

THE *Red* DOOR

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH • CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

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A Word on Winter Weather

We all know how winter in Michigan can be. Even this year, it's a blizzard one day and sunny and (relatively) warm the next. There are often very reasonable questions about whether church will be cancelled or other arrangements. Typically, we will not cancel church but that does not mean you should always try to attend. As we moved through the pandemic years, we were able to add the online connectivity to church. We also learned the importance of flexibility and using common sense. If you are not feeling well, if the snow seems a little risky for you to drive to church, or if you need some extra time with your family and dogs or cats on a Sunday morning, stay home! Joining "church" online is church. Your safety, health, and wellness are absolutely part of your spiritual health and this applies to everyone.

If there is an order from the sheriff to stay off the roads in Charlevoix County, we will close though this is



Winter in Charlevoix

exceedingly rare. If we don't have power, we will close (exceedingly rare but we did see it this year). If some other situation arises for a Sunday morning or some other program, we'll do our best to communicate this via email to the parish as soon as possible. But to reiterate, if conditions require you to stay home and watch online, you are as much part of the parish as you are when you sit in the pews at Clinton and State.

A Note on Online Worship

I want to reiterate what Mark said above, with an added perspective. I know that going to church online might not always feel as fulfilling as being able to sit beside your church family at Christ Church. I know that because I, your priest, attend online every Sunday I can, when I am not in Charlevoix with you! And if a priest can attend online, certainly you can too. While I miss being able to talk to each of you, hug you, hear you laughter, and enjoy coffee hour with you, I always

feel the warmth and love of Christ Church, even just in seeing y'all on the screen, hearing your voices, and praying alongside you. So, if attending online feels less than ideal, but the weather is especially treacherous, I encourage you to please use your discernment to decide if it is safe for you to drive to church. And if it isn't, you're welcome to sit in the online pew beside me.

– By The Rev. Erin Jean Warde

Prayer List FOR FEBRUARY

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman	Deanna Klosinski
Doris Lundteigen	Karl Hoffman
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann	Tyanna Addison
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Natalia Moore
Linda Smith	April Perry
Lea Peak	Lyle Carrick
Adele Dilschneider	George Perrett
Norean Martin	Charles Lewis
Liane McGhee	Tom Lang
Blake Kirinovic	Kate Conway
Wit Witucki	David Mason
Frank Rathjens	John Cantine
John Whiteford	James Denison
Nancy Grunch	Rouhlac Austin
	Susan F,
	Rob and Carolyn L.



Crawford Crooks	Toni Smith	Linda Boss
Cissy Walker	Barb Wilson	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. February 20, 2026

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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.

Episcopal Church Women **ECW** AT CHRIST CHURCH

The Charlevoix Food Pantry representative, Mary Eveleigh, welcomed our donation. Mary also accepted a check for the Diaper Pantry.

These Outreach groups all commented on how much these donations help their organizations in more ways than one. They were grateful that we remembered them again this year and were very thankful.

Sincerely
Amy Russell, President CEC Women

Donations Presented



Women's Resource representatives Gail Kloss and Andrea Cornado accept a donation check from Amy Russell, representing CEC women



Jan Boss from Safe Haven, happily accepts a donation from CEC women



The Charlevoix Food Pantry representative, Mary Eveleigh, welcomed our donation. Mary also accepted a check for the Diaper Pantry



BASES director, Scott Kelly, graciously accepts a donation from CEC women

New Vestry 2026

AT CHRIST CHURCH



Meet the new vestry

Christ Episcopal Church 2026 Vestry, Vestry Clerk, and Office Manager

The new vestry at Christ Church gathered following the annual meeting on January 18, 2026 for a photo in the sanctuary. See photo above:

(Left)
John Fiedorek, office manager, Margie Kirinovic, Junior Warden, Linda Wertz, Betsy Collier;

Senior Warden, Barb Wilson, Shirley Gibson; clerk to the vestry, Kathy Bother.

(Right)
Brownie Flanders, Bev White, Amy Russell, Dan Sytsma-Reed

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 fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

– Max Lucado

DONATIONS



Altar Flower Cost Increase



*T*he altar flowers for 2026 have increased from \$70.00 per Sunday to \$80.00 per Sunday. As you know this is for two vases. Should you wish to share this cost with a friend that is also acceptable. Each person will receive a beautiful bouquet that dressed our Sunday altar. Please find the flower chart on the bulletin board

in the parish hall entrance. Sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Please note, some Sunday's, are already spoken for but there are many available. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thanking you in advance.

