

THE *Red* DOOR

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*D*ear Christ Church,

I'm so happy to be writing to you from Charlevoix, the morning after a beautiful Ash Wednesday service. It's hard to capture how beautiful it is to be with you, in person, worshipping together, and beginning our Lenten journey.

For these 40 days, many people take on Lenten disciplines. Some people "give something up" for Lent, which can be incredibly powerful, as we might be feeling called to a season of removing something from our lives to see how this might create a vacuum into which we can place a better way, a better habit, a different spiritual posture. Some people choose to "take something on" for Lent, such as reading more Scripture, setting aside more time for prayer, focusing on a type of prayer to practice during this time, or adding a consistent act of service to their lives. This can be incredibly powerful, especially if we feel like the Holy Spirit has been nagging at us to enhance our daily lives with more time with God or serving the face of God in our neighbor. And some people do not take on Lenten disciplines, and instead journey with Christ through our worship together, which is also—I hope obviously—very powerful, as it helps us again not just observe Jesus, but instead, journey alongside him, through focusing on the Scripture texts on Sundays and the overall cadence of our liturgical journey together toward the cross.

We will also be offering a Lenten Christian Formation class that I will be leading! On Wednesday evenings at 5:30PM EST, we will meet at Christ Church to enjoy a nice soup and salad supper, followed by our study. I will facilitate a class on Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to*



Charlevoix's Michigan Beach in the Winter

Holy Week. You do not need to purchase the book unless you would like to! I will offer each class in such a way that no one needs to do any homework to prepare.

I chose this study specifically for its focus, but also because Amy-Jill Levine is a Jewish New Testament scholar, which is unique. I have not read this study before, but I look forward to seeing how her Jewish lens opens up our biblical imagination even more. I hope you will join us!

For the Wednesday evenings when I am not in Charlevoix, I will present the class via Zoom, so I will be with you teaching this class in some way, shape, or form for its entirety. All classes will be available via Zoom. I will send out an all parish email with the Zoom link prior to our first session.

In closing, please know that I am so grateful to be journeying through Lent with Christ Church. What a gift it is to worship God together.

*Let us walk in this wilderness together,
The Rev. Erin Jean Warde*

Save THE DATE

FOR CHRIST CHURCH

Lent & Holy Week

February 25: Lent Soup Supper & Formation

Week 1 - 5:30 PM (Wednesday)

March 4: Lent Soup Supper & Formation

Week 2 - 5:30 PM (Wednesday)

March 11: Lent Soup Supper & Formation

Week 3 - 5:30 PM (Wednesday)

March 18: Lent Soup Supper & Formation

Week 4 - 5:30 PM (Wednesday)

March 25: Lent Soup Supper & Formation

Week 5 - 5:30 PM (Wednesday)

March 29: Palm Sunday - 10:00 AM

April 2: Maundy Thursday - 5:30 PM

April 3: Good Friday - 12:00 PM

April 5: Easter Sunday - 10:00 AM

Little FREE LIBRARY

AT CHRIST CHURCH

The Little Free Library at Christ Church was designed and built by Brownie Flanders in 2017. The faux church windows were painted on each side of the library by parishioner and artist, Kerry Hunter. After display outside Spring, Summer and Fall for nine years, it was time for a face lift.

Brownie painted it this winter and added a few bolts and screws to give it new life. It will be back in business this year by Palm Sunday. It is amazing how many people stop at our library, peek in our library window and select a book to enjoy while walking by our church. Please scour through your home libraries and consider donating a book to our library for another individual to enjoy. (note: no text books) Find the library basket in the parish hall narthex for donating. Thanking you again for your book donations. Happy reading!

