The Announcements

Liturgy

Welcome, Pastor Ben! Today we welcome Pastor Ben Adams as our guest preacher! Pastor Ben is the Chaplain at All.together campus ministry, which serves Wayne State University, Henry Ford College, and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. It's hard to believe, but All.together is beginning its fifth year on these campuses, and they are launching an exciting new fundraising campaign: Perennial Partners. The purpose of this campaign is to invite new recurring donors who are able to donate $10 or more each month to sustain their inclusive mission on campus into the future. We like to imagine our campuses as gardens where we sow seeds of faith in the lives of our students. As a perennial partner, your gift will provide "seeds" that will blossom and yield fruit year after year! You can safely and conveniently set up your recurring donation at https://alltogethercampusministry.kindful.com.

Guest Preacher Next Sunday: Next Sunday, September 21st, we'll welcome the Rev. Josh Paget, newly the Chaplain at Canterbury Westwood, the Episcopal campus ministry at UCLA, and Associate Rector at St. Alban's, Los Angeles. Josh will be in town directing the 11th annual Better Cities Film Festival, which will be screening films at Campus Martius Park, September 18th-20th, and in Ledyard Hall on Sunday afternoon, September 21st. Read more at bettercitiesfilmfestival.com and plan to watch a few!

Help Welcome Newcomers: Christ Church is known for the warm welcome it offers to newcomers! Sign up in the Atrium to be an usher and help welcome visitors. It's easy to do, and there's no long-term commitment. Let Sonia (soniacj62@gmail.com) know of your interest and any questions!

Floral Dedications are Always in Season: Dedicating flowers is a lovely way to mark an occasion, whether a birthday, anniversary, or to honor the memory of a loved one. To make a dedication, please sign up in the Atrium or contact the office (313-259-6688) to reserve your preferred date. Suggested donation is $85. Custom pieces can be arranged by special request and with an additional donation.

Music

Welcome Back, Choir! The 2025-2026 choral season begins today! The Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. service and on special occasions, and rehearses primarily on Sundays from 9:00-10:30 a.m. To join or learn more, contact Director of Music, Dr. Ed Maki-Schramm: emakischramm@gmail.com.

Welcome Back, Beginner Bell Choir! The Beginner Bell Choir, which debuted last Christmas Eve, returns this year and is playing at today's 10:30 a.m. service. Perfect for anyone just starting out with bells—youth and adults alike! Contact Mary Brown (maryb8673@aol.com) for more information.

Community Chorus of Detroit: The Community Chorus of Detroit, led by Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, rehearses and performs at Christ Church Detroit! Rehearsals take place on Sundays from 1:30-4:00 p.m., starting TODAY! See communitychorusofdetroit.com for more information.

Detroit Women's Chorus: The Detroit Women's Chorus, led by executive director (and Christ Church member) Alice Bell and artistic director Jillian Burgam, rehearses and performs at Christ Church Detroit. Attend an open rehearsal this Tuesday, September 16th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Learn more at detroitwomenschorus.org or contact alice@detroitwomenschorus.org.

Candlelight Concerts return to Christ Church, with an amazing lineup!

- Friday, September 19th: 6:30 p.m. Mozart, Bach, and Timeless Composers • 8:45 p.m. 90s Unplugged
- Saturday, September 20th: 6:30 p.m. Rings and Dragons • 8:45 p.m. Coldplay vs. Imagine Dragons
- Saturday, October 4th: 6:30 p.m. Tribute to Fleetwood Mac • 8:45 p.m. Tribute to Coldplay

The concerts are performed by a string quartet in the sanctuary, surrounded by hundreds of (battery-powered) candles. Visit feverup.com/en/detroit/candlelight for more info and to purchase tickets.

Education

Welcome Back, Adult Bible Study! All are welcome to join the Adult Bible Study, which resumes TODAY at 9:30 a.m. in Cary Lounge. There is no homework, and weekly attendance isn't required! Led by Barbara Cushing, we'll begin our year of reading with the Gospel of Luke, 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, see the eNews or christcd.org/adult_education.

Youth Sunday School is back in session! We offer Godly Play, a Montessori-style method of Christian formation for children ages 3-12; a LEGO® Bible Group for ages 8-14; Youth Choir and Beginner Bell Choir; an Acolyte Program, and more. We are searching for Children's Assistants, a Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator, and an Interim Youth Choir Director to join us this year. Participate in this vital and growing community, and bring your friends and neighbors, too!

We're Hiring! Christ Church is hiring for several part-time positions: Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator, Interim Youth Choir Director, Children's Assistants (aka Nursery Caregivers)**,** and Event Hosts. Although these paid positions are not open to parishioners, they are excellent opportunities for friends, neighbors, colleagues, classmates, and other contacts—please spread the word! Learn more at christcd.org/job-openings-3 and contact Rev. Emily (emily@christcd.org) to express interest.

"Creation Continues" – Art Fun with Watercolors: The next virtual drop-in painting sessions, led by Sally LePla, will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, September 16th and 23rd. No experience needed, and dollar store watercolors work great! The group has grown and includes artists from Christ Church and around the world! Contact sallylepla5283@gmail.com for the Zoom link and with any questions.

Centering Prayer can be defined as a receptive method of Christian silent prayer which deepens our relationship with God, the Indwelling Presence…a prayer in which we can experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. A group meets on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. No experience is needed, and all are welcome to join at any time! Contact Kathryn (treecekat@gmail.com) or the Office for the Zoom link and with any questions.

"Preparing for Sunday" Continues: The lectionary study group led by pastoral assistant Sandy Zull continues on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. in Cary Lounge.

