

# THE *Red* DOOR

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## *Reflections from the Reverend*

*F*riends,

As I recently mentioned in a sermon, I've been thinking a lot about Sabbath. I was asked at Clergy Retreat for the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes if I would be willing to sit on a panel about Sabbath, and I said I would do it, but I had to be honest and say that I could only speak from the perspective of someone who really struggles with taking Sabbath, and as someone who has lost her Sabbath practice but would like it back.

It is not easy, I would say especially as a priest, to admit that I am not doing well at keeping a commandment. While I don't think God expects perfection from us (in large part because I think God is smart enough to not expect something from us that we can never give!), I do think it is important to try to be obedient to God, and to try to follow the Commandments. So, after my admission that I have not been keeping Sabbath, I've decided to work on it! I've decided to work on practicing Sabbath more this summer. I know this will nourish me and deepen my faith, so I'm looking forward to it, but I'm also a little nervous.

I'm nervous because choosing to practice Sabbath doesn't mean that God grants me another, eighth 24 hour period to work with. No, choosing Sabbath means that one of the days I have already come to clutter with appointments and errands has to change. I am going to have to actually change my cadence of life to create a space where there is such a thing as a day I do

not fill with appointments and errands. If we think of Sabbath as "taking a day off," it might sound tricky, but generally speaking we look forward to days off, and certainly make them work when we encounter holidays from work. The challenge, however, is that Sabbath is not just taking a day off, or my guess is that we would be better at practicing Sabbath.

No, Sabbath is giving one of your days to God, as a reminder that God is the author of all time, and every second of time that we have in this life comes from God, not from ourselves. So through Sabbath we clear the space of a day in our lives, which is hard in and of itself, but then we have to figure out how we will fill that day we are giving back to God. And we (ideally in a non-ideal world) would retreat from the daily stressors of life that can distract us from God's presence, like work tasks, chores, running errands, meetings, etc. We most likely can't escape all of life's stressors for a whole day, but we can do everything in our power (and that part is important because a lot of life is not in our power!) to steward that day of time toward being in God's presence.

But what does it mean to be in God's presence? Do we just sit on our sofas all day and stare at our walls and pray? Well, you could, if you want, but that is not how I would choose to spend it. Yes, I think Sabbath rightly includes prayer and worship, but we can also be in the presence of God through actions that also might feel more recreational: spending time talking

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# Reflections from

# THE REVEREND

FOR JUNE

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with your family or playing games together, enjoying nature, acts of creativity like painting and knitting, meditation, any form of art that nurtures our spirit, and more.

Practicing Sabbath is, to me, not as easy as it sounds. But I do know it's possible, if only I am willing to give my time to God. I hope you will join me this summer in our Summer Sabbath class (more info about the class is included in this issue of the Red Door!) where we will explore what Sabbath is, what challenges we face in practicing Sabbath, and how we might fill that Sabbath space with

worship and connection with God. We will also try to practice Sabbath in between sessions and reflect on our experiences. I figured if I am working on this in my life, maybe you would like to work on it too! And if you are already devoutly observing Sabbath, I hope you will join us so that I can learn from you!

I am overjoyed about our summer together at Christ Church and I hope you will join us, as you are able, for worship. Thank you for being part of what makes Christ Church such a holy and special place.

*With love and care,  
Erin Jean Warde+  
Priest-In-Charge*

# Prayer PARTNERS

UPDATE

Effective June 1, 2026, Barb Wilson will be our contact for *Prayer Partners*.

If you would like to request prayers for someone in need, please email Barb with the message you would like to go out to this group.

She will forward that message to our *Prayer Partners*.

Please email requests to [bwlsn56@aol.com](mailto:bwlsn56@aol.com)

## *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 Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen*

— *Book of Common Prayer-page 815*

# Prayer List FOR JUNE

*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  
John Whiteford  
Nancy Grunch  
Deanna Klosinski  
Karl Hoffman  
Donna Carter  
Tyanna Addison  
Natalia Moore  
April Perry

George Perrett  
Charles Lewis  
Tom Lang  
Kate Conway  
Bill Puritan  
Kathleen Bensos  
& family  
Kathy Benson  
& family  
Susan Rankin  
Frank Daly  
& family  
Steve Fowle  
Josh Levay  
Darragh Daly  
John Cantine  
Crawford Crooks  
Cissy Walker  
Toni Smith  
Jackie Hayes  
Charlie Valier



Darrell & Sue  
Potter  
Carol Morris  
Ed Bahr

James Denison  
Matt Hosmer  
Kris Jones  
Terri George

Linda Boss  
Jim 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. June 12, 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.

# Summer Sabbath **CLASS**

**WITH REV. ERIN JEAN WARDE**

*I*'m excited to share that I will be leading a 7 week Summer Sabbath formation class! In this class, we will explore what Sabbath is, what challenges we face in practicing Sabbath, and how we might fill that Sabbath space with worship and connection with God. We will also try to practice Sabbath in between sessions and reflect on our experiences.

