

THE *Red* DOOR

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New Year's Resolution

*T*his is the season to make a resolution... or perhaps not. A Pew Research Center survey says that only about 30% of Americans make resolutions though it varies widely by age with about half of those 18–45 making resolutions while only 17% of Americans over 65 making one or more. Whether you make a resolution or not (and the data strongly suggests you do not), the start of a new year is a fresh page, a clean slate, and an opportunity to, at the very least, assess our personal strengths and weaknesses.

On November 19, Tony Campolo died at the age of 89. The New York Times described him in this way in their obituary:

“The Rev. Tony Campolo, one of the most influential evangelical preachers of the past half century, who urged Christians ...to affirm that their faith called them, first and foremost, to fight poverty and racism, died on Nov. 19 at his home in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He was 89. With a mesmerizing speaking style that combined humor, passion, worldliness and Scripture, Dr. Campolo in his prime addressed 500 or more audiences a year, at churches and conferences”

One of those churches was right here at Christ Church as part of the Taylor Series in 2017. For me, the most enduring quote of the evening was when he spoke about the purpose of our collective ministry

The church is the only institution in the world that exists for the benefit of its non-members.

When we orient ourselves around this meaning for our work, it puts things in sharp perspective. The prophet Isaiah talked of this purpose as well:

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. – Isaiah 61:1

Where do our programs fit if our purpose is for those Jesus called the least of these? Are we prepared to be uncomfortable in church if it means the captives and prisoners will join us? How can we bring the good news to the poor?

As we crack open new calendars, remember to change the year we write in our checkbooks, and look ahead with or without resolutions, how can we as a faith community live into our purpose in the world? Whether or not you make a resolution, let's remember afresh our purpose.

If you are beginning this new year with the goal of reading more, perhaps check out a couple of Tony Campolo's books like *Following Jesus without Embarrassing God* or *Choose Love not Power*.

*Yours in ministry for a new year,
Mark L. Heydlauff
Senior Warden*

Prayer List FOR JANUARY

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Deb Stutzman | Penny Loving |
| Doris Lundteigen | Steve Fowle |
| The Rev. Peggy Nattermann | Josh Levay |
| The Rev. Kathleen Kircher | Kathleen Benson and family |
| Linda Smith | Frank Daly |
| Lea Peak | Bill Meeks |
| Adele Dilschneider | Frank Rathjens |
| Norean Martin | John Whiteford |
| Bob Jess, Jr. | Nancy Grunch |
| Liane McGhee | Deanne Klosinski |
| Blake Kirinovic | Carol Schwing |
| Rose Shannon | Susan Warner |
| Dick Engelsmann | Krystin Clark |
| Lynn Black | Steven Collier |
| | Edwin Smith |



Lisa Hicklen

David Mason

Linda Boss

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

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

Click on sermon and listen to the desired week

Stewardship Campaign

UPDATE

2025

Thanks to everyone who returned their pledge card and Time & Talent sheet. The number of pledges is about the same as last year and the total dollar amount is up a little at \$106,716.00.

Should you wish to participate in our 2025 campaign, it is not too late to make a pledge or submit a time and talent sheet. See Dorothy Miller or me for the forms. Again, thanks so much for participating in the Stewardship Campaign for 2025.

– Brownie Flanders
Stewardship Chairman

Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
Proverbs 14:51 NIV



125th Anniversary painting of Christ Episcopal Church
by Linda Boss

Thank YOU

Anger is quieted by a gentle word
just as fire is quenched by water.

– Jean Pierre Camus

2025

Altar Flowers Donations

A big **Thank You** to all who donated money to this year's Christmas flowers, wreaths and trees.

Our sanctuary looked beautiful
and was filled with the Holy Spirit

– Linda Wertz

CEC *Decorated* FOR CHRISTMAS



Margie Kirinovic and Brownie Flanders placed gold bulbs and handmade Crismons on the tree in our sanctuary. It looks stunning!



Jeff Porter placed the handmade Crismon Crown on the top of our tree in the sanctuary. We had great help in removing the blue Advent decorations and turn the trees into Christmas trees.



Nancy Porter and Barb Wilson placed bulbs on the parish hall tree following coffee hour on December 22, 2024.

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

– Harriet Beecher Stowe

CEC *Decorated* FOR CHRISTMAS



Shirley Gibson and George Perrett decorate Christmas tree in parish hall.



