

THE *Red* DOOR

December 2023

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH • CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

200 State Street • PO Box 385 • Charlevoix Michigan 49720 • 231-547-6322 • ChristEpiscopalChurch.net

Advent

*A*dvent seems to be a peculiar concept. It is an intentional time of waiting for something we know is happening. We know when it will start and when it will end but it recalls a time of waiting without this sense of order.

The Old Testament is dotted with the notion of advent. The book of Isaiah tells us “*the glory of the Lord shall be revealed*” and that “*for unto us a child is born.*” These were prophetic words in an unknown world. There was no assurance of the Messiah coming on a defined date at the end of the month but hope endured.

The words of the prophet Micah are even more poignant:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,

from ancient days.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,

in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

Advent may feel like a liturgical speed bump on the way to the end of the month but let us capture the sense of longing it deserves. It is both a reminder of the past and guidepost for the future. We Episcopalians aren't prone to much talk of the end times or debates over the thousand-year reign of Christ but it is true, Jesus will come again.

We are preparing to celebrate the first coming of Christ but as we do so, let us remember that there is a second coming, somehow, some day. Jesus will wipe away every tear and the suffering will end. The world will be put to right.

Yours in hope,

*Mark L. Heydlauff
Senior Warden*

Advent

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen

– *Traditional Collect for the First Sunday of Advent, Book of Common Prayer*

Prayer List FOR DECEMBER

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Glen Berger	Tim Soronen
Deb Stutzman	Blake Kirinovic
Doris Lundteigen	Deb Meyer
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann	Jeannette Brower
Cynthia & Hewitt Johnston	Roulac Austin
Steve Fowle	Kathleen Benson and family
Frank Daly and family	Judith Riccio
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Laurie Bajos
Linda Smith	Mary Driggs
Lea Peak	Frank Rathjens
Joshua Lovay	Jim McCrea
Terry Carling Kohl	Glenn Carter
Kate Conway	Norean Martin.
Bob Schrock	Liane McGhee
Adele Dilschneider	Penn Loving
	Jean Loper



Steven Ager	Betsey Wild	Sue and Darrell Potter
Anne Castleberry	Linda Boss	

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

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

Caring SHEPHERDS

Caring Shepherds is still active in our outreach of Pastoral Care. We seek to connect to members who aren't able to attend CEC worship, or don't have internet/cellular phone access to view it online, or to participate with CEC's in-church programs.

Visits that are requested, greeting cards &/or phone calls are primarily the care 'gifts' that the 'Shepherds' seek to share. Utmost is our duty to listen to those who are absent from us.

If you have an intention who you know would like a *Caring Shepherd* visit or message on behalf of Christ Church, please let Marge Kirinovic know the name and phone &/ or address to reach out to these individuals.

We seek **LOVE**
We seek **FREEDOM**
We seek **ABUNDANT LIFE**
We seek **JESUS**

Charlevoix Football

Trevor and Adam Streeter traveled with Charlevoix Rayders to Menominee on November 3 for a football playoff game on November 4th. The 'Win' went to their opponents, however both young men received Conference recognitions. Trevor was named to All Conference and Adam received Honorable Mention; All Conference. Congratulations!

– Pam Sroufe

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



Streeter boys on Charlevoix school bus

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

Christian OUTREACH



Marc Sroufe accepts donation on behalf of The Rayder Den at The Charlevoix Middle School

Rayder Den, a 2023 Christian Outreach Partner of Christ Church, was recently gifted by the Leif Erickson Kayak/5K Run Challenge. Rayder Den; a 501c3 group, provides an in-school pantry at the

Charlevoix Middle/High School. Several CEC members, (D.Binns, J. Colt, the Kirinovics and the Sroufes) actively help at the school each month. Pictured accepting the check is Marc Sroufe.

