

## ***Restore, Renew, Rejoice Capital Campaign***

### **Renovation Action Committee, Quarterly Report**

When we last reported in June, we introduced the congregation to Scott Collins and Miea Loiselle of BDC Consulting, the owner's representatives for Christ Church Detroit, who are helping to guide us through our renovation. The Renovation Action Committee (RAC) is pleased to report that with BDC's help, our renovation plans are moving forward well.

**Bell Tower Restoration:** The exterior stone work on the bell tower the church is nearly complete! Our contractor RAM Construction reports that the third and final phase of its work is ahead of schedule and on budget.

**Sanctuary Floor and Pews:** This is a multi-phased project. The first phase is nearly complete: wooden supports were rebuilt beneath the flooring where needed; custom terracotta tile has been handmade locally and installed in the side aisles to match the historic originals. We are also close to completion of the sealing of and trim work surrounding that new tile.

The next phase includes new flooring beneath the pews, handicap seating areas, removal of one pew in the front and back pew to improve functionality and accessibility, and possibly removing pew dividers. In the meantime, repairs will be done so the roping of the rear pews will no longer be necessary by **this November**.

**Exterior Work of our Campus:** Our next task is "securing the envelope" of our church campus. We have hired Quinn Evans to complete the construction drawings for that work, which will include waterproofing, a new roof and new windows for Ledyard Hall, storm drainage systems, landscaping, an electrical survey of our buildings, and possible solar panels, among other items. Those drawings will be sent to select contractors for bid **in October**. Our intent is to select a contractor by Thanksgiving and to have our professional team— Quinn Evans, BDC, and the Contractor— work through the winter to finalize construction plans that are within our budget, order materials, and be ready to start work in the **spring of 2024**. Once the exterior plans are finalized, the RAC will host a parish town hall to share the plans (with any luck, in January 2024).

**The Interior Work:** While the professionals are moving forward with the exterior renovation, the RAC is forming a subcommittee, the "Ledyard 100" team, to start to plan for the interior Ledyard and kitchen renovations. The subcommittee will include representatives from interested church groups including Outreach, Education, Music, and Rev. Emily to establish a vision for future use and renovation of the spaces as Ledyard Hall, built in 1924 as the Ledyard Memorial Gymnasium, enters its second century. This work is in collaboration with the National Fund for Sacred Places and community partners. The team will aim to articulate and share the vision by **spring 2024**.

If you have not yet joined the 95 households who have pledged or given to the Capital Campaign, please consider doing so. We do not yet have the funds in place to complete the final phase of our work and will need everyone's help to get it done.

Please feel free to contact Campaign Committee Co-Chairs Seth Lloyd and Lisa Jones, Senior Warden Ruth Boeder, Renovation Action Committee Chair Laura Sanom, or Rev. Emily with any questions, concerns, or ideas. Thank you!

# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Choir Reunion, September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>:** This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the excellent music ministries of Christ Church, especially those singers who have served for 50 years each: Richard Householder, Sally LePla, and James Moore, Jr. We also gratefully celebrate the recent restoration of the antiphonal organ pipes (the ones in the back balcony), the first project of the Restore, Renew, Rejoice capital campaign to be completed! Last night, our beloved Dr. Ed Maki-Schramm led a marvelous organ recital, complete with singing, and we enjoyed a beautiful reception hosted by the Inchiostro family. Today, we welcome choir alumni to participate in the 10:30 a.m. service along with the current choir. Huge thanks to Sally LePla for helping to gather contact information and send invitations. Our collective memory is a treasure, and we want to make sure to stay connected with as many former CCD musicians as we can. Thank you!

**Ready for Our Close-Up!** The Capital Campaign Steering Committee is pleased this weekend to share a special video introduction to Christ Church Detroit! Created by FLOW Video, this brief video helps launch the public phase of the capital campaign. By raising awareness of the mission of Christ Church, we hope to find partners in the community to get involved, expand our programs, and help us reach our \$2.7 million dollar goal of the Restore, Renew, Rejoice campaign. We are 80% of the way there!

**Outreach Committee Meeting Today:** At 12:00 p.m. in Cary Lounge, join the Outreach Committee for a discussion about a potential new bag lunch program to begin here at Christ Church, as well as share updates about other current initiatives. All are welcome to learn and lend ideas! See you there.

**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!

**Blessing of the Animals:** Next 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.

**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*

**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!

**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. 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.

**Drawing with a Tea:** A new series of Drawing with a Tea, a lively online art group led by Sally LePla, resumes on Tuesdays, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome to join these fun & friendly art sessions. No experience necessary. Drop in once or attend them all! Find the Zoom link in the eNews, and contact Sally or [officestaff@christcd.org](mailto:officestaff@christcd.org) with any questions.

### 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 McFeely, Pat, Lori Rikken, Parker Roberts, Irene Ryke, Dennis Scanland, Atticus Schoonover, Tom Solomon, Bob Vitolins, Mary Wilbert, Lydia Z.*

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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Musicians</i>	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music</i> The Christ Church Detroit Choir & Alumni
<i>Crucifer</i>	Ava White
<i>Gospel Server</i>	Stella Hughes
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	8:15 Jon Miller 10:30 Jim Treece, Sandy Zull, Anthony Mitchell, Kathryn Treece
<i>Lector</i>	8:15 Jon Miller; 10:30 Kathryn Lincoln
<i>Vestry Representative</i>	8:15 Caroline Widak; 10:30 Mary Herring
<i>Ushers</i>	Albert Dib, Allan Dib
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Alma Simmons, Letha Ann Steward
<i>Floral Iconographer</i>	Richard Thomas
<i>Acolyte Coordinator</i>	Gwen Ald
<i>Livestream Team</i>	Chuck Atwater, Taylor Matthew
<i>Breakfast Team</i>	Bob Brown, Betty & Patrick Warner
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	The Inchiostro Family

