The Weekly Newsletter of Christ Church Cranbrook

**HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND**

**THE REV. CHARLES CHRISTIAN ADAMS**  
Jan. 20, 10 am  
Sanctuary

**MLK INTERFAITH DAY OF SERVICE**  
Jan. 20, 8:30 am | 11:15 am shifts  
Detroit, MI

**DR. KEITH DYE**  
**SUNDAY FORUM**  
Jan. 20, 9 am  
Hospitality Center

**VESTRY CANDIDATES MEET & GREET**  
Jan. 20, 11:30 am  
Guild Hall

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL GATHERING TIME**  
Jan. 20, 9:45 am  
Saint Dunstan’s Chapel

**BUDGET REVIEW**  
Jan. 20, 11:30 am  
Conference Room

**NEWCOMERS’ TOUR**  
Jan. 20, 11:30 am | Sanctuary

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Get to know your way around Christ Church Cranbrook! We will meet in the front pews of the church following the 10 am service and begin with a brief overview of the organ and highlights of the sanctuary. From there we’ll take a guided tour of the campus as we discover its history, unique architecture, and key program spaces. All are welcome!

**VESTRY CANDIDATES MEET & GREET**  
Jan. 20, 11:30 am & Jan. 26, 6:00 pm | Guild Hall

Ahead of the Annual Meeting, take a few moments after worship on January 20 & 26 and meet the individuals who are standing for the Vestry.

* MEETING JESUS * FINDING JOY * SHARING BEAUTY * SERVING OTHERS *
DR. KEITH DYE’S THOUGHTS ON THE BLACK MANIFESTO

By The Reverend Anthony Estes, Deacon & Director of Digital Communications

Professor and author Keith Dye will present during the Sunday Forum on January 20th at 9:00 am in the Hospitality Center. Doctor Dye’s presentation, “Issues, Answers and Legacies: The Black Manifesto for Reparations and Christ Church Cranbrook at 50 Years,” will discuss how the interruption of Sunday services at Christ Church Cranbrook by the Black Economic Development Committee in June, 1969, established the pattern for such encounters immediately afterwards, and the continued disagreements on the issue to the present, particularly African American and church relations.

Discussions about race in the United States of America have been going on for as long as our democracy has existed. Though slavery was abolished in the mid-nineteenth century, systemic legal and cultural structures persist in perpetuating all kinds of discrimination, especially race.

The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) rose out of a desire to engage characteristically White mainline Protestant churches in the conversations needed for healing in the Black religious community. It was a white-led effort toward social justice ministry. IFCO began to work with the National Black Economic Development Conference (NBEDC), a group dedicated to working on economic empowerment of black communities. Within this context, a document known as the Black Manifesto began to circulate, and protest movements began to be staged in affluent white churches.

On June 1, 1969, nineteen members of the NEDBC entered the nave of Christ Church Cranbrook with the full cooperation of the Rector, Gerald O’Grady Jr. In the middle of a worship service, they demanded $500 million in reparations payments to black people, money that they claimed would be used in stimulating black economy and businesses.

Professor and author Keith Dye wrote about this pivotal event in the life of CCC and The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan in “Lessons in Hearing Human and Divine Discontent: The Black Manifesto and Episcopal Leaders and Congregations in the Detroit Area,” an article which appeared in a 2012 edition of the Journal of African American History. Dye’s article reports this congregation tried to figure out how to respond; and members of the congregation, its rector, and the diocese all became engaged in this conversation from several points of view. Though I will leave it to Dye to share what happened during his forum appearance, I do believe it safe to say CCC’s passion and commitment to social justice work is a genuine engagement of complex issues that the Black Manifesto movement brought to the forefront in 1969.

Fifty years is not that long a period. Except for a couple of pages in the parish commemorative coffee table book, this part of CCC’s history is neither highlighted or discussed if not entirely forgotten. As CCC continues to reach out to metro Detroit, telling this part of the story is imperative for a sense of credibility as a congregation that deacons or serves our community in the name of and for the sake of Christ.

