

# THE *Red* DOOR

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*D*ear Christ Church,

It's only been a few weeks since I was with you for Holy Week & Easter, and I'm only weeks away from coming back to Charlevoix for another glorious summer! I hope you are enjoying a beautiful Eastertide.

During this Eastertide, I found myself captivated by the four Artemis II astronauts who flew aboard NASA's Orion spacecraft around the Moon and back. (And of course I have to mention astronaut Christina Koch who was born in Grand Rapids and spent summers growing up in Michigan!) This space journey was done to test how the spacecraft's systems operate in a deep space environment. This is significant, because it was the first crewed mission to the Moon in over 50 years, and because the astronauts were able to study life-support systems at that distance from Earth, test deep-space navigation, and pave the way for sustainable lunar exploration and future Mars missions. And, most importantly, they were able to complete this mission without any casualties. While that may seem obvious, I was born in 1987, a little over a year after the Challenger explosion, and even though I wasn't alive for it, I grew up being reminded again and again of that sad and devastating day. So I am very grateful the Artemis II crew made it home.

And, while I honor that the scientific discoveries are so important, I was captivated mostly by the pictures. If you have not seen the photos from Artemis II, I highly suggest looking them up in a high quality form. Seeing the pictures, as trite as it sounds, I remembered how small we are within the vast reality



**Astronaut Artemis II**

of the cosmos. Even more so than that, I remembered that if this part of God's creation—where we live now, in its finite reality—is this vast, whatever waits for us in eternity must put the entire cosmos to shame. And whenever my soul gazes into something I can't fathom, I tend to think I'm gazing God-ward, because I cannot fathom God either. The mystery of the cosmos reveals the mystery of God, because if we stand in awe of space, we will certainly stand in something unfathomably bigger than awe when we meet God face to face.

Following and enjoying Artemis II, I also couldn't help but remember the beautiful ways in which our Book of Common Prayer references space! If you aren't familiar with Eucharistic Prayer C, we pray the following cosmic lines:

“God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. *Glory to you for ever and ever.*”

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At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. *By your will they were created and have their being.*”

But wait, there’s more! In Form I of the Prayers of the People, we get the chance to pray this:

“For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*”

We also receive from the BCP this beautiful prayer For Knowledge of God’s Creation:

“Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

An interesting fun fact about Eucharistic Prayer C: The Standing Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Church was given the task to create a major revision of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer at the 1967 General Convention. This decision at General Convention resulted in the BCP that now sits in our pews, which was ratified in 1979, but written for over a decade prior to 1979.

So, shortly after the call to revision, guess what happened? The 1969 moon landing! Eucharistic

Prayer C was written for the 1979 Book of Common Prayer by Howard E. Galley and it was inspired by the 1969 moon landing. Eucharistic Prayer C, along with the other lines of prayer shared above, also fit into the cultural milieu of the time, as the United States celebrated its first Earth Day (which is today, when I am writing this!) in 1970.

I love learning the history behind our prayers, because it is a necessary reminder that our Book of Common Prayer intends to speak into the realities of human life, and it does so in a way that is truly remarkable. Because while I am not an astronaut, and I think most of y’all aren’t either, common prayer and common life isn’t about our individual experiences—common prayer and common life is about our communal experience, what we share together, the space missions we gaze at from this fragile earth, our island home. We don’t have to go to space ourselves to share in the beauty and awe of those who go to space on our behalf.

So as I watched Artemis II, and felt tears creep into the corners of my eyes as I looked at all their pictures, I was reminded of our common prayer and our common life. I thought about how we have become so individualistic in our current culture, and I grieved that, because the call of the Christian life is counter cultural even in this: through Christ we are brought into common prayer and common life. Even when the siren call of rugged individualism beckons, and even when we become the Prodigal who searches after the individualism that will never satiate or heal, we are always invited, again and again, to return. To return to common prayer and common life. To release our individualism and accept help. To rely not on

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ourselves, but God, and in doing so, to remember that often the way God blesses us is by sending us the people who are willing to be knit to us in common prayer and common life.

