

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Preacher, September 22nd: We're fortunate to be hosting the Better Cities Film Festival on the evening of Sunday, September 22nd, and first, the festival's founder, the Rev. Josh Paget, will be our guest preacher that morning! Rev. Paget is the senior associate rector at St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach, California. The core of his ministry is building up communities by leading with creativity and compassion. He started the Better Cities Film Festival in Los Angeles in 2013, and it moved to Detroit in 2021. His wife, Keri Olsen Paget, is a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. They have one child, Elizabeth. We're excited to welcome Rev. Josh Paget to Christ Church next Sunday!

Better Cities Film Festival: In conjunction with the Detroit Month of Design, Christ Church is honored to host screenings of short films on architecture and community empowerment on Sunday evening, September 22nd, in Ledyard Hall. Presented by the Better Cities Film Festival, which also will be showing films in Campus Martius Park and elsewhere in the city, the films will run at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by panel discussions. Festival co-director Josh Paget, who is also an Episcopal priest serving in California, will be our guest preacher that morning! Mark your calendars, and learn more and watch trailers at bettercitiesfilmfestival.com.

Celebrating the Ministry of Canon Hardy: On Sunday, September 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (4800 Woodward Ave, Detroit, 48201), the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry invites you to a Service of Choral Evensong to celebrate the recent retirement and 37 years of outstanding ministry of Canon Jo Ann Hardy. Reception to follow. All are welcome!

Blessing of the Animals: The Feast of St. Francis is an excellent time to rejoice in all creation, and one way is with a service that includes the Blessing of the Animals. So, on Sunday, October 6th, we'll be celebrating all creatures, great and small! Whether furry or feathered, scaly or slimy, all your pets are welcome to come to church with you that morning and receive a blessing. Plus we'll have a petting zoo, a visit from Dan the Creature Man, and lots of tasty treats!

Looking for a Few Good Hosts! The Stewardship Committee is currently seeking folks who would be able to host a small group session in their homes.

- Pick the date that works for you between October 13th and November 3rd (we hope to have a mix of weeknight/weekend)
- You choose the menu – could be just appetizers or just dessert, or a whole meal
- Let us know how many guests you are comfortable entertaining (ideally 8, no more than 12)
- You provide the fellowship – We'll provide the Stewardship! (i.e., You won't have to ask anyone for money)
- If you have the space but no inclination to cook (or vice versa), let us know and we can help find a good partner for you.

The goal is for these gatherings to be a time to connect in small groups to get to know each other, and share in our gratitude for what Christ Church means in our lives. It's also a way to share our gifts with one another, and find out more about what folks are excited about for the coming church year.

To help, please contact Jim (treece2jb75@gmail.com) or Beth Ann (bethann@christcd.org)!

Forward Day by Day: Booklets full of helpful, thoughtful devotionals are available in the Atrium, near the white door that leads to the Choir Room and Sacristy. These devotional booklets are published quarterly, and the suggested donation is \$2 per issue, payable by cash or at christcd.org/online-giving. The current issue is for August-October, and it is available in both regular and large-print editions. Check out this wonderful resource and learn more at prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd.

Capital Campaign Projects: This past week, the roof crew from Detroit Cornice & Slate added the final layers of insulation and water protection to the Ledyard Hall roof, installed new copper flashing, and started bringing the new slate up there! The masonry crew from RAM Construction started restoring the chimneys of both the sanctuary and Ledyard Hall. The window in the Ledyard Hall kitchen has not yet been removed, but will be this week so that RAM can repair the masonry around it. Windows along the south (far) wall of Ledyard Hall will be removed soon, too, and boarded up until the new windows arrive. The waterproofing of the Lower Level is scheduled to resume next month. Many thanks to you who have made generous gifts to make this critical, meaningful work possible!

Candlelight Concerts Return: Candlelight Concerts are returning to Christ Church this fall, with an amazing lineup! The next concerts will be on Saturday, September 28th: 6:30 p.m. Tribute to Adele, 8:45 p.m. Tribute to Beyoncé. The concerts are performed by a string quartet here in one of the most beautiful settings in downtown Detroit, surrounded by hundreds of (battery-powered) candles. For more information and to purchase tickets (\$34-\$66), visit feverup.com/en/detroit/candlelight.

