



THE RED DOOR

Look at This!!

Take a close look at what you are holding in your hands. Or, more likely, reading on your computer screen.

Have you ever enjoyed a more compelling, informative and inspiring parish newsletter? I haven't!

During my three years at Christ Church, I've heard accolades from throughout the United States about the quality of the *Red Door*. And every time such superlatives have come to my ears, I've been careful to claim exactly the amount of credit I deserve. None!!

For longer than the time I have been privileged to serve at Christ Church, the *Red Door* has been the labor of love of Ann Hollis. This is the last issue of our parish newsletter that Ann will create.

Ann and Joe will be spending more and more time in New England. Grandchildren have a way of accomplishing such changes in location! We will miss Ann and Joe, and we will miss issues of the *Red Door* like the one you are reading right now.

Thank you, Ann, for communicating the life and vitality of Christ Church in such an informative and lively way!

Grace & Peace,

The Rev. Thomas P. O'Dell

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The Mission of Christ Episcopal Church



To celebrate God's love through worship, ministry, and hospitality.

A Note from the Editor

This is my last issue as editor of the RED DOOR. My hope with each issue has been to keep you and our extended mailing list informed of all the exceptional opportunities available for you at Christ Church. Joe and I will be moving to Weston, MA to be closer to our family, but we're keeping our river place on the AuSable so we won't be completely gone from the area.

June 2011 was my first issue. I took over from Monsie Cameron, whose wonderful, welcoming style kept the parish informed for several years. In that issue is a picture of Rev. John David with our first class of CEC Scholarship recipients. In the next issue will be a picture of our 2017 class (now 21 recipients in all!). A lot has happened over those six years.

I have viewed my time preparing the newsletter as a time for reflection, research, and awe for capability and dedication of our parish. Just look at what has happened with the Taylor Fund events in that time.

I thank the parish for this opportunity to serve. Please remember the deadline for the next editor.

Blessings, Ann



Vestry Update

The Vestry met on Friday, May 19, 2017. The Vestry accepted the Report of the Treasurer.

Report of the Wardens: Scholarship Ministry - Pam Sroufe represented CEC at the 21st Annual Senior Honors Convocation at Charlevoix High School on May 17. On June 11th the new scholarship recipients will be presented as well as recognition of prior recipients.

Tom Kirinovic has completed a new outline for the ministry of Parish Life commission.

The sprinkler system has been repaired and is set on a timer. Thanks to Joe Swartzfisher and Pat Elliot for their help in completing the project.

The ECW table for this year's NMWRC Women's Luncheon will be an ice cream social theme. Susan Flanders will again be leading this effort.

Information: Vestry members have read *Ask, Thank, Tell* by Charles Lane. and shared their thoughts about what stewardship really means.

Friends at CEC: Small dinner groups are in the process of being formed. Two preliminary gatherings of parishioners before the small groups meetings will be held on June 15th and August 30th.

Ann and Joe Hollis will be moving in the near future and CEC will be looking to find ways to maintain the digital-based areas of which Ann has been involved, i.e., the church's website and Red Door newsletter. After discussion Mark Heydlauff offered to be involved with assisting with the website.

Tom Kirinovic and Dick Southby are in the process of identifying people interested in the training for using the defibrillator.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip: 6/18-25/17. Chris Nyland, Linda O'Dell, Tom O'Dell, Dick Southby will be going. Fr. Tom expressed his thanks for the success of the May 12th fundraiser (for project expenses, not travel) that raised between \$3500.00 and possibly over \$4000.00 (all monies have not been received at this time). Fr. Tom reiterated the diocese pays the expenses of those taking part in the mission and none of the monies from the fundraiser will be used for those individuals.

Outdoor Service: June 25th: Kathy Kircher will be the supply priest for that service.

Parish Picnic: The picnic will be held on Thursday, July 13th at Ed and Ann Bahr's cottage on Lake Charlevoix.

Taylor Fund Event with Charles Lane - June 29th - 10:00 a.m. - Vestry will meet with Mr. Lane

5:30 p.m. - Community Program and dinner: Mark Andresky spoke with Mr. Lane regarding his upcoming speaking engagement at CEC. Focus for the community event will be the book, *Ask, Thank, Tell*. Mark will lead a book study of *Ask, Thank, Tell* prior to Mr. Lane's presentation in June. Dates for the book studies are June 9th, 16th and 23rd at 9:00 a.m. **The June Vestry meeting will be changed from June 16th to June 29th at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Lane meeting with the Vestry members after their meeting.**

EDWM Bishop Houglund and his wife will be vacationing in northern Michigan and will be visiting CEC on August 25th. The EDWM Great Parish Swap will take place in June.

A book discussion will be held regarding the book, "Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography on June 30th. Books are available for \$15.00.

Action: Two bids were received to replace the tiles in the kitchen, pantry, beverage center and parish hall entrance. A motion carried to accept the bid from Affordable Flooring and More (just under \$9,000.00). The Vestry will obtain a second bid for the CEC LED Lighting Conversion Project.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Thursday, June 29th at 9:00 a.m. Vestry members will meet with Charles Lane after their meeting.

