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Finding Our Next Priest

wanted to take this opportunity to talk with you about the process and efforts toward finding the next priest for Christ Church. Understandably, there have been many questions about this and the timeline.

First of all and most importantly, I believe and our Vestry believes that God will call a priest for our Parish. We have been blessed most recently with Father Tom but many of you know the history of the priests we have had in different periods of our church. These folks have guided us and enriched our faith community over time.

Second, unfortunately there are many fewer priests than there are parishes looking for a priest. Further, as a parish looking for a part-time priest, the number of priests who are bi-vocational or who may be semi-retired and looking for part-time work is even more limited. Even diocesan positions have been vacant for an extended period as the diocese continues to search for the right person to fill the shoes left by Rev. Cannon Anne Hallmark when she retired last spring.

Third, since we are seeking a part-time priest, our pay scale reflects this. Pay for priests is established by our diocese and, in our tradition, we have offered a part-time wage as Father Tom was (though we know he put in so much extra work). Our Discernment Committee prepared a position description based on these expectations and it was approved by the Vestry.

The reality is that we may spend an extended period of time waiting for the next rector of our Parish as we have in the past and as many other parishes in the state also wait. What is important, in the meantime, is that we continue the focus of our ministry in the community. The Vestry and I will continue working to find visiting clergy as they are able (and we already have many dates covered in the latter spring and most of the summer). Morning Prayer is not a "fill-in" service but rather a continued, prayerful worship time where we are able to enjoy the fellowship of our parish community. We will continue outreach activities, fellowship activities like the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 13, and outdoor services in the summer.

I know it is easy to lose faith but our parish has much to be thankful for in our history and our future will continue to honor God in our community. If you have Episcopal clergy (or clergy who are in communion with the Episcopal Church) in your network of friends and family, please refer them to me for potential visiting clergy openings. In the meantime, we can all pray. Pray for God's guidance for our Discernment Committee. Pray for our future priest. Pray for leadership in our diocese.

Almighty God, we pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new priest for our church. You know our special needs and the task that lies ahead of us. Direct our Discernment Committee in their search, and give them insight to perceive the leader you would choose for us. Lord, we pray for unity, spiritual strength, wisdom and endurance as you set us on our task. Dear Lord, we ask you to help us to have patience with one another and to, above all, show mutual love and respect to each other, especially, during this process. And we further pray, O Lord, that in this time of waiting we may all devote ourselves afresh to your service, so that nothing be lost of the faithful work of the past, but rather that it may be brought to a rich harvest in the years to come. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- adopted from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Yours in Christ,

Mark L. Heydlauff

Senior Warden

## Prayer List FIR FEBRUARY

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman The Rev. Hewitt & Cynthia Johnston
Doris Lundteigen

Blake Kirinovic

The Rev. Peggy
Nattermann
Brenda Toton

The Rev. Kathleen
Kircher
Frank Rathjens

Linda Smith Betsey Wild

Lea Peak Darrell & Sue Potter

Adele Dilschneider Tom Mueller

Norean Martin Bob Schrock

Bob Jess, Jr. Jon Riccio

Clay & Mary Jo
Iane McGhee Warner

Penny Loving Carolyn Jones



Lily Matye

Joan Robinson

David Bahr Bra

Brad Lopez

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

### 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

# GEPledges 2024

## Stewardship Thank You

embers in Christ,

On behalf of the Vestry and the Stewardship Committee we wish to express our deepest gratitude to members of Christ Church for your recent pledges for the 2024 fiscal year. Your individual annual pledge is the single most important part of our financial health of Christ Church.

Your yearly generous financial gift is the backbone of our church and allows the Vestry to plan a comprehensive budget for the upcoming year.

Without your help, any near term plans for our church would be impossible.

Your time and talent offering allows us to organize the many volunteer positions we need to fill which allows us to continue our ministry in our community.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the ongoing mission of Christ Episcopal Church.