May we gave up at the vastness and beauty of God's creation, and in doing so, remember we are created in God's image and loved fully, even though we are but a spec in the grandeur of God's beauty and majesty. May

we remember we are more alike than different and that we are rescued from individualism and healed by communion and community. And, knowing the power of this rescue and healing, may we be emboldened to invite those around us who seek companionship and community into the very common prayer and common life that nourishes us at Christ Church.

*With love and care,  
The Rev. Erin Jean Warde*

# Cinco de Mayo PARTY!

(OLE = BRAVO)

*Please join us for*

## CEC Fellowship Fiesta

*Cinco de Mayo Celebration*

Food – Fun – Fellowship for CEC Parishioners

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026 5:30pm**

RSVP requested but not required

To RSVP sign up on clipboard in Parish Hall

or contact Barb Wilson

[bwlsn56@aol.com](mailto:bwlsn56@aol.com)

701-426-5777



### *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen*

– Book of Common Prayer, page 840

# Prayer List FOR MAY

*Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters*

Deb Stutzman	Tom Lang
Doris Lundteigen	Kate Conway
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann	Bill Puritan
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Kathleen Bensos & family
Linda Smith	Kathy Benson & family
Lea Peak	Susan Rankin
Adele Dilschneider	Frank Daly & family
Norean Martin	Steve Bowle
Liane McGhee	Josh Levay
Blake Kirinovic	Darragh Daly
Frank Rathjens	John Cantine
John Whiteford	Crawford Crooks
Nancy Grunch	Cissy Walker
Deanna Klosinski	Toni Smith
Karl Hoffman	Jackie Hayes
Charles Lewis	



Charlie Valier  
Sue & Darrell  
Potter

Carol Morris  
Ed Bahr

Jim Boss  
Linda Boss

*Persons are removed from our Prayer List at the end of each month.*

*Please contact John Fiedorek at*

[jfiedorek@gmail.com](mailto:jfiedorek@gmail.com)

*to add the names of friends and family to our Prayer List*

*Submit an Article for the Next  
Red Door!*

**by 5p.m. May 20, 2026**

[susankflanders@gmail.com](mailto:susankflanders@gmail.com)

**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.**

# *Easter* AT CHRIST CHURCH



Rev. Erin Jean Warde



Christ Church celebrated Easter with Rev. Erin Jean Warde  
It was a beautiful service



Doris Lundteigen enjoys an Easter card  
mailed to her from CEC Caring Sheperds



Rev. Erin Jean Warde was with CEC on Easter week

# *Easter* AT CHRIST CHURCH



The altar guild at CEC was busy prior to Easter. They polished all the brass and silver for the altar. L to R: Susan Flanders, Rev. Erin Jean Warde, Linda Wertz, Betsy Collier, Ann Bahr, and Nancy Porter



CEC provided a grand coffee hour following the Easter Service



Easter Lillies surround CEC Baptismal Font for Easter Sunday

*There are no impossible obstacles; there are just stronger and weaker wills*

*– Jules Verne*

# CEC *Scholarship* RECIPIENTS

2026 Scholarship Year



## Scholarship Recipients

*M*argaret Seaver; (graduating this May)  
Ellen Dhaseleer, Faith Murray, Isadora Boyer,  
Abby Wright, Kaydence McPherson, Eliana Michael,  
Lena Sytsma-Reed, and Korbyn Russell.

The CEC Scholarship Ministry team will be reviewing applications from graduating high school seniors during April to discern the gifting of three additional scholarships.

## *Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life; Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– *Book of Common Prayer*  
page 824

# CEC *Scholarship* MAIL BAG

*In the Scholarship Mailbag this Spring*

Dear Christ Episcopal Church,

Thank you for the Easter blessings! It was so nice to be home again for Holy Week, but it's time to head back to school for the last stretch of the semester. This has been the fastest school year yet, and thankfully, the most enjoyable! Everyone told me, that it would be the hardest to adjust to since starting in the clinic, but I have truly loved every second. I have already learned so much just from getting the hands-on experience seeing my own patients. It is so different than learning in the classroom. MCD is preparing us so well to be future eye care providers, and I am so grateful to be apart of such an amazing program. I hope everyone in the congregation is doing well and Happy Easter! Also, I will only be ~~receiving~~ <sup>receiving</sup> future mail at P.O. Box 661 in Boyne City from here on out

Thank you! -Margaret Seaver

## *Margaret Seaver*

Margaret Seaver (2022 Scholarship Recipient) graduates from Ferris State University. She has pursued study in Ophthalmology.