We will meet on Wednesdays from 11:30AM – 1:00 PM at Depot Beach on the following dates:

June 3  
June 17  
June 24  
August 5  
August 12  
August 19  
August 26

Our class will run from 11:45-12:45, with time before and after to socialize. I am really looking forward to the opportunity to study and practice Sabbath together at Christ Church!

# Christian **OUTREACH**

*I*n one of our last visits to Manna before a hiatus during the summer months, Don Binns worked non-stop for 90 minutes assembling food boxes. Each one was filled by Don Collier, Nancy Porter and Pam Sroufe with 20 lbs of items. Our CEC team contributed our filled pallet to the 30 boxes packed every two weeks and distributed in 3 northern counties

We seek **LOVE**

We seek **FREEDOM**

We seek **ABUNDANT LIFE**

We seek **JESUS**



**Don Binns**

# From Your **JR WARDEN**

**MARGE KIRINOVIC**



**Christ Church is receiving its annual power washing**



**This year's power washing took place on a cold and brisk May morning**

*B*eginning in April an energetic group of women cleaned an apartment for Rev. Mother Erin Jean. On May 2nd, several members gathered at the church and we did a deep clean of the interior of the church. Amy Russel and Linda Wertz organized and polished the library, while Stephanie and Mike Peters put some elbow grease on the pews in the sanctuary. Thank you to all who pitched in to make our church shine. New air conditioners have been ordered and the downstairs bathroom is getting some needed attention. On May 14th Scott Keeneth from Superior Gutters power washed the exterior. We were blessed with a day of sunshine and fairly warm

weather. Hogarth's will be at the church May 23rd to spray for insects. We have a sign up at the church for lawn care. Please check your calendar to see if you can assist with lawn maintenance.

– Margie Kirinovic

## *The Truth*

The truth is the kindest thing we can give folks in the end.

– Harriet Beecher Stowe

# Parishioners FELLOWSHIP

MAY 5, 2026

## Cinco de Mayo Event

Christ Church Parishioners Enjoy Fellowship with Cinco de Mayo Event.

The mood was festive and the atmosphere reminiscent of being south of the border as approximately 45 CEC parishioners enjoyed a celebration on May 5. The menu came together with many bringing signature Mexican cuisine dishes for appetizers, taco bar, side casseroles, and desserts.

At least 14 people competed in the Pin the Tail on the Donkey game with Roger Peak earning first prize! Lily Peak came in second for a prize and David Loving received the “best effort” prize with his donkey tail being pinned farthest from the donkey!

It was fun to be together as we eagerly await the arrival of warmer weather and all the promises of spring beginning to emerge in our woods, water, and yards. Thanks to everyone who attended, participated, and volunteered to ensure we had an authentic fiesta! Olé!

– Barbara J Wilson  
Vestry Member

*“Then followed that beautiful season...*

*Summer...*

*Filled was the air with a dreamy  
and magical light; and the landscape*

*Lay as if new created in all the  
freshness of childhood.”*

*– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



The ladies of CEC gathered during the Cinco de Mayo party. It was a huge success!



Lilly Peak helped each participant to play Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Here she is helping LeAnne Scheigert with assistance from Barb Wilson.

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



Nancy Porter, Susan Flanders and Barb Wilson represented Christ Church ECW at Castle Farms for a designer meeting for the upcoming Women Can Women Do luncheon scheduled for June 10, 2026.

## *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

# *Green Thumb* GARDENERS

**AT CHRIST CHURCH**

**O**n Friday before Memorial Day weekend, Christ Church green thumb gardeners came out in full force. They brought their rakes, shovels, trowels, weed removers and leaf blowers. Everyone wore their favorite garden gloves and tackled the weeds and planted all the flowers purchased from Bridge Street Blooms. It was great fun and wonderful fellowship. Christ Church is ready for the growing season with bright beautiful flowers planted everywhere. Thanks to all who helped.



**Barb Wilson, Christine Benson and David Loving planted impatiens along State Street side of the church**



**Brownie Flanders handled all the sidewalk clean up.**



**Bruce Livingston and Chris Barrett hard at work on the State Street side of the church**

## *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](http://ChristEpiscopalChurch.net)

*Click on sermon and listen to the desired week*

# *Green Thumb* GARDENERS

**AT CHRIST CHURCH**



## *Our Green Thumb Gardeners:*

**Wendy Perrett,  
Barb Wilson,  
Christine Benson,  
Susan Flanders,  
Chris Barrett,  
David Loving,  
Nancy Porter,  
Judy Pratt,  
Chris Benson,  
Bruce Livingston,  
Jeff Porter,  
and Brownie Flanders**



**Wendy Perrett and Judy Pratt  
planted flowers in our front planter box**

*"Keep looking up. That's the secret of life."*  
- Charlie Brown



**Nancy Porter planted flowers at our kitchen garden**

# CEC *Scholarship* RECIPIENTS

2026 Scholarship Year



Pam Sroufe with new scholarship recipients and returning scholarship students on May 17, 2026.