 Marsha Hall and Jeffrey Porter

# Christian Outreach Members from Christ Church Visit Manna on January 4, 2024

half dozen CEC members packed food bags at the Manna Food Project Warehouse in Harbor Springs on January 4. Elementary students in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties receive simple meal items, delivered weekly at their schools to take home.

In 90 minutes, 450 bags\* were packed & boxed ready for distribution. \*We put a dent in filling the 2200 bags needed. Rotary and other church groups each help once a month to make quota.



## Remembering

hrist church is saddened at the loss of our member Barbara Danly, who died January 6th in Traverse City. Barbara and her husband John became members of Christ Church about 15 years ago. They moved to Maine to be near a daughter when John became ill, and after John passed away Barbara returned to northern Michigan settling in Traverse City to be near her sons Bill and Peter.

Barbara was a woman of great spirit and energy who was devoted to family, friends and her community. She and John enjoyed raising llamas on their farm in Charlevoix after they retired from Hinsdale, Illinois. She enjoyed spinning yarn and weaving, and was delighted to share her interests with her friends and grandchildren. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. There will be a memorial service for Barbara in the summer at Christ Church

- Nancy Porter



**Barbara Danly** 

### Book of Common Prayer

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by every-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

- Book of Common Prayer page 840

## Remembering EAN LOPER

OUR SISTER IN CHRIST



### Jean Loper

ur sister Jean passed on to greater glory January 15, 2024. Her funeral was held at Christ Church on January 27, 2024 at 11a.m. a luncheon followed in the parish hall.

Roman 15:13 "
May the God of hope fill you with
joy and peace in believing, so that
you may abound in hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit."

**Jean Loper** 

ean Loper and husband Arnie were active members of Christ Episcopal Church. Jean and her three children, Mike, Carolyn and Greg would participate in many of the activities around holidays and special events. Jean, my mom, Joan, Ann Puffpaff, Doris Hosmer, Barb Gallagher, Aunt Esther, Aunt Marge and many other women were great roll models for all of the children of our church.

I visited Jean many times before COVID, sent cards to keep her spirits up during COVID, and in the past few years I took the opportunity to visit when I could. She had so many stories to fill the time together. Jean shared memories of how she and Arnie started coming to Christ Episcopal because Arnie knew the Carey boys and they went there. He respected them when he was in school at Charlevoix. I always thought that was special.

I will miss sharing a cup of coffee with Jean. She was a beautiful women.

- Sincerely, Margie Kirinovic

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

- Elizabeth Bibesco

# Unexpected LESSINGS

2024



Painters continue to work at CEC

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

- Jean Massieu

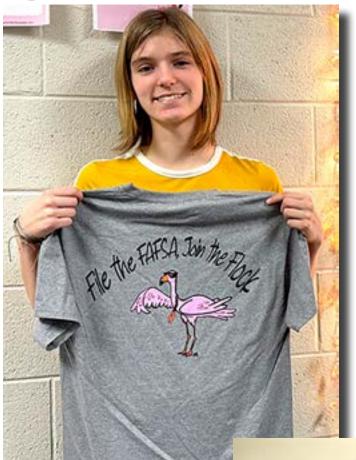


Electricians-Daniel Hark & Steve Hark, Rick Wertz, Plumber-Scot Ackert all working in our new lower level construction project.



Painters repair the damage to the balcony ceiling. The fresh paint around the inside of the church is clean and fresh. A big thank you to our donor for the repairs around the entire church.

# Couth GEG



ongratulations to Blaise Sytsma Reed, who designed a promotional t-shirt that highlights the importance of learning about and filing the new Free Application for Federal Student Aid, (FAFSA) Graduating high school seniors applying for post secondary education at institutions and programs need to file. (Christ Episcopal Church Scholarship applicants are required to provide proof of FAFSA filing).

#### **FAFSA is Free Application for Federal Student Aid**

Thank you Blaise Sytsma Reed for designing our FAFSA T- shirts for seniors that file this year. Charlevoix received a grant to promote and support seniors and parents to file the new FAFSA. A FAFSA workshop is being held January 17th at 5:30 at CMHS.