CEC Statement of Financial Performance

| April 30, 2017 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Income | \$68,992.68 | \$67,053.36 |
| Total Expenses | \$50,895.34 | \$60,220.40 |
| Net Total | \$18,097.34 | \$6,832.96 |

Complete copies of approved minutes of the last meeting and the approved financial report are posted on the Vestry bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

2017 VESTRY

Senior Warden: Tom Kirinovic (2017)

Junior Warden: Dorothy Miller (2017)

Clerk to the Vestry: Pam Sroufe

Treasurer: Mark Andresky

Parish Life Liaisons:

Tom Kirinovic (2017)

Maggie Mason (2017)

Ann Bahr (2018)

Christian Outreach Liaisons:

Dorothy Miller (2017)

Deb Stutzman (2019)

Evangelism Liaisons:

Brownie Flanders (2018)

Mark Heydlauff (2019)

Worship & Music Liaisons:

Betsy Collier (2018)

Chris Benson (2019)

SERMON LINK

click here to read some of Fr. Tom's recent sermons



2017 CEC Scholarship Recipients Selected

On Trinity Sunday, June 11th, the 2017 CEC Scholarship recipients will be introduced. They are Jenna Guthrie (Charlevoix High School), Lauren Harris (East Jordan High School), and Kara Simpson (Charlevoix High School).

In her application, Jenna described a mother who was able to alter a baby stroller to fit specific needs with creative design. The 'mother' was Jenna, at an earlier age caring for her American Girl doll. For real these days, she envisions herself traveling along a creative design focused path of study and coursework at Northwestern Michigan College.

Lauren traveled through childhood with a stethoscope around her neck as a visible display of her lifelong goal to become a doctor. She'll be 'going Blue' with the University of Michigan.

Kara, whose career goal is to become a nurse, will begin her studies at Oakland University. Whether in practicum or as a fully licensed nurse, it is important to her to "do everything with excellence while simultaneously shining God's loving light with patients".

Members of the Scholarship Ministry team will attend the convocations at Charlevoix High School on May 17 and East Jordan High School on May 22.

Plan to be at our service on June 11th to meet these remarkable young ladies and to encourage them as they embark on the next level of their education.

We thank the members of this year's Scholarship Ministry team: Pam Sroufe, chairperson; Don Collier, Patti Masson, Ralph Crosslin, and Rev. Peggy Nattermann.

Luke Hawley is our second college graduate!

Luke received his degree (with honors) this spring from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

Luke is a 2012 CEC Scholarships recipient and a graduate of East Jordan High School.

Congratulations, Luke!



Hi Pam,

I just wanted to sent you a quick update. I received my final grades back for this past semester, and they were all A's and one A+. This past Thursday I ran at GLIACS for track. It wasn't as good as I would have liked, because I got ill right before, and was unable to practice, but my Mother, sister, and boyfriend came to see me so that was really nice. I have also really enjoyed participating in His House's, the Christian ministry on campus', worship team. I really learned how to love people, through discovering God's love for His own people in worship. This past semester has had its challenges but I have learned that God is faithful in everything, and He has a wonderful plan for my life, that's greater than I can imagine. Thank you for all your love, prayers, and support.

- Jessica Schmidt (Concord-Boyer HS 2016)



Ryder is scheduled to take FAA tests for Instrument and Commercial licenses on June 12th We wish him the best for his tests.

Ryder Boss, CVX HS (2013)



Left: Cassie Simpson, CVX HS (2015)
Above: Nicole Weston, EJHS (2015)





Reimagining Stewardship with Charles Lane



Thursday, June 29, 2017
 Christ Episcopal Church
 200 State Street
 Charlevoix, Michigan
 5:30 p.m.
 dinner following presentation
 open to all / no fee
 reservations required (call 231.547.6322 to reserve your seat)



We are very pleased to have Chick Lane join us for this very important program. Pastor Charles (Chick) Lane is Pastor for Stewardship and Generosity at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove, MN, and a consultant with Kairos and Associates.

He graduated from Luther College, Decorah, IA and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He served St. Mark Lutheran Church, Butler, PA; St. Phillip's Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN; and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wadena, MN. He served as Assistant to the Bishop in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, from 1996-2005, and as Director for Stewardship Key Leader, ELCA, from 2005-2010. He also served as the Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

Pastor Lane is the author of *Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation* (2006), the annual stewardship program *Walk with Jesus*, published by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2006 and *Embracing Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life* (2016 with Grace Duddy Pomroy). He is also the author of several articles on stewardship.

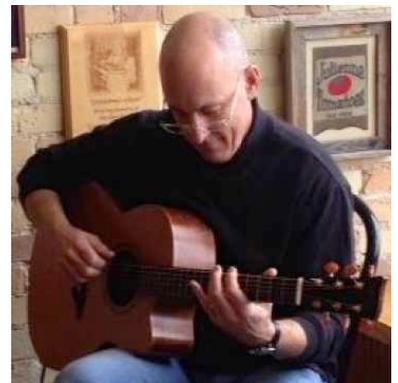
What does the Bible say about money and faith?

Surprisingly, it says next to nothing about giving to the church.

The Bible says a lot about the connection between faith and how one lives with money. Pastor Charles Lane will explore several important Biblical ideas and scripture passages to help participants come to a new understanding of how their faith can enhance their life with money. Believe it or not, the Bible claims that your life with money can positively impact your faith and can bring added joy to your life.

