

THE *Red* DOOR

January 2024

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH • CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

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A Genuine Invitation

A A few years ago, I retired from my all-consuming job. No longer working weekends and holidays and looking for focus on life's important things, who knew casually loading groceries into my car would be life changing. Because that's when God invited me back, by way of Rick Wertz. Rick was heading into the market and after a casual parking lot chat Rick said, "Come visit us at church".

For me, that simple invitation was all I needed. Come visit us. Three little words. Not pushy. Not churchy. Just genuine. The following Sunday I walked through the church's red doors and met a somewhat surprised but smiling Rick, got a hug from Linda and met Father Tom. Finding my way to a pew it felt new and yet familiar.

As we begin a new year, many people are making decisions about many things. I promise you someone is looking for a reason to visit church but may not yet know it. I think we assume the idea of God speaking to us is a spooky idea. But sometimes it comes by way of a friend in a parking lot. Maybe you might be that voice for your friend, coworker, or a new acquaintance. Come visit us at church.

I don't pretend to have all the answers. But in my time here with the Christ Church family, I've been comforted and supported during some very hard times and some joyful ones. You kept me and my family in your prayers and offered so much support when Doug had his heart attack. Last spring, my granddaughter wanted to make her first communion here at 'Nana's' church. Although there isn't a tradition of first communion in the Episcopal Church, Father Tom and Linda made it such a special occasion anyway. And all of you joined her celebrating her achievement on that beautiful May morning.

As we begin 2024, I urge you to consider who in your life circle might need a simple, genuine invitation to come visit us at church. Maybe it's a Sunday service, or an upcoming Taylor Series event, or even an outreach opportunity like volunteering at Manna or the Rayder Den.

So, if you sense a quiet suggestion or a quiet voice in your mind or heart (it's not spooky I promise), to welcome someone to Christ Church, please act on it. For me? That simple, genuine invitation has made all the difference.

*Gratefully,
Kathy Boyer*

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

Prayer List FOR JANUARY

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman	Jean Loper
Doris Lundteigen	The Rev. Hewitt & Cynthia Johnston
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann	Betsey Wild
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Darrell & Sue Potter
Linda Smith	Tom Mueller
Lea Peak	Bob Schrock
Adele Dilschneider	Jon Riccio
Norean Martin	Clay & MaryJo Warner
Bob Jess Jr.	Patrick Anderson
Liane McGhee	Carolyn Jones
Penny Loving	



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

Flower Chart for 2024

Dear Friends,

Our new flower chart has many Sunday's available. This chart is in the parish hall narthex. Please sign up for the dates you wish. Each Sunday the cost of flowers for the altar is \$70.00. You can place flowers on the altar for birthdays, anniversaries or any blessing you wish. Please find the envelopes for your \$70.00 donation under the flower chart. Make your check out to Christ Episcopal Church, and mail to P.O. Box 385, Charlevoix or place in the collection plate on Sunday. Indicate on the MEMO line-Flowers for the altar.

Thanking you in advance.

– Linda Wertz

Thank YOU

I'm so thankful...

To God and my church family here at CEC, as I have been so supported by care and love while I've grieved the loss of my wife Nannette.

On this occasion of my 90th birthday, I am surrounded by such good people and am honored by their celebrations too.

– Don Binns

*Gratitude
is the memory
of the heart.*

– Jean Massieu



Don Binns 90 years young

The Truth

The truth is the kindest thing we can give folks in the end.

– Harriet Beecher Stowe

Christian OUTREACH

Charlevoix Food Pantry

Dear Friends,

As we start a new year, please let us remember the Charlevoix Food Pantry. The pantry is one of our Christian Outreach partners. We will accept food the first of each month for this worthy cause. You can place your donations on the table as you enter the parish hall.

Let's fill the table the beginning of each month with the much needed food for our area. The food will be delivered to the Charlevoix Food pantry for distribution. Thanking you in advance.

– Don Binns

Community Christmas Project

Our parish shopped for 19 families this year for the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project. We also had monetary donations of \$740.00 to contribute to the wonderful cause. Over 250 families are supported by the amazing Christmas Project. Members of our parish helped shop for gifts, check items in from the various entities who contribute to the project, and sort gifts and clothing at the Bethany Lutheran Church. A huge thank you to all who participated.