Breakfast: Hallelujah! Hot breakfast is back, and so are the biscuits. Many thanks to Edwina Simpson, Mary Herring, and Hope Hoffman for preparing and serving the first hot breakfast of the season, in Ledyard Hall starting around 8:45 a.m. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. No cash? No worries! Look for the QR code on signs in Ledyard Hall and pay online. Want to join a cook team and help make breakfast happen? Contact bettywarner48@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour: Thank you to Kerry & Denise Crenshaw, Carolyn Maher, and Kathryn Treece for supporting Coffee Hour today! We are grateful to those who can help out with hospitality from time to time. It's an easy (and tasty!) way to share your time & talents. Sign up in the Atrium or with Kathryn (treeckat@gmail.com) to bring something, help set up, or tidy things afterwards.

Adult Bible Study: All are welcome to join our Adult Bible Study, which is back in session at 9:30 a.m. in Cary Lounge! There is no homework, and weekly attendance isn't required. Led by Dr. Barbara Cushing, we'll begin reading the Gospel of Mark, which we hear in services on most Sundays this fall. Insightful contemporary commentators will help us through this journey. For more info, including a full syllabus, stop into class or see or contact Barbara (barbara.cushing@yahoo.com).

Sunday School Year Begins! Youth Sunday School continues today: Children start the day at 9:30 a.m. with Youth Choir in the Sanctuary with Ms. Katrina and then move into Sibley House for stories and art, before joining their families in the sanctuary during the middle of the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. We are continuing to explore Godly Play, a Montessori-style method of Christian formation for children ages 3-12. Children grow deeply in knowledge and creativity, explore faith through story and wonder, and gain language of Christian scripture and traditions. Sessions begin with a story and continue with child-led artwork. All are welcome to join at any time! Due to the Lower Level waterproofing project, the Youth Choir & Sunday School have temporarily relocated to the Sanctuary and Sibley House, respectively. For more info, contact Chad Hampton at chad@christcd.org.

Creation Care Weekend: The Bishop's Climate Task Force will be hosting a Creation Care Weekend, Friday, October 4th through Sunday, October 6th, at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church (1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor, 48105) with the Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappell as the featured speaker. The key component of this event will be a workshop on Saturday, October 5th, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. entitled *Good News for All Creation: Theological Grounding for Creation Care Ministry*. This workshop is part of the Climate Task Force's efforts to ground this work in theology, scripture, and our collective call to be apostles and caretakers. Lunch and dinner are included. A donation at the door of \$15 is requested, but optional. Please contact Ruth Boeder (rlboeder@gmail.com), who is also a task force co-chair, with questions.

Online Art Classes: Parishioner & choir member Sally LePla leads fun, informal, online art classes called “Drawing with a Tea” on most Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. No experience needed, and no expensive supplies – dollar store watercolors work just fine! Find the Zoom link in the eNews or by contacting Sally at sallylepla5283@gmail.com.

Crossroads of Michigan: This month, our community partners at Crossroads of Michigan are asking most urgently for hygiene products of all kinds. Their hygiene supply closet is quite bare, and they would be very grateful for any donations of new, unopened personal hygiene items for men and women, such as disposable razors, lotions, deodorants, and bar soaps. Bring your items to church with you and place them in the Crossroads baskets, or visit crossroadsofmichigan.org.

Support our Bag Lunch Program: While members of the Outreach Committee have been actively working on the Sunday lunch ministry program, *everyone* is welcome and invited to help! Volunteers are needed to help fill the brown paper lunch bags each Sunday after the service, to help make the sandwiches, and to pass them out in front of the church. Each Sunday, we have experienced a growing number of our unhoused neighbors lining up—now more than sixty per day! To help, please let Josephine Powell (license123@aol.com) or any member of the Outreach Committee know. Please sign up with Josephine, on the Atrium bulletin board, or in the eNews for any upcoming Sundays.

