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The Joy of Easter

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, the women went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" **Mark 16:2-3**

As Mary Magdalene and the other women walked to Jesus' tomb on Sunday morning, their lives were at a dead-end. Death had destroyed their dreams. Their beloved teacher lay dead and defeated, and these women of dead dreams sought simply to anoint his body with spices.

As they plied the pathway of death, all that they could consider was the stone that sealed the entrance to the tomb. The path to their teacher was blocked. Or so they thought. Such was the limit of their vision. Such was the hollowness of their hope.

How were they to know that God was out in front of them working in wonderful ways they could not know, creating new possibilities, new hope, new life in the realm where death had reigned?

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, [and] he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised." **Mark 16:5-6**

Mary Magdalene and her friends could not have anticipated the incalculable, creative power of God that brings life out of death, victory out of defeat.

But we have been given a sign. That sign is Easter.

When our dreams are dear and our hopes are hollow, may we remember that God is out in front of us, removing roadblocks to recovery, rolling away the stones of hopelessness, doubt and death.

This is the journey that we are on at Christ Church. We invite you to join us on our pilgrimage through Holy Week and Easter as we prepare to proclaim our Easter acclamation of promise and hope:

***Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!***

Happy Easter!!



The Rev. Thomas P. O'Dell

*Holy Week and Easter
at Christ Church*

Maundy Thursday March 29 @ 5:30

Good Friday March 30 @ noon

Easter April 1 @ 10:00

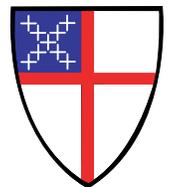
Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

FROM MARCH

- Vestry is reading and discussing *God's Grace & Robert's Rules* by Richard Kuzbass.
- Minutes of February Vestry meeting were approved.
- LED lighting; equipment has been received along with energy rebate
- Marc Sroufe presented a report from Christian Outreach about an ecumenical ministry occurring to allay food insecurity among at-risk youth in Charlevoix.
- CEC received a bequest from the Estate of Milburn Shafer
- Several Vestry members will attend Bishop Hougland's regional workshop in Traverse City at Grace Episcopal Church.
- Columbarium ideation continues
- Don Collier and Brownie Flanders were elected as delegates to the 2018 Diocesan Convention. Mark Andresky was elected alternate.
- Motion was made to purchase a copier from Michigan Officeways. Motion passed.
- Fr. Tom O'Dell on vacation 4/29/18. Fr. Ed Emenheiser will be the celebrant.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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| Mar 23: 5:30 pm | Becoming the Father: Conclusion & Epilogue |
| Mar 24: 10:00-3:00 | Bishop Hougland's Regional Workshop at Grace, Traverse City |
| Mar 29: 5:30 pm | Maundy Thursday Service |
| Mar 30: Noon | Good Friday Service |
| Apr 1: 10:00 am | Easter Sunday Service |
| April 13: 8:00-3:00 | Rummage Sale |
| April 14: 8:00-12:00 | Rummage Sale |
| April 15: 5:00 pm | Deadline for May Red Door articles, contact: susankflanders@gmail.com |
| April 20: 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch to meet @ Scovies (contact Patti Masson 231-347-0972) |
| April 21: 2:00 pm | Memorial Service for Milburn Shafer |
| April 29: | Fr. Tom O'Dell on vacation. Fr. Ed Emenheiser will be the celebrant |
| May 5: 9:00-3:00 | Diocesan ECW Annual meeting at CEC, Details to follow |
| May 6: 10:00 am | Bishop Hougland at Christ Church |
| Sept 15: Save the Date | FUNDRAISER benefitting Christian Outreach, Details to follow |

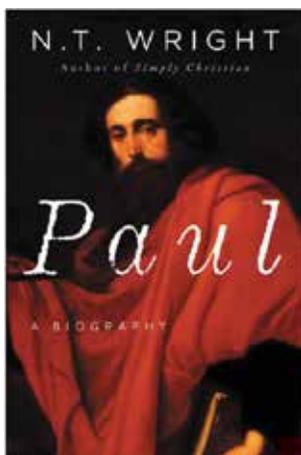


Book REVIEW

FOR APRIL

In this definitive biography, renowned Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and best-selling author N. T. Wright offers a radical look at the apostle Paul, illuminating the humanity and remarkable achievements of this intellectual who invented Christian theology – transforming a faith and changing the world.

For centuries, Paul, the apostle who “saw the light on the Road to Damascus” and made a miraculous conversion from zealous Pharisee persecutor to devoted follower of Christ, has been one of the church’s most widely cited saints. While his influence on Christianity has been profound, N. T. Wright argues that Bible scholars and pastors have focused so much attention on Paul’s letters and theology that they have too often overlooked the essence of the man’s life and the extreme unlikelihood of what he achieved.



