Opportunities & Updates

Congregational Forums: There are many important projects, exciting opportunities, and interesting challenges ahead of our congregation and our neighborhood. Join parish leaders during Breakfast and Coffee Hour today and on upcoming Sundays to learn what's going on and how you can support Christ Church's mission to be a beacon of hope in the heart of Detroit, as our city changes.

- **November 15th: Stewardship & Finance:** Goals for 2027 and what your pledge will support
- **December 6th: Major Building Improvements** that are needed ahead of the upcoming I-375 reconstruction and what our plans could involve
- **December 13th: Climate Resilience Hub:** What it is & what service opportunities it presents

Plenty Good Room: The theme of the 2027 annual pledge campaign is Plenty Good Room, which, as Stewardship Chair Dean Simmer writes, is a reminder that our faith and our parish are places where there is room and a welcome for everyone. Consider your pledge carefully, with joy and hope. Fill out a paper pledge card, found at the entrances, or online at christcd.org/pledge-card. We will be having an ingathering of pledges next Sunday, November 22nd, the Feast of Christ the King, during both services.

Calling All New Members! If you are new or newish and you wish to "make it official" and be recognized as a new member of Christ Church Detroit, please plan to take part in a special rite of welcome next Sunday, November 22nd, at either service. Drop Rev. Emily (emily@christcd.org) or Welcome Chair Paul Abdullah (abdullah.paul@gmail.com) a note to express your interest or ask any questions, or just show up! We're thrilled to celebrate you as integral parts of this vibrant community.

Newcomers Meet-Up: New, feeling new, or want to meet new people? Come to a Newcomers Meet-up on Saturday, November 21st between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Anthology Coffee near Eastern Market (1948 Division St, Detroit, 48207). You can email Paul (abdullah.paul@gmail.com) or just show up! Drop in at any point even to say hi for a minute - no need to arrive right at 10:00 a.m. or stay the full two hours. Grab a good cup of coffee and enjoy good company, too. See you there!

Healing Ministry Training: We are starting to revive our practice of offering healing prayer at some 10:30 a.m. services. We are looking for people to train - or refresh training - as healing prayer ministers and share God's presence in this way. If this opportunity speaks to you, please attend a brief training **next Sunday, November 22nd in St. Michael's Chapel** (the side chapel nearest the Atrium) following the 10:30 a.m. service, led by Archdeacon Tim Spannaus and Seminarian Tom Rich. Contact Tom (rich.thomas.e@gmail.com) to indicate your interest or inquire about other ways to get involved.

Support the Bag Lunch Program: The weekly community lunch will be served today at 12:30 p.m. at the front doors of the church. Check the Atrium bulletin board to sign up to shop, make sandwiches, pack bags, and/or serve lunches on Sundays later this month and next. We need you!

Volunteering at Gleaners Food Bank: Make plans to attend the next volunteer session at Gleaners Food Bank (21405 Trolley Industrial Drive, Taylor, 48180) on Monday, November 23rd from 9:00-11:30 a.m. During the morning, we'll pack food for our neighbors who are experiencing hunger. It is satisfying work that makes a big difference in our neighbors' lives, especially right before the holiday season. Sign up in the Atrium and contact Seth Lloyd (smlloyd4@gmail.com) with any questions.

Office Volunteers: Our office is looking for help with some light projects and responsibilities. Tasks could include: answering the doors, preparing mailings, organizing office supplies, filing archival materials, organizing holiday decorations, and more. If you have some time to lend, even occasionally, please contact Rev. Emily at emily@christcd.org or 313-259-6688.

Learn

Children's & Youth Ministries include the Montessori-based Godly Play, quality music training, liturgical formation such as the Acolyte Program, and other age-appropriate opportunities for holistic, community-centered spiritual growth & discovery. To register or to share your ideas and interests, contact Rev. Emily (emily@christcd.org) or Carol Ambrogio, Youth Choir Director (carol@christcd.org).

Adult Bible Study: All are invited to join our Adult Bible Study, which meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Sibley House. Led by Barbara Cushing, this fall we are reading through the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Romans. In January 2027 after a Christmas break, our reading will continue with the Gospel of John, and we'll complete the year reading the three short Epistles of John. This year's syllabus can be found at christcd.org/adult_education. We read to each other in class and avail ourselves to insights offered in contemporary commentary; there is no homework, and anyone may drop in at any time!

The **Tuesday Lectionary Study**, led by pastoral assistant Sandy Zull, meets on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. at the church to read and reflect on the scripture readings for the Sunday ahead. All are welcome at any time, and no advance preparation is needed. Contact Sandy (zull.sandraf@gmail.com) in advance of attending, in case of any last-minute schedule changes.

MDOT Community Open House: This Wednesday, November 18th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Eastern (3434 Russell St, Detroit, 48207), the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) invites the public to join the conversation about the future of Detroit's I-375 corridor at a community meeting for planned improvements. The open-house style meeting will highlight how community voices are helping shape the future of one of the city's most significant infrastructure and placemaking projects. This project will significantly affect Christ Church and surrounding areas. See 375detroit.org for more.

Listen

Detroit Women's Chorus Concert & Afterglow: This Saturday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m., the Detroit Women's Chorus will present *Keep Marching*, a fall benefit concert, with a raffle and afterglow – an evening of music about resilience, justice, and the voices that carry us forward. The program moves from Indigenous and African American spiritual traditions through songs of protest and hope to a set of empowering anthems, closing with the title song from Shaina Taub's suffrage musical *Suffs*. Come be inspired, and leave ready to keep marching! Visit detroitwomenschorus.org for tickets and more info.