## *Ellen Dhaseleer*

Ellen Dhaseleer (Scholarship Recipient 2023) will be at Calvin College for her LAST semester in the Fall, 2026 and then graduating in December (one semester early)! This summer she'll be around Charlevoix! She's going to be living at home and working at Providence Organic Farm.

## *Faith Murray*

Faith Murray, also a recipient in 2023, WILL graduate from North Central Michigan College with an Associates Degree in Psychology.

## *Abby Wright*

I hope you've had a wonderful weekend and a very happy Easter Sunday! I was so delighted to receive yet another kind gesture from the Church. It really brightened my day when I got home for the weekend to celebrate the holiday with my family, to know that your church community is thinking of me!

Recently I had some exciting news, after a long interview process I was offered an internship (with intention to lead into a full time position) at Dennis Gartland & Niergarth CPAs in Petoskey! The internship is for next summer (2027) so I'll be well rounded in my accounting education by the time I start there.

*Abby Wright*

*2024 Scholarship Recipient  
studying at Grand Valley University*

# Youth AT CEC

## ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Blaise Sytsma Reed

### *Blaise Sytsma-Reed*

We're proud to recognize Dorothy Gerber Strings Program students honored at the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's Young Artist Competition.

Blaise Sytsma-Reed received Grand Prize in the Senior Division.

An impressive accomplishment and a clear testament to her dedication and growth as a string musician.

### *For Schools and Colleges*

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, 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 truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

– Amen

– Book of Common Prayer.

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

# Christian OUTREACH



**Don Collier packs up food at Manna**



**Marc Sroufe, David Loving and Betsy Collier hard at work packing up food at Manna**

A crew of Christ Church members went to the '1st Thursday' at Manna Warehouse in Harbor Springs to pack 'weekender groceries' for school kids in 3 Northern MI counties facing food insecurity.

Don Binns coordinates Christ Church volunteerism

for this Outreach partnership. The schedule at Manna is expected to continue through the Spring months.

Anyone is welcome to come. Carpool to and from Christ Church is always available 9:15 a.m. with return at noon.

## *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

# *Green Thumb* GARDENERS

AT CHRIST CHURCH



*Please*

Mark your calendars  
for

***May 11 @ 9a.m.***  
for Garden Cleanup

AND

***May 22 @ 9a.m.***  
for Flower Planting

All are Welcome  
and  
Bring Your Favorite  
Garden Tools

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

– Aristotle



# JERRY PERRINE

April 19, 2026

## C O N C E R T



Jerry Perrine - April 19, 2026



Jerry Perrine sits at the piano surrounded by the Taylor Committee: Margie Kirinovic, Marsha Hall, Don Collier, Nancy Porter, Barb Wilson, and Susan Flanders

On Sunday April 19, 2026 @ 4p.m. approximately 60 people from the Charlevoix Community were entertained in Christ Church's sanctuary by musician, Jerry Perrine. Jerry is a self taught musician who has been performing piano concerts around Southeast Michigan for over 40 years. He has been a featured performer at Greenfield Village and the Michigan Jazz Festival. He plays ragtime, jazz, blues,

and boogie-woogie. He also provided a sing along to those in attendance. Everyone was toe tapping to his old-time piano music. This was all possible from a donation from the Taylor family to Christ Church in memory of Joan and Charles Taylor. The event offered a reception following the concert at no cost and open to the public. A true blessing!

### *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

The Taylor Series at Christ Episcopal Church invites you to a presentation on May 3, 2026 @ 7p.m.:



## **Human Trafficking with Dr. Jodi Flanders,**

**an MSU faculty member and a family physician, who has devoted much of her career to serving marginalized people—through her work in global health and with survivors of human trafficking.**

A reception will follow the presentation.