Blaise Sytsma Reed shows off the FAFSA t-shirt

#### Milestone Hert!

#### **Congratulations**

to Charlevoix High School Senior Trevor Streeter for achieving 100 career wrestling wins!

Way to go, Trevor!



Trevor Streeter - 100 career wins! (L to R) Courtney, Trevor, Becky, Don, and Adam

# Onite HANK OFFERING

### Blue Mite Box

hrist Episcopal Church collected \$62.00 which was given to the United Thank Offering. The money will be given away to support innovative mission and ministries within The Episcopal Church. Since the original founding of UTO in 1889, they have awarded 5,406 grants. Recipients have been Seniors Savings the Earth in Florida, Reducing water usage in rural Montana, and Walking Together: Protecting our Common Ground in Northern Michigan. So many grants have been available by your giving. Our next collection will be in the spring, so pick up your UTO box from our church parish hall and start the new year with more blessings in your little blue box!

– Margie Kirinovic

Almighty God, I give you praise for blessing me in many ways.

Create in me a grateful heart And with this gift, a blessing start.

Amen.

Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Your blessings become blessings for others.

Mite box prayer

Mite Box blessing

Now that thou hast given so much to me,

give one thing more, a grateful heart.

George Herbert, Gratefulness, 1633

100% of all offerings go to support God's mission in the world

Mite box





# CEC TAYLOR SERIES COMMITTEE



Taylor Series Committee for 2024-Betty Stephen, Marsha Hall, Kathy Boyer, Marge Kirinovic, Doug Rasmussen, Don Collier, Cyndie Lieberman, Nancy Porter, Susan Flanders (missing from photo Christine Benson & Doug Drenth)

Words of Promise

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

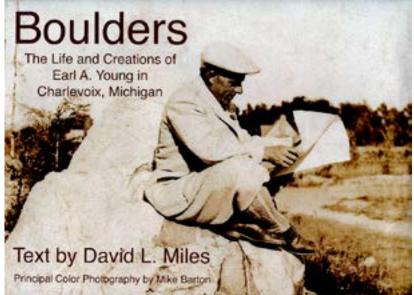
- Isaiah 9:6



# EARL YOUNG

PROGRAM PRESENTED BY DAVID L. MILES FEBRUARY 18, 2024 @ 4P.M.

#### "Boulders: The Life and Works of Earl A. Young"



n May of 2020, the Charlevoix Historical Society Press introduced its latest publication, BOULDERS, The Life and Creations of Earl A. YounginCharlevoix, Michigan. This 173-pp., fully illustrated work is the first ever biography written about the man and his whimsical works, now known around the globe. Young was never a registered architect. He worked mainly out of his head on the inspiration of the moment, inspired by the wonders of nature, principally glacial age boulders, that he discovered in and around Charlevoix after arriving here in 1900 at age eleven.

Written by Society curator David L. Miles, and assembled with the assistance of seven others, *BOULDERS*, self-published and self-distributed by the Society, has gone through two printings and reached sales of nearly 1200 copies. A third printing will take place in 2024.

In 2021, BOULDERS was named a Notable Book of

the Year by the Library of Michigan. In 2022, the Historical Society of Michigan granted it a State History Award for Outstanding Michigan Historical Publication.

This program, using many illustrations from the book including all of his structures, will concentrate on how it came to be written at this time, how it was organized and compiled, where the source materials needed to give Young full justice came from, and the challenge of summing extremely complex man who, by his own admission, could be difficult both to work for and with. But he left an inspirational legacy to a small town that unsurpassed. and the Earl Young Mushroom Houses of

Charlevoix have long been one of the top attractions in northern Michigan.



