

THE *Red* DOOR

October 2025

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH • CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

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A Good Job Description

*A*ny good job description usually ends with: “and all other duties as assigned.”

This is a vague and ambiguous expectation for even the best employee. I heard a story from one of our parishioners who had this play out in an unexpected way one time. Our friend was the manager of a business and worked closely with his employees. He became known for helping out as needed and assisting them beyond the normal course of business.

One time he had an employee with little family beyond the work family. He was excited when one of the women at the office let him know she was getting married. Then, lacking her own family, asked him to give her away at the wedding. He was honored. He asked her where the wedding would be held and she wondered if it could be in the lobby at their office. Naturally, he said yes.

So there you have it, being a good boss may mean other duties as assigned including, but not limited to, standing up in someone’s wedding and presenting a lobby for the ceremony. Make sure this is on your job description the next time you have a performance review at work!

Beyond the professional career context however, it seems to me we as Christians have our own obligations to “all other duties as assigned” too. The hymn “And They’ll Know We are Christians by our

Love” is found in our blue hymnal. As the name implies (or states pretty clearly), our Christian faith should be noticeable in its actions beyond our privately held beliefs. One of the lyrics of the hymn gives this potent message of our duty in the world:

*“And we’ll guard each man’s dignity
and save each man’s pride.”*

We can think of the usual actions descriptive of a person of faith: attend church; pray; pledge to the financial ministry of the church; help with special events and activities; give food to those who are hungry or sick; and the list continues. But when a person’s dignity and pride are on the line, what do we do? Do we take extra action to increase their level of dignity as a human? Do we convey the love of Christ through our actions that aren’t on the “job description”?

Nothing is more central to the uniqueness of a human being and their creation in the image of God than their dignity and self-worth. Our obligation to promote and enhance the dignity of each person—each dearly loved child of God—is inherent in our duty as a Christian. Through the actions that go a little beyond what is required and a little more than what is necessary, we show our love to a hurtful world.

*Yours in pursuing all the unassigned duties,
Mark L. Heydlauff
Senior Warden*

Prayer List FOR OCTOBER

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman	Frank Daly
Doris Lundteigen	Frank Rathjens
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann	John Whiteford
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Nancy Grunch
Linda Smith	Deanna Klosinski
Lea Peak	Carol Schwing
Adele Dilschneider	Karl Hoffman
Norean Martin	Donna Carter
Liane McGhee	Tyanna Addison
Blake Kirinovic	Natalia Moore
Dick Engelsmann	April Perry
Wit Witucki	Lyle Carrick
Steve Fowle	Pam Sroufe
Josh Levay	George Perrett
Kathleen Benon and family	Charles Lewis
	Penny Loving
	Rick Wertz
	Brenda Toton



Linda Nummer
Tom Lang
Charlie Valier

Kate Conway
David Mason
John Cantine

Linda Boss
Jim 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

*Submit an Article for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. October 22, 2025

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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.

CEC *Directory Update*

*T*here have been many changes since our CEC Directory was last published, and it is hoped that an updated directory of members can be shared in the near future. If you have had any changes in address (either summer or winter), cell or home telephone number or email address, please either email or text those changes to: Beverly White at:

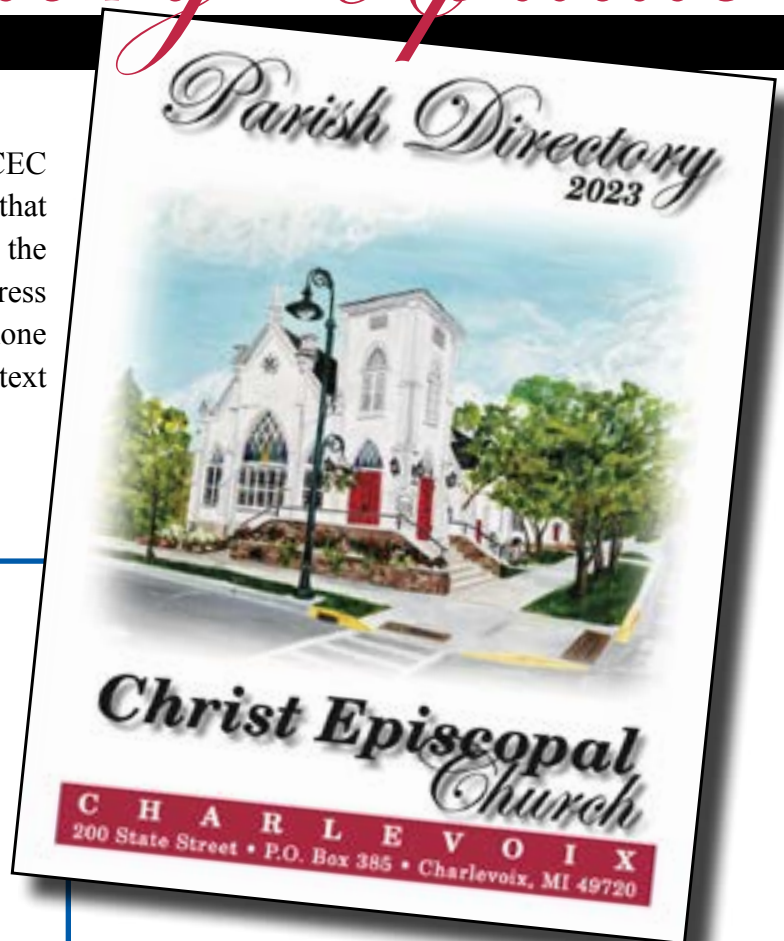
email: bwhite@freeway.net
or text 231-675-6055