[www.christepiscopalchurch.net](http://www.christepiscopalchurch.net)

This presentation is sponsored by the Taylor Series at **no cost**





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



**Sunday, May 17, 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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The Taylor Series at Christ Episcopal Church  
invites you to a concert with  
**Switchback**  
on Friday, May 22, 2026, at 7 p.m.



Celebrate the rich traditions folk, Irish, rock, and country music with Switchback.

200 State Street, Charlevoix.

A reception will follow the concert.

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## ***Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow Holy Spirit,***

Wind and flame, move within our mortal frame.

Make our hearts an altar pure, kindle them with your own fire.

Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,

Speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

by - Thomas H. Troeger

# Ministry Schedule **MAY**

**2026**

Ministry	<i>Sunday May 3</i>	<i>Sunday May 10</i>	<i>Sunday May 17</i>	<i>Sunday May 24</i>	<i>Sunday May 31</i>
<b>Old Testament &amp; Psalm</b>	Mark Andresky	Steve Hall	Mark Heydlauff	Nancy Porter	Dan Sytsma-Reed
<b>Epistle</b>	John Fiedorek	Bob Barrett	Stephanie Peters	Bruce Livingston	Tricia Drenth
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Tom Kirinovic	Christine Barrett	Susan Flanders	John Fiedorek	Betty Stephen
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom & Marge Kirinovic	Don & Betsy Collier	Betsy & Don Collier	Susan Flanders Bruce Livingston	Mark Andresky Don Collier
<b>Greeters</b>	David & Penny Loving	Bob & Christine Barrett	Chris & Christine Benson	Nancy & Jeff Porter	Bobbie Rasseur Mark Andresky
<b>Intinction</b>	John Fiedorek	Betsy Collier	Betsy Collier	John Fiedorek	Betsy Collier
<b>LEM (Chalice)</b>	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek	Brownie Flanders	Brownie Flanders	John Fiedorek
<b>Acolyte</b>	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek	Brownie Flanders	Brownie Flanders	John Fiedorek
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Wertz Marge Kirinovic	Betsy Collier Ann Bahr	Stephanie Peters Susan Flanders	Dorothy Miller Nancy Porter	Betsy Collier Ann Bahr
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Stephanie Peters Judy Pratt	Christine Benson Ann Bahr	Brownie & Susan Flanders	Bruce & Mary Livingston	Betty Stephen Barb Wilson
<b>Vestry</b>	Marge Kirinovic	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Amy Russell	Dan Sytsma-Reed

# Ministry Schedule **JUNE**

**2026**

Ministry	<i>Sunday June 7</i>	<i>Sunday June 14</i>	<i>Sunday June 21</i>	<i>Sunday June 28 Depot Beach</i>
<b>Old Testament &amp; Psalm</b>	Christine Barrett	Stephanie Peters	Mark Heydlauff	Dan Sytsma-Reed
<b>Epistle</b>	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek	Dan Sytsma-Reed	Tom Kirinovic
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Mark Andresky	Steve Hall	Betty Stephen	Barb Wilson
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Andresky Bob Barrett	Nancy & Jeff Porter	Chris & Christine Benson	Marge & Tom Kirinovic
<b>Greeters</b>	Chris & Christine Benson	Bobbie Rassieur John Fiedorek	David & Penny Loving	N/A (BEACH)
<b>Intinction</b>	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek	Betsy Collier	Betsy Collier
<b>LEM (Chalice)</b>	Brownie Flanders	Nancy Porter	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek
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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Wertz Susan Flanders	Stephanie Peters Ann Bahr	Linda Wertz Dorothy Miller	Betsy Collier Marge Kirinovic
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Bob & Christine Barrett	Nancy & Jeff Porter	David & Penny Loving	Wendy Perrett Judy Pratt
<b>Vestry</b>	Kathy Boyer	Bev White	Linda Wertz	Barb Wilson