

# THE *Red* DOOR

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH • CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

## *Thoughts and Prayers*

### **How Weak is America?**

*by Father Tom*

*T*he victims of the high school shooting in Parkland, Florida are in our thoughts and prayers. Isn't that what I am supposed to say? What about the other 81 children killed in 24 school shootings over the last 20 years? Are they also in our thoughts and prayers?

What about the victims of the 346 mass shootings in the United States in 2017, the deadliest year for such shootings in our nation's modern history, including 58 killed and over 500 wounded in Las Vegas and 28 killed in the church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, just 35 days apart. Thoughts and prayers all around?

As this continuing wave of death, dying and disability washes over us, I'm always careful to include the most recent victims in our prayers the following Sunday, as if that is the extent of my Christian responsibility.

I've had it with this timid charade that masquerades as faith.

As a Christian, I'm expected to stand up for the sanctity of life. So are you. Adding our "thoughts

and prayers" to the platitudes we hear from too many of our leaders is not enough. Christian action is required, and I am suggesting an unambiguously necessary first step.

Since the 1990s, our nation's primary public health agency, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), has essentially been prohibited from studying gun violence — its causes and potential remedies. Why? Pressure from the gun lobby. The CDC should be liberated and funded so that it can facilitate a comprehensive analysis of this burgeoning public health crisis. Other agencies should be freed up, as well.

Rampaging gun violence is a complex problem, and there are no easy answers. There is certainly no quick or single fix. But life is unambiguously sacred, and I just have to ask: How can Americans possibly develop meaningful responses to the epidemic that is snuffing out way too many precious lives if we are afraid to uncover the facts?

Are we afraid of the truth? Are we that weak?

As Christians, we have a personal responsibility to insist that our nation remains strong by asking the hard questions that uphold the sanctity of life.

Grace & Peace,



The Rev. Thomas P. O'Dell

# Vestry HIGHLIGHTS

FROM FEBRUARY

## Vestry Commissions for 2018

### Worship & Music:

Brownie Flanders & Marge Kirinovic

### Parish Life:

Chris Benson, John Masson & Dorothy Miller

### Christian Outreach:

Deb Stutzman & Mark Heydlauff

**Evangelism:** Ann Bahr & Betsy Collier

~ Episcopal Church Women are preparing for Diocesan Conference at CEC, May 5, 2018

~ The Red Door (CEC newsletter and CEC website will be maintained by a graphic designer.)

Submissions for articles/pictures/information is made through [susankflanders@gmail.com](mailto:susankflanders@gmail.com)

~ Rev. Dr. Kathy Kircher will re-visit CEC during the summer and early fall.

~ Fr. Tom is away March 12-16, 2018 (Fr. Ed Emenheiser will be Officiant on that Sunday)

~ Vestry Retreat Is April 20, 9:00am at Marge Kirinovic's home

~ Fr. Tom distributed *God's Grace & Robert's Rules* and requested Vestry to read first chapter for March 19th Vestry meeting

~ April 20th is Vestry meeting. Other meetings to be scheduled.

~ Outdoor service will be in July (date & location to be determined)

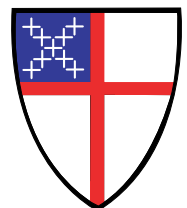
~ Team of parishioners is researching a Columbarium as interest has been expressed. Next Columbarium meeting is 2/27.

~ Christmas Eve service will be at 5:30pm

~ Planning continues for the 125th Anniversary. Observance of CEC during 2019. Dorothy Miller, Betsy Collier and Susan Flanders have been conferring with Fr. Tom about activities that can be included with Sunday services through the year.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Mar 2: 5:30 pm Lenten Series followed by a simple soup supper – The Elder Son: Chapters 4-6
- Mar 9: 5:30 pm Lenten Series followed by a simple soup supper – The Father: Chapters 7-9
- Mar 15: 5:00 pm Deadline for April Red Door articles (Susan Flanders: [susankflanders@gmail.com](mailto:susankflanders@gmail.com))
- Mar 16: Noon Lunch Bunch will meet at Weathervane (Contact Patti Masson: 231-347-0972)
- Mar 16: 5:30 pm No book discussion
- Mar 19: 9:00 am Vestry meeting
- 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
- Apr 13 & 14 Rummage Sale
- May 5: 9:00-3:00 Diocesan ECW Annual meeting at CEC, details to follow