*I*'d like to list the 7 others who Continue as scholarship recipients;

*From Boyne City, Charlevoix,  
and East Jordan High Schools:*

**Ellen Dhaseleer**-in her final year at Calvin College

**Isadora ( Izzy) Boyer**-3rd year at University of Michigan

**Abbey Wright**-3rd year at Grand Valley State University

**Kadence McPherson**-2nd year at Northern Michigan University

**Eliana Michael**-2nd year at Grand Valley State University

**Korbyn Russell**- 2nd year; at Aquinas College since January, 2026 pitching baseball!

**Lena Sytsma-Reed** -2nd year at University of Michigan

*Lord grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.*

– Michelangelo

# CEC *Scholarship* NEWS

NEWS, NEWS, NEWS in the Scholarship Mailbag this Spring!

## *Malorie Carter*

I am enrolling at the University of Michigan in the pre-physician assistant track.

I plan to major in Biology, Health, and Society to learn the sciences [comprising] medicine and the cultural/ethical factors that shape healthcare.

Making a meaningful impact as a physician assistant to help improve the lives of others is my goal .

Malorie Carter; 2026 graduate Boyne City High School continuing to the University of Michigan.



Malorie Carter

## *Thomas Dobbelaer*

“My passion for construction and design began at a young age. [By] high school, I earned 1st place at Regional, and 2nd place at State competitions for MY custom designs and hand-built furniture. My long-term goal is to start my own construction business in Northern Michigan.

Thomas Dobbelaer, 2026 graduate Boyne City High School, continuing to Ferris State University.



Thomas Dobbelaer

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Joe Gaffney

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

## Joe Gaffney

“My understanding of accessibility changed completely [a year ago]. Months in a wheelchair, using a walker and crutches, forced me to see [mobility] barriers that affected people with disabilities, the elderly and [those] pushing strollers over cracked walkways.

A job shadow AND [subsequent] internship at a civil engineering firm showed me what can be done. I want to be part of building infrastructure that works for everyone and doesn't leave people out.”

Joe Gaffney, 2026 graduate Charlevoix High School continuing at North Carolina State University.

## Blaise Sytsma Reed

“I will become a professor of marine sciences which will allow me to lead research and advocacy efforts, as well as to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards”.

2026 graduate of Charlevoix High School enrolling at University of Michigan.

*To build a strong team  
you must see someone else's  
strength as a compliment  
to your weakness  
not a threat to your position  
or authority*



Blaise Sytsma Reed

# Youth AT CEC

## ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Sail Charlevoix

Meet Ric! 🚤



SAILCHARLEVOIX

## Meet Ric Sytsma-Reed!

CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

**Sail School Nickname:**

Ricaliss

**Favorite Sailing Memory:**

Sailing on Finn's Melges with  
Sophia, Bodhi, and Finn

**Hobbies (besides sailing!):**

Soccer, skiing, swimming





# SWITCHBACK

May 22, 2026

## C O N C E R T



Switchback

Christ Church and the Charlevoix community enjoyed Martin McCormick and Brian Fitzgerald, commonly known as Switchback. These talented individuals blend American roots and traditional Celtic styles. They cease to be part of the crowd but rather the standard to build upon. This was their fourth time performing at Christ Church. It was a great evening and enjoyed by all. Following the performance everyone enjoyed mini cupcakes in the parish hall. A big thank you to the Taylor Series for sponsoring the event.



Christ Church and community enjoyed Switchback

*Lord grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.*

– Michelangelo



# DR JODI FLANDERS

May 3, 2026

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On Sunday, May 3, 2026, Dr. Jodi Flanders educated the 45 in attendance from Charlevoix community on human trafficking. It was an informative talk and everyone learned much about this tragic topic. Following the presentation, she fielded many questions from the audience. A reception with spring shaped flower cookies followed in the parish hall. This was sponsored by the Taylor Series.



The Taylor Series gathered with Dr. Jodi Flanders before her presentation on May 3, 2026

*Happiness is not found in things you possess, but in what you have the courage to release.*

– Nathaniel Hawthorne



### *Steve Stargardt Trio*

performed on May 17, 2026  
at CEC

*No wise person ever wanted to be younger.*

~ Native American Aphorism

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

# Ministry Schedule **JULY**

**2026**

Ministry	<i>Sunday July 5</i>	<i>Sunday July 12</i>	<i>Sunday July 19</i>	<i>Sunday July 26 Depot Beach</i>
Old Testament & Psalm	Roger Peak	Dan Sytsma-Reed	Mark Andresky	Mark Heydlauff
Epistle	Steve Hall	Tricia Drenth	Roger Peak	Christine Barrett
Prayers of the People	Betty Stephen	Bruce Livingston	Nancy Porter	Tom Kirinovic
Ushers	Jeff Porter Don Collier	Bruce Livingston Brownie Flanders	John Fiedorek Chris Benson	Marge & Tom Kirinovic
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Altar Guild	Marge Kirinovic Betsy Collier	Linda Wertz Dorothy Miller	Susan Flanders Stephanie Peters	Betsy Collier Marge Kirinovic
Coffee Hour	Betty Stephen Stephanie Peters	Judy Pratt Barb Wilson	Christine Benson Susan Flanders	Nancy Porter Christine Barrett
Vestry	Bev White	Dan Sytsma-Reed	Amy Russell	Marge Kirinovic