

THE *Red* DOOR

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I Do Know How to Pay Attention

The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

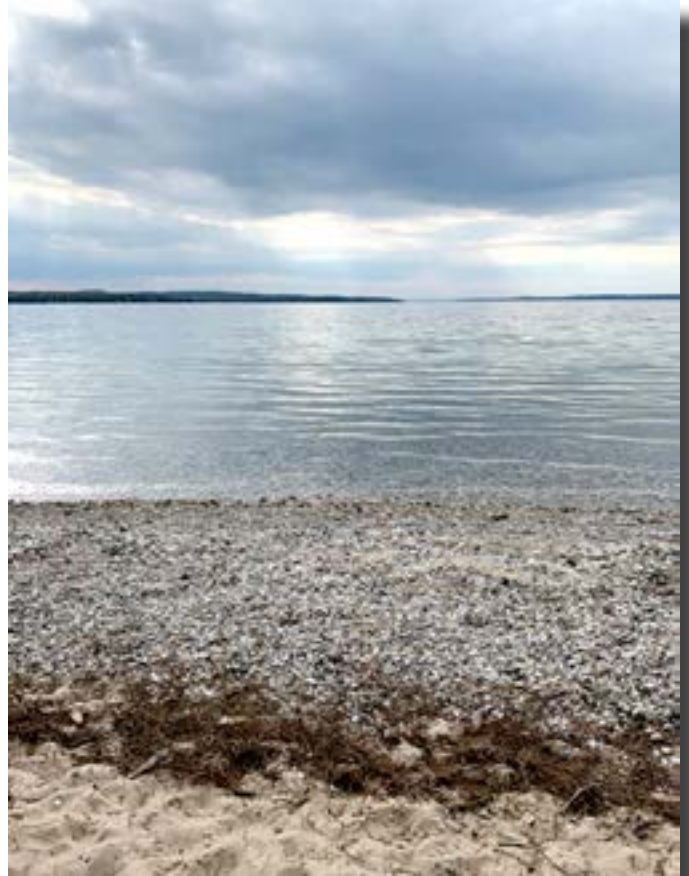
Who made the world?
 Who made the swan, and the black bear?
 Who made the grasshopper?
 This grasshopper, I mean-
 the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
 the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
 who is moving her jaws back and forth instead
 of up and down-
 who is gazing around with her enormous and
 complicated eyes.
 Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes
 her face.
 Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
 I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
 into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
 how to be idle and blessed,
 how to stroll through the fields,
 which is what I have been doing all day.
 Tell me, what else should I have done?
 Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
 Tell me, what is it you plan to do
 with your one wild and precious life?

*W*hat are you going to do this summer? I'm going to pray. In other words, I'm going to pay attention.

I'm going to watch the sunrise blast scarlet beams into the universe, and I'm going to listen to the throbbing silence turn lavender and blue as the question comes to me, "Here is your sunrise, what are you going to do with it?"

I'm going to witness Lake Michigan transformed into turquoise right before my eyes. I'm going



to watch the sky's embracing blue and silent thermals lift seagulls in acrobatic assaults on gravity. I'm going to listen to them laugh. I'm going to laugh with them.

I'm going to watch the season's warmth ignite little brown birds into glorious golden points of exclamation and excitement as goldfinch fracture the sky and whirl into the tree outside my window.

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From FATHER TOM

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I'm going to listen to the summer rain's staccato rhythm commanding new green life to take root everywhere.

And I'm going to give thanks to God.

How about you?

Are you going to pray? Are you going to pay attention?

On a recent Sunday morning after our service at Depot Beach I walked up to a parishioner who was transfixed — frozen in place. He was immobilized and was simply and silently staring out into the quiet beauty of Lake Charlevoix.

"I can't get over it," he said. "When have you ever sat still for an hour in the midst of such beauty?"

That person had worshipped! That person had prayed. That person had paid attention.

He taught me that we are losing nothing by worshipping outside for a season. We're offered the opportunity to gain the whole world in our summer days —

If we can pay attention in our "one wild and precious life."

Grace & Peace,



Tom

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

A Summer with Jon Meacham

Join the Rector at 10 a.m. on the following Tuesdays at Ferry Beach for discussions of books that give us insight into the role of religion in the life of our nation.

July 27 & August 3

American Gospel:

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

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER and
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.**

*A*t 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.

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.

