

THE *Red* DOOR

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A Bible Study with the Rector

A Roadmap to Freedom

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

*T*ry to imagine St. Paul writing his Letter to the Philippians. He's in shackles, imprisoned in Rome during the last days of his life. He is awaiting execution.

Almost miraculously, he has found a way to freedom. In his heart he is free and unchained. The chains of his incarceration — even his certain death — are no match for the faith and the hope that he has found in Christ Jesus.

The words he writes in his letter to the Christians in Philippi offer them a roadmap to the same freedom that he has found. Those words are now offered to us.

This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13b-14

There is so much in life that seeks to imprison us in chains of fear, resentment, sickness, sorrow and shame. Paul offers us a way out of these prisons. He provides a roadmap to freedom!

Please join us as we “press on” in our own journeys into freedom this fall.

Grace & Peace,



The Rev. Thomas P. O'Dell

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October 14, 21, 28 and November 4th

4:30 p.m. on Zoom

10/14 Chapter 1

10/21 Chapter 2

10/28 Chapter 3

11/4 Chapter 4

Contact the Rector @ buraaga@gmail.com

The Feast of **ST FRANCIS**

The Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis



Monday, October 4th at 5 p.m.

Dogs, cats, chickens, hedge hogs, birds, fish, and even bunnies — all are welcome!

Prayer List FOR OCTOBER

Please Pray for your Brothers and Sisters

Peter Pace

Glen Berger

Deb Stutzman

Doris & Gunnar
Lundteigen

Nan & Don Binns

Peggy Nattermann

Anders McCarthy

Cynthia & Hewitt
Johnston

Kathy Kircher

Linda Smith

Carla Gober



Art Holzschu

Sam Poore'

Christiana Masucci

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

Please contact John Fiedorek at

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

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

Stewardship WRAPUP LUNCHEON

Stewardship Luncheon - September 19

After more than a year and a half, parishioners of Christ Church gathered outdoors for a luncheon after the Sunday service. Three different types of sandwiches were served along with fruit, vegetables, cookies, brownies, potato chips, pickles, ice tea and lemonade completed the menu. Parishioners enjoyed the lunch outdoors in a café style. Weather was pleasant and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.



Nancy Porter prepares to serve Brownie Flanders and Fr. Tom O'Dell lunch on CEC's wrap up stewardship Sunday on September 19.



Great outdoor gathering for wrap up Stewardship Sunday.



Ruth Willis enjoys lunch served on Stewardship wrap up luncheon.



Linda Wertz, Susan Flanders & Catherine Connolly prepare for Stewardship luncheon. They set up tables outside on the sidewalk and prepared sandwiches inside church kitchen.

Stewardship WRAPUP LUNCHEON



Henry Berger, Kathy Boyer, Don Binns, and Barbie Claggett enjoy fellowship outdoors on September 19. Almost seems normal again!



Penny Loving, Liane McGhee, Charlie Valier and Karen Copeland gather for fellowship on September 19.



Marsha Hall, Nancy Porter & Chris Barrett prepare food for Stewardship luncheon.



Sheila and Tom Garner enjoy lunch outside on Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship WRAPUP LUNCHEON

Every Perfect Gift

A Word of Thanks from the Rector

Our *Every Perfect Gift* stewardship effort has come to a close and I can report that it was a rousing success. How can I make this claim when the financial results are not yet in?

Because I saw and heard how we were inspired and reminded that our personal spiritual health is strengthened when we give, share and care for the sake of the Kingdom of God. We grew spiritually as we read and listened to what our brothers and sisters had to tell us.

Special thanks goes to those good, faithful and articulate folks: Mark Andresky, Kathy Boyer,

Deb Stutzman, Liz Malone, Mark Heydlauff and Charlie Valier.

Nancy Porter and Susan Flanders headed up the effort and, as always, they made their hard, behind-the-scenes work look easy.

The effort concluded with a wonderful luncheon following the service on September 19th, and many hands made light work. Thanks to those many hands, which included Chris Barrett, Catherine Connolly, Marsha Hall, Barb Olson, Betty Stephen and Linda Wertz.