– Linda Wertz,
Altar Flower Coordinator

For Sound Government

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

– *Book of Common*
page 821

**TAYLOR SERIES AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
CHARLEVOIX PRESENTS: TONY MANFREDONIA ON
FEBRUARY 22, 2026 AT 4:00PM**



"Tony Manfredonia is a singer-songwriter and composer whose music blends cinematic pop and piano-driven storytelling, with influences like Coldplay, Billy Joel, and Ben Rector. For this concert, Tony will perform an intimate acoustic set, offering heartfelt songs with themes of faith and hope, designed to create a warm and reflective experience for the audience."



200 State Street, Charlevoix at no cost to the public

A reception will follow the concert

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB



University of Michigan Women's Glee Club

*Taylor Series to host U of M on March 22, 2026 @ 4p.m. with reception to follow
Open to the public at NO COST*

The University of Michigan Women's Glee Club is a choral ensemble representing undergraduate and graduate SSAA singers from diverse fields across the U of M campus. Founded in 1893, the Women's Glee Club has a long history of enriching the university community and the lives of our hundreds of alumnae. Composed primarily of

non-music majors, WGC allows SSAA singers to express their love of music through performance, community outreach, and travel. We represent the University through choral music and promote the arts on campus and beyond, all while building a close-knit community through the making of music.

Sunday Sermons

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

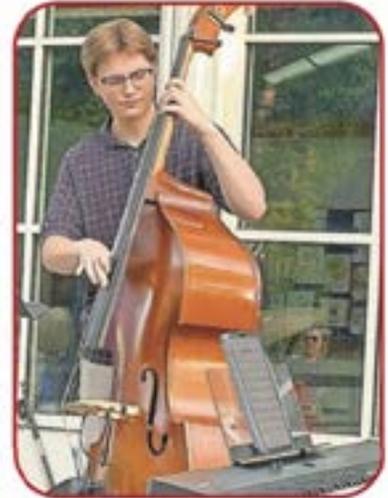
To listen to the Sunday's sermon, visit the church's website at:

ChristEpiscopalChurch.net

Click on sermon and listen to the desired week



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



Sunday, March 15, 2026 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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**Gratitude is the memory
of the heart.**

– Jean Massieu

Ministry Schedule FEBRUARY 2026

Ministry	<i>Sunday February 1</i>	<i>Sunday February 8</i>	<i>Sunday February 15</i>	<i>Sunday February 22</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms & The Epistle	Tom Kirinovic	Mark Andresky	Mark Heydlauff	Dan Sytsma Reed
Prayers	Margie Kirinovic	Steve Hall	Gary Stutzman	Betty Stephen
Ushers	Don Collier Jeff Porter	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	Susan & Brownie Flanders	Nancy & Jeff Porter
Intinction	Betsy Collier	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek
(LEM)Chalice	Rick Wertz	Brownie Flanders	Betsy Collier	Rick Wertz
Acolyte	Rick Wertz	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak	Rick Wertz
Altar Guild	Ann Bahr Deb Stutzman	Susan Flanders Nancy Porter	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann	Linda Wertz Rachel Systma Reed
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Susan & Brownie Flanders	David Loving Wendy Perrett Ann Bahr	Nancy & Jeff Porter	Linda & Rick Wertz
Vestry Duty	Brownie Flanders	Marge Kirinovic	Bev White	Kathy Boyer

Grace Teaches Us

He gave himself for us so he might pay the price to free us from all evil and to make us pure people who belong to him.

- Titus 2:14

Ministry Schedule **MARCH** 2026

Ministry	<i>Sunday March 1</i>	<i>Sunday March 8</i>	<i>Sunday March 15</i>	<i>Sunday March 22</i>	<i>Sunday March 29</i>
OT Lesson, Psalms & The Epistle	Mark Andresky	Marge Kirinovic	Tricia Drenth	Mark Heydlauff	Steve Hall
Prayers	Steve Hall	Tom Kirinovic	Betty Stephen	Linda Wertz	Susan Flanders
Ushers	Nancy & Jeff Porter	Don Collier Brownie Flanders	Marge & Tom Kirinovic	Rick Wertz Jeff Porter	Mark Andresky Don Collier
Intinction	Brownie Flanders	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz
LEM (Chalice)	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders
Acolyte	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders
Altar Guild	Susan Flanders Stephanie Peters	Susan Flanders Linda Wertz	Nancy Porter Linda Wertz	Marge Kirinovic Ann Bahr	Betsy Collier Dorothy Miller
Coffee Hour Hosts	David & Penny Loving Wendy Perrett	Nancy & Jeff Porter	Ann Bahr Stephanie Peters	Susan & Brownie Flanders	Barb Wilson Betty Stephen
Vestry Duty	Marge Kirinovic	Amy Russell	Dan Sysma Reed	Brownie Flanders	Barb Wilson

Words of Promise

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

– Isaiah 9:6