Meacham has written and spoken extensively about religion and politics, and he brings historical authority and a sense of hope to the issue. *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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*What lies behind you and What lies in front of you,
Pales in comparison to what Lies inside of you.*

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

God & AMERICA

August 17 & 24

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August 17 & 24

His Truth Is Marching On:

John Lewis and the Power of Hope

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE WASHINGTON POST AND COSMOPOLITAN

John Lewis, who at age twenty-five marched in Selma, Alabama, and was beaten on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, was a visionary and a man of faith. Drawing on decades of wide-ranging interviews with Lewis, Jon Meacham writes of how this great-grandson of a slave and son of an Alabama tenant farmer was inspired by the Bible and his teachers in nonviolence, Reverend James Lawson and Martin Luther King, Jr., to put his life on the line in the service of what Abraham Lincoln called “the better angels of our nature.” From an early age, Lewis learned that nonviolence was not only a tactic but a philosophy, a biblical imperative, and a transforming reality. At

the age of four, Lewis, ambitious to become a minister, practiced by preaching to his family’s chickens. When his mother cooked one of the chickens, the boy refused to eat it — his first act, he wryly recalled, of nonviolent protest. Integral to Lewis’s commitment to bettering the nation was his faith in humanity and in God—and an unshakable belief in the power of hope.

Meacham calls Lewis “as important to the founding of a modern and multiethnic twentieth- and twenty-first-century America as Thomas Jefferson and James Madison and Samuel Adams were to the initial creation of the Republic itself in the eighteenth century.” A believer in the injunction that one should love one’s neighbor as oneself, Lewis was arguably a saint in our time, risking limb and life to bear witness for the powerless in the face of the powerful. In many ways he brought a still-evolving nation closer to realizing its ideals, and his story offers inspiration and illumination for Americans today who are working for social and political change.

Think and Imagine a World When Love is the Way

... Because when love is the way, we actually treat each other like we are actually family. When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all. And we are brothers and sisters, children of God. My brothers and sisters, that’s a new Heaven, a new Earth, a new world, a new human family.”

— *Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
at wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan*

Prayer List FOR JUNE

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
Jean Loper
Lila Nelson
Phyllis & Jerry Essex



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

Being a Christian

“Being a Christian is not essentially about joining a church or being a nice person, but about following in the footsteps of Jesus, taking his teachings seriously, letting his Spirit take the lead in our lives, and in so doing helping to change the world from our nightmare into God’s dream.”

– Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Sunday SERVICES

at Depot Beach

10 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

- Just in from the diocese:
“For outdoor gatherings, masks are recommended but not required.”

- Bring a lawn chair

“He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.” — *Epictetus*



Jean Loper attends first service in 2021 at Depot Beach



Fr. Tom O'Dell delivers communion to parishioners on May 9, 2021



Christ Church welcomes back parishioners on May 9 with a box of Kilwin's chocolates



Holy Eucharist set up at Depot Beach on May 9, 2021

She was hand sewn by a 12 year old girl, Esther Carrie Hansen (now Carey) in the winter months of 1933. She sewed her in the dining room in the big stone farm house on Norwood Road in Charlevoix. They closed the door to the living room to save heat. Young Esther purchased the material from Levinsen's Dry Goods (Lieberman's/Cherry Republic.) It was during the Great Depression (unemployment was 25%) and the same year Hitler came into power. She does not remember why she didn't finish the quilt but stated, "Just like several other things I haven't finished... must have become discouraged somehow." Living on the farm, the Hansen's were considered wealthy with plenty of food and central heat. Now at 99 years of age and 87 years later, she looks over the stitching and says, "I did a pretty good job on this." A treasure to keep. Christmas 2020.

*Love,
Aunt Esther*

*A side note: Auntie Esther stitched 13 of these Sunbonnet Sue's, all different colors. She had them framed and gave them to her family. I am blessed to have received one of them!

- Anne Carey Stanley



Esther Carey with Sunbonnet Sue panel in January 2021



Esther Carey's hand stitched - Sunbonnet Sue



Ellie Carey, Esther Carey and Anne Stanley

In MEMORIAM

So much of the Christian life is wrapped up in the simple act of remembering. It's at the center of our faith. In our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, we remember our Lord's last supper and the sacrifice he made for us.

But remembering isn't limited to our worship. Every time I walk into Christ Church I think of all the faithful people who have passed through our doors and prayed in this sacred place since 1894. Sometimes, I remember my own departed family members, and I long to share with them the joy of Christian community that I have found here.