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*

The COLUMBARIUM

at Christ Church



*A*s we worship at Christ Church, do we embrace our new Columbarium, or does it embrace us? The answer is “both.” It is woven into our worship space.

The Bible tells us that, in our earthly pilgrimage, we are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses.” And so we are. Our lives are enveloped in the Communion of Saints — those who came before us, those with whom we journey, and those who will come after us. There is an eternal unity that is stronger even than the power of death.

We long for signs of this strength.

And now we have one.

The Columbarium, in view as we worship, provides a tangible sign of those eternal bonds. We will embrace the Columbarium as a regular part of our worship — and our hope — in a brief liturgy of dedication on October 24th.

*The voice of the Lord is powerful; the
voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
— Psalm 29:4*

Dedication of the Columbarium

Sunday, October 24th

10 a.m. Service

Christian OUTREACH

The consistency of the earth's seasons is a reflection of its Maker and the steadiness of His character. Our father cares for every one of His creations, from the littlest sparrow to the mightiest leviathan. And He calls us more precious than these. We can rest assured in any time of uncertainty that His love and provision for us will never fail.

As our Christian Outreach ministry continues, so does our care for one another.

At a recent September meeting, Outreach members reviewed our monetary gifts to our 2021 Partners.

Hunger

Charlevoix Food Pantry	\$1000.00
East Jordan Food Pantry	500.00
Manna Food Project	1000.00

Shelter

SafeHaven Nite-Light (Men's)	\$500.00
World Mission-Scholarships	700.00
– Trip Support	1000.00

Children & Youth

Charlevoix Schools	\$1000.00
East Jordan Schools	1000.00
Rayder Den	2,000.00

Community Individuals

Emergency Assistance

CVX Ministerial Assn	\$1,000.00
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Substance Abuse

BASES	500.00
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Special Projects

Christmas Project & Angel Tree	\$300.00
Shoebox Ministry	300.00

The Rayder Den Partner which has helped to provide a weekend's worth of groceries to students at Charlevoix Middle and High School since 2018, is approaching its fifth year of operation. It will maintain this primary mission.

An additional need has been identified. High school students who are attending technical training during the school week away from the high school, and/or hold out-of-school jobs, rely on private transportation to get them to the locales. Rayder Den will be providing 'gas only' gift cards to help them.

Charlevoix Elementary administration and staff approached Rayder Den Board members to talk about some particular clothing needs among young children that allow them to remain clean and comfortable when accidents happen, as well as to provide some protection against cold weather in outdoor recesses.

CEC members can offer help for this need by shopping for and purchasing underwear and outerwear; particularly snowpants and boots. Charts provide sizing information:

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“Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.” – Mt. 18:20

Christian OUTREACH

<i>Underwear</i> Girls' (Bottoms)		<i>Underwear</i> Boys' (Bottoms)	
Size	Probable Weight	Size	Probable Weight
6	39-49	6-8	44-68
8	50-67		
10	68-84	10-12	69-100
12	85-95		
14	96-107	14-16	101-105
16	108-119		

Snow gear sizes are usually sold as Youth; S, M or L

Boots should be purchased as Children's upper sizes: 11, 12 through Adult Sizes 1-9.

Check prices at 'Big Box' stores and online (e.g., Amazon).

We discussed the need for and effort given to affordable housing. A decision was made to include Habitat for Humanity among the 2022 Partners.

Perhaps the Stewardship generosity is testimony to His unfailing love and provision. It is a gift Outreach is grateful for in the spirit of trust given and trust accepted.

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

Green Thumb GARDENERS

AT CHRIST CHURCH

Garden cleanup for 2021 is October 7 at 10a.m. Please wear garden gloves, bring clippers and shovels. We will be separating some of our over grown lilies. These lilies will be available for you to take home and replant in our own garden. As you all know... many hands make light work.



