

THE *Red* DOOR

October 2023

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH • CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

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Seeing the Opposite

*S*ometimes we can learn a lot from seeing the opposite.

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

– Jeremiah 17:5-6

We learn here of cursed person. We see what not to do. This is our opposite. People (who presumably are not us) trust themselves to find all their strength. They may be able to blossom and show tremendous growth when life is good but this is short lived and lacks depth. These troubled folks live in loneliness in the wilderness. They lack meaningful company. They are in a state of decay from the inside out.

In contrast to this dire situation, we see our model.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit

– Jeremiah 17:7-8

At the basis of anything we do is our trust in the Lord. Our trust sends out roots. Trust builds depth. When hard times come our way, it is our root system that is found deeply rooted in God's abundant blessing that sustains us. When we release our control and place our trust in God, we are invested in the abundance of God's love.

So we come to the topic of our stewardship emphasis for this year: rooted in abundance. We are in a year of heat as we reorient ourselves without a permanent rector but much as we have seen in the more than 125 year history of Christ Church, we remain deeply rooted. In the year ahead, we will continue to deepen our roots by continuing our community outreach opportunities, sharing the gift of scholarships with area students, and moving forward with the initiatives identified during our Imagine discussion last fall. Most importantly, we will continue our discernment toward a new rector. This too will bear fruit based on the depth of our roots.

Trusting in God's abundance, let us bear fruit even in the midst of uncertainty and change. Even in times of drought, we are called to bear fruit. Together as a parish and with God's ever abundant help, let us bear fruit.

Yours in Christian service,

Yours,
Mark L. Heydlauff
Senior Warden

Be curious, not judgemental

– Walt Whitman

Prayer List FOR OCTOBER

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Glen Berger	Bob Schrock
Deb Stutzman	Adele Dilschneider
Doris Lundteigen	Tim Soronsen
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann	Blake Kirinovic
Cynthia & Hewit Johnston	Deb Meyer
Steve Fowle	Brenda Toton
Frank Daly and family	Jeannette Brower
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Roulac Austin
Linda Smith	Kathleen Benson and family
Lea Peak	Judith Riccio
Joshua Lovay	Laurie Bajos
Terry Carling Kohl	Mary Driggs
Kate Conway	Frank Rathjens
	Jim McCrea



Glenn Caftrter Norean Martiin Bob Jess Jr

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

Anthems OCTOBER

2023

September 3

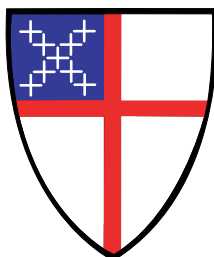
I Surrender All

Worship & Rejoice, page 474

September 10

Trust and Obey

Worship & Rejoice, page 443



September 17

O Christ the Same

Worship & Rejoice, page 433

September 24

I Am Thine, O Lord

Worship & Rejoice, page 408

All are welcome to join in the community choir. Practice is Sunday at 9:30a.m.

Should you have any questions, please contact Phil Pratt, Minister of Music.

Unexpected BLESSING

AT CHRIST CHURCH



Jerry from Miller, Poineau and Naumes works on preparing the entrance to narthex for our new front doors.



Preparing the opening for our new doors. This work should take about one week.

Animal BLESSING

AT CHRIST CHURCH

Blessing of Animal Service
October 4 @ 4p.m.

Please join us for a service to bless your animal at Christ Church



Lead by Richard Wertz
Treats for all animals

Our Sister IN CHRIST

ANN PUFFPAFF

*A*nn was one of the classiest ladies, I have ever known. Just sweet as pie and so pretty! She has been my neighbor for 30 years. I loved going to her sweet little house with the purple door. Whenever you would go to visit her, she greeted you with makeup on, hair fixed and wearing a cute little outfit. And of course, so glad to see you.

Ann loved her family and they loved her. She was so proud of all of them. She loved going to Christ Episcopal Church also. Since covid, her health has been comprised and she always would comment how much she missed going to church and seeing everyone. We missed her.

She did a lot at the church. She ironed anything that needed ironing and did it like a professional and always with a smile. She even folded our linen napkins into a very fancy Bishops Miter fold. We all loved this special touch. She made our parish hall luncheon or dinner tables elegant.

We will miss you beautiful Ann. It's time to rest now. Life well done!

*Your Sister in Christ,
Linda Wertz*



Ann Puffpaff

*Keep looking up.
That's the secret of life."*

– Charlie Brown

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*

Our Sister IN CHRIST

DOTTIE ERNEST

*R*ick and I both loved Dottie, and we know she loved us. She had such a sweet spirit except when she lost at BINGO. She was a little bit of a poor sport.

