix



Brownie Flanders rings CEC Church Bells on Easter Morning.  
It was amazing they could be heard  
all the way to our sunrise service at Depot Beach!



Lisa French's Mother enjoys Easter live stream service  
in the comfort of her home.  
She felt like she was in person enjoying Tom's sermon.

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

# *Celebrating* **EASTER**

*At Christ Church*



Christ Church has their own Easter bunnies...  
Anne Stanley, Peggy Nattermann and Marge Kirinovic!!



Christ Church Planter Box Filled with Flowers on Easter Morning

“For health and strength to work,  
and leisure to rest and play,  
we thank you Lord, Amen”  
- *The Book of Common Prayer*,  
Page, 837

## *Sunday Sermons*

Did you know that each Sunday  
the sermons at Christ Church are recorded?

To listen to the Sunday’s sermon,  
visit the church’s website at:

[ChristEpiscopalChurch.net](http://ChristEpiscopalChurch.net)

*Click on sermon and listen to the desired week*



WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER  
OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, INC.

March 25, 2021

Christ Episcopal Church  
200 State St.  
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Dear Christ Episcopal Church community:

Thank you so much for your recent donation to the Women's Resource Center's Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Program. Your kind gifts will be put to good use by the many families we serve at our Safe Home.

As a private non-profit agency we rely on the generosity of our community to continue providing life-changing services for families in need. We greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Jamie Winters  
Safe Home Coordinator

## *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

# CEC Scholarship & EDUCATION

## CEC Supports Educational Accomplishment... and We're Overjoyed!

*F*rom 2 Timothy 2: 15 may we be reminded, study and show God that we understand truth. As a student, indulge yourself in your work and be the best you can be.

Our Scholarship Ministry joyfully announces the May, 2021 COLLEGE graduations of recipients Lauren Harris from the University of Michigan, and Kara Simpson Willcome from Oakland University. Both were recipients from our Class of 2017.

In recent messages, Lauren was asked about the extensive volunteerism she participated with during her 4 years at UM. She write: None of my clubs or volunteer programs completely came to a stop... we switched to zoom meetings and chapters as well as zoom bonding sessions! I was even able to volunteer with Angel Elementary school by having a weekly pen pal!

And yes! Classes end this Wednesday (the 21st) and I will be graduating on May 1st! As always, thank you for everything!

Received this announcement from Kara:  
I will be graduating this year. I have one more test and I am officially done with school! I have a job lined up at McLaren Northern Michigan! I work at the hospital now as a nurses' aide on the orthopedic surgical floor and that is where I will work as a nurse!

Thank you for all the support!



Photo taken before pandemic: Patti Masson, Kara Simpson Willcome, Fr. Tom O'Dell, Jenna Guthrie, Lauren Harris, Pam Sroufe

This encouraging update from Jenna Guthrie: This year has been wonderful! I've finally settled in with my engineering design degree. I'm slightly disappointed to have been in school for this long (ed: 4 years consecutively) only to land on a two-year degree. Unfortunately Covid pushed back and rearranged the availability for the university's classes (ed: Northern Michigan University), so I still have a bit to go. That said, I'm very happy with where I am right now.

I was able to secure the same apartment for next fall/spring, and I recently got my driver's license officially reinstated! It's been a long two years without being able to drive. Medically, I'm working my way back to 100%. My eye disease is in remission, so that's a huge step.

Thanks SO MUCH for the love and support. It's been fun to stay in touch.

– Submitted by Pam Sroufe

# CEC *Scholarship* MAIL CALL

In the Scholarship Mailbag this Spring

## Class of 2018

*Hayden Dvoracek*

### Hayden Dvoracek

(Northern Michigan University):

I will be attending Northern again this fall semester. Then for the winter semester I will be student teaching. I'm excited to only have one more year left before I can start looking for jobs! I will make sure to let you know how finals go,

– *Hayden*

*Jordan Herman*

**Jordan Herman** (University of Michigan):

*Hi!*

I am finishing up my Junior year right now, only two more weeks left! Then I will be moving back home and taking Spring/Summer semester classes online. Next year, I will go back to Ann Arbor for my last year. I am very excited to finally be back in-person on campus next year, online classes are not my thing!

Hope all is well,

– *Jordan Herman*

*Meghan Streeter*

### Meghan Streeter

(Central Michigan University):

I joined an organization called Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates which is a 24/7 crisis hotline that's answered by students. Within this organization, I've been able to do some really amazing things like advocate for survivors of sexual aggression, give a presentation about sexual assault to a sorority, and help put on an event this past October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I also applied to the Social Work Program here at CMU in March and will know if I'm accepted this summer!