We have a new resource at Christ Church to assist us in our remembering. The Columbarium project includes a memorial wall on which we can add the names of loved ones we wish to remember. The fee of \$250 helps defray the project's cost.



New Memoriam Plaque

For Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Book of Common Prayer, page 831)

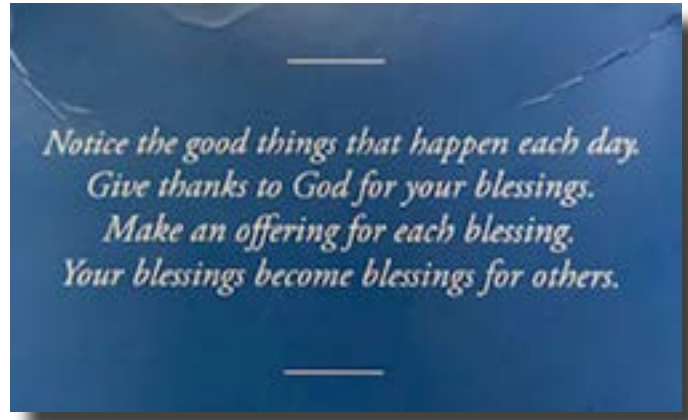
UTO - *United Thank Offering*

On Sunday June 6, 2021, the ECW will be collecting your mite boxes and in exchange, you'll be able to pick up a new box to start filling with "your new blessings!"

During the pandemic, we didn't have an in-gathering at Christ Church nor did the diocese have a scheduled time for their in-gathering. So, there's no reason not to get "in-the-zone" of thanking God for your blessings again.

If you'd like to count your own money then write a check for the amount, make the check out to Christ Episcopal Church and on memo line write ECW-UTO.

June 6, bring your mite box/check and pick up a new box. In addition, write your name on your



Mite Box

box so we can assign monies collected to your account.

Any questions? Call Anne at 231-437-3135.

Thank you for counting your blessings!

– Anne Stanley,
President ECW

Episcopal Church Women's Prayer

Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen

CEC *Scholarship*

2021

Alexandria Herrick

Alexandria Herrick, Boyne City High School graduate heading to Michigan State University. Ally will pursue coursework leading to education in forensic, clinical and adolescent psychology. Her interests are recreational; playing basketball and soccer on Boyne City's Varsity teams. Ally created 'backyard practice' videos to help her peers maintain skill practice while on lockdown.



Alexandria Herrick, Boyne City



Alison Sape, Charlevoix

Alison Sape

Alison Sape, Charlevoix High School, is a member of the National Honor Society. Alison will enroll at Saginaw Valley University and is confidently choosing Human Resource Management as her field of study there. She communicates comfortably; having demonstrated accomplishment in college-level public speaking.

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

– *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

CEC *Scholarship*

2021



Keegan Whisker, Boyne Falls

Keegan Whisker

Keegan Whisker, Boyne Falls High School, is intent on pursuing criminal justice coursework and sees himself as a homicide detective. Keegan is Christ Church's THIRD National Honor Society honoree among this year's recipients, and is an accomplished Boys' Varsity Basketball Team Manager. He has been dual-enrolled at North Central Michigan College since his Junior year of high school. Keegan will complete thirty-nine credits to obtain an Associate Degree and then transfer to Michigan State University.

Christ Church welcomes these individuals as they join the cadre of past graduates from Charlevoix County high schools who are given the opportunity of continuing education through the generosity of pledged support from our church members.

CEC *Scholarship* MAIL BAG

In the Scholarship Mailbag this Spring

Hello!

I'm doing well! I'm currently (April, 2021) living in Nashville with a group of Stanford students for spring quarter, and I'm having such a great time. Luckily I will definitely be living on campus next fall, and over the summer I hope to have an internship — I'll know if I have the position later this week. I'm still planning on majoring in International Relations, and so far my GPA is above a 4.0!

In other good news, over winter quarter, my essay for the university writing class was nominated as one of 15 finalists out of 400 students for the Stanford Boothe Prize!

Have a great spring!

*Emma Buday, Class of 2020 (Charlevoix HS)
attending Stanford University*



Emma Buday, Charlevoix

Remarks from conversation with

Chloe Britton (5-11-'21), Class of 2020

(Boyne City High School)

attending North Central Community College

Chloe recently finished exams and has two more classes to finish core coursework in the Fall, 2021. While she has a time sensitive scholarship to Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology in Galway, Ireland she is awaiting word of when she may be able to travel there respective of the impact of Covid-19.