– Susan Flanders



Brownie Flanders repairs the Little Free Library in the church basement

Prayer List FOR MARCH

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman
Doris Lundteigen
The Rev. Peggy
Nattermann
The Rev. Kathleen
Kircher
Linda Smith
Lea Peak
Adele Dilschneider
Norean Martin
Liane McGhee
Blake Kirinovic
Frank Rathjens
JoDonna Carter
Tyanna Addison
Natalia Moore

April Perry
Lyle Carrick
George Perrett
Charles Lewis
Tom Lang
Kate Conway
Bill Puritan
Darragh Daly
David Mason
John Cantine
James Denison
Susan F.
Carolyn L.
Crawford Crooks
Cissy Walker



Toni Smith
Barb Wilson

Jackie Hayes
Charlie Valier

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. March 22, 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.

Youth AT CEC

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Blaise Sytsma Reed Charlevoix Winterfest Queen!

*B*laise Sytsma-Reed was crowned Winterfest Queen at Charlevoix High School's Winterfest January 30-31st. The week leading up to it held Rayder Spirit-filled activities and basketball games.

The heart sees deeper than the eyes.
The principal ingredient of life is God's love.
Let all that you do be done in love.

– 1 Corinthians 16:14



Blaise Sytsma Reed – Crowned Winterfest Queen

Blaise Sytsma Reed Charlevoix Community Pool

The Charlevoix Community Pool highlighted the Stingrays Swim Team Captain Blaise Sytsma-Reed in February!

Blaise is a graduating senior proud to have been a member of the Charlevoix Swim Team. Her favorite memories from swim are supporting teammates during meets and seeing the team become a family. Blaise will attend the University of Michigan in the fall to study marine science and public policy.



Blaise Sytsma Reed – Swimteam Captain

Christian OUTREACH

Early February found some Episcopalians at the Manna Food Project packing take home food bags for elementary students.

Left are Marc Sroufe & Don Collier

Right is Ed Bahr, David Loving and Betsy Collier

Our help at Manna is one of several Outreach programs CEC supports.



CEC parishioners work at MANNA

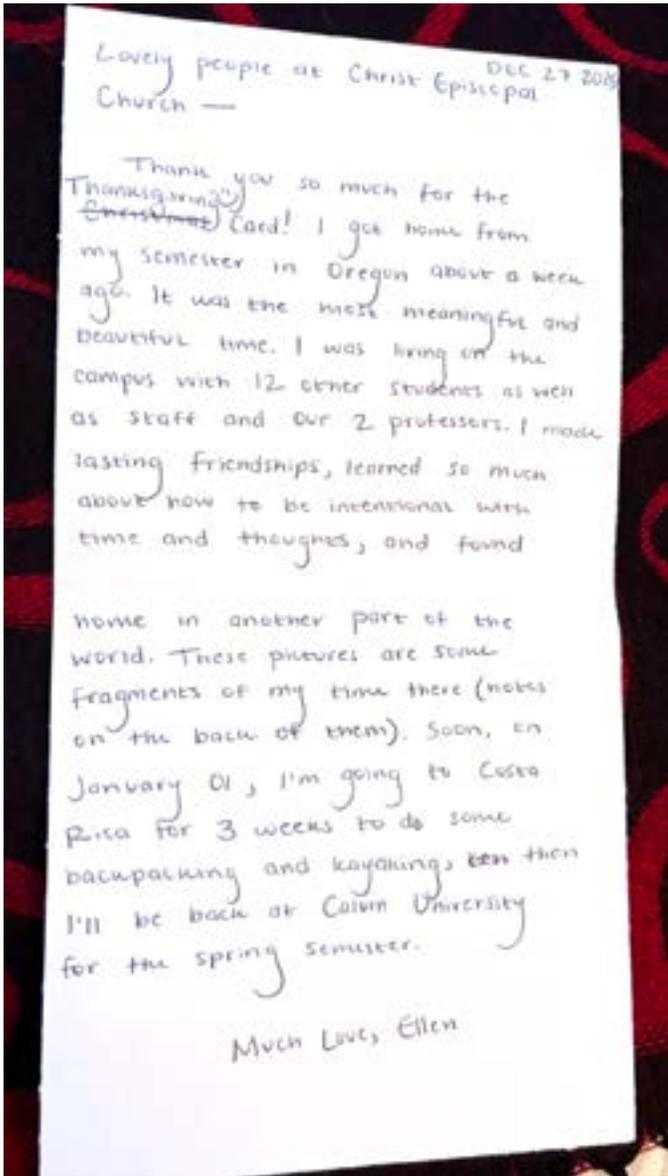
Additionally, the Rayder Den Food Pantry at CMHS continues to invite student shopping and several Christ Church members volunteer to supply & stock it as well as provide on-site help during the weekly shopping hours.

For Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– *Book of the Common Prayer,*
page 819

CEC Scholarship **RECIPIENTS** UPDATES



Thank you note from Ellen

Ellen D'haseleer, at Calvin College from Charlevoix High School, spent the Fall '25 semester in Oregon. Twelve students & 2 professors studied & worked in a Community Supported Agriculture program. Concomitant with gardening, harvesting and filling produce boxes, Ellen took a tool craft segment amidst this experiential coursework. She harvested trees for milling, then using lumber milled by a previous group, built desks. Ellen is far left in the group's garden harvest photo.



Ellen D'haseleer in Oregon working harvesting trees for milling



Ellen D'haseleer working at a community supported agriculture program in Oregon



TONY MANFREDONIA

February 22, 2026



Dan and Ric Sytsma Reed visit with Tony following his performance



The Taylor Series Committee gathered around Tony before his concert on February 22, 2026



The community enjoyed Tony Manfredonia's performance on February 22, 2026

Since Jesus died and broke loose from the grave, God will most certainly bring back to life those who died in Jesus.

– 1 Thessalonians 4:14



Christ Church kitchen scraps go to feed hungry chickens!



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

www.christepiscopalchurch.net

This concert is sponsored by the Taylor Series at no cost

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

– Aristotle

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	Brownie Flanders	Dan Sytsma Reed	Amy Russell	Bev White

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

Holy Week Services 2026



Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026 - 5:30 pm

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Erin Warde
OT Lesson & Psalms	Steve Hall
& The Epistle	
Prayers.....	Barb Wilson
Ushers	Jeff & Nancy Porter
Intinction.....	Betsy Collier
LEM (Chalice)	Rick Wertz
Acolyte.....	Rick Wertz
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier & Linda Wertz
Vestry Duty	Marge Kirinovic

Holy Week Services 2026



April 3, 2026 - 12 Noon

OT Lesson & Psalms Tom Kirinovic
& The Epistle

Prayers..... Marge Kirinovic

Ushers Don Collier & Mark Andresky

Crucifer Roger Peak

Altar Guild Betsy Collier & Dorothy Miller

Vestry Duty Amy Russell

Ministry Schedule **APRIL**

2026

Ministry	<i>Sunday April 5</i> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>April 12</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>April 19</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>April 26</i>
OT Lesson, Psalms & The Epistle	Nancy Porter	Tom Kirinovic	Rick Wertz	Tricia Drenth
Prayers	Mark Andresky	Barb Wilson	Stephanie Peters	Liane McGhee
Ushers	Don Collier Jeff Porter	Mark Andresky Don Collier	Jeff & Nancy Porter	Tom & Marge Kirinovic
Intinction	Betsy Collier	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek
(LEM)Chalice	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz
Acolyte	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Linda Wertz Ann Bahr	Marge Kirinovic Stephanie Peters	Betsy Collier Susan Flanders	Nancy Porter Ann Bahr
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Available	Available	David & Penny Loving Wendy Perrett	Amy Russell Marge Kirinovic
Vestry Duty	Bev White	Kathy Boyer	Barb Wilson	Linda Wertz

*“Prayer is not asking for what you think you want,
but asking to be changed in ways you can’t imagine.”*

– Kathleen Norris