Dottie loved to sing and she had a beautiful voice. She sang in the choir at Christ Episcopal Church. She sang out when she was on the treadmill at the gym. It was great!

She loved her sister Nancy and Jeff Porter. All in all, her life was very happy. We will miss her.

*With love,
Linda Wertz*

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

– Epictetus



Dottie Ernst

Dorothy L. “Dottie” Ernest

10/13/1940 – 9/25/2023

Memorial Service for Dottie will take place At Christ Episcopal Church

October 13, 2023

Visitation 2p.m. • Funeral 3p.m.

Remembering MAGGIE MASON

OUR SISTER IN CHRIST

Memorial Service at Christ Episcopal Church

*for
Maggie Mason*

November 7, 2023 @ 11a.m.

luncheon to follow in the parish hall

October BIRTHDAYS

CELEBRATED AT CHRIST CHURCH

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on your servants, Bob, Tom, Wendy, Frank, Mason, Peggy, Penny, Mark, Glen and Linda as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

– Amen

– *Book of Common Prayer, page 830 (prayer 50)*

Bob Barrett	10/3	Rev. Peggy Nattermann	10/16
Tom O'Dell	10/7	Penny Loving	10/24
Wendy Perrett	10/7	Mark Heydlauff	10/28
Frank Malone	10/9	Glen Berger	10/30
Mason Bohlmann	10/11	Linda Southby	10/30

October ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRATED AT CHRIST CHURCH

Wendy & George Perrett	10/1	Debbie & Cort Esenther	10/4
Betsy & Don Collier	10/2	Kathy & Jack Weber	10/23
Rose & Jim Shannon	10/3		

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

Oh God, you express your love for us through our love for each other. Bless the relationships of Wendy and George, Betsy and Don, Rose and Jim, Debbie and Cort, Kathy and Jack as they celebrate their anniversaries. May their love and support of each other honor you for all their time together in joy we thank you.

– Amen

Saturday October 14th is Applefest in Charlevoix and that is just around the corner now time wise, which means, the ECW Country Market is too! Please keep working on your donations and once prepared there is a table in the storage basement earmarked for you to put your goods on. If you prefer to bring them during set up that is also fine, just maybe let Christine Benson or Kathy Weber know what you are planning to share; these goods can be dropped off Thursday the 12th or Friday the 13th during the day, the actual Country Market will be held from 9:00am-3:00pm Saturday the 14th.

There will also be a (white/red) Chili lunch served; cost being \$10.00. The meal will include a beverage, bread, chili and some sort of dessert. If you have questions, please ask Betty Stephen as she will be heading up the luncheon.

Workers will be needed for both the lunch and market so be thinking of how you may be able to help out and



**Christine Benson and Kathy Weber
co-chairs of this year's ECW-Country Market**

contribute. There will be sign up sheets in the parish hall for workers. We look forward to this being another fun event together and hopefully a big success!

Christine Benson: (269) 568-0664 ccben@sbcglobal.net
Kathy Weber: (231) 330-0953 weberkathy65@gmail.com

ECW-Help Wanted:

We need a volunteer to tally Oleson's grocery receipts. It is not too cumbersome of a job to do and we have the adding machine and tape to assist the volunteer. The job consists of adding the receipts which are donated from parishioners, then turned into Oleson's. ECW nets approximately \$200.00 annually. This is well worth the time and energy for ECW. If you are willing to help with this please contact Dorothy Miller and she will give you the details.

– Many thanks,
Christine Benson



First Responders Dinner

September 5, 2023



Office of the Sheriff Charlevoix County

Charles Vondra, Sheriff
Todd C. Reeves, Undersheriff
Derek Gaylord, Jail Administrator
Sarah M. Kaminski, Office Manager



September 19, 2023

Christ Episcopal Church
200 State St.
Charlevoix, MI 49720

RE: Thank You - First Responder Dinner

Dear Members of Christ Episcopal Church,

Thank you for once again hosting a First Responders Dinner where members from this office and family members were in attendance. We all enjoyed a wonderful and delicious meal your Church put together for us. We were also able to bring our working Corrections Deputies a to-go box so they could partake in this generous meal. It was very nice to include those who would have loved to come but were unable to make it due to work. This gesture went a long way and did not go unnoticed.

Every year we look forward to your First Responders Dinner. We know you put a lot of thought, effort, and love into making this meal for us and we appreciate it. Your support and kindness are a great reminder why we do the jobs we do. And we are proud to serve you and our communities.

