

# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Choir Reunion, September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for a joyful celebration of the music ministry of Christ Church! We will honor three choir members who *each* have over 50 years of service, plus we will celebrate the completion of the first of our Capital Campaign projects – the repair of the organ.

Gather at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday to welcome returning choir members, and learn more about the recent restoration of the antiphonal organ pipes...the first project of the Restore, Renew, Rejoice capital campaign to be completed!

At 7:00 p.m. our celebration of the music ministry continues with beautiful organ works and favorite hymns. Festive reception to follow.

On Sunday, all past & present members of the choir are invited to participate in the 10:30 a.m. service. Thank you to Sally LePla for helping gather contact information for many of our alumni. We would love it if you would share this event with friends who we may have missed. Our collective memory is a treasure, and we want to make sure we invite as many former CCD musicians as we can! Find all the details in the eNews or visit [www.christcd.org/autumn-events-2023](http://www.christcd.org/autumn-events-2023).

**Blessing of the Animals:** On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we'll celebrate the Blessing of the Animals with a petting zoo, plenty of refreshments, a special visit from Dan the Creature Man and his furry, feathered, and scaly friends, and of course the opportunity to have your own animal friend blessed.

**S. Andrew Lloyd in Recital:** On Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., Christ Church welcomes renowned organist S. Andrew Lloyd (no relation to our Lloyds!) for a recital. His music has been described as “monumental, hair-raising, and leaving you agape in awe” (Classical Music Sentinel). He is a concert organist, composer, and professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Lloyd is visiting Michigan as part of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual University of Michigan Organ Conference, and his recital at Christ Church is made possible by the Wayne State University Department of Music. Free and open to the public, this is just one of the opportunities to hear beautiful music at Christ Church this season.

**Volunteer at Gleaners:** The Outreach Committee seeks ten volunteers to pack food at Gleaners on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the warehouse at 21405 Trolley Industrial Drive, Taylor, 48180. This is a great opportunity for a small group to make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors. Contact Seth Lloyd with any questions and sign up in the eNews or in the Atrium!

**Keeping Us Safe:** A new committee has started here at Christ Church Detroit called the Safety Committee. It focuses on identifying health and safety hazards and finding ways to solve them. We aim to follow Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) regulations. The main project we are focusing on is creating a formal and written Emergency Action Plan. Please see Caroline Widak for details and stay tuned for more updates!

**Thank You on Behalf of Hamtramck High School!** The Period Project is a success thanks to all of your generous donations! Last February, I asked the church for donations for the Period Project, which is a student-run project to provide free pads and tampons in the girls bathrooms at Hamtramck High School. You went above and beyond, donating more than \$400! Because of that, we were able to purchase pads and tampons and fill the dispensers in the girls bathrooms! The girls at my school are very glad to have easy access to free menstrual products during the school day! Thank you so much!

*– contributed by Stella Hughes*

**Adult Bible Study:** Our Adult Bible Study class, led by Dr. Barbara Cushing, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Cary Lounge throughout the school year. It started just last Sunday, and new members and drop-ins are always welcome. No advance preparation is needed. This year, the group is examining Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, the epistles of Peter, and “Gnostic” Gospels such as those of Thomas, Judas, and Mary. The syllabus may be found on the website ([www.christcd.org/adult\\_education/](http://www.christcd.org/adult_education/)).

**Youth Sunday School:** Children and youth from preschool through high school are invited to join the Sunday School, which begins at 9:30 a.m. Gather in the Atrium before going downstairs for music with Ms. Katrina, then on to grade appropriate lessons. Everyone returns to the “big” church in time to share in the Eucharist with their families. The nursery is not staffed today, unfortunately, but is open for family use. Please let your friends and neighbors know of our open Children’s Assistant position! For more information, visit [www.christcd.org](http://www.christcd.org) or contact Rev. Emily ([emily@christcd.org](mailto:emily@christcd.org)).

**Centering Prayer Returns:** After a great summer break, our Centering Prayer group has resumed on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. Centering Prayer is a method that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God’s presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. All are welcome to join at any time. Please contact Kathryn Treece or the office if you are interested, so you have the most up-to-date info.

### SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for these persons:

*Pat Ald, Genet Barthwell, Stacey Becker, Ismat Begum, Ed Beverly, Donna Cillette, Margie Deeb, Asha Dhanarajan, B. J. Essen, Christine Franklin, Ronald Griffin, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, Kelly, Madelyn Lenhard Laurer, Julia Lenhard, Edna Lock, Debbie Locke-Daniel, Arnold Matthews, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Jane McFeehy, Pat, Lori Riggen, Parker Roberts, Irene Ryke, Dennis Scanland, Atticus Schoonover, Tom Solomon, Bob Vitolins, Mary Wilbert, Lydia Z.*