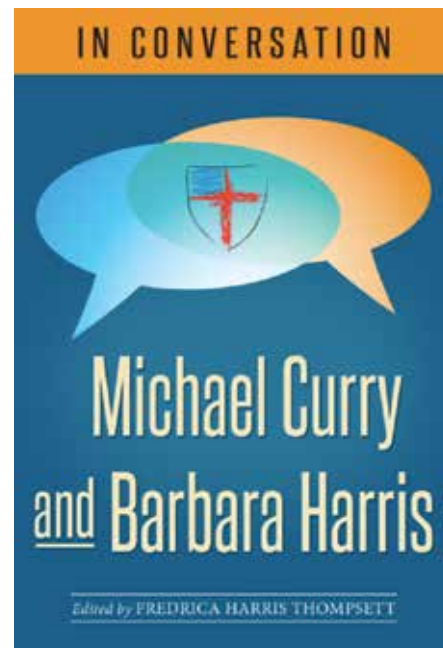
# Book REVIEW

FOR MARCH

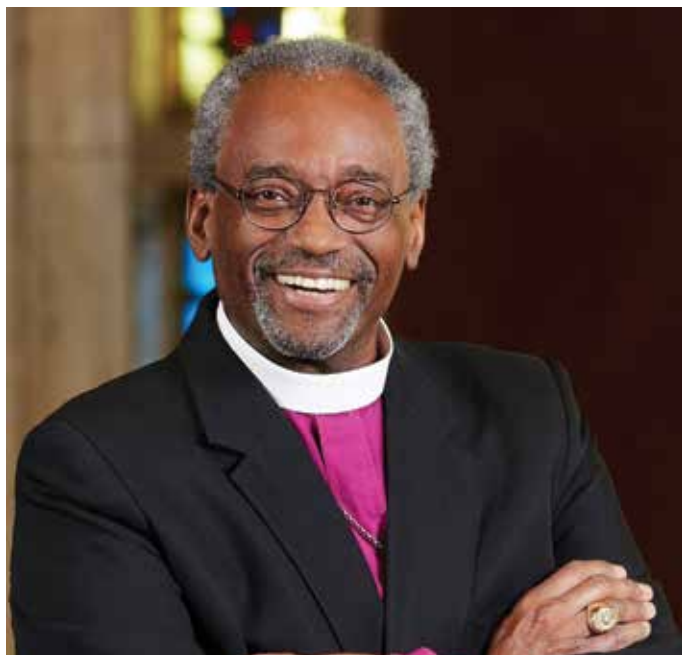
- Inaugural volume in the new “In Conversations” series
- Get to know two trailblazing Episcopalians as they talk informally about things that matter to them

As a teenager, Michael Curry served as a part of the “Youth Presence” at General Convention 1979. While there, he met Barbara Harris, not yet a priest. The story of their friendship is one that tracks the history of the Episcopal Church over the intervening years.

In this volume, the two talk about a wide range of topics—their families and the strong women who shaped them, the vocation of the priesthood and the episcopacy, and social justice, among others—in a conversation facilitated and edited by Fredrica Harris Thompsett.



## *When Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Family Became Episcopalians*



“My father didn’t feel comfortable going up for communion, but when my mother went up, he watched closely. Was the priest really going to give her communion from the common cup? And if he did, was the next person really going to drink from that same cup? And would others drink too, knowing a black woman had sipped from that cup? He saw the priest offer her the cup, and she drank. Then the priest offered the cup to the next person at the rail, and that person drank. And then the next person, and the next, all down the rail. When my father told the story, he would always say: “That’s what brought me to the Episcopal Church. Any church in which black folks and white folks drink out of the same cup knows something about a gospel that I want to be a part of.”

– Michael Curry, *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*

# Souper Bowl OF CARING

FEBRUARY 2018

February 4, 2018 over 50 people attended our 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring indoor tailgate party. We served coney dogs with all the “fixings”, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, a dip, chips, pop, and a Super Bowl cake.



Cake donated by Ann Puffpaff and Frank Rathjens

Susan Flanders and Linda Wertz did the planning, shopping and decorating of the church

and parish hall for the event. Brownie Flanders, Mark Heydlauff and Rick Wertz manned the kitchen. Dorothy Miller counted the money that Bill French collected in a soup kettle during the offertory. Marc Sroufe and Rick Wertz tallied the food weight. Kim Baker and Nathaniel

Burks loaded Kim’s truck for delivery to the food pantry. Linda Boss, manager of Charlevoix Area Food Pantry opened the pantry for us at 11:45 am on Sunday. Kim, Bill and Rick gave Linda Boss an approx-



(L to R) Nathaniel Burks, Nancy Porter



Truck load with food for Food Pantry

(L to R) Nathaniel Burks, Rick Wertz, Bill French, Kim Baker



(L to R) Susan Flanders, Bill French, Linda Wertz, Rick Wertz, Mark Heydlauff, and Brownie Flanders

# Souper Bowl OF CARING

FEBRUARY 2018



(L to R) Janet Weir, Judy Colt

imate figure of our fundraising efforts. Linda Boss said “its like Christmas for us here at the Charlevoix Area Food Pantry”! This year we collected \$1,295.00 and 327 lbs. of food. THE MOST EVER!!