Sharon Witucki helped remove Advent bulbs and bows from tree and placed Christmas ornaments on. It looked terrific when completed.

*Submit an
Article
for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. January 20

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Christ Episcopal Church Annual Meeting

January 12, 2025 in the parish hall

Luncheon served before meeting

SNOW DATE: January 19, 2025

Jenna Guthrie

Monday, November 18th, marked 7 years since my dad passed away. A lot has changed since then—some incredibly hard but so much of it has been wonderfully good.

Today, we finally spread his ashes. No real reason for waiting but it was overdue. It's not a fun anniversary, but remembering it with the two people I love most (my husband and my mom) and Welles, along with Aiden and Ace, made it feel so right.

I used to wonder why the anniversary of losing someone mattered so much, Why let a single date make you miss them more when you miss them to varying degrees through the whole year? But 7 years later, I can see it differently.

It's not for drama. It's not an excuse to feel sadder on that specific day. Rather, it's simply a marker in time—a moment to reflect on how much has changed, especially when you lose a parent as a teenager. It's just a good time to pause.

From the bigger things (a new last name and a new town) to the smaller things (a different car and a different laptop), I wish my dad could still be here in this crazy, beautiful life.

I only had him for my first 18 years, but he taught me enough lessons/skills, gave me enough love, and left me with enough memories to last the rest of my



Jenna Guthrie

lifetime. We love and miss you, Stephen Carlyle Guthrie.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:”

Take time to play-it is the secret of perpetual youth.

— H.C. Colton



Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra

AT CHRIST CHURCH

December 14, 2024



Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performed at CEC on December 14, 2024 at 4p.m. It was a magical evening.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra was the vision of a handful of professional musicians who performed several concerts in 2000. The orchestra filled a need for live, classical orchestral music in the Northern Michigan area, and soon GLCO was performing classical concerts, “pops” concerts, and small neighborhood recitals, as well as developing educational programs that inspire and transform students both in the community and in local schools.

As Northern Michigan’s champions of classical

chamber music, it is their mission to entertain, to inspire and to educate. With a vast variety of concert themes, they highlight the most classic of traditional composers to the most innovative of today’s contemporaries. They truly have something for everyone! On December 14, 2024 they performed at Christ Church. It was a magical afternoon following by a delightful reception. This was all possible from a donation in memory of Joan and Charles Taylor. Christ Church is very thankful for this gift and look forward to 2025 for more exciting events open to the public at NO COST.

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

– Epictetus



Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra

AT CHRIST CHURCH

December 14, 2024



It was a full house enjoying the Chamber Orchestra's performance on December 14. Another successful Taylor Series event.



Don Binns, Don Collier and Brownie Flanders serve refreshments to the guests following Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performance on December 14, 2024.

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



Susan Flanders and Nancy Porter visit with Dr. Libor Ondras, Music Director of Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.



Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra

AT CHRIST CHURCH

December 14, 2024

Taylor Series presents ~ The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra

Program – December 14, 2024

Dr. Libor Ondras Music Director

Concerto Grosso op.8 No. 6 Christmas Concerto
Grave~Vivace~Largo~Vivace

Giuseppe Torelli

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Brandenburg Concerto No 2
Allegro~Andante~Allegro assai

Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Naughtin

Winter
Allegro non molto~Largo~Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi

Adagio in G minor for Organ and Strings

Tomaso Albinoni

Concerto Grosso op. 6 No. 8 Christmas Concert
Fatto per la notte Di Natale Made for the Night of Christmas
Vivace/Grave ~ Allegro ~ Adagio ~ Vivace ~ Allegro ~ Largo

Arcangelo Corelli

Prayer for Illumination

Our Lord God Almighty, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your good and perfect will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. – Amen.

Vestry NOMINATIONS

Barb Wilson

Barb Wilson, a Michigan native recently retired and moved with her husband Andy, to their Charlevoix home. In the past she has served on Vestries for St. John's in Saginaw, MI. and St. George's in Bismarck, ND. She has been a member of Christ Episcopal Church since 2011 and "looks forward to this opportunity to contribute at CEC"



Barb Wilson

Beverly White

Although not in the strictest sense, I was raised Catholic, by my grandmother who instilled in me a deep faith in God. The church had let her down when she felt she needed it most, but that didn't diminish her faith in God and Christ, which was thus passed to me. In 1967, at the age of 20, I was confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Detroit into the Episcopal Church. I have attended church irregularly over the years, but for a variety of reasons, my faith was reaffirmed, and Christ Episcopal Church has been my spiritual home for several years. The congregation has become my family, offering comfort and friendship.