We seek **LOVE**

We seek **FREEDOM**

We seek **ABUNDANT LIFE**

We seek **JESUS**



Green Thumb **GARDENERS** **AT CHRIST CHURCH**

*Calling all
Christ Church
Green Thumb
Gardeners*

*W*e will put the church gardens to bed for the season on October 14, 2025 at 9a.m.

Please bring your rakes, shovels, and leaf blowers. We will be separating many of our lilies and we recommend that you bring a few boxes or plastic bags to take them home and plant in your own garden. Also wanted you all to know that Christ Church received an award from the Charlevoix Area Garden Club for our gardens beautifying Charlevoix. Great work done by many hands!

Blessing of the ANIMALS **2025**

**Please bring your favorite dog, cat, chicken, horse, or hamster to
Christ Episcopal Church. 200 State Street, Charlevoix
For our annual blessing of the animal's service
October 4, 2025 @ 3p.m.**

Hunger WALK **2025**

*W*e have now had our 2025 Hunger Walk. We thank all the participants. The purpose of the walk was to raise money to address Hunger (Food Insecurity). If you would like to contribute to support the walkers and to support this important cause,

please make a check out to Christ Episcopal Church and put Hunger in the memo line. The Christian Outreach committee will determine how best to spend the money to address Hunger in our community.



***Going away cake
for
Rev. Erin Jean Warde
Our
Seasonal Priest
for Summer 2025***

CEC Scholarship MAIL BAG

In the Scholarship Mailbag this Fall

Nine scholarship recipients provided their college residence addresses and some texted about settling into this Fall semester.

Izzy Boyer

“Hello! My semester has been pretty great so far! And yes, better than the football team haha”

– Izzy Boyer at UM; second year

Abbey Wright

Abbey Wright ‘ran’ into her 2nd year return to Grand Valley.

Having worked locally this past summer with floral and hospitality businesses, she’s using that experience to secure part-time work with event preparation in Grand Rapids. She allowed herself a week’s vacation in July to drive through some mountainous National Parks.

– Abbey Wright, Grand Valley

***The recipients may be ‘away from (our) touch’
but not away from OUR minds:***

2022-Maggie Seaver at Ferris State University

2023-Ellen Dhaseleer at Calvin College

Faith Murray at North Central Michigan College

2024-Izzy Boyer at University of Michigan

Abbey Wright at Grand Valley University

2025-Kaydence McPherson at Northern Michigan University

Eliana Michael at Grand Valley University

Korbyn Russell at Michigan State University

Lena Sytsma-Reed at University of Michigan

***Let’s keep them in friendship
and prayers through Christ***



Youth AT CEC

Young Talented Student at Christ Church

Check out Charlevoix Senior Blaise Sytsma-Reed in *Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO)* presents *Fall Color Tour—Exploring Color in Music and Painting* – on Saturday October 11 th at 7 pm at the *Great Lakes Center for the Arts*. Featuring the works of Debussy, Mussorgsky, Haydn, Bach, Wagner and Mendelssohn, this concert, conducted by GLCO Maestro Libor Ondras, explores how composers and visual artists alike use color, texture, and contrast to evoke emotion and tell stories. Heidi A. Marshall, an award-winning Master Pastellist, will offer reflections on the shared language of art and music, alongside her works of art that complement and deepen the experience. Violinist Blaise Sytsma-Reed, Charlevoix High School senior and 2025 winner of GLCO's annual Young Artist Competition, performing with the orchestra *Lalo's Movement 1, Symphonie Espagnole*. Rayder Pride!



Blaise Sytsma Reed

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

Episcopal Church Women **ECW** **AT CHRIST CHURCH**

2025 Annual Country Market

October is here and so are the beautiful Fall colors, the Charlevoix Applefest and our own church **Country Market**. If you haven't signed up to help with the market event, please do so, the sign-up sheets are in the parish hall. We will be setting up at the church in the parish hall on Friday the 10th from 9 till around noon. **The Country Market** will be held Saturday the 11th from 9:00 - 3:00 along with a chili lunch being served from 11:00 - 2:00.