Come and see how.

During our social time before dinner, Bill Wilson, acoustic guitarist, will play for us. Bill has been playing guitar for over 40 years, focusing mainly on fingerstyle acoustic music for the last 20 years. In addition to composing original tunes, he enjoys playing instrumental arrangements of folk and popular songs as well as a few classical pieces. He has performed at a variety of events and venues around northern Michigan, including the Grand Opening, Winter Folk Series, and Howard Guitar Showcase at the Charlevoix Public Library; Street Musique in Harbor Springs; Stroll the Streets in Boyne City; Red Sky Stage, Petoskey Rocks, Festival on the Bay, and Petoskey Farms Vineyard and Winery in Petoskey; Swirl, Artisans and Farmers' Market, and donor appreciation events at the Crooked Tree Arts Center; and private weddings and parties. You can hear examples of his original tunes on his website at: <http://www.billwilsonguitar.com>. His new CD is titled, Crooked Tree.



Book Study
 led by
 Mark Andresky

Fridays in June at 9:00 a.m.
 June 9: Chapters 1-3
 June 16: Chapters 4-6
 June 23: Chapters 7-11

Mark Andresky, our CEC treasurer, will lead a book study on Chick Lane's *Ask, Thank, Tell*. Join Mark to learn Chick's thoughts on attempting to perform a dramatic rescue of stewardship. Books are provided by the Taylor Fund.

Funding for this program is provided by the Taylor Family Endowment Fund for Christ Episcopal Church. All Taylor Fund programs are open to the public at no cost thanks to this generous gift of the Taylor family.

2017 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

Surprised by Mission by Linda O'Dell

The first mission trip that I went on (*or led*) was in 2003. I did not volunteer, I was assigned the task to lead the trip after another staff member left unexpectedly. In my relatively new job as Director of Christian Ed, I was extremely hesitant to plan something where I had no expertise; but I was significantly motivated by the fact that the youth of the church were counting on a trip and would not have one if I didn't take on the task.

I begin to learn the order of planning that I would have memorized years later...but you always begin with "WHERE?" are we going to go? For all the trips I led, I can only explain the decision of "where do we go" with: "meet my travel agent: the Holy Spirit!" God graciously led us to mission destinations in Appalachia, Mississippi, Alaska and the last three trips were to the Dominican Republic.

There have been so many incredible experiences and blessings over the years but I think the best one surprised me initially. Often when one makes a mission trip, they are hopeful that they will be blessed by the work that God is able to accomplish through their own willing hands. And this *is* often true...but the truth is that God is also working through those who we go to serve so we *must* be open to receive those blessings that they can offer us. Over the years, it was a privilege to experience this lesson of mission and ministry along side many young people and adults *and* to actually see it transform them.

Each night when we were in the DR, we would end the day up on the roof of the hotel. We used our time to get to know each other better, discuss what we had experienced, and worship together. On the last night, I asked them to tell me what they would be taking home from this experience AND what they would be leaving behind. There were many wonderful answers. Most said they would be taking home all the memories of the week and one theme that ran through all their answers was how much they had been changed because the people of the DR were tremendously happy even though so many lived in abject poverty. When the youth talked about what they would leave behind in the DR...some said the items we had brought to leave with the church BUT the overwhelming theme was that they would be leaving behind their hearts. They had been humbled and in that humility, they found the surprise of Christian love far from home but just as real and intense.

And so as I look forward to another mission trip to the DR, I thank you for the opportunity to make this trip with others from Christ Church. Thank you for your support and prayers. I pray that I will remember Jesus' humility with a focused anticipation of all the surprises that God has in store for us. If you would like to receive a short email update everyday, email me at lindarafael19@gmail.com and I will add you to the list. I will share how our day went and include some pictures too! ~ Paz del Señor! Linda O'Dell

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We have four members of CEC traveling on a mission trip with our diocese to the Dominican Republic in June: (l-r) Linda O'Dell, Chris Nyland, Dick Southby, and Tom O'Dell.

Friday, May 12, we had a fundraiser to raise money for supplies that will be used to help bring potable water to the remote village of Mosovi.

If you would like to make a donation, you may send a check made out to Christ Church with "D.R." in the memo line and mail it to: CEC, PO Box 385, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Thank you for considering being a part of Christ Church's support of this Mission Trip to the DR.

While Chris, Dick, Tom, and Linda are gone, please keep them and the other missionaries in your prayers.



2017 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

On May 12th CEC sponsored an evening to support the mission work in the Dominican Republic that four of our parishioners will be helping hands-on in June. Over \$3,500 has been raised for this mission. Our EDWM diocese pays the expenses of our missionaries so all this money helps pay for specific needs of the project.

Thanks to all who helped make this a fun and successful evening. And congratulations to the trivia winning team of Steve & Marsha Hall, Rick & Linda Wertz and Roger & Lea Peak. (Mark Heydlauff, trivia master, tested everyone with extremely difficult questions like "What Catalonian port was once a capital of the Visigoths?" and "What is the length of the paved runway at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport?" - see answers below)



Trivia answers:
Barcelona and 4,550 feet.