– Submitted by Pam Sroufe



Chloe Britton, Boyne City

Reflections BY DEB STUTZMAN

While I Was Walking



Deb Stutzman captured an apple blossom ready to burst into bloom



Deb Stutzman

Last week, on one of the nicer days, I decided to walk around the property to see how everything had fared during the winter. The wheat we planted last fall, which had been lying dormant underground for the winter, was up several inches and beginning to wave in the wind. I then walked through our small orchard and my little peach tree we planted a few years ago was loaded with more budding flowers than it's ever had. I took a moment to look at some of our apple trees and saw a tiny bud, not yet blooming but looking ready to burst forth. I took a picture of our wheat and that tiny bud as a testament to God's goodness. In Ecclesiastes 3:1 it says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven". How true!

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Reflections BY DEB STUTZMAN

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I believe that is true of humans as well. Just as the wheat and the fruit trees had to bear the hardships of winter, so did we. And what a winter it was! In a sense we too were dormant. Not only did we have to tolerate the cold, snow, grey days without sunshine and the shortened day light hours we also had to withstand the restrictions put upon us by the pandemic. We became isolated from others, children couldn't attend school, sporting events were canceled, travel plans and traditional holiday gatherings were not encouraged, you couldn't even hug family members outside of your household AND, we weren't allowed to worship together. How did we, the members of Christ Episcopal Church get through it? I can't speak for others but for me it was my faith in God and the knowledge that he will be with us at all times, even in the darkest of seasons. Now here we are in the season of renewal, our season of renewal.

I want to give a special thank you to Fr. Tom and Linda for all they did to keep us together by Zoom book studies and live streamed Sunday services. You are awesome! Also, a special thanks to the Caring Shepherds being the sunshine for many during the dark days of winter. I have had people tell me how much the cards and calls meant.

- Deb Stutzman

*I have never met or heard of anyone
who could out-smart honesty.*

- Abe Lincoln



Wheat growing at Deb & Gary Stutzman's

Christian OUTREACH

DURING COVID-19

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry has had a busy year! Last month, we served 115 families, which included 324 total people. Lately, we are seeing more bigger families of 5 people or more.

The Pantry is open every Monday from 10:00am to 11:45am and again from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. We are also open the first Thursday of the month from 10:00am to 11:45am. Anyone, who has a need, may come to the Pantry. The only item we require from them is proof that they are a resident of the Charlevoix School District, so a utility bill will suffice. The clients may visit the Pantry once a month.

The Pantry board has had to change their method of delivery to our clients with the onset of the pandemic. We ask that our clients remain in their cars after they pull into the Pantry parking area and one of volunteers deliver the boxes of food to them and pack them in their trunk. This creates a “no contact procedure” and everyone is required to wear a mask. Depending

on the size of the family, they receive an A box if only 1-2 people, an A and B box for 3-4 people and an A, B, C box for 5 or more in the family. The boxes include staples, dairy products, fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meats and bakery items. Along with the groceries, each family has a choice of a gift certificate from Olseon’s or Family Fare, amount determined by the size of the family. We feel each client receives a generous amount of food that is meant to supplement their monthly grocery needs. Our clients are very appreciative for what they receive!

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is operated solely by volunteers and by donations, either monetary or food items (must have current expiration dates). Food items may be dropped off in the “drop box” in front of the Pantry at 100 W Hurlbut St, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or monetary donations may be mailed to the same address. Thank you for supporting our local Food Pantry!

– Judy Colt

Ordinary Life

“In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.”

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Green Thumb GARDENERS

AT CHRIST CHURCH

Spring has Sprung at Christ Church!



Christine Benson, Marge Kirinovic and Anne Stanley prepare church gardens for 2021 growing season



Susan Flanders, Marsha Hall, Nancy Porter, Margie Kirinovic, Christine Benson, Judy Pratt, Betty Stephen, Anne Stanley, and Kathy Boyer enjoying working together and planting church gardens

Even during the pandemic of 2021 the planting of church gardens took place on May 27. All participants vaccinated – no masks were required.

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

Green Thumb GARDENERS

AT CHRIST CHURCH



Kathy Boyer and Betty Stephen pull weeds before planting flowers around CEC sign



Marsha Hall and Nancy Porter tidy up perennial garden and plant a few annual flowers for a pop of color

The greatest and most important problems of life are fundamentally unsolvable. They can never be solved but outgrown.