*Submit an Article
for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. October 24

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CEC Scholarship NEWS

In the Scholarship Mailbag this Fall

Alison Sape, one of three Christ Episcopal Church Education 2021 Scholarship recipients, is continuing to 'test' her communication skills in local, public venues. Crowned as Charlevoix's 2021 Venetian Queen, Alison was back 'in town' on this past Labor Day weekend to *Walk The Bridge* as a community ambassador, benefitting Charlevoix's Community Food Pantry. By the way, the Food Pantry is one of Christ Church's 2021 Outreach Partners.

Alison currently resides in one of the apartment-styled dorms at **Saginaw Valley State University**. She enjoys the comfort of a small campus and downsized lecture halls. She is preparing herself for Human Resource Management in the Business Sector.

The General Manager of the Belvedere Club, David Gray, wrote in a letter of recommendation,

"Alison has proven to be efficient, hard-working and energetic on a daily basis which I am sure has served her well in attaining her goals educationally. Alison has built excellent relationships with our members, as well as her fellow employees."

In a letter of recommendation to the National Honor Society, the Food and Beverage Manager at Belvedere Club, Christopher Jones wrote of Alison's self-motivation and maturity,

"(Alison) is my 'go to' for many different events we host. She is always willing to go the extra mile...to ensure that members are enjoying their meal. She does this with a cheerful, positive attitude and is a favorite of many of our members."

Perhaps **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** describes what we recognized of Alison's gifts:

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."



Alison Sape, 2021 Scholarship recipient and 2021 Charlevoix Venetian Queen

Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

September 15 Highlights of Regularly Scheduled Vestry Meeting, CEC 4 pm.

Meeting opened with a recitation of the Prayer of St. Francis (BCP p. 833)

■ **Minutes** of the August 18, 2021 meeting were approved.

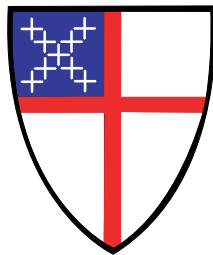
■ **Treasurer's Report:** Accepted

August Actual

Income: \$8,861.00
Expense: \$12,991.87
Net Income: \$ - 4,130.87

August Budget

Income: \$10,670.00
Expense: \$11,064.96
Net Income: \$ - 394.96



Jan-August '21 YTD Actual

Income: \$111,188.09
Expense: \$94,046.84
Net Income: \$17,141.25*

Jan-August '21 YTD Budget

Income: \$99,482.00
Expense: \$97,146.16
Net Income: \$2,335.84

*reflects member gift

Warden's Report

- The Air Conditioning lines will be cleaned.
- An 'on demand' hot water modification to the Sacristy sink will be made.
- Researching make & model of exterior doors to the Parish Hall.
- The Nominating Team for 2022 through 2024 will be outgoing Vestry members: L. French, A. Stanley and L. Wertz.

Information

- Taylor Series First Responders' Dinner scheduled for September 28 was cancelled due to Charlevoix County's Very High Covid Transmission Level.
- Deb Esenther welcomes Vestry invitation to continue CEC's greeting card ministry.

Discussion

- Rector and Vestry remain apprised of Covid Transmission Levels to inform church members about masking requirement at CEC.
- CEC Commission reports include:
Worship and Music
 - Phil Pratt returns to home in Florida. He will continue to upload music to the organ and D. Collier will organize a schedule of member operators for worship music.

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Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

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- As Time and Talent ‘pledges’ are organized from recent Stewardship Appeal, training for Greeter/Usher/Acolyte will be scheduled.

Parish Life

- Off-site Fellowship opportunities with allowable beverage and/or food service are being researched.
- It is the hope that *First Sunday* will be reintroduced; (An intergenerational ‘Sunday School’ program occurring prior to worship on the 1st Sunday of each month).