Welcome, Community Chorus of Detroit! The Community Chorus of Detroit, led by Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, is making Christ Church Detroit their new home! As of this month, the Chorus rehearses on Sundays from 1:30-4:00 p.m., usually in Ledyard Hall, and their concerts in December 2024 and May 2025 will take place at in our beautiful sanctuary. Ed is excited to bring this 85-voice choir to Christ Church and downtown Detroit! All church members are warmly invited to join the Chorus! See communitychorusofdetroit.com for more information, And whenever you see an unfamiliar face on Sunday afternoons, please extend a warm Christ Church welcome!

Welcome, Detroit Women’s Chorus! The Detroit Women’s Chorus, led by artistic director Jillian Burgam and executive director (and Christ Church staff singer!) Alice Bell, has moved to Christ Church Detroit! The Women’s Chorus holds rehearsals in Ledyard Hall on Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m., and their concerts and workshops will take place in the sanctuary throughout the year. The mission of the Detroit Women’s Chorus is to “create a safe space for all women to express themselves through the choral arts and build friendships, understanding, and connection within the group and with the greater Detroit community”. All self-identifying women are invited to join, regardless of background or experience, and there are no fees nor auditions. Learn more at detroitwomenschorus.org or contact alice@detroitwomenschorus.org.

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, Dorothy Coleman, Margie Deeb, B. J. Essen, Judy Fallon, Christine Franklin, Ronald Griffin, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, Kelly, Madelyn Lenhard Laurer, Julia Lenhard, Edna Lock, Arnold Matthews, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Jane McFeely, Becky Moses Normore, Linda Olivache, Pat, Preston Family, Lori Riggen, Parker Roberts, Irene Ryke, Dennis Scanland, Atticus Schoonover, Tom Solomon, Mimi Van Scoter, Bob Vitolins, John & Donna Wetzels, Mary Wilbert, Lydia Z.

ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

The art on the bulletin cover is called *Meditation: The Prayer* (1922) by Russian expressionist painter Alexej von Jawlensky (1884-1941), who wrote, “I knew that great art should only be painted with religious feeling...The artist must express...that within him which is divine. That is why...art is ‘a longing for God.’” *Meditation: The Prayer* is reprinted with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University.

Today’s choral anthems span four centuries! At the Offertory, the Choir sings “Almighty and Everlasting God”, a prayer from the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer* set for four voices by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), who was a composer, singer, and organist in the courts of King James I during the English Reformation. At that time, the prayers, readings, and music in the Church of England were beginning to be done in English, rather than in Latin, so that they could be readily understood. The Anglican Communion, which grew from the Church of England and of which the Episcopal Church is part, continues its commitment to fresh, relevant, and elegant language in worship. At Communion, the Choir sings “*Alleluia*” by Philip Stopford (b. 1977). Stopford, who currently serves in some of the same English chapels as Gibbons had, is known for his rich, lyrical settings that make texts come alive in meaningful ways. All music is reprinted with permission under OneLicense account #A-725867.

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S LITURGY

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Musicians</i>	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music & Organist</i> The Christ Church Detroit Choir
<i>Lector</i>	8:15 Letha Ann Steward; 10:30 Sally LePla
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	8:15 Letha Ann Steward 10:30 Bob Brown, Jim Treece, Hope Hoffman, Anthony Mitchell
<i>Vestry Representatives</i>	8:15 Mary Brown; 10:30 Taylor Matthew
<i>Livestream Team</i>	Chuck Atwater, Desmond Jones, Taylor Matthew
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Alma Simmons, Letha Ann Steward
<i>Floral Iconographer</i>	Richard Thomas
<i>Acolyte Coordinator</i>	Cathy Berlage
<i>Ushers</i>	Albert Dib, Allan Dib
<i>Building Hosts</i>	Joshilyn Hoisington, <i>Parish Administrator</i> Gabrielle Pizzino
<i>Children’s Assistants</i>	Chad Hampton, <i>Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator</i> Gabrielle Pizzino