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

This is the 28th anniversary of the SBOC. In 1990, 22 churches in Columbia, SC collected \$5,700. Last year 2017 SBOC raised \$10,174,312 in cash and food items, with 6560 participating groups, helping 4857 charities. This is CEC 7th anniversary of SBOC start-



(L to R) Rick Wertz, Brownie Flanders, Mark Heydlauff

ing with Souper Bowl 2012. Our youth group looked a little different this year, no young people participated this year. Over the course of the last 7 years we have collected \$5,328 and over a ton of food items. (2027 lbs.) As of the writing of this report SBOC nationwide will exceed \$100,000,000 in 2018.

*Submitted by: Rick Wertz*

**THANK YOU!**  
 Christ Episcopal Church Charlevoix, Michigan's 2018 Collection  
 raised:  
**\$1,295, 327 food items and 327 lbs. of food**  
 Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.  
 February 4, 2018  
 Clara Cooper  
 President and CEO  
 Souper Bowl of Caring

*Thanks for your generosity*  
 SOUPER Bowl of Caring Committee

# First Sunday **IN MARCH**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

First Sunday in March is Sunday, March 4th. This 'First Sunday,' we will engage in an **inter-generational drama activity**. The group will present the gospel for that morning's service in tableau form, interpreting John 2:13-22 in 4 frozen pictures:

- The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle.
- He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."
- The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"
- But Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



**All you need to do to is come join us:**

- **Meet us at 9:30am on March 4** in the undercroft
- **Wear a dark color** if you can and if you can't, come join us anyway!
- We will place you in the tableau and help you find your positions.
- If you do not want to be a performer of the drama in church, please come because we need an audience during our short rehearsal.

We are very excited about this activity and know that it will continue the fun and sharing that First Sunday has been providing for so many people. If you have questions about this please contact Linda O'Dell at [lindarafael19@gmail.com](mailto:lindarafael19@gmail.com).

First Sunday will not meet in April because the First Sunday is Easter. We have wonderful plans for Sunday, May 6th so watch for more information.

– Linda O'Dell

# Prayer List FOR MARCH

*Please Pray for your Brothers and Sisters*

Bud and Joan Coyne  
Lincoln Maxberry  
Victor Martyn  
Jason McCrickard  
Judy Riccio  
Peter Pace  
Rita Hurchuk

Michelle Bashore  
Barbara Phillips  
Randy Nyland  
Greg Lawrence  
Bobbie Rathjens  
Liam Rathjens  
Bob & Ellie Nicol

Scott Henson  
Blake Kirinovic  
Brad Lopez  
Sue Loomis  
Patti Masson  
Linda Smith  
Wanda Witucki

Esther Carey  
Glen and Judith Berger  
Lisa Hicklen  
Gary & Vicky Schafer

*Names are removed from our Prayer List at the end of the 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.*



*A* Big **Thank You** to everyone who has supported the Flower Fund to keep our Altar Beautiful in all seasons. Easter Flower envelopes will be available in the Parish Hall through the month of March. — Linda Wertz