**David Miles** 



#### U of M GLEE CLUB

**January 28, 2024** 



Dr. Mark Stover directed the Glee Club on January 28, 2024

sunny afternoon in January University of Michigan Men's Glee Club entertained the Charlevoix Community with Sing to the Colors. Dr. Mark Stover, music director of the Glee Club selected AMAZING songs from Laudes atque Carmina by Albert Stanley, Go Down Moses, arr. Moses Hogan, There is a Balm in Gilead by William L. Dawson, Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho, arr. Stacey V. Gibbs. They finished their concert with Varsity and the Victors, by J. Fred Lawton, Earl Moore, & Louis Elbel, and of course The Yellow and Blue, by Charles M. Gayley & M.W. Balfe. The Glee club has been a tradition at the University of Michigan for 164 years. It provides camaraderie and musical experiences for these men. The entire concert was live streamed and

can be enjoyed on Christ Episcopal Church website: <u>ChristEpiscopalChurch.net</u> We are forever grateful to the Taylor family for this financial gift and blessing.



Dr. Mark Stover, Music Director visits with Glee Club members

# TAYLOR SERIES Charlevols, Michigan

#### U of M GLEE CLUB

January 28, 2024



**Taylor Flowers, Pianist for Glee Club** 



University of Michigan Glee Club gather in CEC parish hall following their fabulous concert. Almost 125 community members attended the great afternoon provided by the Taylor Series.



All 95 Glee Club Members performed in our sanctuary



Jeff Porter, Betty Stephen, Nancy Porter,
Catherine Connolly, Dr. Mark Stover, Music Director of Glee Club
Doug Rasmusen, and Marsha Hall gather at reception table
on January 28 after Glee Club presentation.

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



University of Michigan Friars entertained guests during intermission



Glee Club enjoys reception after their Taylor Series presentation.
It was AMAZING!



Two executive buses brought the Glee Club to Charlevoix



Barb Wilson, Betsy Collier, Nancy Porter, and Catherine Connolly prepare food platers for the University of Michigan Glee Club reception

### UofM Glee Club

The entire concert was live streamed and can be enjoyed on Christ Episcopal Church website:

ChristEpiscopalChurch.net



### **U** of **M** GLEE CLUB

**January 28, 2024** 



Glee club members practiced before the 4p.m. concert



We converted our undercroft into a dressing room for the Glee Club. Looks like a dorm room...right. Haha!



Betty Stephen, Doug Rasmussen, and Marsha Hall prepare ham and cheese sliders for Glee Club reception.

# Gerber TRINGS

**PROGRAM** 



Gerber Strings performed at Christ Church on January 7, 2024. CEC members of The Gerber Strings Group are Lena, Blaise, and Dan Sytsma Reed.

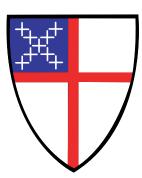
Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow ripening fruit.

- Aristotle

# DestruanNOUNGEMENTS

AT CHRIST CHURCH





Mark Heydlauff thanked Kathy Boyer, Don Collier, and Marsha Hall for their dedication while serving on the vestry for three years.

Missing from photo Marsha Hall.

#### H Reminder

Just a reminder for everyone to save their
Oleson's receipts. A volunteer from ECW adds
them up and a cash reward is given back to
Christ Church. It is easy to do, and the extra
money is greatly appreciated.



Following Christ Church annual meeting on January 7, 2024, Susan Flanders was elected Junior Warden and Mark Heydlauff was elected Senior Warden for 2024.

# Destry GHLGHTS

ighlights of the regularly scheduled January 16, 2024 Vestry meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Mark Heydlauff, Jeff Porter, Dorothy Miller, Susan Flanders, Betsy Collier, Linda Wertz, Marge Kirinovic, Deb Stutzman, Bruce Livingston (via phone)