Christian Outreach

- By donor request, is the designated Commission of CEC to receive a financial gift from Lisa Hicklen. Her request is for Outreach to use it in a timely manner to support Outreach Partners, CEC’s Education Scholarship Ministry as well as any needs identified in our communities and brought to CEC’s attention.
- All monies for CEC’s 2021 Outreach Partners as per budget, will be distributed.
- One of CEC’s Outreach Partners; the Rayder Den is expanding its response to children’s needs identified at all three Charlevoix public schools. Elementary children are in need of gently used, as well as new clothing; particularly underclothing and winter outerwear. High School students

having to travel to East Jordan for Technical Training can receive ‘gas only’ gift cards. Currently 55 students in the Middle and High Schools are identified to receive weekend groceries packed weekly by volunteers at the Rayder Den.

- Identification of local needs for which CEC Outreach can volunteer to bring support are being considered.
- *Evangelism* – Welcoming Judy Colt and Sheila Garner to the team!
- *Education Scholarship* – (a theologically only Outreach Partner) By consensus, Vestry desires this ministry to continue into its 12th year and have applications available for 2022. A member will be sought to fulfill a 1- year vacancy to Patti Masson’s term.
- While by-laws exist to term-limit appointments to this ministry, Vestry agreed to have Pam Sroufe continue as the Convener into 2022.

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 3 Rector Away - Anne Hallmark will be Celebrant and Preacher 10/3.
- Oct. 4 St. Francis Celebration and Blessing of Animals; 5 pm CEC.
- Oct. 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4 (all Thursdays); Rector leads discussions of St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians-Time and Location TBA
- Oct. 20-Vestry Meeting 4 pm CEC.

Ministry Schedule **OCTOBER**

2021

Ministry	<i>Sunday October 3</i>	<i>Sunday October 10</i>	<i>Sunday October 17</i>	<i>Sunday October 24</i>	<i>Sunday October 31</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Chris Barrett	Phil Pratt	Mark Heydlauff	Gary Stutzman	Lea Peak
The Epistle	Bob Barrett	George Perrett	Steve Hall	Roger Peak	Deb Stutzman
Prayers	John Fiedorek	Mark Andresky	Deb Stutzman	Ruth Willis	Nancy Porter
Ushers	Marsha Hall Rick Wertz	Chris Nyland John Fiedorek	Peter Pace Sharon Witucki	George Perrett Wendy Perrett	Don Collier Ruth Willis
Greeters	David Loving Penny Loving	Jeff Porter Nancy Porter	Deb Esenther Chris Nyland	Betty Stephen Don Collier	Marge Kirinovic Tom Kirinovic
Crucifer	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier Dorothy Miller	Ann Bahr Lisa French	Nancy Porter Dorothy Miller	Marge Kirinovic Deb Stutzman	Susan Flanders Linda Wertz
Vestry Duty	Kathy Boyer	Mark Heydlauff	Marsha Hall	David Loving	Don Collier

Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage,

Truth and courage aren't always comfortable,

but they're never weakness.

– Brene' Brown

Ministry Schedule **NOVEMBER**

2021

Ministry	<i>Sunday November 7</i>	<i>Sunday November 14</i>	<i>Sunday November 21</i>	<i>Sunday November 28</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Rick Wertz	Nancy Porter	Steve Hall	Mark Andresky
The Epistle	Ruth Willis	Lea Peak	Tom Kirinovic	John Fiedorek
Prayers	Betty Stephen	Linda Wertz	Sheila Garner	Mark Heydlauff
Ushers	Mark Andresky John Fiedorek	George Perrett Wendy Perrett	Don Collier Chris Nyland	Jeff Porter Nancy Porter
Greeters	Peter Pace Sharon Witucki	David Loving Penny Loving	Judy Colt Marsha Hall	Don Collier Deb Esenther
Crucifer	Roger Peak	Rick Wertz	Frank Rathjens	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Marge Kirinovic Dorothy Miller	Ann Bahr Nancy Porter	Dorothy Miller Linda Wertz	Betsy Collier Deb Stutzman
Vestry Duty	Betty Stephen	Linda Wertz	Anne Stanley	David Loving

Book of Common Prayer

For the Beauty of the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen

*– Book of Common Prayer
page 840*