

THE *Red* DOOR

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH • CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

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We are the Church

*W*e have met the enemy, and he is us!

If this were a sermon, I might delve into the historical background of this phrase and provide some enlightening context. But it isn't and I'm limited on space.

As we begin this new year church year and as I said at the Parish Meeting in January, I want to take a moment to reflect on our parish, the unique moment we find ourselves in, and to propose a hopeful outlook for the year ahead.

Some of you may have come to church each time hoping to hear that our collective prayers have been answered, that we've found a new priest to lead us. Others may attend meetings expecting to hear about exciting new plans or upgrades to our life as a body of Christ in the Episcopal Church. I must be honest: I don't have such an announcement today.

However, I assure you that our Discernment Committee — led by Marge Kirinovic, Rick Wertz, Betsy Collier, and John Fiedorek — is working diligently alongside our diocesan leaders and vestry to explore all options and solutions. We are grateful for the guidance of Canon Nurya Love Parish and Canon Tracie Little, who help connect us with the broader resources of the Episcopal Church as we seek the leader God has planned for the future of our parish. We continue to pray with hope and trust in God's faithfulness to provide.

As we pause to reflect on the past year, I want to express my deep gratitude for the many ways our members step forward to serve and sustain Christ Church. Some of you serve seasonally when you're here in Charlevoix, while others serve quietly from your homes, perhaps caring for loved ones and supporting us through prayer. Some volunteer visibly — donning robes on Sundays, volunteering at the Rayder Den, Manna, or the Rainbow Shop. Others work behind the scenes in the kitchen, baking communion bread, planning events, or even shoveling snow. Whatever your role, I thank you.

Our parish is wonderfully if not fully diverse. We come from different walks of life, span generations, and bring varied experiences with the church. We have Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. Some have lived in Charlevoix their entire lives, while others are new to this community. Together, we are Christ Church.

I want to specifically recognize a few individuals whose service has been extraordinary. First, let us acknowledge our outgoing Vestry members: Jeff Porter, Deb Stutzman, and Susan Flanders. Over the past three years, their dedication has been invaluable.

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*Now is our time to go.
To go into the world to share the
good news of God and Jesus Christ.*

From the SENIOR WARDEN

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*S*pecial thanks are also due to:

- Brownie Flanders, for leading this year's Stewardship Campaign;
- Mark Andresky, our diligent and faithful church treasurer;
- Shirley Gibson, our Clerk to the Vestry, who ensures our records and decisions are well-documented.

Finally, I must highlight the exceptional contributions of John Fiedorek, our Office Manager. John's tireless efforts — from preparing bulletins to coordinating events and keeping everything running smoothly—are indispensable. His dedication does not go unnoticed, and we are truly blessed to have him.

Returning to the quote I began with — or perhaps slightly rephrasing it:

I have seen the church, and it is us.

We do not gather weekly expecting someone else to plan our activities or handle the work of our parish. It is not paid staff who produce our Red Door articles, prepare coffee hour, or decorate the altar for holidays. It is we, the members of Christ Church, who volunteer, serve, and sustain this community in countless ways.

I have seen the church, and it is us.

As we journey through this year together, let us continue to embrace this truth with joy, gratitude, and faith in God's plan for Christ Church. Thank you for all that you do.

*Yours in the church,
Mark L. Heydlauff
Senior Warden*

Be curious, not judgemental

– Walt Whitman

*Submit an Article for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. February 20

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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.

Prayer List FOR FEBRUARY

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman	Lynn Black
Doris Lundteigen	Penny Loving
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann	Donna Carter
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Tyanna Addison
Linda Smith	Deanne Klosinski
Lea Peak	Carol Schwing
Adele Dilschneider	Susan Warner
Norean Martin	Steve Collier
Bob Jess, Jr.	Edwin Smith
Liane McGhee	Lisa Hicklen
Blake Kirinovic	David Mason
Rose Shannon	Karl Hoffman
Dick Engelsmann	Donna Carter



Ed Smith

Lynn Greve

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

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

PRAYER

O God, Our Creator

O God, our Creator, by whose mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light:

I give into your hands my unfinished tasks, my unsolved problems, and my unfulfilled hopes, all these are yours even as I am yours.

Where I have turned from you, forgive me and lead me home again.

Where others have wronged me, strengthen me to forgive.

