

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Eucharist & Children's Pageant
9:00 p.m. Choral Prelude featuring works of Holst and Vaughan Williams
9:30 p.m. Classic Candlelight Eucharist

Saturday, December 28th

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Bill Elster

Sunday, December 29th

First Sunday after Christmas

8:15 a.m. Simple Holy Eucharist with Christmas Scriptures & Poetry
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, January 5th

Second Sunday after Christmas

8:15 a.m. Simple Holy Eucharist in St. Elizabeth's Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir

Greening of the Church: Today, following the 10:30 a.m. service, please help "green the church" for Christmas. Decorate trees, hang garlands and wreaths, set up the crèche...Lunch will be provided!

Christmas Day Meals on Wheels: The people of Christ Church Detroit have long supported Meals on Wheels on major holidays, and once again we have an opportunity to do so on Christmas morning! On Wednesday, December 25th, meet in Ledyard Hall at 8:15 a.m. to package and deliver Christmas meals for neighbors in need. Sign up in the Atrium or contact Margo at 313-618-9890.

Staff Holiday Schedule: The church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th, Thursday, December 26th, Tuesday, December 31st, and Wednesday, January 1st. Joshilyn will be on vacation December 25th-29th, Beth Ann December 31st-January 5th, and Rev. Emily December 30th-January 6th.

Lectio Divina & Healing Prayer Holiday Break: The Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Lectio Divina group and 12:00 p.m. Healing Prayer service will be on break Tuesdays, December 24th and 31st, resuming on Tuesday, January 7th. Contact Sandy (zull.sandraf@gmail.com) with any questions. Happy holidays!

Candlelight Concerts: The next Candlelight Concerts here at Christ Church will be on Saturday, January 11th, with a Tribute to ABBA at 6:30 p.m. and a Tribute to Beyoncé at 8:45 p.m. And a new series of "Bridgerton on Strings" concerts will be coming soon: feverup.com/en/detroit/candlelight

CHRISTMAS MUSIC & FLOWERS

Dedications to Special Music & Flowers are beautiful ways to honor loved ones.

*To include someone in the Christmas bulletin, please complete this section, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate or box by **TODAY, December 22nd**. Suggested donation of \$25 per dedication.*

I/we would like to honor/remember: _____

Your name(s): _____

Please select one per dedication: Music _____ Flowers _____ Both _____

11th Annual Advent Diaper & Formula Drive: Our 11th Annual Advent Diaper Drive is underway! The 2024 goals are 19,000 child/adult diapers and 75 containers of powdered baby formula, and we are making progress! Through Christmas Eve, bring in both child and adult diapers and powdered baby formula, and watch our diaper meter skyrocket! *Can't Shop? We'll shop for you!* You may give contributions to Eileen MacDonald, Sally LePla, Lu Arambula, or Eamon Harnois, or place a check in the offering plate with "diapers" in the memo. You may also donate at christcd.org/online-giving (see QR code in the bulletin). Click "Give Now". Then in the Fund menu, select "General gift", and in the Memo, type "Diapers". Encourage your clubs and friends/family to help make these goals a reality, too!

Creation Continues: New Year, New Name! Originally started as a way to connect during the pandemic, the weekly art sessions known as "Drawing with a Tea" have been going strong for nearly FOUR years, and include friends from all over the globe. In 2025, the name of the group is changing to "Creation Continues", reflecting the use of multimedia (mostly watercolors) and echoing the name of the Christ Church cookbook, to which the group contributed artwork. Meeting on Zoom on most Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., these sessions are a chance to explore your creativity with Christ Church friends. No experience is necessary, and no expensive supplies - dollar store watercolors work just fine. The next session is on Tuesday, January 7th, at 1:00 p.m. Contact Sally or see the eNews for more!

Digital Scam: Unfortunately, Christ Church Detroit suffered a phishing attack this week, and many in the parish were subjected to a text scam where the perpetrators impersonated Rev. Emily in an attempt to get them to purchase gift cards. This is sadly a very common scam, and it preys on the decency of people who want to help others. Remember that Rev. Emily nor the staff of Christ Church will NEVER EVER ask you for gift cards, or ask you to wire transfer to a personal account, or suggest Bitcoin. If you want to learn more about these types of fraud, and how you can take steps to protect yourself, the FTC has [excellent resources available](#). If you were affected by this scam, please be in touch with the office (313-259-6688) as soon as possible.

2024: A Capital Year for Capital Projects! Miaa Loiselle, our owner's representative, and Angela Wyrembelski, our lead architect, both participated in Wednesday night's Advent festival of Lessons & Carols. Rev. Emily recognized the work of BDC Consulting, Quinn Evans, the Capital Campaign and Renovation Action Committees, and the Vestry, as well as celebrating all the projects that have been completed in 2024. At the reception following Lessons & Carols, attendees admired the new windows in Ledyard, and had the opportunity to pose questions to Miaa, Angela, and Laura Sanom, the chair of the RAC. If you haven't had a chance to visit Ledyard and see the sparkling new windows for yourself, please do so! The current season of capital project work is coming to a close:

- The Lower Level waterproofing project has concluded. All of the Lower Level rooms with exterior walls have been waterproofed, which brings us great peace of mind! All materials in the Lower Level were professionally cleaned to remove any dust or latex residue.
- All of the new windows have been installed in Ledyard Hall. They look beautiful! The crew will return in early January to replace a couple of panes that cracked shortly after installation.
- The new roof on Ledyard Hall is complete, and the masonry repairs are nearly complete.
- A plexiglass shield that had slipped off of one of the stained glass windows on the southwest elevation of the sanctuary was replaced, and the frame repaired.
- Several pews in the sanctuary were modified to provide more accessible seating.
- The bell tower restoration will resume once warmer weather returns in the spring.

The roof & masonry crews will be on-site periodically throughout these next few weeks to make minor additions and adjustments. Many thanks to all who have given so generously to make this happen!

Annual Meeting: The 179th Annual Meeting of Christ Church of the City of Detroit will take place on Sunday, January 26th, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in Ledyard Hall. Mark your calendars for this lively session, which will include celebrations and updates from 2024, and goals and plans for the year ahead.