– Margie Kirinovic

Not by years but by dispositions is wisdom acquired.

– Platus



Marsha Hall, Bruce Livingston and Margie Kirinovic helped sort all the gifts for children from Charlevoix. This was a community Christmas project.

Manna Time Update

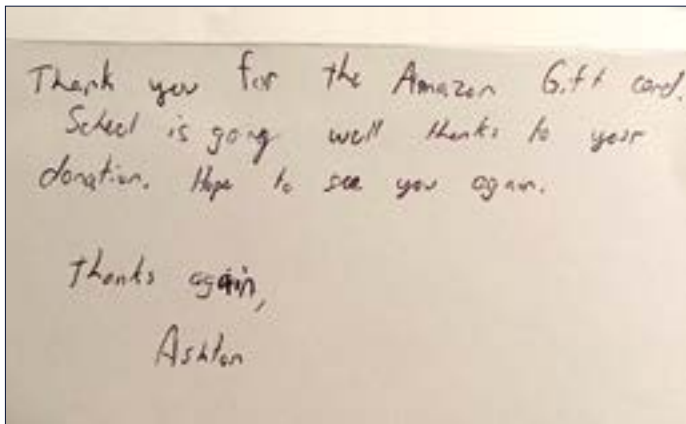
Our monthly volunteer schedule at the Manna Warehouse in Harbor Springs changed to:

The first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.

January 4, 2024 meet at CEC 9:15 if you're planning to carpool. There is always soup upon our return during the noon Hour.

CEC *Scholarship* MAIL BAG

In the Scholarship Mailbag this Holiday Season



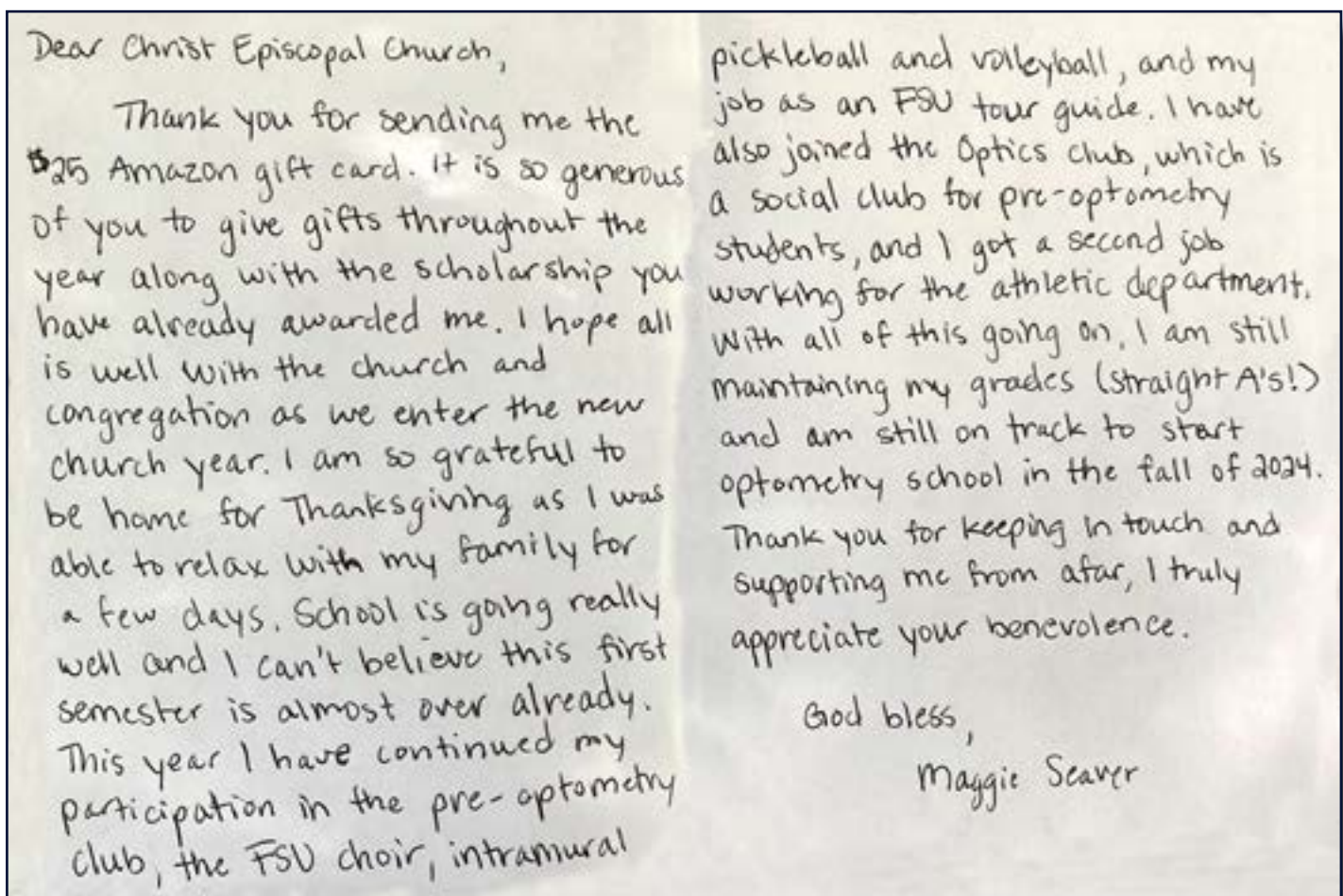
Ashton Spang is studying at Northwest Ohio University