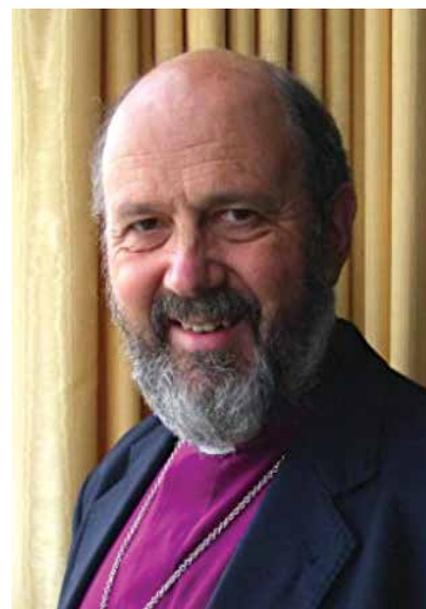
To Wright, “The problem is that Paul is central to any understanding of earliest Christianity, yet Paul was a Jew; for many generations Christians of all kinds have struggled to put this together.” Wright contends that our knowledge of Paul and appreciation for his legacy cannot be complete without an understanding of his Jewish heritage. Giving us a thoughtful, in-depth exploration of the human and intellectual drama that shaped Paul, Wright provides greater clarity of the apostle’s writings, thoughts, and ideas and helps us see them in a fresh, innovative way.

Paul is a compelling modern biography that reveals the apostle’s greater role in Christian history – as an inventor of new paradigms for how we understand Jesus and what he accomplished – and celebrates his stature as one of the most effective and influential intellectuals in human history.

What N.T. Wright thinks about Easter

“Jesus’s resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about. The point of the resurrection...is that the present bodily life is not valueless just because it will die...What you do with your body in the present matters because God has a great future in store for it...What you do in the present — by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself — will last into God’s future. These activities are not simply ways of making the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether (as the hymn so mistakenly puts it...). They are part of what we may call building for God’s kingdom.”

N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church



First Sunday

First Sunday at Christ Episcopal Church is a time of intergenerational sharing. It is not as hard as you might think to find activities that appeal to all ages and so beautifully allow us to grow spirituality together. We meet from 9:30 am to 9:55 am on the First Sunday of the month, sharing prayer, scripture, ourselves and the love of God; all while having fun!

On the First Sunday of March, we immersed ourselves in the Gospel reading and worked together to present it dramatically in tableau form during the worship service that morning. We had 13 in the drama! A big 'thank you' to Sue Birchfield, Betsy Collier, Lily Peak, Roger Peak, Blaise Systma Reed, Dan Systma Reed, Lena Systma Reed, Rachel Systma Reed,



Ric Systma Reed, Pam Sroufe, Linda Wertz, Rick Wertz and Ruth Willis. They all worked as a team to create a meaningful moment for everyone worshipping that morning.

The First Sunday in April is Easter! We will not meet for our First Sunday meeting but will look forward to our time together in worship.

The First Sunday in May is May 6th. We will be focusing on the word "may" and how we use it in our conversations with God. Everyone is invited each month, so please make plans to join us in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

– Linda O'Dell



Prayer List FOR APRIL

Please Pray for your Brothers and Sisters

Holly Driggs	Sue Loomis	Glen and Judith Berger	Jason McCrickard
Michelle Bashore	Patti Masson	Lisa Hicklen	Bobbie Rathjens
Blake Kirinovic	Linda Smith	Gary & Vicky Schafer	Liam Rathjens
Brad Lopez	Esther Carey	David and Justice Burks	Jack Schulman

*Names are removed from our Prayer List at the end of the month.
Please contact John Fiedorek at jfiedorek@gmail.com to add the names
of friends and family to our Prayer List.*

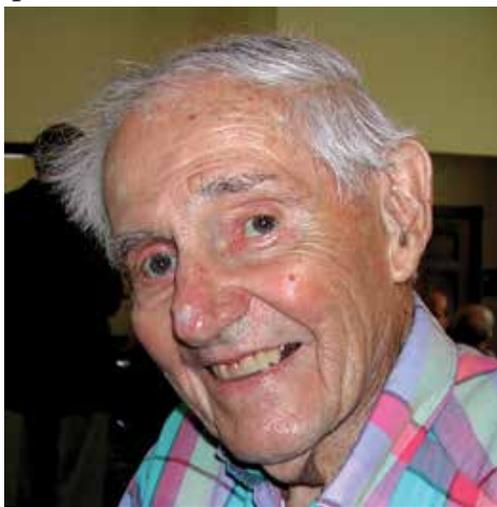
My Friend Milburn Shafer

As most of you know, I like to cook and feed people. That is how it all started with Mel and me. Mel was laid up due to health problems. So, I brought him meals and I would always stay for a half hour or so and talk with him about his long interesting life and his partner Art.