Community Chorus Concert: The 75-voice Community Chorus & Orchestra of Detroit conducted by Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm will present *The Very Best Holiday Concert of 2026* on Friday, December 11th at 8 p.m. & Saturday, December 12th at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Detroit. The concerts will feature the first part of J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, as well as other holiday favorites by Rutter, Hailstork, Forrest, and more. $25 tickets are available at communitychorusofdetroit.com and $30 at the door.

Program Ads for the Community Chorus: The Community Chorus of Detroit is looking for ads to include in their December concert programs, which will be in the hands of hundreds of music lovers, Detroit fans, and community enthusiasts! If you would like to purchase a program ad for your business or organization, please contact Dr. Ed Maki-Schramm at emakischramm@gmail.com. Print-ready art is due electronically to Ed by December 1st. Acceptable formats include image files (.jpg, .tif, etc). Payment may be made by cash or check ("Community Chorus of Detroit", 960 E Jefferson Ave, Detroit 48207) or by PayPal to communitychorusofdetroit@gmail.com. (Ads do not include patron benefits.)

- One line ($35) - 20 words maximum
- ⅛ page or business card plus ($130) - 4" x 2.5" h
- ¼ page ($200) - 8.25" x 2.5" h or 4" w x 5.25" h (preferred)
- ½ page ($350) - 8.25" w x 5.25" h
- Full page ($500) or full-page back cover ($700; back cover only may be color - no extra charge) - 8.25" w x 10/75" h

The next **Candlelight Concerts** at Christ Church will take place on Saturday, November 28th with Classic Rock on Strings at 6:30 p.m. and Coldplay vs. Imagine Dragons at 8:45 p.m. There will be concerts on December 3rd, 4th, 5th, 18th, 26th, and 27th, too. For tickets and more information, visit feverup.com/detroit/candlelight. Experience Christ Church in a whole new light!

Advent & Christmas

Holiday Greens Sale: Beautiful evergreens fresh from Eastern Market will be available to purchase on Sundays, **November 29th** and **December 6th.** All proceeds will benefit the Sunday School, helping our Godly Play and teen programs to grow. See the list of the items that will be available, and make your plans to purchase them on the 29th & 6th. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted!

Advent Lessons & Carols: On Wednesday, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m., the Choirs and Clergy of Christ Church Detroit will present, along with special guests, a Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols. The service will include music from multiple ensembles, woven together with seasonal poetry and prophetic scriptures. It will be a celebration of light in the darkness and the promise of new beginnings, a meaningful and inspiring way to explore the Advent and holiday season, and a light reception will follow. Mark your calendars and invite friends to join you!

It's the Shiniest Time of the Year: On Saturday, December 12th at 9:30 a.m., join the Altar Guild in the church to polish, shine, and prepare the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Many hands make light work, and it's a fun way to share each other's company while we get the job done (and enjoy coffee and donuts!). Contact Josephine Powell (license123@aol.com) with questions or just show up!

Greening of the Church: On Sunday, December 20th following the 10:30 a.m. service, all are invited and encouraged to help "green the church" for Christmas. Decorate Christmas trees, hang garlands and wreaths, set up the creche … It's so much fun, and a hearty lunch will be provided!

De-Greening the Church: Well, what goes up must come down! On Sunday, December 27th following the 10:30 a.m. service, stick around for a few minutes to take the wreaths and garlands down.

Christmas Pageant rehearsals are starting next Sunday! If you or any youth or children you know are interested in participating, please contact Carol Ambrogio, Youth Choir Director, at carol@christcd.org. Most rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings, and the pageant is presented at the 5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist on Christmas Eve, December 24th. There are roles for all ages!

Christmas Eve Services: On Thursday evening, December 24th, please join Christ Church and bring your family and friends to worship on Christmas Eve. At 5:00 p.m., the children will present a festive pageant as part of our family Eucharist. At 9:00 p.m., the Choir will present John Rutter's *Magnificat* in prelude to the classic candlelight Eucharist at 9:30 p.m.

Rev. Emily Speaking at St. Owen's: The women of St. Owen Catholic Church, Bloomfield Township, invite women of Christ Church Detroit to be their guests at *Advent by Candlelight* on Wednesday, December 2nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Owen (6869 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48301). Our own Rev. Emily will be the featured speaker, marking a special homecoming for Rev. Emily, as it is the parish where she grew up. The evening will begin with Rev. Emily's reflection, and continue with a festive social gathering to support the parish's "Sharing with a Family" program. To register, contact coordinator Cecilia Yee at 248-855-5471 or yee4all@comcast.net by November 18th.

Today's Schedule

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist in St. Elizabeth's Chapel
8:45 a.m. Breakfast in Cary Lounge
9:15 a.m. *Breakfast Forum: 2027 Stewardship & Finance Goals – Cary Lounge*
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room & Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Nursery open
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School in Sanctuary & Lower Level
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study in Sibley House
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist in the Sanctuary
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Lite in Ledyard Hall
12:00 p.m. *Coffee Hour Forum: 2027 Stewardship & Finance Goals – Ledyard Hall*
12:30 p.m. Bag Lunch Ministry at Jefferson Entrance
1:30-4:00 p.m. Community Chorus of Detroit Rehearsal in Ledyard Hall

Next Sunday, November 22nd
The Feast of Christ the King

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9:00-10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room & Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Nursery open
9:30 a.m. Youth Pageant Rehearsal & Sunday School in Lower Level
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study in Sibley House
10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist with Pledge Ingathering & Welcome of New Members – Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Lite in Ledyard Hall
12:30 p.m. Bag Lunch Ministry at Jefferson Entrance
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