Ellen Dhaseleer is experiencing her Freshman year at Calvin College.

Ashton Spang has completed 2 sessions of his automotive studies program at Northwest Ohio University.

Ally is set to graduate this Spring from Northern Michigan University:

"Good morning! I wanted to let you know that I received the card that you guys sent and I am very grateful! Thank you so much for everything that you've have done and helped me with. I hope all of your holiday plans and time spent with family is amazing. Thank you."



Thank you note from Maggie Seaver

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The wonderful people at Christ Episcopal Church -

Thank you so much for sending the Amazon gift card. It was a wonderful surprise to come home to over Thanksgiving break last week. I hope to get a book I have been wanting to read with it 😊. I am back now at school, but we only have a couple weeks until Christmas break. I recently applied and was accepted to take a course at Au Sable Institute this coming May - it's called Field Biology in Spring. So I am looking forward to that.

Overall, my ~~first~~ first semester has been going well, though I do feel a little bit lonely sometimes. I'm glad I chose to come to a university where faith is integrated

into the education since it allows for conversations you may not otherwise get to have. Right now in biology we are learning about human evolution and how it fits into the Bible story - I think it's very interesting.

Thank you for supporting me on this journey of learning and growth.

Have a peace-filled holiday season,

Ellen

Ellen Dhaseleer is a freshman at Calvin College

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Dear Christ Episcopal Church,
Thank you for the Amazon gift card.
I appreciate you keeping me in your prayers,
and for all that you do! Happy Holidays!



May the wreath on your door
welcome in
the true spirit of Christmas.

Thanks,
Alison Sape

Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Price of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

– Book of the Common Prayer, page 815

Go Through the Door at Rayder Den



New door to the Rayder Den

*G*o through the door* at the Rayder Den, (constructed and decorated by Charlevoix High School students with hopes of having the Den look more universal in allaying food insecurity), and you'll find food items for breakfasts, small meals & snacks. Thank you to the Episcopal Church Women for a generous monetary donation (in the Thousands!) toward the purchase of groceries.

Kind words will
unlock an iron door.

— *Turkish Proverb*



Episcopal Church Women, president, Nancy Porter presents a donation to the Charlevoix Rayder Den representative from ECW.

This pantry is supported by CEC Christian Outreach and the members present are Margie Kirinovic, Don Binns, Marc Sroufe, Kathy Boyer and Judy Colt.



EMPOWERING BRIGHT FUTURES
**WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER
OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, INC.**

December 11, 2023

Women of Christ Episcopal Church
PO Box 385
Charlevoix, MI 49720-1083

Dear Members:

Thank you for your generous \$2,000.00 gift to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) Empowering Bright Futures campaign, received on December 7, 2023. With your support, we are responding to evolving community needs with enhanced programming and facilities.

Our new WRCNM location will provide many benefits, such as improved efficiency and accessibility in an inclusive, welcoming space. This innovative approach will help build a path forward for women, children, and families with unique and complex needs.

"The WRCNM Advocate I met with not only supported me when I felt hopeless, but she has also helped me to find hope where most couldn't find any, and find new meaning for my life."