Time and again, as current events play out, the intersections of race, affluence, religion, white fragility and black anger become dangerous to navigate. The only way to travel securely on our shared life journey is to perpetually come to the font of Christ’s redeeming blood, plunging ourselves in its cleansing stream. Individually and corporately, we risk much emotionally and philosophically, but what we gain for our discomfort is the reality of God’s kingdom made visible through our imperfect and incomplete, holy and loving work. Dye’s presentation will be a gift to us. Please make every effort to be there.
JANUARY ITEM OF THE MONTH:
WARM CLOTHING

Many individuals arrive in the United States without warm clothing. Help make the cold weather a bit warmer for those in need by donating warm clothing to Samaritas.

MOVIE NIGHT: TBDW
Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm | Hospitality Center
Fellowship and treats by Mike & Judy Frank. All are welcome!

FACT OR FICTION:
THE GO-BETWEEN BY L. P. HARTLEY
Jan. 28 at 7 pm | Conference Room
The Go-Between, published in early 1953, and has long been considered Harley's finest book.

SHARE THE LOVE AT ST. ANNE’S MEAD
Feb. 9, 3–5 pm | St. Anne’s Mead
http://signupgenius.com/go/stannesmead

Founded by CCC and St. James Birmingham 52 years ago, St. Anne’s Mead provides the highest quality care in assisted living, nursing care, and memory care. In celebration of Valentine’s Day, we will visit St. Anne’s Mead for a special “Servant Saturday” project and engage the residents in games, cookie creation, and socialization. This fun-filled afternoon will positively impact both the residents and volunteers’ lives.

ANNUAL MEETING
Jan. 27, 11:30 am
Hospitality Center
We will review our ministry efforts in 2018 and elect five new Vestry members. Be sure to meet the nine candidates during a Meet and Greet session (Jan 20 or Jan. 26). All members (in good standing) over the age of 16 are eligible to vote. RSVP to Kate Bell for childcare, lunch for the kids will be provided.

MEET THE RECTOR
Feb. 10, 11:40 am | Library
Get know Fr. Bill as he shares his journey through the Episcopal Church and his passion for Christ Church Cranbrook – while sharing some of your own journey: What brought you to Christ Church? What’s bringing you back? Ideal for newcomers, new members, or anyone still exploring the Episcopal Church. Bring your questions! Meet in the Library following the 10 am service (about 11:40). Childcare available upon request. Please RSVP to Jill Bednas at jbednas@christchurchcranbrook.org or 248-644-5210 x13.

MEET THE VESTRY CANDIDATES
Jan. 26, 6:00 pm
Guild Hall

ANNUAL MEETING
Jan. 27, 11:30 am
Hospitality Center

CHORAL EVENSONG
Feb. 3, 6 p.m.
Sanctuary
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

ASH WEDNESDAY
Mar. 6, 7am,12pm,7pm
Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY CHORAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Apr. 19, 7pm
Sanctuary

2019 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Jan. 27, 11:30 am | Hospitality Center
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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019**
June 17 - 21 | 9am - 12 pm | ages 4 & up
Life is Wild! God is Good! Save the Date for Vacation Bible School 2019. This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At VBS Roar 2019, kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

**WEEKLY ADULT FAITH PROGRAMS**

**THE SUNDAY FORUM | PROFESSOR KEITH DYE**
Sundays, 9 am | Hospitality Center
Join us as we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an American Baptist minister, activist and civil rights leader. Professor Keith Dye will speak during the Sunday Forum in the Hospitality Center at 9 am. Dr. Dye is Assistant Professor of History and African and African American Studies and History at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

**WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY GROUP**
Wednesdays, Noon | 201 & 202
Women naturally understand rhythms and seasons in which they find meaning in the cyclical nature of life. This season we are focusing on Art & Icons.

**MEETING JESUS | MOTHER IMOGEN**
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm | Hospitality Center
This week in Genesis, God asks Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Join Mother Imogen to find out what happens as we wrestle with being obedient when our faith is tested.

**NEW TO CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK?**
(Please fill out a welcome card located in each pew and place it in the offering plate)

**WELCOME!**
Feel free to stop by our Welcome Table at coffee hour and pick up your official Christ Church Coffee Mug as our gift to you!

**GUIDED TOUR OF CCC**
Please join us in the Bapistry (back of the church) following the 10 am Sunday service for a tour and learn the history of the church led by our docents.

**OFFICE HOURS**
Mon–Thurs: 9 am–5 pm
Friday: 9 am–3 pm