Parish Life



THANKS GARDENERS: On May 12th the Green Thumb Gardeners of CEC pulled weeds, cut back spent flowers, removed dead leaves, cut back flowering crab trees, removed winter sand that made its way into our gardens, and prepared all church gardens for summer. Everything looks well cared for and ready for planting. Our gardens will soon burst with color for another summer in *Charlevoix the Beautiful!*



SUMMER MOWERS NEEDED: According to John Deere, "It's not how well you mow, it's how well you mow fast." Well, CEC can use volunteer mowers of all speeds. Our slogan might be, "It's not how fast you mow, we love that you mow for us." Please sign up to help this summer or talk with Tom Kirinovic.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG: With summer coming and the many new faces around CEC, you are asked to wear your name tag. It not only helps visitors, returning summer parishioners, and potential new members, but it also gives those of us who may have difficulty coming up with names a break. If you need a name tag, drop a note on John Fiedorek's desk and he'll make sure you get a name tag made.

FRIENDS @ CEC - Small Groups at Christ Church



We at Christ Church have a new way to get to know each other better. Our goal is getting to know our fellow Parishioners on another level. We'll end up in small groups sharing a meal twice in one another's homes or in restaurants, but our first two gatherings will be at Christ Church. Kick-off event is June 15th, second on August 30th. Small group gatherings to follow. Groups will be formed by June 15th.

When: Our first event is June 15th
Where: Christ Church - Parish Hall
What: Social time: 6:00, Dinner 6:45
(Please feel free to bring your own adult beverage)
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Should you wish to join this fun and loving group please add your name to sign up sheet in parish hall or email your name to the church at: office@christepiscopalchurch.net. FRIENDS @ CEC Team Members: Emily Myers, Marsha Hall, Judy Pratt, and Susan Flanders

SUMMER PARISH PICNIC: On Thursday, July 13th, Ed and Ann Bahr will host this year's picnic at their cottage on Lake Charlevoix. More details to come.



Ladies' Lunch Bunch met at the Front Porch Cafe in Ellsworth in May. All ladies are invited to join the group on Friday, June 16th at the Weathervane in Charlevoix at noon.



You are invited each Sunday to join the parish for coffee hour after the service. We thank all those who volunteer to serve as hosts during the year.

At the Mothers' Day Coffee Hour, Rachel Sytsma Reed enjoyed the coffee hour spread.



Christian Outreach

The Christian Outreach Team met May 1st to discuss this year’s plans for Ministerial Opportunities involving the team members as well as CEC parishioners. We have tentatively decided to focus on, and physically get involved in, six areas of need, while continuing to donate monies to programs supported in the past.

The six main areas of focus discussed were:

- Hunger: Manna, Food Pantries, Community Breakfast/lunches
- Shelter: Joppa house, Men’s shelter, and Third Day Fellowship
- World Mission: Dominion Republic mission trip support
- Children and Youth: schools, child care, tutoring
- Charlevoix Ministerial Association: Rainbow Shoppe
- Housing: Habitat for Humanity.

There will be several opportunities for all to help and support actively over the next months. Manna backpacks are filled the 4th Wednesday of every month and there is a new ground breaking for a Habitat for Humanity home in Boyne City this June. Please be looking for information on how you can help through our weekly Sunday bulletins.

The Christian Outreach team has been asked to come up with a new fundraiser event idea to replace the Advent Tea and Harvest Dinner. This would be a joint effort involving the Parish Life team and the Outreach teams. If you have a great idea for such an event we welcome your suggestions. Please reach out to a team member, or better yet, come and join us at our next meeting June 5th at 9:00 a.m.

RAINBOW SHOPPE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER: This year, the Rainbow Shoppe Board of Directors hosted the Rainbow Shoppe Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on May 4th at the Community Reformed Church. This special event is to thank all the volunteers from churches in our Charlevoix community who help out at the Christian resale shop. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Rev. Chip Sauer, pastor of the Community Reformed Church. Robin Maurer, manager of the Shoppe for many years, read a poem she had written that pertained to the shop and its volunteers. President of the board, Dorothy Miller, introduced Terri Sotuyo, treasurer of the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry and Pastor Ginger Stevens from the Charlevoix Ministerial Association Benevolence Fund. The Rainbow Shoppe financially supports both of these outreach ministries along with other community ministries. The main focus is to learn more about our local outreach ministries the Rainbow Shoppe financially supports.

We thank Judy Colt for coordinating the volunteers from Christ Church. Also, thanks to our CEC volunteers: Ann Bahr, Christine Benson, Nan Binns, Betsy Collier, Judy Colt, Roz Huntley, Marge Kirinovic, Patti Masson, Margaret Seligman, Sarah Sievertson, Pam Sroufe, and Deb Stutzman.



Robin Mauer, manager of the Rainbow Shoppe with Patti Masson & Judy Colt



Dorothy Miller, president of the board for the Rainbow Shoppe

(l-f) front row: Pam Sroufe, Margaret Seligman, Christine Benson, Ann Bahr.
back row: Deb Stutzman, Judy Colt, Patti Masson.

CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY: Food items needed for June & July: Cereals low on sugar. Cheerios are always a big hit. Please remember our First Sunday Ingathering.