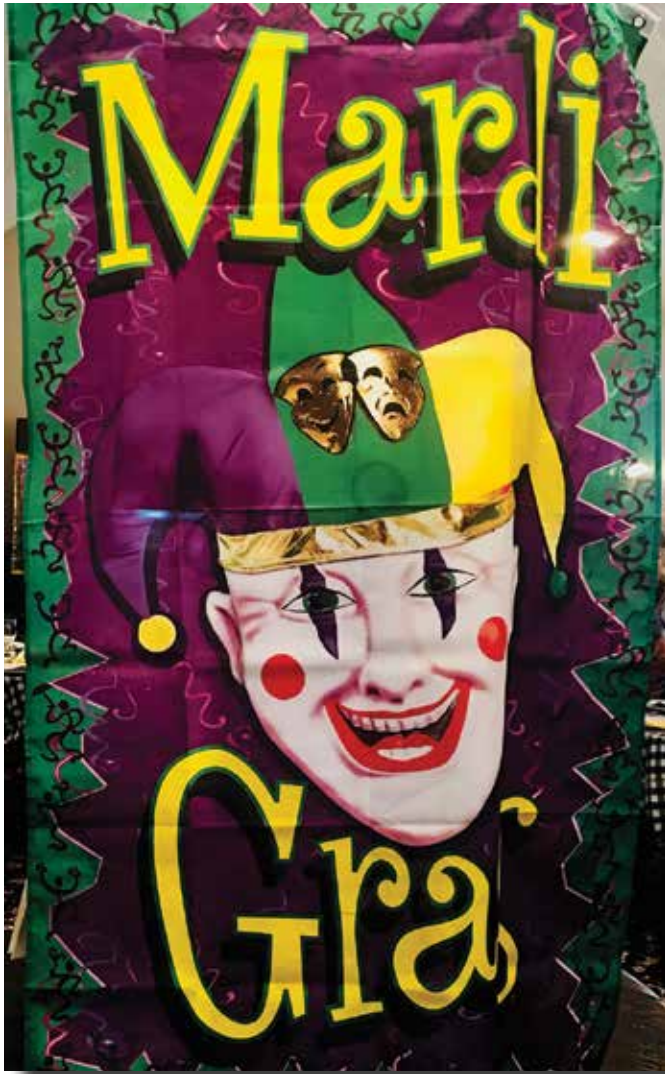


*Thank You Lea!!*

For the past few months, Lea Peak has helped Christ Church through a time of transition by editing the Red Door. We have now arrived at a permanent arrangement for the production of the Red Door. The parish owes a great debt of gratitude for Lea.

Submit an Article in the Next Red Door  
by 5:00 pm March 15th • [susankflanders@gmail.com](mailto:susankflanders@gmail.com)

# *Shrove Tuesday* **MARTI GRAS** **THIRD ANNUAL**



## *Men's Group* at CEC *Cook for Parishioners*

### **Third annual Mardi Gras at Christ Episcopal Church!**

What a great evening for 60 of our parishioners and guests. On Shrove Tuesday-(Fat Tuesday) we gathered with 60 like minded revelers for an authentic New Orleans dinner with jambalaya, red beans and rice, creole green beans, maque choux, corn bread, some wine, sparkling water and soda. Dessert was bread pudding with bourbon sauce and King cake. The “baby” from the King cake got passed around a bit, but no “grown up” would claim responsibility for next year’s party as required by tradition, buying next year’s cake, or paying for next year’s Mardi Gras party. So, I guess that it is up to us! Special thanks go to Major Chef, Rick Wertz and associate chefs, Mark Heydlauff, Jeff Porter, Bill French, Brownie Flanders and kitchen cleanup Princess, Pam Sroufe and dishwasher Kit Foster. Shopping was done by Rick, Bill and Brownie on Saturday afternoon and prep, chopping and cooking done on Tuesday morning.