- Opening Prayer: Mark Heydlauff
- Minutes of November 13, 2023 and January 7, 2024 approved with motion by Susan Flanders, supported by Dorothy Miller. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer Mark Andresky discussed end of year financial statements: rising interest rates, receiving money from folks who don't pledge, pledges higher than projected. Expense side: payroll lower due to no rector. Any line item expenses (are not the same every year) i.e. cleaned everything, elevator repair etc.
- Motion to approve 2023 Year End Financial Report by Jeff Porter, supported by Susan Flanders. Passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Treasurer reviewed proposed 2024 budget; vestry discussed pay and benefit expenses for priest and balancing this with supply clergy expenses. At this time a motion was made by Dorothy Miller, supported by Betsy Collier to approve the amended budget. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Discussion continued regarding the potenial repair of the stained glass windows. A donor has proposed paying for restoration. If donation is received, a proposal has been developed for them to be removed, reglazed and repaired off-site in August/September. The folks repairing the windows will be living here. Discussed the funds being put in escrow, wait for donation to pay for same.

#### Wardens' Report

Junior Warden: Susan Flanders reported dishwasher has been repaired, Reed family shoveling at no charge to the

church, discussed Brenda sprucing up the church after busy week, youth group tends to mess things up. Authorized Brenda to check church every Saturday.

**Senior Warden:** Mark Heydlauff, discussion on supply priests, Paul Greve is not able to assist at this time, but will be available later. Peggy Natterman and Tom Guback are willing to take additional dates. Christine Humphrey may assist after April, Dan Linnenberg willing to assist in the summer.

Mark and Lea Peak attended the worship leader Class this past weekend.

#### **Old Business**

- Taylor Series Discussion on Men's Glee Club concert scheduled for January 28 and an updated on all timelines (parking, lunch, reception, cleaning of the lower level etc.) for the event.
- Imagine nothing to report.
- Stewardship concluded. Susan would like to thank everyone involved in the Red Door. Jeff and Marsha to write the thank you.
- Building Projects/Requests covered earlier.

#### **New Business**

- Vestry Commissions:
  - 1. Worship & Music Jeff, Mark and Linda
  - 2. Parish Life Deb, Betsy, and Dorothy
  - 3. Christian Outreach Marge
  - 4. Evangelism Susan and Bruce
- Discernment Committee discussion regarding future steps and discussions
- Diocesan Convention will be in March, no specific dates at this time.
- Future Meeting Dates Monday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Gibson, Clerk to the Vestry

2024

	Christ Episcopal Chu	CONTRACTOR
	2024 Annual Budg	et
		2024 Budget
Income		
	Loose Plate	7,500.00
	Pledges	98,956.00
	Interest Earned	7,000.00
l. sour	Carryover from Prior Budget	52,181.00
Total Income		165,637.00
Expenses		
	Altar	900.00
	Christian Formation	1,000.00
	Christian Outreach	3,000.00
	Communication and Mail	750.00
	Convention and Diocese Program	1,000.00
	Diocese	14,177.00
	Evangelism and Growth	800.00
	Flower Fund	750.00
	Grounds and Gardens	550.00
	Hospitality	2,500.00
	Insurance Expense	4,500.00
	Janitorial - Snow Removal	6,000.00
	Maintenance and Repair	9,000.00
	Miscellaneous Expense	100.00
	Music Program	600.00
	Office Supplies	5,300.00
	Office Manager & Benefits	32,513.00
	Pastoral Care	250.00
	Priest & Benefits	39,247.00
	Professional Development	250.00
	Red Door Production	5,000.00
	Scholarships	12,000.00
	Sinking Fund	5,000.00
	Supply Priest	1,200.00
	Technology	9,000.00
	Utilities	10,000.00
	Vestry / Bishop's visit	250.00
	Total Expenses	165,637.00
	Net Income	0.00

# Ministry Schedule BRUARY

Ministry	Sunday February 4	Sunday February 11	Sunday February 18	Sunday February 25
	February 4	February 1 1	February 10	February ZS
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	Susan Flanders Brownie 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	Nancy Porter Jeff Porter	Betty Stephen Marsha Hall	Marge Kirinovic Amy Russell Nancy Grunch	Susan Flanders Brownie Flanders
Vestry Duty	Dorothy Miller	Mark Heydlauff	Susan Flanders	Jeff Porter