We have so many talented people in our congregation so please think about what you can donate for the sale. Your donated item or items will make a nice holiday gift for someone. Any unsold items will be returned upon request to the donor. This is the last ECW event of the year so please consider joining in on the fun with your donation for sale or your time in setting up.

Contact information for concerns or questions:

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*Love works miracles
in stillness*

– Herbert Read



ECW President, Amy Russell presents Rev. Erin Jean Warde with a going away gift from ECW

***The greatest and
most important
problems of life
are fundamentally
unsolvable.***

***They can never
be solved
but outgrown.***

– Carl Jung

Taylor Series presents

Phil Pratt



Phil Pratt's Organ Concert and Harvest Dinner was a huge success! We thank our Minister of Music, Phil Pratt for providing us with an outstanding organ concert. (*It may have been his best concert to date*). Also, we thank the Taylor Family for this wonderful financial gift to provide programs/dinners open to the community at no cost. We are thrilled and blessed by their gift.

*Vulnerability sounds
like truth and feels
like courage,*

*Truth and courage
aren't always comfortable,
but they're never weakness.*

– Brene' Brown



Taylor Series Committee gathers around Judy and Phil Pratt before Phil's organ concert in September. It was another fabulous concert given by Phil Pratt.

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.
– Jean Massieu

Are you sorry you had to miss Phil's concert?

Were you at the concert but wish you had a better view of Phil's hands and feet?

In either case we have the answer for you!

The online version of the concert is now available on the church's website christepiscopalchurch.net

The previous five years of online concerts are also on the website. To see any of them, scroll down to the bottom of the page and then select the desired concert.

In this version, you are positioned right next to Phil, so you have a close-up view of all the action. We hope you enjoy it.

Ministry Schedule

OCTOBER

2025

Ministry	<i>Sunday October 5</i>	<i>Sunday October 12</i>	<i>Sunday October 19</i>	<i>Sunday October 26</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Tom Kirinovic	Phil Pratt	Steve Hall	Mark Andresky
The Epistle	Nancy Porter	Dan Sytsma Reed	Bruce Livingston	Stephanie Peters
Prayers	Betty Stephen	Kitty Marquardt	Linda Wertz	Susan Flanders
Ushers	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	Mark Andresky Don Collier	Chris & Christine Benson	Tom & Marge Kirinovic
Greeters	Judy Colt Mary Livingston	David & Penny Loving	Marsha Hall Roberta Rossieur	Judy Pratt Betsy Collier Wendy Perrett
Intinction	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek	Brownie Flanders
(LEM) Chalice	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier
Acolyte	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier Ann Bahr	Susan Flanders Rachel Sytsma Reed	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann	Nancy Porter Linda Wertz
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Judy Pratt Betsy Collier Wendy Perrett	David Loving Stephanie Peters Emily Myers	Jeff & Nancy Porter	Christine Benson Betty Stephen Barb Wilson
Vestry Duty	Barb Wilson	Mark Heydlauff	Betsy Collier	Marge Kirinovic

Ministry *Schedule* NOVEMBER 2025

Ministry	<i>Sunday November 2</i>	<i>Sunday November 9</i>	<i>Sunday November 16</i>	<i>Sunday November 23</i>	<i>Sunday November 30</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Roger Peak	Dan Sytsma Reed	Tricia Drenth	Mark Heydlauff	Nancy Porter
The Epistle	Liane McGhee	Deb Stutzman	Bruce Livingston	Steve Hall	Gary Stutzman
Prayers	Mark Andresky	Marge Kirinovic	Barb Wilson	Tom Kirinovic	Linda Wertz
Ushers	Don & Betsy Collier	Jeff & Nancy Porter	Mark Andresky Rick Wertz	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	John Fiedorek Don Collier
Greeters	Bruce & Mary Livingston	Marsha Hall Wendy Perrett	Judy Colt Marge Kirinovic	Jeff & Nancy Porter	David & Penny Loving
Intinction	John Fiedorek	Betsy Collier	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	Brownie Flanders
LEM (Chalice)	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz
Acolyte	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier Dorothy Miller	Linda Wertz Rachel Systma Reed	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann	Susan Flanders Ann Bahr	Deb & Gary Stutzman
Coffee Hour Hosts	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki Ellie Nicol	Available	Mary & Bruce Livingston Ann Bahr Wendy Perrett	Amy Russell Stephanie Peters Marge Kirinovic Ann Bahr	Susan & Brownie Flanders
Vestry Duty	Bruce Livingston	Kathy Boyer	Linda Wertz	Bev White	Barb Wilson