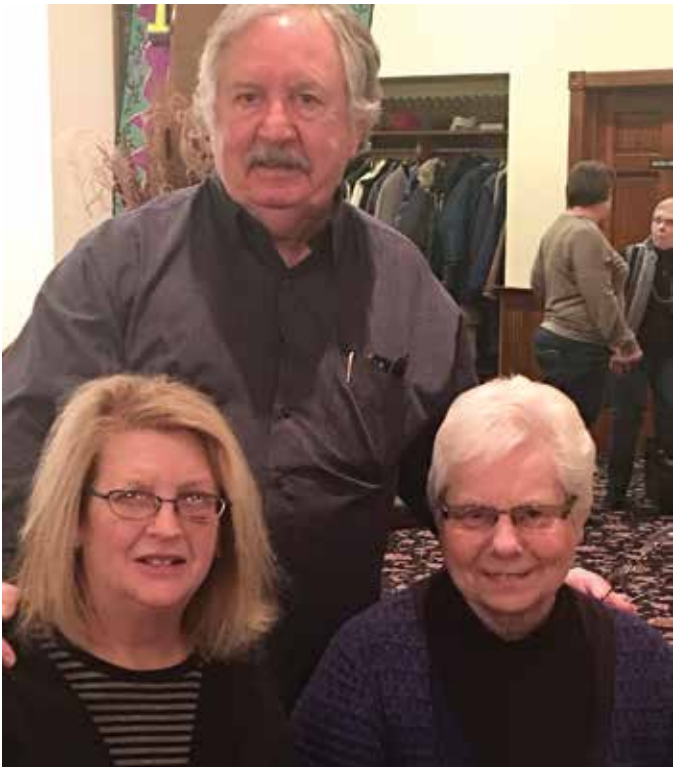
*Submitted by: Brownie Flanders*



(L to R) Mark Heydlauff, Rick Wertz, Brownie Flanders



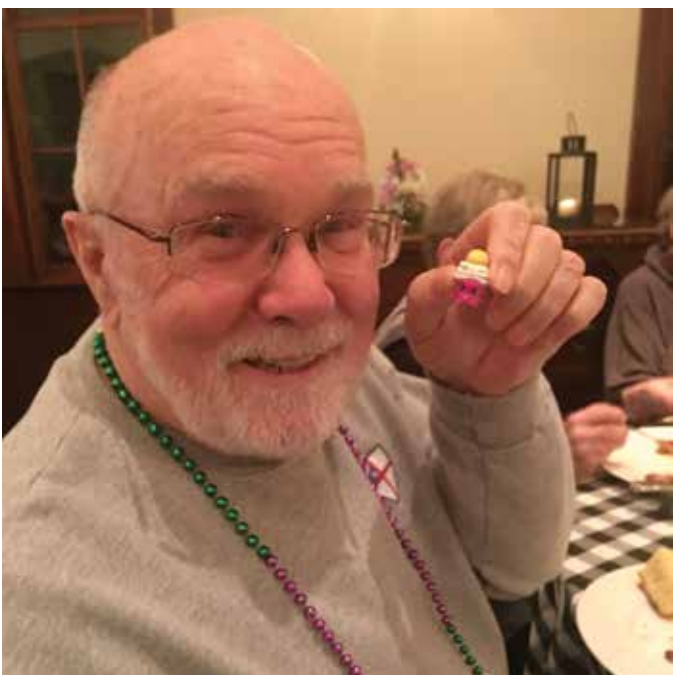
# *Shrove Tuesday* **MARTI GRAS** MEN'S GROUP AT CEC



(L to R) Betsy Collier, Don Collier, Dorothy Miller



(L to R) Bill French, Kit Foster



John Masson with the baby from the King cake



(L to R)  
Linda Wertz, Margaret Seligman, Pam Sroufe, Ruth Willis with "King cake"

# *Shrove Tuesday* **MARTI GRAS** **PARTY FUN!**



(L to R) Patti Masson, Maggie Mason, Ann Puffpaff



(L to R) Linda Wertz, Gary Stutzman



(L to R) Joanne Beemon, Betty Stephen



Lily Whitten with the baby from the King cake

# Episcopal Church Women **ECW**

## AT CHRIST CHURCH

On Sunday, February 18, 2018 the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) group met and made the following decisions:

■ Rummage Sale (April 13-14 2018) and Sparkle and Shine (Saturday before Labor Day 2019) will be held in alternating years. Please consider contributing items for both these fundraisers.

■ Diocesan ECW Annual Meeting to be held at Christ Church May 5th with Dorothy Miller and Betsy Collier co chairs. All ECW members are encouraged to attend.

■ ECW to design a table at the Women's Resource Center Luncheon on June 13th – Susan Flanders

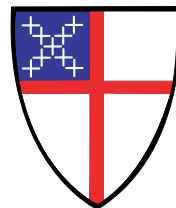
■ Chicken Salad Luncheon August 11th – Christine Benson and Nancy Porter co chairs. More to follow; much help needed.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW) - Meeting**  
**Betty Stephen, President**  
**Nancy Porter, Vice President**  
**Marge Kirinovic, Secretary**

■ Monetary donation to Third Day Fellowship Women's Shelter to purchase Feminine Hygiene products.

■ Monetary donation to Women's Resource Center – Safe House to purchase Feminine Hygiene Products.

■ A new microwave for Christ Church will be purchased as well as hangers, glasses, and dishwasher racks.



*Thank you ladies for your support and cooperation!*

## *A Christian Outreach Ministry!*

Christ Episcopal Church's Christian Outreach ministry was approached by Charlevoix Middle/High School administration with a need to serve students who are identified with 'food insecurity'. Translated, they don't know where their next meal is coming from. While CEC has provided funds at Christmas to Charlevoix Schools, CEC Ministry members have thoroughly researched and secured active commitments to collaborate with St. Mary's and the Congregational Church in Charlevoix

in setting up a 'food den' at the school campus immediately.