Comfort and protect me in the night hours: fill me with your peace as I rest in you. – *Amen*

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

– *H.C. Hawk, Jr.*

CEC Scholarship INVITATION

Scholarship Application Season

With 14 years of having favorable impact on high school graduates in Charlevoix County, CEC is announcing that FOUR (4) scholarships will be available for 2025 gifting.

Three (3) \$1000.00 scholarships are being offered in 2025 to help any high school senior who is attending school in Charlevoix County, for use in continuing ANY post-secondary coursework as long as coursework comes through a credentialed school or instructional program that results in degree or certification for the student. This includes students who have vocational, tech or trades interests.

A fourth \$1000.00 scholarship is dedicated to students with intention to pursue medical practice training,

(excluding pharmaceutical sales). Examples include but are not limited to, Nursing, specialized medicine, medical research, or any medical field that involves patient care.

Funding for scholarships is secured through the generous monetary donations from CEC members.

Many thanks are extended to Charlevoix County Schools staff and administration for their continuing support to help identify students and lead them to our application.

To date, CEC has supported 42 recipients of which 86% graduate college and/or find employment related to their study.

CEC Scholarship MAIL BAG

Ashton Spang

"Thank you for the Amazon gift card. It makes paying for Christmas gifts easier."

Ashton Spang at Northwest Ohio University.
Class of '23 from Boyne Falls High School

Izzy Boyer

Hello!

I recently received the Christmas letter from you and the Episcopal church, and I am so very thankful for that gift card!!

*Izzy Boyer 2024 recipient
from East Jordan at University of Michigan*

Allison Sape

Christ Episcopal Church,



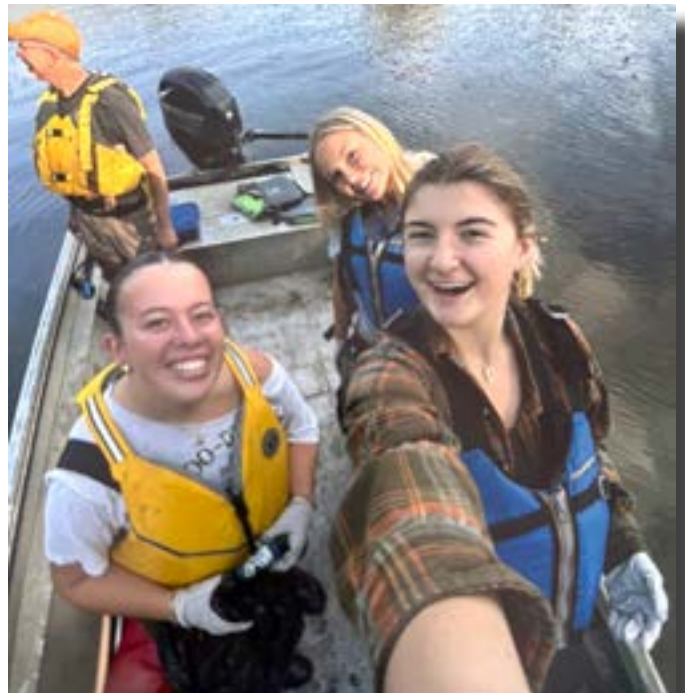
A BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL, WARM AND WONDERFUL, HOLIDAY SEASON TO YOU!

Thank you for the greeting, warm wishes and prayers, and the generous gift! I recently completed my exams and assignments - and will begin my final semester at Saginaw Valley State University in January. Your prayers have been so important throughout my academic journey. I'm so grateful for the love and support! Allison

Allison Wright

Wishing you a world full of happiness and holiday spirit!

*Happy Holidays!
Thank you so much for the card, that was so thoughtful and such a nice surprise after a long, wintry drive home! My thoughts & prayers are with you all in hopes of a joyful holiday season! So much appreciation for the love you've shown me!
Love, Abbey Wright*



Allison Wright

CEC *Scholarship* MAIL BAG

Maggie Sever

*D*ear Christ Episcopal Church,

Thank you for the Amazon gift card! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are getting ready for a beautiful Christmas. I have just completed my first semester of Optometry School (Ferris State University) and am relaxing at my home. After a rough finals week I couldn't be happier with how this semester went. I'm loving the community of students and faculty, the facility and the opportunities that this school has offered me. Being in graduate school coursework has taught me a lot of lessons already but I am in such a supportive atmosphere, that I feel very confident that I will be successful as school gets even harder. Classes this semester were pretty fundamental with a couple

introductory courses to the (ophthalmology and optometry) field, anatomy and physics of the eye. By the end of this year I will have the knowledge to perform an entire eye exam! I'm thrilled to get into the nitty-gritty of this profession and I will keep you posted along the way.