Worship and Music at CEC

Save the date for this year's **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE** that will be held at Ferry Beach North Pavilion at 10:00 a.m. on June 25 (weather permitting). Our service is the same as we do most Sundays using Rite II and celebrating Holy Eucharist. The difference is you are outdoors in God's great creation. Casual dress is appropriate; coffee hour will be hosted at the pavilion.

The Rev. Dr. Kathy Kircher will be our celebrant for this service since Tom O'Dell and our other missionaries will still be on their trip to the Dominican Republic. If there is a weather issue (as was last year), an email will be sent prior to the service. If that happens, our service will be in our dry, comfortable nave.

Ferry Beach Park is located at 224 Ferry Avenue. From the church, go out to Bridge Street, head south, turn left on Belvedere Ave. and go about .6 mile. The park is on the left and you'll see the set up for service.

EXPANDED CHOIR ON 3RD SUNDAYS: We had a special anthem of the expanded choir on May 7th *Thine is the Glory*. You can be a part of the expanded choir. Just come to church at 9:15 a.m. on a 3rd Sunday to practice and when the anthem is offered, come up from your seat in the congregation and join the choir. Talk with choir director Ed Bahr if you have questions.



HONORING OUR VETERANS: On Sunday, May 28, we will celebrate Memorial Day and honor our veterans.

The prelude is the Patriotic Medley, which is based on *America, the Beautiful* and the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. The postlude is the Civil War Medley, which is based on *When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again* and *Rally 'Round the Flag*, also called the *Battle Cry of Freedom*. We will sing both *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* and *America, the Beautiful*.

The service will also honor veterans through a special ceremony called *Ad Memoriam (In Memory)* by Harold Wilson of First Congregational Church.



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RAISE THE ROOF & Build Better Homes in Better Places for Families in Need. 5th Annual Fundraiser for Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity which serves Emmet & Charlevoix Counties. Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Rose Room of the Perry Hotel (100 Lewis Street, Petoskey). \$50 per person, \$95 per couple. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, music by Brakes on the Highway, exclusive silent auction & "Chair-ity" live auction, and great door prizes. For info: 233-348-6926. Tickets are available online at www.northwestmihabitat.org.





Stewardship & Evangelism



Stewardship Message from Betty Stephen



Betty has been coming to Charlevoix for 78 years (She was one her first summer!) She is a cradle Episcopalian, born in Nashville, Tennessee and married and moved to St. Louis in 1964. She has three daughters and five grandchildren, all of whom may be seen attending CEC in the summer when they are at the Belvedere Club. She has served on the Vestry and Taylor Fund Committee, co-chaired the

Advent Tea, supports the Scholarship Program, serves on the Altar Guild and is currently Chairman of the Episcopal Church Women. The past nine years Northern Michigan has been her permanent residence and she has been able to be more active at church. For her (and CEC) it has been a blessing!

When I was asked to write a stewardship letter, I decided to share what stewardship means to me.

It means giving of myself and my gifts. We all have TIME, TALENTS, and TREASURES. How do I choose to use them? Being involved in stewardship keeps me connected and committed to Christ Episcopal Church and my fellow parishioners. It means participation in multiple areas of church life. It means allowing God's love to flow in and out of me.

I believe that to whom much has been given, much shall be required. It is up to me to step up to the plate and share my many blessings. If not me, who? I pray that God allows me to "walk the walk" for as long as I am able.



CEC Little Free Library



Christ Church has its own "Little Free Library". You'll find the library outside in front of the garden room on State Street.

The idea of the Little Free Library is to take a book or leave a book in the library. There is no cost and it is not required to return the book.

On the top shelf are adult books and bottom shelf children's books. CEC is accepting new or gently used books for the library and currently we are in need of children's books. Please see Susan Flanders should you have any book to donate.

The Little Free Library founder, Todd H. Bol built the first library in honor of his mother five years ago. It is now a worldwide movement with over 50,000 registered Little Free Library book exchanges in 70 countries.

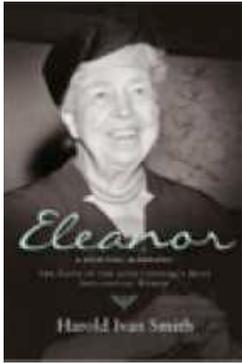
In about ten days CEC's Library can be found on the World Wide Web. It will have the church address and also the longitude and latitude of its location. We have applied for and are waiting for our assigned number to place on the web.

Brownie Flanders built our library to resemble Christ Church and Kerry Hunter painted the faux stain glass windows on each side. The flower arrangements that frame the library were donated to Christ Church by Bridge Street Blooms. A huge thank you for all the love and work that went into making our library stand out on our "Little", but important corner of the world!



A Summer with Humble Giants

Reading with the Rector returns for the summer. Join our rector, Tom O'Dell, as we follow the spiritual journeys of some humble giants of the earth. These three book discussions will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Books will be available at church in the weeks before each discussion.



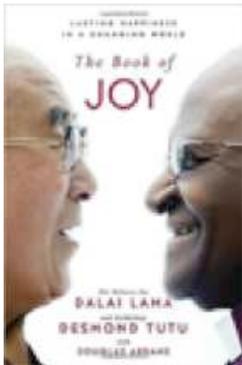
Friday, June 30th

Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography - The Faith of the 20th Century's Most Influential Woman by Harold Ivan Smith

More than fifty years after her death, Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered as a formidable first lady and tireless social activist. Often overlooked, however, is her deep and inclusive spirituality. Her personal faith was shaped by reading the New Testament in her youth, giving her a Jesus-centered spirituality that fueled her commitment to civil rights, women's rights, and the rights of all "little people" marginalized in American society. She took seriously Jesus' words and despite her life of privilege, she made the needs of those on the margins her priority. *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* provides insight into one of America's most famous women, particularly the spiritual influences that made her so active in social justice issues.