– Carl Jung



Mark Stanley puts the finishing touches on church lawn during flower planting day 2021

Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING MAY 19, 2021

Highlights of the CEC Vestry Meeting 5-19-2021 Outdoors at Depot Beach. It may be important to note that this was the first mask less in-person meeting of Vestry since March, 2020.

Meeting opened with prayer by M. Heydlauff. Chapter 4 of Ephesians calls us, as the body of Christ to gentleness and patience with one another.

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

■ **Treasurer's Report:** Accepted

April Actual

Income: \$10,035.00
Expense: \$11,685.50
Net Income: - \$1,650.50

April Budget

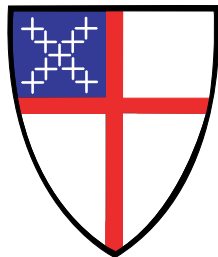
Income: \$10,270.00
Expense: \$11,085.12
Net Income: - \$815.12

YTD Actual

Income: \$65,125.93
Expense: \$44,840.44
Net Income: \$20,285.49

YTD Budget

Income: \$57,002.00
Expense: \$49,526.20
Net Income: \$7,475.80



Warden's Report

- Tree removal by north end of church beginning to damage siding and roof.
- Roofing shingle application over exterior church closet (near north end).
- Sprinklers will be activated, scheduling exterior power washing, Defense (insect) application and window cleaning.
- Columbarium project is complete with the Memorial Wall having been installed.
- Arrangements can be made to purchase niches or place cremains in niches. Contact Susan Flanders and Nancy Porter to coordinate.

Information

- Fr. Tom, along with two dozen clergy has been able to talk with Bishop Houglund by Zoom. Conversations are part of discernment to making a decision about his continuing role(s) with our Diocese and the Episcopal Church.
- *God and America* begins July 13, 10:00 am at Ferry Beach. First of several sessions, *Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest and the Music That Made a Nation* by Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw will be featured at this 1 hour review.

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Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING MAY 19, 2021

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- Stewardship 2021-Leadership will be Susan Flanders and Nancy Porter

Discussion

- Worship at Depot Beach on Sundays at 10a.m. May 9 and May 16 have had participation of 45-50 people. Masking and Social Distancing were required. Eucharist (bread only) has been resumed. Important: with recent CDC guidance regarding Outdoor Gatherings, **the Diocese has LIFTED the masking requirement Outdoors for May 23 and beyond. In the event of rain, worshippers can choose whether to gather under the Pavilion, or not attend.**
- Vestry-on Duty will help prepare the Depot Beach setting each Sunday; includes assistance with items carried to and from Rector's car. L. French has details.

- Vestry will be prepared to offer individual Reflections at subsequent outdoor worship services.
- Commission reports were highlighted for Evangelism, and Outreach. Welcome Tom and Sheila Gardner, and Judy Colt to the Evangelism Team. Thank You Judy Colt for contributing an article about Outreach Partner, Charlevoix Community Food Pantry, for the June Red Door.

Decision

- Motion to continue 2021-22 educational scholarships for nine active recipients (\$9000 total from Unrestricted Endowment Funds) – Carried.

“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”

– G.K. Chesterton

Submit an Article for the Next

Red Door!

by 5p.m. June 21

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If you see an error in this month's issue, please let us know!
We will correct it online and 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 **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	Steve Hall	Bob Barrett	Ruth Willis	Mark Andresky
Prayers of the People				
Crucifer	Brownie Flanders	Dorothy Miller	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

Prayer for Christian Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;

support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen

– *Author Unknown*

Ministry Schedule **JULY**

2021

Ministry	<i>Sunday July 4</i>	<i>Sunday July 11</i>	<i>Sunday July 18</i>	<i>Sunday July 25</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms				
The Epistle Prayers of the People	Chris Barrett	Mark Olson	Mark Heydlauff	Phil Pratt
Crucifer	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak	John Masson	Rick Wertz
Greeters	George Perrett Wendy Perrett	Marge Kirinovic Sharon Witucki	Judy Colt Marsha Hall	Mark Andresky Don Collier
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier Susan Flanders	Lisa French Dorothy Miller	Marge Kirinovic Nancy Porter	Deb Stutzman Linda Wertz
Vestry	Mark Heydlauff	Linda Wertz	Lisa French	Anne Stanley

The Ground at Your Feet

“And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our own feet, and learn to be at home.”

– *Wendell Berry*