

THE *Red* DOOR

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The Spiritual Discipline of Gratitude

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*T*he Bible tells us to “give thanks in all circumstances.” Is this easy? Does it come naturally? Of course it doesn’t! It takes hard work. It requires spiritual discipline.

Here’s a confession. Over the course of the past two summers, as I’ve lugged the sound system, the altar table, the altar cloth, the Gospel Book, the worship booklets, the offering basket, etc. down to the lakeshore I haven’t constantly been enveloped in a spirit of abject gratitude.

But I should have been. And not just because the Bible tells me so.

How many people on this planet have had the privilege to gather on the shore of a pristine blue body of water to worship the creator of this splendor and the author of our lives? Not many!!

Not only did I sometimes fail to pursue the spiritual discipline of gratitude, I actively focused on reasons not to be grateful at all. I sometimes allowed resentment to swell within me. “Just when are we going to get back in the church,” I cried out to nobody in particular.

This realization haunts me.



Were we focused on being deprived of worshipping in our first choice of locations, or were we open to the opportunity to find gratitude for the splendor of creation and the indissoluble bonds of Christian community?

It often takes real, hard effort to be grateful. Gratitude is a spiritual discipline.

Yes, it will be a blessing and a joy to resume worship in our church building on July 11th. But I’m left with a haunting question. Just how committed am I to the spiritual discipline of gratitude — to the biblical injunction to “give thanks in all circumstances?”

Gratefully yours,

Tom

Beginning July 11th

Worship at Christ Church Corner of Clinton & State 10 a.m.

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. [Pavillion # 3] 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*

Altar Flowers DONATIONS



Good News!

Starting with our July 18 worship service, parishioners may once again donate fresh flowers for the altar.

If interested, complete a flower donation envelope available at the church or call Linda Wertz at 231.547.8980. Many dates are available, and the cost is \$60 which you can share with another parishioner.

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*

Prayer List FOR JULY

Please Pray for your Brothers and Sisters

Rev. Kathy Kircher

Peter Pace

Glen Berger

Deb Stutzman

Luke Albrecht

Lila Nelson

Steve Fowle

Doris & Gunnar

Lundteigen

Ann Puffpaff

Nan Binns

Linda Smith

Peggy Nattermann

Anders McCarthy

Cynthis & Hewitt

Johnston

Phyllis & Jerry Essex

Janice Tuffelmire

Esther Carey



Georganne Lindberg

Jean Loper

Jeannine Wallace

Linda & Dick Southby

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*

Taylor SERIES

at Christ Church

*Taylor Series is Pleased to Announce
Our First Community Offering for 2021*



Phil Pratt Organ Concert

August 11, 2021

7p.m. reception to follow

Phil Pratt organ concert can also be viewed on Christ Episcopal Church website

or

YouTube PhilPrattorgan

Prayer at Women's Luncheon

Heavenly Father, thank you for this day and the wonderful people in our lives. May we do what we do for your glory and show love and appreciation for and to one another. Bless this food and those who have gathered to support the Women's Resource Center.

In Jesus' name we pray. – Amen

*P*rayer given by Betty Stephen at Women Can Women Do luncheon. The proceeds of this fundraiser benefits, the Women's Resource Center of Emmet & Charlevoix Counties. Christ Church ECW has supported this event for several years.



Mary Lou Holmes, Suzanne Campbell, Penny Loving,
Betty Stephen, Susan Flanders



Kathy Boyer, Linda Walsh, Sheila Garner,
Nancy Porter, Christine Benson

CEC *Scholarship* MAIL CALL

In the Scholarship Mailbag this Summer

Hayden Dvoracek

I just wanted to let you know I received the scholarship check in the mail. I have been super busy with my summer class and working on the farm. I will get a thank you letter written right away.

*Hayden Dvoracek,
Senior at Northern Michigan University*

Megan Streeter

Just letting you know I received my scholarship check. I just wanted to thank you all again for it as it truly is a big help with covering the cost of my education.

*Megan Streeter,
Junior at Central Michigan University*

Cloe Britton

Dear Christ Episcopal Church Members,
I am writing to thank you for the generous renewal of my education scholarship.

This fall, I will be attending North Central Michigan College in Petoskey to complete my studies. I am very fortunate to have your encouragement and support behind me. The financial assistance you provided will be used toward my tuition.

Thank you again for your generous spirit and support!
-Cloe

Alison Sape

Dear Christ Episcopal Church Education Scholarship Committee,
I want to take this time to thank you, and to express my appreciation for the financial support offered through the Christ Episcopal Church Education Scholarship. The funding will help me to cover the cost of pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Management at Saginaw Valley State University, and eventually a Master's in Business Administration. Once my schooling is complete, I plan to explore positions in either Management or Human Resources. I can also assure you that the same levels of hard work and dedication that helped me to graduate with a 4.0 GPA and academic honors will be applied to my future studies at Saginaw Valley State University. The financial support provided through the Christ Episcopal Church Education Scholarship means the world to me, and I am extremely grateful.