Outreach

Sell Concessions at the Film Festival: Support the Bag Lunch Program by selling concessions at the Better Cities Film Festival at Christ Church next Sunday afternoon, September 21st. Sign up in the Atrium or in the eNews to help from either 2:30-4:30 p.m. or 4:30-6:30 p.m. It's fun & for a good cause!

Support the Bag Lunch Program: Every week, a small but mighty crew of volunteers make and distribute lunches to our neighbors. They do a fantastic job, but we don't want them to burn out! These are simple tasks that make a huge difference to our community. Won't you consider signing up for a shift or two? We need help with the shopping, preparing, packing, and serving – more details, including ways to sign up, are posted on the Atrium bulletin board and in the eNews. Be in touch with Seth Lloyd (smlloyd4@gmail.com) or Josephine Powell (license123@aol.com) with any questions!

Crossroads Item of the Month: Our latest donations to Crossroads of Michigan included a little of everything they need to serve the neediest in our community: canned beans and jars of peanut butter, men's shoes, Similac baby formula, and toothbrushes. Your donation can go in the baskets under the table to your right as you enter the sanctuary from the Atrium. The Ask of the Month includes men's and women's razors, shaving cream, and deodorant. You can also shop from their Amazon wishlist and have items delivered directly to them! See crossroadsofmichigan.org for more information. Thanks to Jim Treece for providing this update and for delivering donations.

Buildings & Grounds

Kitchen Renovation Update: This summer, Christ Church received multiple bids for our ideal commercial kitchen, which, given a lot of market volatility, are $125,000 more than our budget. Thanks to your special generosity this summer, we are getting very close to our goal! In fact, we have only about $25,000 left to go and we should be able to get started on renovations. Please help us close the financial gap so Christ Church can continue to grow in service to our congregation and the city of Detroit. If you have not yet had an opportunity to support the Restore, Renew, Rejoice capital campaign, or if you are in a position to increase your pledge, please help us cross the finish line!

Where your dollars will go: Update mechanical systems, upgrade energy efficiency, refurbish some existing appliances (saving us thousands of dollars!), increase cold & pantry storage, replace cabinetry & flooring, add health & safety mechanisms

How to support:

- Give online at christcd.org/online-giving
- Mail a check to the office, c/o Joshilyn Hoisington, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207
- Contact joshilyn@christcd.org or 313-259-6688 to make a stock or securities transfer

Roofs and Solar Panels: You might have noticed that there is some construction equipment in the parking lot! Crews have arrived to replace the roofs on Sibley House and the Atrium. Once new roofs are in place, we will install solar panels on Ledyard Hall (which got a new roof last year!), the Atrium, and the south (back) side of Sibley House. This is all part of—and paid for—the Resilience Hub project. Solar panels and storage batteries will help us to serve our neighbors better. For example, even if there's a power outage, our fridges can keep food cold and safe for the growing Feeding Ministry.

Gather in the Gardens: The Buildings & Grounds Committee tends the grounds & gardens of Christ Church Detroit, and is looking for folks who can pitch in from time to time. Contact Ruth (rlboeder@gmail.com) if you can lend a hand on any Monday evenings around 7:00 p.m. Bring gardening gloves and hand tools if you have them, or just borrow the extras on hand.

Coming Up

Blessing of the Animals: On Sunday, October 5th, we'll be celebrating all creatures, great and small, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis! 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!

Harvest Rogation: On Saturday, October 18th, at 4:00 p.m., we'll hold a service of communion and prayers for our natural world at Knagg's Creek Farm (Jon's Farm, 5046 W. Jeffries Fwy, Detroit). This is a beautiful gathering, allowing us to enjoy the fullness of creation. There's plenty of room for young parishioners to run around, and light refreshments will follow. What's rogation? It has its roots, as it were, in the Latin word *rogare*, which means "to ask". We ask for blessings for all the growers and gardeners in the parish, for all small farms and those who tend them, and for the courage to be faithful, constant stewards of creation, as we give thanks for all that the harvest provides.

Marathon Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Service: On Sunday, October 19th, the Detroit Free Press Marathon takes place throughout the city. Due to road closures, we will not have an 8:15 a.m. service that day, but we will have a 10:30 a.m. service. Youth Sunday School open as usual at 9:30 a.m.

All Souls Eucharist with Fauré's Requiem: On Thursday, October 30th, at 7:00 p.m. the choir & clergy will lead an evening Eucharist in honor of All Souls, featuring movements from Fauré's *Requiem*.

Feast of All Saints: On Sunday, November 2nd, we'll observe the Feast of All Saints. This is a wonderful occasion for baptism. If you or others you know would like to prepare for baptism, contact Rev. Emily.

ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, *Rector*
Preacher	The Rev. Ben Adams, *Chaplain, All.together Campus Ministry*
Musicians	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, *Director of Music* The Christ Church Detroit Choir The Beginner Bell Choir with Mary Brown, *Director*
Lector	*8:15* Michelle Wilbert; *10:30* Seth Lloyd
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	*8:15* Michelle Wilbert *10:30* Jim Treece, Anthony Mitchell, Josephine Powell, Hope Hoffman
Vestry Representatives	*8:15* Mary Brown; *10:30* Caleb Barger
Acolytes	*10:30* Olive Inchiostro, Cedric Inchiostro
Acolyte Coordinator	*10:30* Anne Hughes
Livestream Team	*10:30* Caleb Barger, Desmond Jones
Flower Guild	Richard Thomas
Breakfast	Hope Hoffman, Betty & Patrick Warner
Coffee Hour	Lynn Montgomery, Kathryn Treece

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