

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Capital Campaign Update:** We are BLOWN AWAY by your generosity! Our capital campaign challenge grant started on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we have already met – and exceeded - our goal of \$75,000! In ONE WEEK, we received new or increased pledges of \$87,550! We are also at 99 pledging households – can you help us get to 100? Thank you SO much to all those who have made their pledge or gift to the capital campaign. If you haven't yet made your pledge, you may do so on pledge forms found in the Atrium, by contacting the office (313-259-6688, <a href="mailto:bethann@christcd.org">bethann@christcd.org</a>), at <a href="mailto:christcd.org">christcd.org</a>), or by speaking with any member of the Capital Campaign Committee. Thank you for your support!

**Deep River Continues:** The sixth season of *Deep River: An Exploration of Spirituals* continues here in the sanctuary this Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., with a simple soup supper available in Ledyard Hall at 6:00 p.m. This series, which takes inspiration from African American sacred music traditions, is a feature of Lent here at Christ Church. This Tuesday is the final session of the season, and it is sure to be a joyful, inspiring evening! Contact Dorian or Ed (<a href="mailto:ema

**Altar Guild "Show & Tell" and Brass Polishing:** Have you ever wondered what all the serving pieces are for at communion? Can't tell the difference between a paten and a ciborium? Then this is the session for you! Join the Altar Guild on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. for a "show and tell" to help us understand the ins and outs of communion preparation. Then stay to help polish and shine as we ready the church for Holy Week. Contact Josephine Powell (<u>license123@aol.com</u>) with questions.

**Children's Holy Week Celebration:** Children ages 2-12 and their families are invited to join Ms. Katrina and Rev. Emily for a special Holy Week celebration on Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., followed at 6:00 p.m. by our parish supper and then 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, for any who wish to stay. The children's session will involve singing, movement, and Godly Play, for a creative, child-centric experience of entering the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter. And it's a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family who might be in town or have free time over the holiday break to come along! To sign up, contact Rev. Emily (emily@christcd.org) – or just show up!

**Maundy Thursday Hospitality Helpers, March 28**<sup>th</sup>: Our recent tradition for Maundy Thursday has included a simple supper, with favorite family recipes, honoring our ancestors and heritage, including such dishes as Syrian Loubiya, Ukrainian Mushroom Soup, and English Lamb Stew. Sign up in the Atrium or in the eNews to bring soup, salad, or bread so we can share in a communal Agapé meal before our evening Holy Eucharist. Not in the mood to cook? We need set-up and clean-up help, too!

**Good Friday Offering:** For 102 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond. Offerings collected at our Good Friday services will be given as part of this long-standing tradition. Learn more at <a href="mailto:episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering">episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering</a>.

**Easter Music & Flower Dedications:** Contributing to Easter music & flowers is a very meaningful way to honor family and friends, and to make our shared festivities all the more beautiful. You can make your dedications by filling out one of the cards found in the pews or at the entrances, or by completing the online form listed on the card and in the eNews. The suggested donation is \$25-50, and you may make your donation by following the instructions on the cards. *All dedications must be received by Monday, March 25th to be included in the bulletin for Easter Sunday (March 31st)!* 

**Inquirers' Course:** Are you new or new-ish to Christ Church and want to explore what it's all about? Do you want to meet new people, make friends, and find your place in this vibrant community? Are you interested in becoming an official member of the parish? Join the Inquirers' Course, which will take place on Wednesdays, April 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> (five sessions) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Cary Lounge, with a Zoom option available. Bring your questions! Contact: Paul (abdullah.paul@gmail.com)

**Baptism Opportunities:** Are you or someone you know interested in baptism? The next opportunities for baptism are on Sundays throughout the Easter season, from Easter Sunday, March 31st through Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. Following that, the next traditional opportunity is on All Saints' Sunday, November 3rd. Preparation involves a few classes/conversations. Contact Rev. Emily!

**Opportunity for Confirmation or Reception:** We are invited to join Bishop Perry for a diocesan service of confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, Grosse Ile (25150 E River Road, Grosse Ile Township, 48138). If you are curious about or interested in making an adult profession of faith, please contact Rev. Emily (emily@christcd.org). The upcoming Inquirers' Course is a great way to explore and prepare!