With your generous support, we will design and develop a facility that empowers bright futures. In donor recognition materials, your name will appear as **Women of Christ Episcopal Church**. Please contact the WRCNM office if you have a different preference.

Thank you for helping empower bright futures across northern Michigan!

Sincerely,

Gail Kloss
Executive Director

Thank you!

(WRCNM is a non-profit with a 501 (c) (3) designation by the IRS. Federal law requires us to notify you that WRCNM provided no goods or services to you in exchange for your gift. Please retain this written acknowledgement of your gift with your tax records.)

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Decorating FOR CHRISTMAS



Linda Wertz, Barb Wilson, Susan Flanders and Sharon Witucki finish placing the finishing touches to Christmas decorations at Christ Church

*Submit an Article
for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. January 22

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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.

Advent TREES

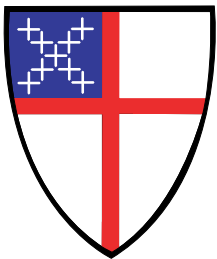
AT CHRIST CHURCH



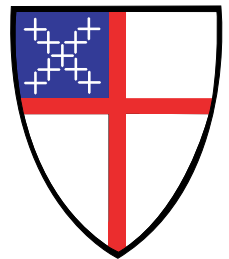
Don Binns, Rick Wertz
and Mark Andresky
all helped put decorations
on CEC's Advent trees



Mark Andresky
places the final bow
on the Advent Tree
in the sanctuary



Mark Andresky and Don Binns watch as Marc Sroufe
places our angel on the Advent Tree





SWITCHBACK Midwestern Christmas

December 3, 2023

Concert and Reception at Christ Church



Switchback returns to Christ Church on December 3, 2023



Switchback performed to a large audience
at Christ Church on December 3, 2023



Barb Wilson and Sharon Witucki enjoy the reception
following Switchback's performance



Christie Vogelheim and Bill Daniels
visit during the reception on December 3, 2023



SWITCHBACK Midwestern Christmas

December 3, 2023

Concert and Reception at Christ Church



Don Binns, Margie Kirinovic, Jeff Porter, Marsha Hall, Susan Flanders, Cyndie Lieberman and Nancy Porter are ready to service guests following Switchback's performance



Linda Wertz and Gail DeMeyere visit during the reception following the performance of Switchback



Diane Priess and Sharon Elzinga visit during reception following Switchback's performance

Whatever you are, be a good one.

– Abraham Lincoln



UoM GLEE CLUB

January 28, 2024

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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JANUARY 28th, 2024 | 4pm • CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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UoFM GLEE CLUB

January 28, 2024



*Men's Glee Club
from U of M*



Mark your calendar for

Feb 18, 2024

**David Miles to discuss Charlevoix Mushroom Houses
4p.m.**

Reception to follow in the parish hall

All are welcome - Open to the public at no cost

Sponsored by the Taylor Series

Annual MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING OF CHRIST CHURCH-JANUARY 7, 2024

Betsy Collier



I was confirmed in Christ Church in 1982 by Bishop Bennison. Since then, I was married to my husband Don and both of our sons were baptized there. That dates my history to being at Christ Church for 41 years. In these decades I have been part of many different ministries. When my sons were young, I was involved in the Sunday school worship center program. Since then, I have been involved in Altar Guild, Fellowship, Outreach and many ECW endeavors. Through these years, I have served on the Vestry many times with each of the priests that we've had. I hope to be a capable and productive member of the vestry serving with wisdom, integrity and faith. Thank you for your trusting me to do this job. – Betsy Collier

Linda Wertz Margie Kirinovic



I have been a member of Christ Episcopal Church for 30 years. During these years I have served on the Vestry two different times. I have served on a numerous other ministries where I felt I could help.

My dream for CEC is that we would be a church where people come and find God and Love. We have challenges but with God's help we can do anything!

– Linda Wertz



*D*ear Vestry:

Since I was a child the church has allowed me to be a sheep, a shepherd, and an angel of Christ Episcopal Church. During our Christmas pageants, as a sheep we learned how to pray over the Baby Jesus and guarding the manger for his safety. In my retirement I have been able to return to Christ Church and be one of many shepards watching over the current flock of this congregation. Currently, one of my great joys is, like one of Gods angels, caring for and helping those in our congregation that need assistance.

If accepted, I see serving on the Vestry as one more step in my path of helping others. Thank you for considering me.