Prayer for Perseverance

“Great Provider, who has the master plan for us all, strongly lead us to see feel and listen to what you want and need us to do in your name, Through your Spirit and perseverance working with and in our hearts, minds and souls. Amen”

*– Robin Helton,
St. Joseph’s Staff Member*

CEC Scholarship MAIL BAG

In the Scholarship Mailbag this Winter

From **Ally Herrick**, completing coursework at Northern Michigan University

Hi!
I ending up not transferring to Northland (in Wisconsin when Finlandia College in Houghton abruptly closed in 2023), and wound up at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. They're allowing me to graduate a year early, meaning I'll graduate this May, 2024! I've been really enjoying my classes and the area so far! All the fall colors are amazing but I'm secretly hoping that it snows soon! I have a job interview Thursday and I am grateful for the continued thoughts and prayers from all at Christ Church.

– Ally

It matters not how a man dies,
but how he lives.

– H.C. Hawk, Jr.

From **Keegan Whisker**, finishing his Bachelor's Degree at Ferris State University

Dear Members,
I hope all is well. This semester is going well and I am set to be graduating this spring, 2024 with my Bachelor's degree. Next step is finding a required summer internship to complete my degree requirements. It can be a paid internship.

Right now I am not living on campus (Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI). Through a consortium agreement between North Central Community College (Petoskey) and Ferris State University, I was able to have some courses at NCMC, and have them supported by Ferris towards my degree requirements. I am also distance learning through Ferris Online for my other courses.

Appreciation to all,
– Keegan

Thank You!

*I*n Thankfulness to **Christ Church Outreach** and it's program of "**Shoebox Ministry**", the Scholarship Team is able to send each current scholarship recipient a \$25 gift card as holidays approach. This affords each student choice in purchases that best support their needs during the countdown to semester end. This change to gift card giveaway began in 2020 as a result of the Covid Pandemic. Students have been quite enthusiastic about receiving the gift card.

December BIRTHDAYS

CELEBRATED AT CHRIST CHURCH

Birthday Prayer

Oh God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray on your servants, Dan, Barb, Ann, Don and John 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)*

Dan Sytsma Reed	12/8	Don Binns	12/24
Barb Wilson	12/9	John Fiedorek	12/28
Ann Bahr	12/23		

December ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRATED AT CHRIST CHURCH

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

Oh God, you express your love for us through our love for each other. Bless the relationships of Beverly and Ed White and Linda and Chris Smith 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

Beverly and Ed White	12/22	Linda and Chris Smith	12/26
----------------------	-------	-----------------------	-------

I Choose Gentleness

Nothing is won by force, I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my first, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

– Max Lucado



Northern Michigan Brass Quintet

November 5, 2023

Reception at Christ Church
Parish Hall



Northern Michigan Brass Quintet: Jerry Young; tuba, Edward Bahr; trombone, Evelyn Wujcik; trumpet, Beverly Isenbarger; horn, Pat Jarve; trumpet

The Taylor Series hosted the Northern Michigan Brass Quintet on November 5, 2023. Everyone in attendance and via Live Stream enjoyed the great selection of pieces selected by the talented group. The quintet opened with *Sonata* from Die Bankelsangerlieder (1684) and finished with *Five Foot Two* by Ray Henderson. The Brass Performers were; Pat Jarve, Evelyn Wujcik, Beverly Isenbarger, Edward Bahr and Jerry Young.

Continued on Page Eight

Be curious, not judgemental

– Walt Whitman



Brownie Flanders and Sharon Witucki serve guests at the reception following the brass quintet performance on November 5, 2023



Northern Michigan Brass Quintet

November 5, 2023

Reception at Christ Church
Parish Hall



Guests mingle during the reception on November 5, 2023

*Submit an Article for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. December 17th

susankflanders@gmail.com

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.



SWITCHBACK Midwestern Christmas

December 3, 2023

Concert at Christ Church

Sunday 4:00 PM

**Mark your
calendars
for these
exciting
upcoming
events:**

January 28, 2024

@ 4p.m.

University of Michigan
Men's Glee Club

February 18, 2024

@ 4p.m.

David Miles
will discuss
Charlevoix
Mushroom
Houses

SWITCHBACK
Midwestern Christmas
Christ Episcopal Church, Charlevoix
Sunday, Dec 3 @ 4:00 PM

FREE Concert | Reception After the Concert
Corner of State and Clinton Street
Presented by The Taylor Series

Christ Episcopal Church creates the perfect intimate setting for a concert of old fashioned carols, new Christmas songs by Switchback, and a wee dose of Irish.

