

# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Update on Church Financials Today:** Our parish usually receives a financial update at the annual meeting in late January, but this year we are also receiving one as part of the fall stewardship campaign. Our Treasurer, Paul Abdullah, will present an update today during both breakfast and coffee hour. Although we have enjoyed recent successes with our capital campaign and new partnerships for building use, Christ Church is currently running an unsustainable deficit that will have to be reduced substantially within several years. Please join this important presentation so you can be fully informed about Christ Church's financial future. After the presentation, there will be ample time for questions. Contact Paul ([abdullah.paul@gmail.com](mailto:abdullah.paul@gmail.com)) for any additional information.

**Tuesday Bible Study & Prayer:** On Tuesdays, join Pastoral Assistant Sandy Zull for meaningful midday offerings of study, conversation, and prayer. Designed to fit into busy schedules, feel free to stay for either or both parts.

- 11:00-11:45 a.m. *Lectio Divina* Bible Study in Cary Lounge: no preparation required!
- 12:15-12:45 p.m. Noon Service with Healing Prayer in St. Michael's Chapel

*Lectio Divina* is a method of reading Scripture in simply and richly in community. Each Tuesday, we'll look at readings assigned for the upcoming Sunday. Contact: Sandy, [zull.sandraf@gmail.com](mailto:zull.sandraf@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Nights @ CCD:** Come spend time with friends at Christ Church on Wednesday nights! These intergenerational evenings have something for everyone! Stay for as long or as little as you like. Sign up to contribute to dinner or help set up or clean up. This Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>:

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Program
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Bell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Shared Family Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Beginners' Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Education/Conversation

**Drawing with a Tea:** A new series of this fun online art group continues on Tuesdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. No experience is necessary, and no expensive supplies – dollar store watercolors work just fine. This season's project is working on the church's Christmas card! Contact Sally at [sallylepla5283@gmail.com](mailto:sallylepla5283@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and more info.

**Capital Campaign Projects:** Take a peek into the kitchen! This past week, the capital project crews installed a new window there. Crews have been working way up high to repair sanctuary gables and chimneys, and way down low, stripping paint from walls in Lower Level classrooms so that they soon can be sealed with a waterproof layer. The slate roof is nearing completion, and scaffolding is coming down. It is exciting to see progress day by day. Thanks to all who are making it happen!

**Season of Gratitude:** Soon you will be receiving a letter from Senior Warden Jim Treece about Christ Church's annual stewardship campaign, as well as a 2025 pledge card. Pledge cards are also available in the church, on the marble table by the Atrium doors.

**Halloween Candy/Snack Drive:** Got any leftover Halloween candy? Bring it in and place it in the bin in the Atrium through November 20<sup>th</sup>, when it will be delivered to the Motor City Mitten Mission. The Motor City Mitten Mission is a local nonprofit that operates street care teams that check on unhoused individuals throughout the city, including right here in our neighborhood. They're seeking individually packaged candies and snacks (like granola bars, small bags of chips, etc) to give out and bring cheer when they make their visits. Thank you for your generosity!

**We Could Use a Hand! Bag Lunch Program:** Our bag lunch ministry continues to flourish, and we could use your 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, often more than sixty per day. To help, please sign up with Josephine Powell ([license123@aol.com](mailto:license123@aol.com)) on the Atrium bulletin board, or in the eNews for any upcoming Sundays—or just stop into the kitchen to lend a hand.

**Candlelight Concerts:** The next Candlelight Concerts at Christ Church will be on Saturdays, November 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 info & to buy tickets (\$34-\$66), visit [feverup.com/en/detroit/candlelight](http://feverup.com/en/detroit/candlelight).

**Detroit Women's Chorus Fall Gala Concert:** On Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., join the Detroit Women's Chorus (which rehearses weekly in Ledyard Hall) in the Christ Church sanctuary for their first concert of the year, entitled "The Revival Has Just Begun", featuring music of strength, protection, and courage. When selecting the repertoire for this concert, artistic director Jillian Burgam notes, "The overarching theme of the season is *hope and belief*: hope for our community and country, belief in ourselves to make change." This powerful concert will be followed by an afterglow reception in Ledyard Hall, complete with door prizes. Learn more & buy tickets at [detroitwomenschorus.org](http://detroitwomenschorus.org).

**Chichester Psalms:** On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., join Rev. Emily and local faith leaders for an interfaith conversation about the nature of loss, hope, and resilience, followed at 7:00 p.m. by a performance of Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, sung in Hebrew. Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm conducts the Christ Church Detroit Choir, accompanied by Dr. Steven McGee, organist, and featured soloist Emma Latourette, with harp and percussion. Refreshments will be served.

**A Ceremony of Carols:** The Community Chorus of Detroit presents their holiday concert, A Ceremony of Carols, at Christ Church Detroit on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, Artistic Director, conducts works by Britten, Rutter, Soledad, Johnson, and others, with accompaniment by Dr. Steven McGee. Tickets will be available soon from Chorus members or at [communitychorusofdetroit.com](http://communitychorusofdetroit.com).

### **OUT & ABOUT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

**A Very Shakespeare Christmas:** The community theatre group with which Ruth Boeder volunteers will be doing the world premiere of a new play by a local playwright in November! Ruth has been doing the props and set dressing for the show and she'd be thrilled if you would come see it! *A Very Shakespeare Christmas* will take place at the Riverside Arts Center (76 North Huron St, Ypsilanti, 48197) from November 14<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Learn more & purchase tickets at [riversidearts.org](http://riversidearts.org).