As the end of the semester is just weeks away, I'm happy to say that I'll have completed 70 credit hours and have been on the Dean's List every semester while being at CMU! I'm looking forward to being back in the beautiful town of Charlevoix and hopefully, I'll get a chance to see you!

Fire Up Chips!

– *Megan Streeter*

## Class of 2019

*Gabrielle Snyder*

### Gabrielle Snyder

(Central Michigan University):

The end of this semester is stressful BUT it's going okay! I'm ready for summer (relief emoji)

– *Gabby*

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# *Episcopal* YOUTH CAMP

of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan

*Friends,*

**We are pleased to announce that Episcopal Youth Camp plans to take place this summer!**

Pending pandemic restrictions, we will gather the weeks of August 8th (Senior Camp) and August 15th (Junior Camp and CIT) at Camp Newaygo. All youth, grades 3-12, are invited to join us for a great camp experience. Visit our website, [www.episcopal-youthcamp.org](http://www.episcopal-youthcamp.org) to learn more about our sessions, pricing, and more. Registration is open now and early bird rates are available.

## [Register Here!](#)

[Click here to learn about our COVID protocols](#) before and during the sessions, our cancellation policy, and other details.

Adults interested in volunteering or donating can learn more [on our website](#).

If you have any questions, please email [camp@edwm.org](mailto:camp@edwm.org).

Peace,

Bill and Yvonne Fleener  
Camp Program Directors  
[Episcopal Youth Camp](#)

The Way of Jesus  
will always turn our worlds  
and the world upside down,  
which is really  
turning it right side up.



# *Christian* OUTREACH

DURING COVID-19

## *Are You Crafty?*

Joppa House is a transitional housing ministry of the Third Day Fellowship of Charlevoix. It provides a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment for women seeking to continue their personal recovery from substance use disorders. Joppa House introduces sober living skills, along with peer-to-peer fellowship and support. In addition, it provides mentoring and life skills training essential to transitioning to and sustaining independent living.

That's where you may come in.

Joppa House is looking for those with a skill,

craft, or talent who are willing to share it with their ladies! Do you sew or knit or crochet? Can you conduct a Bible study or offer a class on prayer journaling? What about leading an exercise class? How about sharing your gardening skills?

You can lead a single class or a weekly class according to your schedule. Mornings, afternoons, and evenings are all possible.

If you are interested in learning more about Joppa House and how you can become part of this amazing ministry, contact Pastor Ginger at (231) 330-2643.



# Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING BY ZOOM FROM APRIL 14, 2021

A review of Ephesians continued with Chapter 3. Imprisoned Paul writes to Gentiles about the revelations of the mystery of Christ that is inclusive of all.

■ **Minutes** of the March 2021 meeting were approved.

■ **Treasurer's Report:** Accepted

## March Actual

Income: \$9,281.00  
Expense: \$10,125.47  
Net Income: - \$844.47

## March Budget

Income: \$10,270.00  
Expense: \$10,985.12  
Net Income: - \$715.12

## YTD Actual

Income: \$52,090.93  
Expense: \$33,154.94  
Net Income: \$18,935.99

## YTD Budget

Income: \$46,732.00  
Expense: \$38,441.08  
Net Income: \$8,290.92

## Warden's Report

■ Church gutters had some minor repair and were cleaned. Work donated by Scott Keinath. Mark Stanley will complete the remaining two exterior window-well cover replacements.

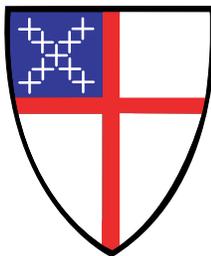
## Information

- Rector away 4/21-5/3. Worship service for 4/25 will be pre-recorded for streaming. Canon Anne Hallmark, will be celebrant and preacher on 5/2; Phil Pratt; organist in person for live streamed.
- Rector-led book study series, "God & America" will feature 4 titles in a volume *American Gospel* by Jon Meacham. Participants should plan to purchase/borrow the volume. In-person, outdoor sessions held at Ferry Beach; North Pavilion will be Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Summer dates to be announced.

## Discussion

- Fifty people attended Easter Sunrise Service at Depot Beach. Support to repeat Sunrise Service next Easter.
- Summer outdoor in-person worship resumes at Depot Beach on May 9. Bring chair, mask and social distance. A schedule of Vestry members on duty will be forthcoming along with checklist of necessary preparation and exit tasks.
- The impact of vaccinations and church gathering was discussed.
- Scholarship program was reviewed and will be discussed further at next meeting.