HANDS-ON HELP is needed to shop for food, (donations are also welcomed) AND to engage WITH identified students at the campus 'food den' one day each week.

Ministry members are inviting YOU to help. Contact Marc Sroufe, 989-400-3687 (call or text), [cbsroufe@hotmail.com](mailto:cbsroufe@hotmail.com), for more information.

# Did You Know? MARCH

BEHIND THE SCENES

*Did you know* that each Sunday “The Sroufe’s” shovel the steps and sidewalks at CEC? This last Sunday, Jason Sroufe and Marc Sroufe were hard at work cleaning the snow away for everyone before our church service. We thank them for keeping us safe this winter and making the area look so nice!

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in the Next Red Door!*

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*Did you know* that there are two Linda Bosses in Charlevoix? One is the manager of the Charlevoix food pantry and the other one is an artist! She is also Ryder Boss, the 2013 CEC Scholarship Recipient, now helicopter pilot’s, mother.

## *New Editor of the Red Door*

Linda Boss is formerly trained as a graphic designer and has had a design business specializing in print and web design in Charlevoix for 31 years. Getting close to retirement, she is focusing more and more on her fine art, painting scenes of Charlevoix for her Pure Charlevoix collection and markets them on her website: PureCharlevoix.com

*I hope you like the new look of “The Red Door”. I look forward to working with you! Susan Flanders and I plan to work on the Directory, the web site and have a couple of other projects in the works.*



Linda Boss and Kato

# Ministry Schedule

# MARCH

2018

Ministry	<i>Sunday March 4</i>	<i>Sunday March 11</i>	<i>Sunday March 18</i>	<i>Palm Sunday March 25</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday March 29</i>	<i>Good Friday March 30</i>
<b>OT Lesson &amp; Psalms</b>	Deb Stutzman	Chris Nyland	Gary Stutzman	Mark Heydlauff	Rick Wertz	Tom Kirinovic
<b>The Epistle</b>	Rachel Sytsma Reed	Janet Weir	Ruth Willis	Tom Kirinovic	Janet Weir	Ruth Willis
<b>Prayers</b>	Peter Pace	Lea Peak	Linda Wertz	Sharon Witucki	Don Collier	Linda Wertz
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Andresky Chris Nyland	Don Collier Ruth Willis	John Fiedorek Chris Smith	Brownie & Susan Flanders	Brownie & Susan Flanders	Don & Betsy Collier
<b>Greeters</b>	Henry Berger (1) Elfriede Berger (2)	Mark Andresky (1) Nate Burks (2)	Tom Kirinovic (1) Chris Nyland (2)	Jeff Porter (1) Nancy Porter (2)	XXXX	XXXX
<b>Intinction</b>	Lea Peak	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier	John Fiedorek	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders
<b>LEM (Chalice)</b>	Brownie Flanders	Betsy Collier	Dorothy Miller	Rick Wertz	Lea Peak	Rick Wertz
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brownie Flanders	Roger Peak	Dorothy Miller	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Rick Wertz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dorothy Miller Nancy Porter	Margie Kirinovic Deb Stutzman	Linda Wertz Ann Bahr	Betsy Collier Susan Flanders	Betsy Collier Dorothy Miller	Ann Bahr Margie Kirinovic
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Brownie & Susan Flanders	Marge Kirinovic Anne Stanley	Dan & Rachel Sytsma Reed Linda Wertz	Patti Masson Ann Puffpaff Ruth Willis	XXXX	XXXX
<b>Vestry Duty</b>	Brownie Flanders	John Masson	Margie Kirinovic	Mark Heydlauff	Dorothy Miller	Ann Bahr

# 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>
<b>OT Lesson &amp; Psalms</b>	<b>Kim Baker</b>	<b>Bill French</b>	<b>Nancy Porter</b>	<b>Rachel Systma Reed</b>	<b>Lisa French</b>
<b>The Epistle</b>	<b>Tom Kirinovic</b>	<b>Ruth Willis</b>	<b>Gary Stutzman</b>	<b>Roger Peak</b>	<b>Chris Nyland</b>
<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Don Collier</b>	<b>Nathaniel Burks</b>	<b>Mark Andresky</b>	<b>John Masson</b>	<b>Christine Benson</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jeff &amp; Nancy Porter</b>	<b>Peter Pace Sharon Witucki</b>	<b>Tom Kirinovic Chris Nyland</b>	<b>Ruth Willis Deb Stutzman</b>	<b>Mark Andresky Chris Smith</b>
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