## Ash Wednesday 024

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



### February 14, 2024 at 5:30pm

OT Lesson & Psalms ......Roger Peak

The Epistle ......Gary Stutzman

Intinction ......Besty Collier

Chalice Brownie Flanders

Acolyte .......Brownie Flanders

Altar Guild .......Betsy Collier & Linda Wertz

Vestry Duty ......Susan Flanders

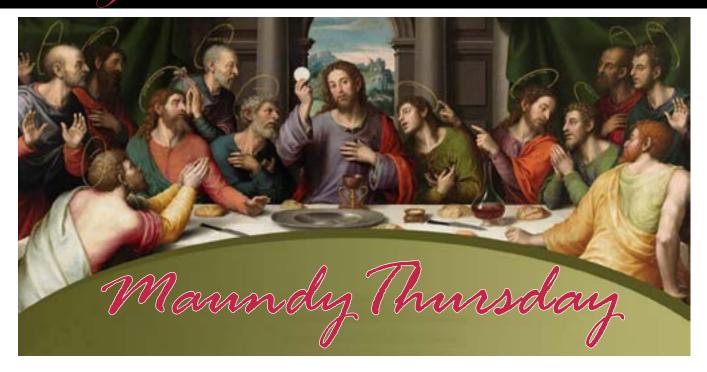
## Ministry Schedule AR

Ministry	Sunday March 3	Sunday Mareh 10	Sunday Mareh 17	PalmQunday March 24	EasterSunday March 31
OT Lesson & Psalms	Doug Rasmusson	Tom Kirinovic	Mark Andresky	Dan Sytsma Reed	Steve Hall
The Epistle	Doug Rasmusson	Tom Kirinovic	Mark Andresky	Dan Sytsma Reed	Steve Hall
Prayers	Dan Sytsma Reed	John Fiedorek	Barb Wilson	Roger Peak	Nancy Porter
Ushers	Mark Andresky John Fiedore	Marsha Hall Marge Kirinovic	Betsy & Don Collier	Marge & Tom Kirinovic	Jeff & Nancy Porter
Intinction	Morning Prayer	John Fiedorek	Morning Prayer	Betsy Collier	Mark Heydlauff
LEM (Chalice)	Morning Prayer	Brownie Flanders	Morning Prayer	Dorothy Miller	Dorothy Miller
Acolyte	Dorothy Miller	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak	Dorothy Miller	Dorothy Miller
Altar Guild	Dorothy Miller	Susan Flanders Deb Stutzman	Ann Bahr	Betsy Collier Rachel Sytsma Reed	Marge Kirinovic Dorothy Miller
Coffee Hour Hosts	Available	Brownie & Susan Flanders	Amy Russell Bev White Nancy Grunch	Kathy Weber Jack Weber Shirley Gibson David Loving	Marsha Hall Barb Wilson Cyndie Lieberman
Vestry Duty	Deb Stutzman	Susan Flanders	Betsy Collier	Margie Kirinovic	Jeff Porter

Submit an Article for the Next Red Door!

by 5p.m. February 19th · susankflanders@gmail.com

## Holy Week Services 024



#### March 28th • 5:30 pm

Celebrant	. Rev. Peggy Nattermann
Preacher	. Mark Heydlauff
OT Lesson & Psalms	. Mark Andresky
Prayers	. Tom Kirinovic
Ushers	. Jeff & Nancy Porter
Intinction	. Mark Heydlauff
LEM (Chalice)	. Dorothy Miller
Acolyte	. Dorothy Miller
Altar Guild	. Marge Kirinovic & Deb Stutzman
Vestry Duty	. Jeff Porter

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Officiate and Preacher	. Mark Heydlauff
OT Lesson & Psalms	. Gary Stutzman
Prayers	. Deb Stutzman
Ushers	. Marsha Hall & Mark Andresky
Crucifer	. Roger Peak
Altar Guild	. Ann Bahr & Dorothy Miller