Ministry Schedule **DECEMBER** 2023

Ministry	<i>Sunday December 3</i>	<i>Sunday December 10</i>	<i>Sunday December 17</i>	<i>Sunday December 24</i>	<i>Sunday December 31</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Roger Peak	Tricia Drenth	Mark Andresky	Steve Hall	Gary Stutzman
The Epistle	Gary Stutzman	Mark Andresky	Roger Peak	John Fiedorek	Nancy Porter
Prayers	Dorothy Miller	Steve Hall	Rick Wertz	Linda Wertz	Susan Flanders
Ushers	Susan Flanders Sharon Witucki	Jeff Porter Nancy Porter	Mark Andresky Marge Kirinovic	Betsy Collier Don Collier	Chris Nyland Jeff Porter
Greeters	George Perrett Wendy Perrett	Judy Colt Marsha Hall	David Loving Chris Nyland	Marsha Hall Cyndie Lieberman	Jack Weber Kathy Weber
Intinction	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Betsy Collier	Betsy Collier	Morning Prayer
LEM (Chalice)	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Rick Wertz	Brownie Flanders	Morning Prayer
Acolyte	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders
Altar Guild	Marge Kirinovic Dorothy Miller	Deb Stutzman Linda Wertz	Betsy Collier Ann Bahr	Linda Wertz Betsy Collier	Susan Flanders Nancy Porter
Coffee Hour Hosts	Nancy Porter Jeff Porter	Marge Kirinovic Amy Russell Nancy Grunch Nancy Grunch	Kathy Weber Jack Weber Wendy Perrett Shirley Gibson	Susan Flanders Linda Wertz Sharon Witucki	Cyndie Lieberman Betsy Collier Emily Meyers
Vestry Duty	Dorothy Miller	Kathy Boyer	Deb Stutzman	Susan Flanders	Jeff Porter

Christmas Eve Service



Christmas Eve Ministry Schedule Sunday, December 24, 2023 @ 4p.m.

Celebrant.....	Rev. Peggy Nattermann
Officiant	Dorothy Miller
Homily	Rick Wertz
OT Lesson & Psalm	Steve Hall
The Epistle	John Fiedorek
Prayers of the Peoples.....	Linda Wertz
Ushers	Betsy & Don Collier
Greeters.....	Marsha Hall & Cyndie Lieberman
Intinction.....	Betsy Collier
LEM Chalice.....	Brownie Flanders
Acolyte.....	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier & Linda Wertz
Hosts for Reception.....	Susan Flanders, Linda Wertz, Sharon “Wit” Witucki
Vestry Duty	Susan Flanders

Words of Promise

*God has given a son to us...His name will be Wonderful Counselor,
Powerful God...Prince of Peace.*

– Isaiah 9:6

Ministry Schedule **JANUARY**

2024

Ministry	<i>Sunday January 7</i>	<i>Sunday January 14</i>	<i>Sunday January 21</i>	<i>Sunday January 28</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Tom Kirinovic	John Fiedorek	Nancy Porter	Doug Rasmussen
The Epistle	Gary Stutzman	Roger Peak	Rick Wertz	Steve Hall
Prayers	Steve Hall	Lea Peak	Linda Wertz	Susan Flanders
Ushers	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	Jeff Porter Nancy Porter	Brownie Flanders Susan Flanders	Margie Kirinovic Tom Kirinovic
Greeters	Brownie Flanders Susan Flanders	Margie Kirinovic Emily Myer	Mark Andresky Jeff Porter	Betsy Collier Don Collier
Intinction	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
(LEM) Chalice	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
Acolyte	Rick Wertz	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Margie Kirinovic Deb Stutzman	Susan Flanders Dorothy Miller	Betsy Collier Ann Bahr	Nancy Porter Linda Wertz
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Annual Meeting	Marsha Hall Margie Kirinovic Cyndie Lieberman	David Loving Kathy Weber Jack Weber Shirley Gibson	Barb Wilson Betsy Collier Ann Bahr
Vestry Duty	Mark Heydlauff	Jeff Porter	Susan Flanders	Dorothy Miller