My initial reaction when Mark asked me to consider serving on vestry was that everyone else had probably turned him down. In my mind I came up with numerous excuses (too busy, too tired, still working, etc). However, for whatever reason I was considered, I am honored. Although we have a relatively small congregation (especially in winter), there are countless responsibilities, details and chores that keep our parish running smoothly. I can promise to do my best with God's guidance.



Beverly White

Vestry NOMINATIONS



Kathy Boyer

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For those of you who are newer members of CEC I'd like to make a quick introduction. My husband Doug and I moved north from the Detroit area to Atwood in 1975. Of our three children, two were born here and all attended Charlevoix schools. We both worked full time until our respective retirements. Our only son lives and works in Ventura, CA and our two daughters and their spouses have two children each and live and work in Petoskey. Our youngest daughter Kami and her husband Greg were married here at CEC in 2008 by Fr. John David. Their oldest daughter Beatrice took her first communion here from Fr. Tom O'Dell and their newest daughter Penelope will be baptized at CEC this coming summer.

I continue to be blessed to be a part of this warm and welcoming church community since 2016. Since then, I have learned the true meanings of friendship, understanding, compassion and faith. I look forward to once again being of service as a dedicated member of our vestry.

*Gratefully,
Kathy Boyer*

Flower Chart for 2025

Our new flower chart is available to purchase flowers for each Sunday. It is on the parish hall narthex bulletin board. Again, the cost is \$70.00 per Sunday.

Envelopes can be found under the bulletin board.

Ministry Schedule **JANUARY**

2025

| Ministry | <i>Sunday January 5</i> | <i>Sunday January 12</i> | <i>Sunday January 19</i> | <i>Sunday January 26</i> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle | Mark Andresky | Dan Sytsma Reed | Gary Stutzman | Roger Peak |
| Prayers | Susan Flanders | Barb Wilson | Mark Andresky | Susan Flanders |
| Ushers | Brownie & Susan Flanders | Sharon Witucki John Fiedorek | Don Collier Sharon Witucki | Don Collier Susan Flanders |
| Intinction | Morning Prayer | Rick Wertz | Betsy Collier | Brownie Flanders |
| (LEM) Chalice | Morning Prayer | Betsy Collier | Rick Wertz | Dorothy Miller |
| Acolyte | Dorothy Miller | Roger Peak | Rick Wertz | Roger Peak |
| Altar Guild | Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann | Betsy Collier Rachel Sytsma Reed | Deb Stutzman Dorothy Miller | Betsy Collier Ann Bahr |
| Coffee Hour & Fellowship | Brownie & Susan Flanders | Debbie Stutzman Betsy Collier Dorothy Miller | Barb Wilson Sharon Witucki | Amy Russell Margie Kirinovic |
| Vestry Duty | Susan Flanders | Marge Kirinovic | Dorothy Miller | Betsy Collier |

Grace

“If grace is so wonderful, why do we have such difficulty recognizing and accepting it? Maybe it’s because grace is not gentle or made-to-order. It often comes disguised as loss, or failure, or unwelcome change.”

– Kathleen Norris

Ministry Schedule FEBRUARY

2025

| Ministry | <i>Sunday February 2</i> | <i>Sunday February 9</i> | <i>Sunday February 16</i> | <i>Sunday February 23</i> |
|---|--|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle | Tricia Drenth | John Fiedorek | Tom Kirinovic | Steve Hall |
| Prayers | Stephanie Peters | Betty Stephen | Marge Kirinovic | Deb Stutzman |
| Ushers | Marge Kirinovic Tom Kirinovic | Brownie Flanders Susan Flanders | Betsy Collier Don Collier | Mark Andresky John Fiedorek |
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| Coffee Hour & Fellowship | Ann Bahr Stephanie Peters David Loving | Kathy & Jack Weber Emily Myers | Betty Stephen Barb Wilson Marsha Halli | Susan & Brownie Flanders |
| Vestry Duty | Marge Kirinovic | Dorothy Miller | Betsy Collier | Mark Heydlauff |

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

Christ Episcopal Church Annual Meeting

January 12, 2025 following the 10a.m. service

Lunch to follow in the parish hall

Snow Date - January 19, 2025

All year end reports due to John Fiedorek by December 29, 2024