Mel was a mortician by degree and ran a funeral home in the Ann Arbor area. He bought a pick-up truck at 90 years old, said he always wanted one. This also helped me to get to know him better because he had a hard time getting in and out of the truck toward the end of his time in Charlevoix. Consequently, I would pick him up for church on a regular basis. He loved his church.

Mel was very generous to the church. We have many nice things that he provided; the kneelers which pull down under the pews, the air conditioning in the sanctuary, the new carpet and remodel in the narthex. Remember when that had ¼" paneling and plexiglass windows? Big

improvement! And of course, he remembered the church at the end of his life.



Mel is one of the few people who owned a Gremlin, a 1970 American Motors automobile. It really stood out in Charlevoix in the year 2000. He also owned a Chrysler 5th Avenue which now is Gunnar Lundteigen's baby. Mel only drove it from Charlevoix to Sarasota, FL where he wintered.

By the way, when he left Charlevoix, he loaded up the big Ford F-150, I helped and he drove himself to Florida. No one could talk him out of it. He had a stubborn streak but he was a great man.

He loved contact, any contact with people. Kind, gentle, soft spoken, generous, a summer person. He had an eye for interior design and had impeccable taste.

Mel was a true gentleman and will be missed.

– Rick Wertz

Episcopal Church Women **ECW** AT CHRIST CHURCH

Diocese ECW Annual Meeting

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Western Michigan Board invited Christ Episcopal Church ECW to host the Diocese ECW Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Christ Church on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The theme is "Share the Word".

All Episcopal churches in the Diocese (about 53) received the information and registration form for this event.

The day will include: the business meeting with



Betsy Collier and Dorothy Miller
Co-chairs of ECW Diocesan annual meeting to be held at CEC

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Betty Stephen, President

Nancy Porter, Vice President

Marge Kirinovic, Secretary

President PAM CHAPMAN, Keynote Speaker ANN HOLLIS, Interactive Breakout Session by PAM SROUFE, Holy Eucharist with BISHOP HOUGLAND, Celebrant. Also, a continental breakfast and luncheon will be served.

IMPORTANT NOTE: At the last ECW meeting, it was suggested and voted to pay the \$35.00 registration fee for all CEC-Episcopal Church Women who are interested in attending this event. Be sure to register by April 16th with Anne Stanley or Deb Stutzman, co-chairs for registration.

This is a blessed opportunity to learn more about the Diocese ECW and to meet others from our diocese to "Share the Word and Ideas". Hope you will plan to join us on May 5th.

– Betsy & Dorothy, co-chair



Jamie Winters and Betty Stephen
Betty Stephen, President of ECW presents a check to
Women Resource Center for women's personal hygiene products

A Christian Outreach **MINISTRY**

LOOKING TO EXPAND 'FOOD SECURITY' TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Christ Episcopal has longstanding leadership in donating food, volunteer time and money to the local Food Pantry in Charlevoix as well as having participation in the annual Crop Walk serving 6 Charlevoix County Pantries.

Three years ago, a long-standing CEC member reached out to Manna of Northwest Michigan to identify needs for volunteerism in aiding Hunger Relief. Since September, 2016 teams of CEC members travel monthly to the Manna Food Project Warehouse in Harbor Springs to help with varied tasks including, but not limited to, the 'Backpack' program. Elementary school children in three northern counties, identified through Free and Reduced Lunch criteria, are given a bag of food at school each week to allay hunger over a weekend. In addition, 3 schools in Charlevoix are provided with fresh fruit each week to include in the backpack distributions. Delivery of the fruit from a local grocery to each

school is a direct service of CEC volunteers.

This PAST WINTER, a need was brought to CEC Outreach of minor-aged teens who attend school in Charlevoix and who routinely live with food insecurity, i.e., young adult minors who are uncertain about having food to nourish them when school is not in session. Several Outreach ministry members visited another northern Michigan program addressing their local need and received operational information on how an effort could be replicated through Charlevoix High School/Middle School. To date, an ecumenical effort with St. Mary's Church and the Congregational Church, Charlevoix is confirmed for providing fiscal support as well as weekly volunteerism at the school. There is anticipation that this food insecurity ministry will be active by April. Contact Marc Sroufe, cbsroufe@hotmail.com for additional organizing information.

