

## OPPORTUNITIES

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**Add Your Voice to Worship:** Don't you love hearing different people read the scriptures and prayers during worship services? Add your voice, too, by serving as a Lector! No experience is necessary, and training and mentoring are provided. Contact Anthony (amitchell8170@gmail.com) to sign up.

**Discretionary Fund:** In the Episcopal Church, it is customary for congregations to provide clergy with funds to support people who are in urgent crisis. Christ Church provides Rev. Emily with a Rector's Discretionary Fund, which she uses at her discretion to support individuals materially and of course confidentially. With needs rising dramatically, the fund balance is currently very low. If you would like to make a real difference in someone's life, you're invited to contribute to the Discretionary Fund. By check, cash envelope, or at [christcd.org/online-giving](http://christcd.org/online-giving), please put "Discretionary Fund" in the memo.

**Confirmation Opportunities:** Several folks from Christ Church Detroit will be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church at a diocesan-wide service on Saturday, May 9th, at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Dearborn (120 N Military St, Dearborn, 48124)! If you, too, are interested or curious about officially becoming an Episcopalian through the rites of confirmation or reception, **contact Rev. Emily ([emily@christcd.org](mailto:emily@christcd.org)) by Tuesday, April 21st** in order to schedule preparatory conversations.

**Baptism of Lucia Garcia-Garrison:** The baptism of baby Lucia Garcia-Garrison will take place at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 10th.

**Baptism Opportunities:** Are you or someone you know interested in baptism? There are opportunities for baptism on Sundays through early June, and then on All Saints' Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Rev. Emily at [emily@christcd.org](mailto:emily@christcd.org) to inquire and schedule a preparation session.

**Collecting Water for Baptism:** Please collect water from wherever you are and bring it in to church. The water will be used in upcoming baptisms. Collect a small bottle of water (no more than 12 oz) from an ocean, lake, river, stream, or snow-capped mountain! Label it with the source, the date, and your name. Bring it to church and leave it on the silver tray in the atrium. Rev. Emily will boil and mingle the waters prior to blessing them for baptism, and the locations from which water is collected will be noted in the bulletin, demonstrating our connections to water all over the world.

**Memorial Service for Thelma:** A Celebration of the Life of beloved Thelma McCrary, who died on March 26th, will be held at Christ Church on Saturday, June 13th, at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Centering Prayer** is a receptive method of Christian silent prayer that can deepen 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. The group gathers on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. No experience is needed, and all are welcome to join at any time! Contact the Office for the Zoom link and with any questions.

**Church Tomorrow?** On Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (4800 Woodward, Detroit, 48201), Canon Stephanie Spellers of New York will discuss her newest book, *Church Tomorrow?*, in which she presents stories and wisdom from her interviews with dozens of young people who either grew up with no faith or gave up formal religion. How do such experiences inform who the Church is called to be? The evening will begin with a moderated conversation and Q&A, followed by a light reception and book signing. See [www.edomi.org/churchtomorrow](http://www.edomi.org/churchtomorrow) for more.

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

**Why How Did the Episcopalian Cross the Road?** In collaboration with the local MDOT/I-375 road developments, a crosswalk is being installed these couple of weeks across Woodbridge Street between our Atrium and our back parking lot, and ramps are being added to the sidewalks on each side of the crossing. The MDOT team is providing this improvement at no cost to the church to facilitate easier, safer movement around our campus and in our neighborhood.

**Solar Panels Are Here!** Solar panels are being installed on the roofs of Ledyard Hall, Sibley House, and the Atrium! These panels will help us to be better stewards of energy and bring much-needed savings on our utility bills, so that more of our resources can be directed to mission and service. They come to us through a federal grant for urban Climate Resilience Hubs. Special thanks to Jim Treece for coordinating this important effort!

**Kitchen Renovation:** As the capstone project of our *Restore, Renew, Rejoice* capital campaign, we are renovating the Ledyard Hall kitchen into a commercial grade resource that can serve our community through hot meals, event space, and more. The renovation should be complete in June. The crew currently is working on an updated design for the exhaust ventilation system. Many thanks to all who are making meaningful gifts of treasure, time, and talent to help this long-desired project come to life!

## MUSIC

The **Detroit Women's Chorus** will present its spring benefit concerts in partnership with Brilliant Detroit on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew & Benedict Church (2430 Beatrice St, Detroit), and on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. here at Christ Church Detroit. Visit [detroitwomenschorus.org](http://detroitwomenschorus.org).

The **Community Chorus of Detroit** and the Christ Church Detroit choir will present a full concert of choral music with orchestra on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. here at Christ Church Detroit, featuring the texts of our most beloved psalms, including Leonard Bernstein's major work, the *Chichester Psalms*. Tickets are available at [communitychorusofdetroit.com](http://communitychorusofdetroit.com).

The next **Candlelight Concerts** at Christ Church will be this Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, with a "Tribute to Queen and More" at 6:30 p.m. and "Coldplay vs. Imagine Dragons" at 8:45 p.m. For tickets and more info, visit [feverup.com/en/detroit/candlelight](http://feverup.com/en/detroit/candlelight). These are the final Candlelight concerts this program year.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**I-375 Open House:** On Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Eastern (3434 Russell St, Detroit, 48207), the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will present updates on the proposed redevelopments throughout the I-375 corridor, from the Riverfront through Downtown Detroit. Attendees will have the chance to walk through displays, ask questions, and connect directly with project staff and partners. Visit [www.375Detroit.org](http://www.375Detroit.org) to learn more.

**Riverfront Fish Fest:** On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at Milliken State Park (1900 Atwater St, Detroit, 48207), enjoy an exciting day on the Detroit Riverfront as our friends at the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy bring together two beloved events: Sturgeon Day and Kids Fishing Fest. This family-friendly event is free to attend and the perfect opportunity to explore the wonders of wildlife and conversation while also experiencing the world of fishing. Visit [www.detroitriverfront.org](http://www.detroitriverfront.org).