– Margie Kirinovic

Annual Meeting
January 7, 2024
following 10a.m. service
Light lunch served in
the parish hall by
CEC Hospitality

New Year BLESSINGS

2024

One hundred and thirty years ago our church's ancestors began the journey that has lead us to today. Our new, handsome, and proud red doors will continue to stand guard, reminding the outside world Christ Episcopal Church of Charlevoix remains committed to God, to our community and to everyone who walks through them.

With age comes wisdom, so say the Sages. It also comes with the need for greater and ongoing care, to protect our church's longevity, for us and for the next generations. We are blessed beyond expectations as our generous, anonymous donor has once again made the following possible:

Undercroft (downstairs)

- Classrooms, family area repainted (last painted 2005)
- Boiler room, new sprayed insulation, and new drywall
- Updated electrical and plumbing work, all meeting county code
- Original kitchen and pantry updated, new appliances, cabinets, countertops, flooring, adjoining half bathroom. Will house

CEC linens, Sunday and event florals, added food and large kitchen cookware storage

- All new appliances will be energy efficient and meet all codes

Parish Hall Kitchen (upstairs)

- Two new electric stoves will replace 19-year-old gas stoves
- Pantry refrigerator will be moved downstairs, and new larger refrigerator will replace it
- New refrigerator/ freezer in kitchen will replace existing 19-year-old one
- All new appliances will be energy efficient and meet all codes

Balcony

- Two leaks in balcony ceiling will be repaired and repainted

Prayers of thanksgiving go out to our beloved anonymous donor and the workers who make this possible.

*Gratefully,
Kathy Boyer*

Sunday Sermons

Did you know that each Sunday the sermons at Christ Church are recorded?

To listen to the Sunday's sermon, visit the church's website at:

[ChristEpiscopalChurch.net](https://www.ChristEpiscopalChurch.net)

Click on sermon and listen to the desired week

New Year BLESSINGS

2024



CEC's 50 year old gold flower refrigerator being hauled out of our lower level. It definitely has seen better days!



New plumbing and wiring being installed in our new flower-craft room



Rick Wertz Builder's employee Mike measuring for new drywall in boiler room. Note the new spray installation on the walls



Electrician wiring new electrical panel in old pantry



Drywall being installed in boiler room over the new sprayed in installation.

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	John Fiedorek	Morning Prayer
(LEM) Chalice	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Dorothy Miller	Morning Prayer
Acolyte	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak	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	CEC Hospitality	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

Ash Wednesday 2024

Date: February 14, 2024, Time 5:30pm



February 14, 2024 at 5:30pm

OT Lesson & Psalms	Roger Peak
The Epistle	Gary Stutzman
Prayers	Susan Flanders
Ushers	Don Collier & Mark Andresky
Intinction	Besty Collier
Chalice	Brownie Flanders
Acolyte.....	Brownie Flanders
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier & Nancy Porter
Vestry Duty	Jeff Porter

Ministry Schedule

FEBRUARY

2024

Ministry	<i>Sunday February 4</i>	<i>Sunday February 11</i>	<i>Sunday February 18</i>	<i>Sunday February 25</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Mark Andresky	Lea Peak	Gary Stutzman	Steve Hall
The Epistle	John Fiedorek	Roger Peak	Nancy Porter	Dan Sytsma-Reed
Prayers	Tom Kirinovic	Doug Rasmussen	Barb Wilson	Betty Stephen
Ushers	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	Brownie Flanders Susan Flanders	Jeff Porter Nancy Porter	Margie Kirinovic Tom Kirinovic
Greeters	Jeff Porter Don Collier	Betsy Collier Don Collier	David Loving Mark Andresky	Marsha Hall Emily Myers
Intinction	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Betsy Collier
(LEM) Chalice	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Dorothy Miller
Acolyte	Roger Peak	Rick Wertz	Brownie Flanders	Dorothy Miller
Altar Guild	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann	Ann Bahr Dorothy Miller	Linda Wertz Rachel Sytsma-Reed	Susan Flanders Deb Stutzman
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Susan Flanders Brownie Flanders	Betty Stephen Marsha Hall	Marge Kirinovic Amy Russell Nancy Grunch	Nancy Porter Jeff Porter
Vestry Duty	Dorothy Miller	Mark Heydlauff	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