Friday, August 11th

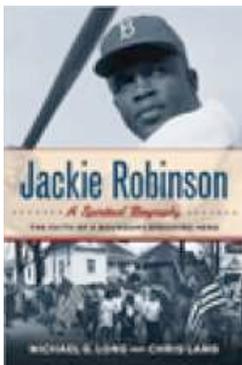
The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Two spiritual giants. Five days. One timeless question.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.

In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness's eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering? They traded intimate stories, teased each other continually, and shared their spiritual practices. By the end of a week filled with laughter and punctuated with tears, these two global heroes had stared into the abyss and despair of our time and revealed how to live a life brimming with joy. This book offers us a rare opportunity to experience their astonishing and unprecedented week together, from the first embrace to the final good-bye.



Friday, September 8th

Jackie Robinson: A Spiritual Biography
The Faith of a Boundary-Breaking Hero
By Michael G. Long and Chris Lamb

Jackie Robinson believed in a God who sides with the oppressed and who calls us to see one another as sisters and brothers. This faith was a powerful but quiet engine that drove and sustained him as he shattered racial barriers on and beyond the baseball diamond. *Jackie Robinson: A Spiritual Biography* explores the faith that, Robinson said, carried him through the torment and abuse he suffered for integrating the major leagues and drove him to get involved in the civil rights movement. Marked by sacrifice and service, inclusiveness and hope, Robinson's faith shaped not only his character but also baseball and America itself.



And More Summer Reading Opportunities . . .

The Bay View Association of The United Methodist Church is a National Historic Landmark community founded in 1875. It is situated on 337 beautiful, terraced acres in the northwest portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula overlooking Little Traverse Bay and Lake Michigan. Bay View is home to more than 30 public buildings, nearly 450 cottages and two inns. Each summer its annual Assembly Program features music, worship, lectures and seminars, all open to the public. The associated Bay View Music Festival is nationally renowned and currently recognized as the longest reigning music festival in the United States.

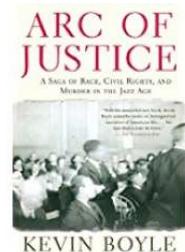
Two books figure into summer at Bay View. After you've read the books for Tom O'Dell's book studies, consider these. You can get more information by going to the Bay View website: <http://www.bayviewassociation.org/>.



American Experience Week at Bay View - Jul 30 - Aug 3, 2017 (Voorhies Hall)

The American Experience week is **July 30-August 3**. The speaker is Kevin Boyle who is the William Smith Mason Professor of American History at Northwestern University whose book *Arc of Justice* won the National Book Award for Nonfiction and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for History.

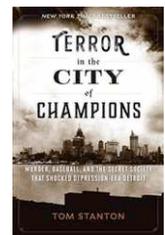
Professor Boyle is currently working on a new book, *The Splendid Dead: An American Ordeal*, which centers around the story of the infamous anarchists, Sacco and Vanzetti. It is to be published by Houghton Mifflin. He will be discussing the societal impact of the people, places, and events of the 60's decade.



2017 Big Read at Bay View

The Bay View Education Department is happy to announce author Tom Stanton's non-fiction book and New York Times Best Seller *Terror in the City of Champions* as the selection for the 2017 Big Read. The setting of this true story is Detroit in the 1930s and is filled with the confluence of hard luck, hope, violence, and victory.

The public book talk/reading will take place Thursday, July 20th, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Voorhies Hall. McLean and Eakin Book Sellers will have books available for sale at both events and, of course, at their store, at any time before and after his appearance. Tickets are available at the Bay View box office.



Rev. Tom O'Dell to preach and lecture at the Bay View Association - August 20-24, 2017

Our rector, Tom O'Dell will preach on Sunday, August 20th at 10:45 a.m. in the John M. Hall Auditorium. The following Monday through Thursday Tom will lecture at 10:00 a.m. in Voorhies Hall. Take advantage of the music, worship, lectures and seminars offered by the Bay View Association in Petoskey, all open to the public.

and . . . Kathy Kircher's Summer Book Group in Elk Rapids



Our friend, the Rev. Dr. Kathy Kircher again invites you to join her for her summer book group in Elk Rapids. She has chosen the New York Times Best Seller *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama for the discussions. (If you read the reviews of this September 20, 2016 release on Amazon.com, you will learn why it has earned a 5-star rating!)

Meet at St. Paul's (Fellowship Hall) on four Mondays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on August 14, 21, & 28 and September 11 (skip Labor Day Monday). **Note: Amazon sells several versions of this book. We will be using the September 20, 2016 publication which currently sells for \$14.54 (hardcover).** More than 400 reviews are linked to this edition.

Kathy says, "I hope you can join us! I have been following the life, ministries and writings of the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu for several years. Their wisdom, shared in their strong friendship bond, is well worth our reflection. Really, isn't lasting happiness what each of us craves?"



Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT - 8,000 PEOPLE IN 58 COMMUNITIES OF FAITH



The **Restructuring Task Force** for the EDWM, comprised of representatives from the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and the original Restructuring Task Force, will present its recommendations on staffing, budget and funding, canon changes and more at four different gatherings across the diocese. In a video message to the diocese, Bishop Wayne Houglund explains why the input and support of Episcopalians across the diocese is important as we prepare to discuss and implement these upcoming changes. ([Click on here to see the video](#) or go to <https://vimeo.com/217718071>.) The meeting for persons living in the Traverse Deanery will be on Saturday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Church, Traverse City.

Mission to Pine Ridge: The Domestic Missions Team is accepting registrations for the mission trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation July 7-15, 2017. [Click here to register.](#)



In cooperation with EO Travel and Dr. Douglas Mohrmann, Bishop Houglund and his wife Dana are planning a pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine April 10-19, 2018, with an optional extension (April 19-22), with room for 45 pilgrims on the journey.

The pilgrimage starts at a cost of \$2,598.00. Airfare is additional, but airfare for all pilgrims will be arranged by Dr. Mohrmann. [Interested persons can register via the web by clicking here.](#) There you enter the Tour Number HL18, Date 041018, Code E, and ID 57441. Any registration questions can be made directly to

EO Tours at (800) 247-0017, referencing our tour ID number 57441. They will handle all registrations and issue billing statements. Register by June 10, 2017 and receive \$125 off!

This pilgrimage will expand your knowledge of the Bible and this sacred land. On this 10-day journey you will visit all the major sites, such as the Sea of Galilee, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jordan River, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and more. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus will change the way you read the Bible, and you will learn why scholars refer to it as the "Fifth Gospel." Please consider being part of this adventure in faith and join us in experiencing a once-in-a-lifetime journey as we walk where Jesus walked!

Email queries may be directed to The Episcopal Center at (269) 381-2710.

Dr. Douglas Mohrmann, who will serve as tour director, is Assistant Professor of Religion; Co-Director of Honors Program at Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids and member of Grace Church, Grand Rapids. Dr. Mohrmann has led numerous such pilgrimages over the years and has done a masterful job organizing this 2018 Pilgrimage. International airfare/flight planning will be managed by Dr. Mohrmann.

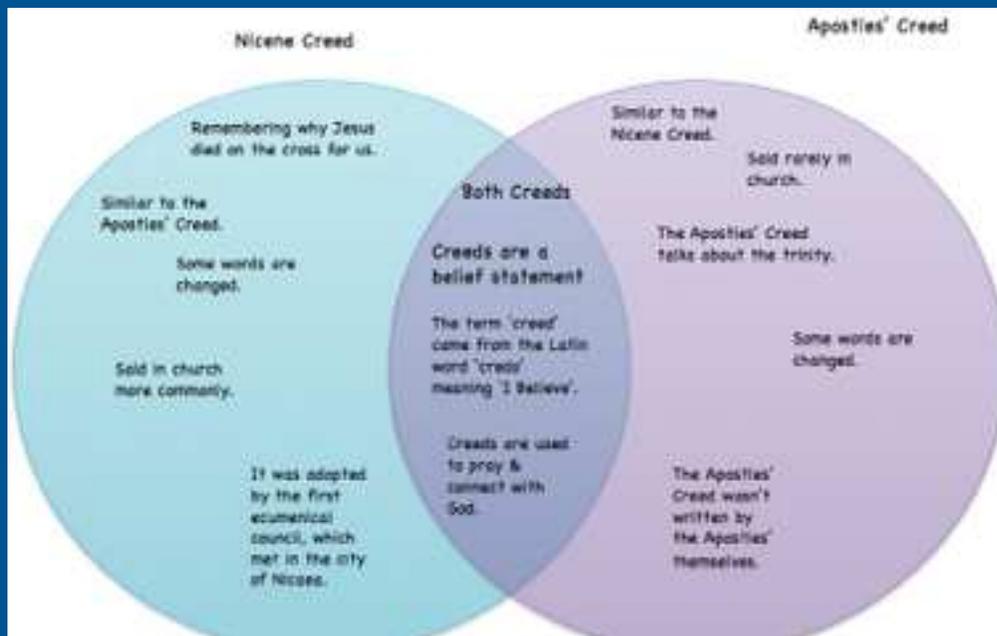


WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Creeds

*“The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God.”
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 851)*

We will always have questions, but in the two foundational statements of faith – the Apostles’ Creed used at baptism, and the Nicene Creed used at communion – we join Christians throughout the ages in affirming our faith in the one God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us.



You can find texts for both creeds in the *Book of Common Prayer*. The Apostles’ Creed is on page 96. The Nicene Creed is on pages 358-359.

For more information go the Episcopal Church website:
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/creeds>.