On behalf of our office and all First Responders, thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

Chuck Vondra
Sheriff Chuck Vondra

Nathan Kaminski
Sgt. Nathan Kaminski

Trudi Sauve
Dep. Trudi Sauve

and family

Michael Wheat
Det./LT. Michael Wheat

1000 GRANT ST. CHARLEVOIX, MI 49720



First Responders Dinner

September 5, 2023



Christ Church parishioners volunteer to serve the First Responders of Charlevoix County, courtesy of Taylor Series



CHARLEVOIX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Christ Episcopal Church,
Thank you so much for having our department attend your First Responder dinner. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

– Sincerely,
Charlevoix City Police Department



Charlevoix Police Officer and Charlevoix Sheriff officer attend the First Responders Dinner on September 5, 2023
Sponsored by Taylor Series



Phil Pratt Organ Concert and Harvest Dinner October 10, 2023

Organ Concert

by Phillip Pratt

with Harvest Dinner to Follow

Christ Episcopal Church
200 State Street, Charlevoix

October 10, 2023

Concert @ 5p.m. • Dinner to follow
Open to the public at NO COST

Must register for Harvest dinner
by October 3, 2023 at 231-547-6322

This event is sponsored by *the Taylor Series*
Christ Episcopal Church

Phil Pratt will give an organ concert at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix, Michigan on October 10 at 5:00. Phil is the organist at Christ Episcopal Church and at Church of the Isles in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. He formerly served fourteen years as organist at Heartside Ministry, an outreach ministry to the poor and homeless population of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Each December during that period, he gave an organ concert commemorating the anniversary of the opening of the Heartside Chapel.

Including the Heartside Anniversary concerts, he has given over 60 organ concerts, including dedication concerts on some newly-installed organs. He has produced several organ concert videos which can be viewed from the Church's website christepiscopalchurch.net



Phil Pratt at Organ

The concert includes music from a tone poem that was used in two famous movies (audience will be asked to guess the movies). It also includes an original composition by Phil, two movements from Boellman's Gothic Suite, *The Swan* by Saint-Saens, and an organ arrangement of *Sing We Now of Christmas*. The concert also includes *The Entertainer*, one of the best-known examples of ragtime. The concert features the organ's solo trumpet stop in a piece for trumpet by Johann Roman. The concert also includes the finale to the 1812 Overture, featuring both church bells and canons. It also includes the elegy of *Thalben-Ball*, one of the most beautiful elegies. Also included is an arrangement of *Onward Christian Soldiers* as well as the beautiful Highland Cathedral. The concert concludes with one of the most well-known of all organ works, *Toccata in D Minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Crop WALK

AT CHRIST CHURCH



Phil Pratt organized Christ Church Crop walk for 2023. They include Christine Benson, Judy Pratt, David Loving, Phil, Judy Colt, Linda Wertz, Sharon Witucki, and Wendy Perrett. It was a sunny day for their 3 mile walk.

Blessed are those who give
without remembering and
take without forgetting.

– Elizabeth Bibesco

*Submit an Article
for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. October 23rd

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If you see an error in this month's issue, please let us know! We will correct it or print a correction in the next issue of the Red Door.

We Need More Susies in the World!

Tom Cash, Guest Columnist USA TODAY NETWORK

You may have heard the following story, but it is worth sharing again.

Come with me to a third grad classroom where a nine-year old boy sits at his desk. All of the sudden, a puddle forms between his feet and the front of his pants are wet.

He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never happened before, and he knows that when others find out he will never hear the end of it.

He puts his head down and prays, "Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'll be dead meat."

He looks up from his prayer and sees the teacher coming toward him with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered.

As the teacher approached, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl filled with water, Susie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water onto the boy's lap.

The boy pretends to be angry but, but all the while is saying to himself, "Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!"

Now, instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out.

All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk.

The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else - Susie.

She tries to help, but they tell her, "Get out. You've done enough, you klutz!"

At the end of the day, while waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie and whispers, "You did that on purpose, didn't you?"

Susie whispers back, "I wet my pants once too." We need more Susie in our lives.

There is someone like that who cares for you. Someone who is willing to take your shame and blame.

Someone who shoulders are big enough to carry undeserved ridicule. Someone who intercedes on your behalf.

His name? Jesus. His grace rescues us from the hell we deserve to give us a place in heaven we can never earn.

"Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25, NIV) Remember: this kind of relationship required mutual commitment.

Years ago, Billy Sunday was a very popular evangelist. He was the first to say, "Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage make you an automobile."

The church needs more Susies. Sault St. Marie needs more Susies. The world needs more Susies. Let's be the Body of Christ; let's be His hands and feet. May we take advantage of the many opportunities around us to reach out to others in the name of the One who eternally reaches out for us.

Tom Cash is the senior minister at First Church of Christ in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He also serves as Chaplain for Hospice of the Easter Upper Peninsula. On Facebook he is known as Yooper Paster and Yooper Pasty.

Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The vestry met on September 18, 2023 - 11a.m. at the parish hall.

Members present: Susan Flanders, Marsha Hall, Don Collier, Dorothy Miller, Deb Stutzman, Kathy Boyer (Junior Warden), Bruce Livingston, Mark Heydlauff (Senior Warden), Phil Pratt, Sharon "Wit" Witucki; clerk

Opening Prayer

Adoption of Minutes from August 17, 2023, Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
Adoption of Report, Motion carried

Update from Junior Warden, Kathy Boyer
All repairs underway have been completed, 9-20-23 new front doors will be installed.

Welcoming of new parishioners at worship October 8, 2023, Susan Flanders and Bruce Livingston to conduct giving gift baskets.

Taylor Series Update, Susan Flanders
Switchback, December 3 @ 4p.m.
University of Michigan, Men's Glee Club, January 28, 2024
David Miles, historical information on Mushroom Homes, February 18, 2024

Jeff Porter update on requests from Vestry for funding of projects from private donor.

Request for a 20yard dumpster to clean and prepare old kitchen and surrounding area for renovation, Motion to secure dumpster carried

ECW Country Market, October 14
Blessing of the Animals, October 4 @ 4p.m.

Christmas Eve Service 4p.m. with a reception to follow
New Year's Eve service 10a.m. as usual

Mark Heydlauff continuing to secure supply priests

Annual parish meeting January 7, 2024 to include a luncheon
Snow date as an option of January 14, 2024
Motion carried

Next vestry meeting October 16 @ 11a.m.

Closing prayer

Meeting adjourned noon

Kind words will unlock an iron door.

– Turkish Proverb

*Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage,
Truth and courage aren't always comfortable,
but they're never weakness.*

– Brene' Brown

Ministry Schedule **OCTOBER**

2023

Ministry	<i>Sunday October 1</i>	<i>Sunday October 8</i>	<i>Sunday October 15</i>	<i>Sunday October 22</i>	<i>Sunday October 29</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Roger Peak	Phil Pratt	Tricia Drenth	Gary Stutzman	Steve Hall
The Epistle	Steve Hall	Nancy Porter	Lisa French	Deb Stutzman	John Fiedorek
Prayers	Christine Benson	Betty Stephen	Roger Peak	Linda Wertz	Mark Andresky
Ushers	John Fiedorek Don Collier	Chris Nyland Jeff Porter	Chris & Christine Benson	Marsha Hall Emily Myers	Brownie & Susan Flanders
Greeters	David & Penny Loving	Susan Flanders Sharon Witucki	Marge Kirinovic Emily Myers	Chris & Christine Benson	Jack & Kathy Weber
Intinction	Brownie Flanders	John Fiedorek	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
LEM (Chalice)	Betsy Collier	Rick Wertz	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
Acolyte	Roger Peak	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Nancy Porter Marge Kirinovic	Linda Wertz Susan Flanders	Lisa French Betsy Collier	Dorothy Miller Deb Stutzman	Ann Bahr Marge Kirinovic
Coffee Hour Hosts	Cyndie Lieberman Marsha Hall Mary Livingston	Kathy & Jack Weber Betsy Collier Emily Myers	Betty Stephen Bev White	Shirley Gibson Penny Loving Wendy Perrett	Nancy & Jeff Porter
Vestry Duty	Bruce Livingston	Kathy Boyer	Susan Flanders	Don Collier	Marsha Hall

Ministry Schedule **NOVEMBER**

2023

Ministry	<i>Sunday November 5</i>	<i>Sunday November 12</i>	<i>Sunday November 19</i>	<i>Sunday November 26</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Mark Andresky	Nancy Porter	Lisa French	John Fiedorek
The Epistle	Steve Hall	Deb Stutzman	Gary Stutzman	Tricia Drenth
Prayers	Susan Flanders	Betty Stephen	Nancy Porter	Linda Wertz
Ushers	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	Don Collier Jeff Porter	Mark Andresky Chris Nyland	Don Collier Betsy Collier
Greeters	Betsy Collier Don Collier	Jack Weber Kathy Weber	George Perrett Wendy Perrett	David Loving Penny Loving
Intinction	Morning Prayer	John Fiedorek	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
(LEM) Chalice	Morning Prayer	Rick Wertz	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
Acolyte	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Dorothy Miller Marge Kirinovic	Linda Wertz Betsy Collier	Lisa French Deb Stutzman	Ann Bahr Nancy Porter
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Susan & Brownie Flanders	Marge Kirinovic Cyndie Lieberman	Ann Bahr Betsy Collier Emily Myers	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki
Vestry Duty	Deb Stutzman	Mark Heydlauff	Jeff Porter	Dorothy Miller