Join Adult Bible Study this Spring! Beginning on the third Sunday of Easter, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in Cary Lounge, the Adult Bible class will be reading the existing fragments of some of the "extracanonical" gospels – those which did not meet ancient criteria to be included with Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in our New Testament. We will continue reading and discussing these texts throughout the season of the Great 50 Days of Easter. Our starting text will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> century CE fragment of the Gospel of Peter—unlike our canonical gospels that describe only an empty tomb and post-resurrection appearances—it actually describes what that writer envisioned as Jesus' resurrection. Then we will move on to Jewish-Christian gospels from those communities that believed in Jesus as the Messiah but desired to remain Jewish, and then the gospels of Thomas, Mary, and Judas. To complete our year of reading, following Pentecost we will conclude with the hopeful small Epistles of Peter, written it is believed in the late 1<sup>st</sup> and early 2<sup>nd</sup> centuries by followers of the Apostle Peter many years after his death at the hands of the Emperor Nero. Anyone interested is welcome and texts of these readings will be made available. For questions, please contact Barbara (barbara.cushing@yahoo.com).

**Lyyra Concert: April 14<sup>th</sup>!** Our friends at the VOCES8 Foundation have formed an exciting new ensemble called Lyrra, and they will be here at Christ Church on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>! Did you know there are currently no full-time professional upper voice ensembles in the U.S.? As a Foundation, VOCES8 felt drawn to address this gap, and have appointed six amazing women to a new ensemble: Lyyra! Lyyra seeks to push the boundaries of what is possible in classical, jazz, pop, and folk vocal music, and hopes to be an example for the choral world of what is possible with treble ensembles. Lyyra will join our 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist on April 14<sup>th</sup> and then present a public concert at 4:00 p.m. that day. Concert tickets are available NOW at <a href="mailto:christcd.org/events-3">christcd.org/events-3</a> or via the QR code on posters in the Atrium: \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door; students \$15 with valid student ID.

**Gleaners Box Crew Delivers!** About ten folks from Christ Church Detroit spent Tuesday morning, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Gleaners Food Bank warehouse in Taylor. Working on an assembly line with others, they filled boxes with an assortment of canned, boxed, and bagged food for distribution to seniors. Each box amounted to between one and two weeks' worth of food for a senior living alone. In total, they helped to pack 16,565 pounds of food, representing 13,248 meals, into 480 boxes. Al Carter, Josephine Powell's husband, added the last item: a page of recipes for the box's food. **Our next volunteer date at Gleaners is Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00-11:30 a.m. –** *Jim Treece* 

## Assisting in Today's Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, Rector

10:30 The Rev. Dr. David D. Dieter, Priest Associate Assisting Priest 10:30 Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, Director of Music Musicians

The Christ Church Detroit Choir

Lector 8:15 Letha Ann Steward; 10:30 Mary Wilbert

8:15 Letha Ann Steward Lay Eucharistic Ministers

10:30 Anthony Mitchell, Sandy Zull, Jim Treece, Kathryn Treece

Vestry Representative 8:15 Mary Brown; 10:30 Mary Herring

Livestream Team 10:30 Desmond Jones, Chuck Atwater, Taylor Matthew

Altar Guild Jane Forbes, Hope Hoffman

Floral Iconographer Richard Thomas

Breakfast Team Jocelyn Burrell, Denise Crenshaw

Coffee Hour Edwina Simpson, Hope Hoffman, Mary Herring, Mary Brown

**Building Hosts** Ashley Poulin, Lena Dooley

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Continuing with Women's History Month, we are so fortunate to present today's communion anthem, *The Lamb*, by Wayne State University professor Natasha Foreman. This is a newly composed work by Dr. Foreman and we are honored to be premiering this work. Dr. Foreman received her M.A. and Ph.D. in musicology / ethnomusicology with a secondary specialization in anthropology from Kent State University, and B.A. in music theory/composition from St. Olaf College. Dr. Foreman composes music for various contexts and sound sources, and her recent creative focus seeks a unification/merging of the processes of composition and choreography. Before joining the music department at WSU, Dr. Foreman taught in the WSU anthropology department and served as lecturer from 1998-2000 at Rikkyo University (立教大学) in Tokyo, Japan. At WSU she teaches courses in early Western music history, world music, ear-training, Asian music, anthropology, and Japanese area studies. — Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, Director of Music

The painting on the bulletin cover is called *Seed Resurrection* by Frank Wesley (1923-2022). It recalls Jesus' words in today's Gospel reading: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). Seed Resurrection is reprinted here with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University.

— The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, Rector

## SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for these persons:

Pat Ald, John Aurand, Genet Barthwell, Christopher Beck, Stacey Becker, Ismat Begum, Ed Beverly, Maura Campbell, Donna Cillette, Dorothy Coleman, Margie Deeb, Asha Dhanarajan, Rosemary Esse, B. J. Essen, Christine Franklin, Ronald Griffin, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, Kelly,

Madelyn Lenhard Laurer, Julia Lenhard, Edna Lock, Arnold Matthews, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Jane McFeely, Pat, Preston Family, Lori Riggen, Parker Roberts, Irene Ryke, Dennis Scanland, Atticus Schoonover, Tom Solomon, Bob Vitolins, Mary Wilbert, Lydia Z.