*Alison Sape,
2021 Scholarship Recipient
from Charlevoix High School*

ed: Many thanks to John Fiedorek for allowing me to hand-off the task of mailing gift checks and congratulatory letters signed by Fr. Tom to our dozen active scholarship recipients.

- Pam Sroufe

Christian OUTREACH

DURING COVID-19

Some Encouraging News from CEC's Christian Outreach Ministry

This Fall, the **Rayder Den**, which is generously supported by Christ Church, will once again welcome high school students back into the Den to shop and pack their own weekend grocery sacks.

Manna Food Project will resume placing fresh fruit in Charlevoix "Food 4 Kids" backpacks. That means that CEC volunteers will be "back on the road again" between Olesons and Charlevoix elementary school and preschool programs, ensuring that an apple or orange will be included each week for at-risk students.

Reminder that **Charlevoix Food Pantry** continues to accept food donations or financial contributions at their location: 100 W. Hurlbut

St. in Charlevoix. A dropbox at the front of the facility is available for food donations. Checks should be mailed.

At Charlevoix Elementary School, a team of teachers will be shopping garage sales and thrift stores for gently used children's clothes. The Rayder Den, which primarily provides food assistance for middle/high school students, was approached about allowing some of its existing funds to be allocated for the purchase of used clothing. This request is under consideration.

If you are interested in becoming a CEC Outreach Volunteer, call Marc at 989.400.3687 or Kathy at 231.409.1593, and let us know how you'd like to help!

Christian Outreach Ministry

CEC Member Kim Baker, who has served as Executive Director at Manna Food Project for several years, retired from his position May 14, 2021. During his tenure, Kim brought growth to Manna by increasing the nutrition and quality of the food that was distributed as well as creating the 'Produce for People' initiative and organizing cooking classes.

Up until the Pandemic, 8-10 CEC Outreach members would volunteer on the 4th Wednesday of each month to sort, pack or label food products. Kim would stop by our stations with his welcoming smile and gracious remarks. Best wishes in your retirement from Manna, Kim!

CEC

gets a fresh start to the summer season!



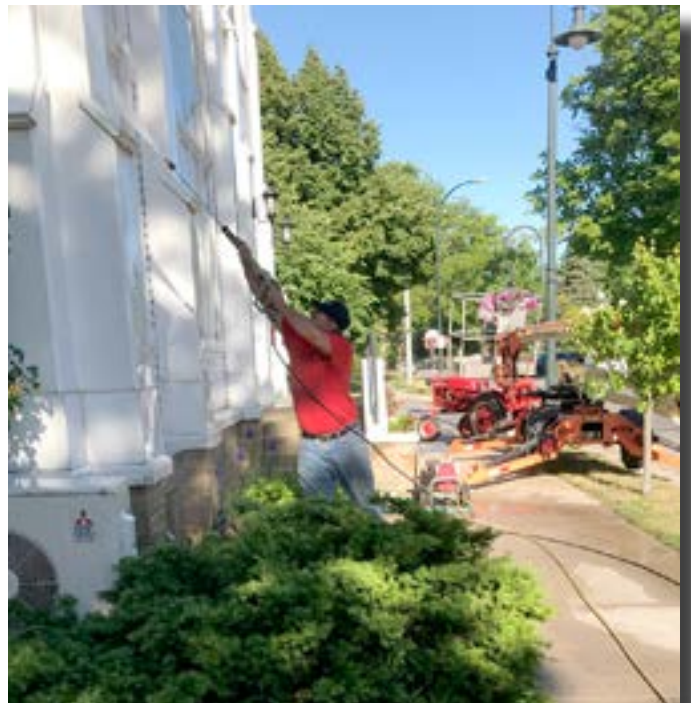
Power washing exterior of church



Don Schneider assists with power washing CEC

Scott Keinath, owner of Superior Gutters, and Don Schneider, retired Charlevoix County Sheriff, power wash Christ Church.

Whatever you are, be a good one.
— Abraham Lincoln



Scott reaches to clean CEC with power washer

BAPTISM *Celebration*

JUNE 27, 2021

Baptism on the Shore of Lake Charlevoix



Tyler Boadway introduced to congregation by Page Bowers

*O*n June 27, 2021 Tyler M. Boadway was baptized by Fr. Tom O'Dell. It was a wonderful celebration and approximately 70 people welcomed Tyler into the family of Christ. He received a baptismal towel hand embroidered by Lisa French, CEC vestry member. In August he will marry Page Bowers at Christ Church and join the Bowers/Claggett family.

Happiness is not found in things you possess, but in what you have the courage to release.