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Ministry Schedule for June & July 2017

| Ministry | Sunday, June 4, 2017 10:00 a.m. | Sunday, June 11, 2017 10:00 a.m. | Sunday, June 18, 2017 10:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer | Sunday, June 25, 2017 @ Ferry Beach Park - 10:00 |
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| Lessons | Steve Hall | Chris Barrett | Gunnar Lundteigen | Tom Kirinovic |
| Prayers | John Lignell | George Perrett | Doris Lundteigen | John Masson |
| Ushers | Don Collier Chris Nyland | Dick Southby Wendy Perrett | Chris & Christine Benson | Jeff & Nancy Porter |
| Greeters | Tom Kirinovic (1) Margie Kirinovic (2) | Sharon Witucki (1) Peter Pace (2) | Linda Wertz (1) Patti Masson (2) | Mark Andresky (1) Don Collier (2) |
| Intinction | Frank Rathjens | Rick Wertz | xxxxxxx | John Fiedorek |
| LEM (Chalice) | Betsy Collier | Lea Peak | xxxxxxx | Brownie Flanders |
| Acolyte | Frank Rathjens | Rick Wertz | Roger Peak | Brownie Flanders |
| Altar Guild | Linda Wertz Deb Stutzman | Betsy Collier Margie Kirinovic | Nancy Porter Ann Bahr | Betty Stephen Susan Flanders |
| LEM (Visitor) | Frank Rathjens | Frank Rathjens | Dorothy Miller | Dorothy Miller |
| Coffee Hour Hosts | Brownie & Susan Flanders | Jeff & Nancy Porter Betty Stephen | Ann Puffpaff Jean Loper Monsie Camerson | Chris & Christine Benson Rachel & Dan Reed |
| Vestry Duty | Brownie Flanders | Mark Heydlauff | Dorothy Miller | Tom Kirinovic |

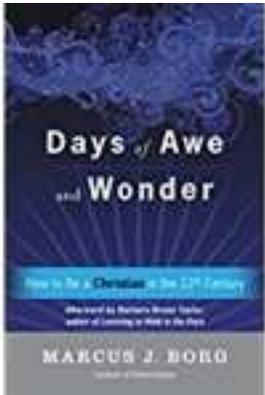
| Ministry | Sunday July 2, 2017 10:00 a.m. | Sunday July 9, 2017 10:00 a.m. | Sunday July 16, 2017 10:00 a.m. | Sunday July 23, 2017 10:00 a.m. | Sunday July 30, 2017 10:00 a.m. |
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| Lessons | Phil Pratt | Steve Hall | Mark Heydlauff | John Fiedorek | Mark Andresky |
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Recommended Reading:

Days of Awe and Wonder: How to be a Christian in the 21st Century

by Marcus J. Borg



Editor's note: If you've been reading the RED DOOR for the past six years, you might recognize that I'm very partial to the writing and ideas of Marcus Borg. How fitting for my last issue that his latest book was just published.

Showcasing some of his most enduring and insightful writings, including many previously unpublished works, a concise and illuminating introduction to Marcus J. Borg, the late spokesman for progressive Christianity and one of the most revered and influential theologians of our time.

In his acclaimed books, including classics such as *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, *The Heart of Christianity*, *Speaking Christian*, and *Convictions*, Marcus J. Borg helped shape an enlightened modernist view of Christianity. A leading scholar of the historical Jesus acclaimed for his ability to speak about Christianity in the context of contemporary society, Borg offered profound wisdom and inspiration—a new way of seeing and living the

Christian life—for believers, students, and lay readers. Ultimately, he taught us that by developing a deeper understanding of Jesus and the New Testament, we can discover a more authentic way of being. Yet Borg himself was always conscious of a greater truth beyond what he could explain: the wonder of God.

Now, two years after the liberal theologian's death, comes *The Days of Awe and Wonder*, a selection of his writing, including many never before published works, that explores the Christian faith and what it means to be a Christian in the twenty-first century. Provocative and uplifting, this anthology illuminates Borg's explorations of the miraculous and wonderful, his understanding of conviction and fulfillment, and his contention that we must keep an open mind and question assumptions and certainties in all our religious journeys.

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SAVE THESE DATES

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| In June and July | Rector's Office Hours: by appointment (402-980-2480) |
| Monday, June 5, 2017 | Christian Outreach Ministry Team meeting, 9:00 a.m. |
| Friday June 9, 2017 | <i>Ask, Thank, Tell</i> study led by Mark Andresky, 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, June 11, 2017 | Presentation of 2017 CEC Scholarships at our morning worship service, 10:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, June 15, 2017 | Friends @ CEC Kickoff dinner, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall |
| Friday June 16, 2017 | <i>Ask, Thank, Tell</i> study led by Mark Andresky, 9:00 a.m. |
| June 17-24, 2017 | EDWM Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic |
| Friday June 23, 2017 | <i>Ask, Thank, Tell</i> study led by Mark Andresky, 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, June 25, 2017 | Outdoor Worship Service at Ferry Beach Park, 10:00 a.m. (no service at 200 State Street) |
| Thursday, June 29, 2017 | Vestry meeting, 9:00 a.m.; Meet with Charles Lane, 10:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, June 29, 2017 | Taylor Fund Event with Charles R. Lane, <i>Reimagining Stewardship</i> , 5:30 p.m., dinner following presentation (reservations required) |
| Friday, June 30, 2017 | Summer Reading with the Rector: 10:30 a.m., Parish Hall, <i>Eleanor, A Spiritual Biography</i> |
| Thursday, July 13, 2017 | Summer Parish Picnic @ the Bahrs' cottage |



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