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# *Vestry* HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING BY ZOOM FROM MARCH 16, 2021

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## Dates of Importance

- Vestry calling will continue.
- Commission updates:
  - Parish Life-identifying member contacts providing leadership to each of CEC ministries, activities and programs.
  - Outreach-continuing monthly articles about CEC's Outreach Partners.
  - Evangelism-framing specific welcoming gestures as in-person, outdoor worship resumes.

5/19 Vestry Meeting 4 pm (location, or via Zoom TBD)

*To build a strong team  
you must see someone else's  
strength as a compliment  
to your weakness  
not a threat to your position  
or authority*

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**by 5p.m. May 21**

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# *Vestry* RECOGNIZES:

**DOROTHY MILLER**

## *Dorothy Celebrates 21!*

Dorothy Miller has been a trusted volunteer at the Rainbow Thrift Shoppe for more than 21 years. During those years, she has been Christ Church's representative to the Rainbow Shoppe, serving as a long-standing board member there as well as one of its most enthusiastic advocates. In February, our Vestry commended Dorothy for her decades of service to the non-profit and recommended David Loving to succeed her on the Rainbow Shoppe's board.



Dorothy Miller – Pre Pandemic



Dorothy Miller – Today

The Rainbow Shoppe, located at 6480 Old 31 in Charlevoix, accepts gently used goods — almost any item from household cupboards, chests, closets, drawers, basement, garage, or yard! The donated items are then beautifully displayed in pristine rooms on three floors.

If you have items you would like to donate, call (231) 547-2815 to arrange an appointment. The staff there is happy to oblige you! Donated items are very reasonably priced for resale, and proceeds are disbursed

annually based on needs identified by the local Ministerial Association.

The Rainbow Shoppe, which is open to the public Tuesday through Saturdays, relies on volunteers from area churches to serve as clerks, ringing ups sales and answering customer questions. Christ Episcopal volunteers are usually scheduled for at least one, 3-hour shift each month. If you are interested in helping contact Judy Colt at (231) 620-9149 or [jcolt9149@charter.net](mailto:jcolt9149@charter.net).



Rainbow Shoppe – 2021

# Ministry Schedule **MAY**

2021

Ministry	<i>Sunday May 2</i>	<i>Sunday May 9</i>	<i>Sunday May 16</i>	<i>Sunday May 23</i>	<i>Sunday May 30</i>
<b>OT Lesson &amp; Psalms</b>					
<b>The Epistle</b>	<b>John Fiedorek</b>	<b>Gary Stutzman</b>	<b>Mark Heydlauff</b>	<b>Phil Pratt</b>	<b>Chris Barrett</b>
<b>Prayers of the People</b>					
<b>Crusifer</b>	<b>XXX</b>	<b>Brownie Flanders</b>	<b>Roger Peak</b>	<b>Rick Wertz</b>	<b>John Masson</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>XXX</b>	<b>Marsha Hall Don Collier</b>	<b>David Loving Penny Loving</b>	<b>Betty Stephen Mark Andresky</b>	<b>Patti Masson Judy Colt</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Lisa French</b>	<b>Deb Stutzman Susan Flanders</b>	<b>Nancy Porter Marge Kirinovic</b>	<b>Dorothy Miller Linda Wertz</b>	<b>Betsy Collier Ann Bahr</b>
<b>Vestry</b>	<b>XXX</b>	<b>Linda Wertz</b>	<b>Betty Stephen</b>	<b>Lisa French</b>	<b>Anne Stanley</b>

## *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 everywidening 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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# Ministry Schedule **JUNE**

2021

Ministry	<i>Sunday June 6</i>	<i>Sunday June 13</i>	<i>Sunday June 20</i>	<i>Sunday June 27</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle Prayers of the People	Steve Hall	Ruth Willis	Bob Barrett	Mark Andresky
Crusifer	Dorothy Miller	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	John Masson
Greeters	Jeff Porter Nancy Porter	John Fiedorek Chris Nyland	Debbie Esenther Patti Masson	Brownie Flanders Susan Flanders
Altar Guild	Susan Flanders Lisa French	Marge Kirinovic Dorothy Miller	Nancy Porter Deb Stutzman	Linda Wertz Ann Bahr
Vestry	David Loving	Don Collier	Kathy Boyer	Marsha Hall

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