– Nathaniel Hawthorne



Fr. Tom O'Dell baptizes Tyler Boadway

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JUNE 27, 2021

Baptism on the Shore of Lake Charlevoix



Tyler Boadway and Page Bowers stand on the shore of Lake Charlevoix, immediately following his baptism on June 27, 2021



Hand embroidered baptism towel given to Tyler by Lisa French

Kind words will
unlock an iron door.

– *Turkish Proverb*

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*

Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING JUNE 16, 2021

Vestry discussed the directives Paul writes in his Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 5. They can be summed up as follows: “Be Full of Love for Others.”

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

■ **Treasurer’s Report:** Accepted

May Actual

Income: \$10,393.00
Expense: \$10,092.43
Net Income: \$300.57

May Budget

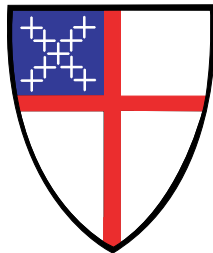
Income: \$10,470.00
Expense: \$14,085.00
Net Income: - \$3,615.00

YTD Actual

Income: \$75,518.93
Expense: \$54,932.87
Net Income: \$20,586.06

YTD Budget

Income: \$67,472.00
Expense: \$63,611.29
Net Income: \$3,860.80



Warden’s Report

- Gutters were installed and the church’s exterior was power washed to a gleaming white.
- Upcoming maintenance / improvement includes application of Defense (spider spray), interior and exterior window cleaning, and shingle repairs on the gable over exterior maintenance closet.
- Brenda, CEC’s housekeeper, will deep clean the church section by section.

Information

- Father Tom strongly encourages reading *American Gospel*; one of four books authored

by Jon Meacham in the upcoming “God and America” book review series to be held during July and August at Ferry Beach (see Dates to Remember).

- CEC’s Stewardship Appeal will be kicked off in August, led by Susan Flanders and Nancy Porter. Materials will be mailed to members.

Discussion

- Father Tom shared notes of “re-entry” practices by Episcopal churches in Northern Michigan in our continuing effort to thoughtfully progress toward our own return to inside worship and programming. Vestry will meet soon in focus groups to determine what we’ll do and when.

Dates to Remember

- Vestry will not meet in a regularly scheduled meeting during July.
- July 13 and 27: “God and America” book review series, facilitated by Fr. Tom, will review *Patriotism, Protest and the Music That Made a Nation, Songs of America* by Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw. Location: Ferry Beach beginning at 10 a.m.



CEC Vestry met at Ferry Beach for their monthly meeting
Back: Linda Wertz, Marsha Hall, Don Collier, Fr. Tom O’Dell,
Anne Stanley, Pam Sroufe, Lisa French,
Front: Betty Stephen, Kathy Boyer

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	Chris Barrett	Mark Olson	Mark Heydlauff	Phil Pratt
The Epistle	XXX	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	Gary Stutzman
Prayers	XXX	Betty Stephen	Linda Wertz	Sheila Garner
Ushers	XXX	Jeff Porter Nancy Porter	Brownie Flanders Susan Flanders	Marge Kirinovic Deb Esenther
Greeters	George Perrett Wendy Perrett	Marge Kirinovic Sharon Witucki	Judy Colt Marsha Hall	Mark Andresky Don Collier
Crucifer	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak	John Masson	Rick Wertz
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier Susan Flanders	Lisa French Dorothy Miller	Marge Kirinovic Nancy Porter	Deb Stutzman Linda Wertz
Vestry Duty	Mark Heydlauff	Linda Wertz	Lisa French	Anne Stanley

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*

Ministry Schedule **AUGUST**

2021

Ministry	<i>Sunday August 1</i>	<i>Sunday August 8</i>	<i>Sunday August 15</i>	<i>Sunday August 22</i>	<i>Sunday August 29</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Mark Olson	Nancy Porter	Deb Stutzman	Steve Hall	Bob Barrett
The Epistle	John Masson	Mark Andresky	Roger Peak	George Perrett	Mark Olson
Prayers	Lisa French	Tom Garner	Susan Flanders	Rick Wertz	Mark Heydlauff
Ushers	John Fiedorek Chris Nyland	Don Collier Marge Kirinovic	George & Wendy Perrett	Mark Andresky Marsha Hall	Rick Wertz Sharon Witucki
Greeters	David & Penny Loving	Betty Stephen Ruth Willis	Jeff & Nancy Porter	Chris Nyland Don Collier	Brownie & Susan Flanders
Crucifer	Roger Peak	Rick Wertz	Brownie Flanders	John Masson	Dorothy Miller
Altar Guild	Ann Bahr Betsy Collier	Susan Flanders Nancy Porter	Lisa French Deb Stutzman	Linda Wertz Dorothy Miller	Marge Kirinovic Betsy Collier
Vestry Duty	Kathy Boyer	David Loving	Marsha Hall	Mark Heydlauff	Don Collier

A Journey of Miles

“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