Even though I spend most hours studying, I have still made time to enjoy the events, networking opportunities, intramural volleyball, and spending time with my classmates outside of school.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love, Maggie Seaver

(2022 from Boyne City Schools)

For Schools and Colleges

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities and especially Charlevoix, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all trust; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

– Book of Common prayer - page 824



The Taylor Series at Christ Episcopal Church,
200 State Street, Charlevoix invites you to
a Presentation on The Odawa in the 20th
Century on Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 p.m.
by Eric Hemenway of the Little Traverse Bay
Bands of Odawa Indians

A reception will follow the presentation. This presentation is sponsored by the
Taylor Series at no cost.



Odawa in the 20th Century-

For many generations, native history in the 20th century has not been taught. The idea of the “vanishing race” was commonly accepted but tribes were not vanishing. The Odawa of Northern Michigan did not vanish. They fought for treaty rights, land, resource, all the while navigating turbulent waters in their homelands. This talk will look at the major people and events of the Waganakising Odawa in the 1900s.

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Words of Promise

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

– Isaiah 9:6



The Taylor Series at Christ Episcopal Church invites you to a concert of The Stargardt Trio, Three Generations on



Sunday, March 2 at 4:00 p.m.

200 State Street, Charlevoix. A reception will follow the concert.
Steve Stargardt on keyboard, Jack Stargardt, grandson on bass,
and Lori Jayne Dear, daughter on flute

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This concert is sponsored by the Taylor Series at no cost

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For Our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– Book of Common Prayer, page 816

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
Intinction	John Fiedorek	Betsy Collier	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
(LEM) Chalice	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
Acolyte	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Rick Wertz	Brownie Flanders
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier Dorothy Miller	Deb Stutzman Linda Wertz	Ann Bahr Susan Flanders	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nettermann
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Ann Bahr Stephanie Peters David Loving	Kathy & Jack Weber Emily Myers	Betty Stephen Barb Wilson Marsha Hall	Susan & Brownie Flanders
Vestry Duty	Marge Kirinovic	Dorothy Miller	Betsy Collier	Mark Heydlauff

*What lies behind you and What lies in front of you,
Pales in comparison to what Lies inside of you.*

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ash Wednesday 2025

Date: March 5, 2025, Time 5:30pm



March 5, 2025
at 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Peggy Nattermann
Preacher: Mark Heydlauff

- OT Lesson & Psalms..... Mark Andresky
- The Epistle
- Prayers of the People Susan Flanders
- Ushers..... Don Collier & Ellie Nicol
- Intinction Brownie Flanders
- Chalice..... Rick Wertz
- Acolyte Rick Wertz
- Altar Guild..... Betsy Collier & Dorothy Miller
- Vestry Duty..... Betsy Collier

Ministry Schedule **MARCH**

2025

Ministry	<i>Sunday March 2</i>	<i>Sunday March 9</i>	<i>Sunday March 16</i>	<i>Sunday March 23</i>	<i>Sunday March 30</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle	Steve Hall	Stephanie Peters	Mark Andresky	Lea Peak	Tom Kirinovic
Prayers	Tricia Drenth	Barb Wilson	John Fiedorek	Linda Wertz	Gary Stutzman
Ushers	Betsy Collier Don Collier	Susan Flanders Brownie Flanders	Marge Kirinovic Tom Kirinovic	Ellie Nicol Sharon Witucki	Mark Andresky John Fiedorek
Intinction	Morning Prayer	Betsy Collier	Morning Prayer	John Fiedorek	Morning Prayer
(LEM) Chalice	Morning Prayer	Rick Wertz	Morning Prayer	Betsy Collier	Morning Prayer
Acolyte	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Roger Peak	Dorothy Miller
Altar Guild	Linda Wertz Dorothy Miller	Susan Flanders Deb Stutzman	Ann Bahr Linda Wertz	Rachel Sytsma Reed Betsy Collier	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Deb Stutzman Gary Stutzman Shirley Gibson	Marge Kirinovic Amy Russell Sharon Witucki	Betsy Collier Ellie Nicol Stephanie Peters	Available	Available
Vestry Duty	Barb Wilson	Linda Wertz	Bev White	Dorothy Miller	Kathy Boyer

For Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to *thy* never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that *thou* art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

– *Book of Common Prayer - page 831*