– Marc Sroufe

Did You Know? **APRIL**

BEHIND THE SCENES

In October of 2017 we had a wind storm in Charlevoix and our Little Free Library took a terrible tumble. The door needed repair and the front door glass broke. It spent the winter in the church basement. It has since been repaired by Brownie Flanders and will be out at its State Street location on April 1st. Starting at that time the church will accept donations of newer used books for the library. Please find a basket in the parish hall entrance for book drop off. Should you have any questions please contact, Susan Flanders.



Visitor at our Little Free Library in July 2017

Submit an Article in the Next Red Door!
by 5:00 pm April 15th to susankflanders@gmail.com

Noteable Quotes APRIL

THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY

C. S. Lewis on Easter

The miracles that have already happened are...the first fruits of that cosmic summer which is presently coming on. Christ has risen, and so we shall rise. To be sure, it feels wintry enough still: but often in the very early spring it feels like that. The spring comes slowly down this way; but the great thing is that the corner has been turned. There is, of course, this difference that in the natural spring the crocus cannot choose whether it will respond or not. We can. We have the power either of withstanding the spring, and sinking back into the cosmic winter, or of going on into those "high mid-summer pomps" in which our leader, the Son of Man, already dwells, and to which he is calling us. It remains with us to follow or not, to die in this winter, or to go on into that spring and that summer.

from "The Grand Miracle" by C.S. Lewis



Thank You!

*A*gain, **thank you** to everyone who helped with the cost of our Easter Lillies. We couldn't do it without you!

– Linda Wertz

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Ministry Schedule

APRIL

2018

Ministry	<i>Easter Sunday April 1</i>	<i>Sunday April 8</i>	<i>Sunday April 15</i>	<i>Sunday April 22</i>	<i>Sunday April 29</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Kim Baker	Bill French	Nancy Porter	Rachel Systma Reed	Lisa French
The Epistle	Tom Kirinovic	Ruth Willis	Gary Stutzman	Roger Peak	Chris Nyland
Prayers	Don Collier	Nathaniel Burks	Mark Andresky	John Masson	Christine Benson
Ushers	Jeff & Nancy Porter	Peter Pace Sharon Witucki	Tom Kirinovic Chris Nyland	Ruth Willis Deb Stutzman	Mark Andresky Chris Smith
Greeters	Peter Pace Sharon Witucki	Henry Berger Elfriede Berger	Jeff Porter Chris Smith	Tom Kirinovic Nathaniel Burks	Don Collier John Fiedorek
Intinction	Betsy Collier	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders
LEM (Chalice)	Brownie Flanders	Lea Peak	Dorothy Miller	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier
Acolyte	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak	Dorothy Miller	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Linda Wertz Susan Flanders	Nancy Porter Deb Stutzman	Betsy Collier Ann Bahr	Dorothy Miller Margie Kirinovic	Deb Stutzman Susan Flanders
Coffee Hour Hosts	Susan Flanders Linda Wertz Dorothy Miller Nancy Porter	Patti Masson Ann Puffpaff	Margie Kirinovic Anne Stanley	Betsy Collier Emily Myers	Peter Pace Sharon Witucki Ruth Willis
Vestry Duty	Brownie Flanders	Deb Stutzman	Ann Bahr	Betsy Collier	Mark Heydlauff

Ministry Schedule

MAY

2018

Ministry	<i>Sunday May 6</i>	<i>Sunday May 13</i>	<i>Sunday May 20</i>	<i>Sunday May 27</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Mark Heydlauff	Rachel Systma Reed	Mark Andresky	John Fiedorek
The Epistle	Kim Baker	Lea Peak	Janet Weir	Phil Pratt
Prayers	Tom Kirinovic	Chris Nyland	Bill French	Peter Pace
Ushers	John Fiedorek Don Collier	Tom Kirinovic Chris Smith	Mark Andresky Henry Berger	Dick Southby Chris Nyland
Greeters	Betty Stephen Linda Wertz	Sharon Witucki Ruth Willis	Brownie & Susan Flanders	Chris & Christine Benson
Intinction	Dorothy Miller	Lea Peak	Brownie Flanders	Betsy Collier
LEM (Chalice)	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller	Lea Peak
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Altar Guild	Ann Bahr Margie Kirinovic	Dorothy Miller Linda Wertz	Betsy Collier Lisa French	Susan Flanders Deb Stutzman
Coffee Hour Hosts	Fellowship Committee	George & Wendy Perrett Emily Myers	Chris & Christine Benson Betty Stephen	Judy Pratt Linda Southby Judy Colt
Vestry Duty	Dorothy Miller	Margie Kirinovic	Chris Benson	John Masson