

Southwest Michigan Episcopal Covenant  
Announcements  
September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Covid Update

**Masks are required at all times in all areas of our buildings.**

**Anyone in a ministry that brings you in contact with another person should be vaccinated. If this is a concern, please see Rev. Diane.**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

[Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22](#)

[Psalm 124](#)

[James 5:13-20](#)

[Mark 9:38-50](#)

Services this weekend: St. Joseph 9:30 am Holy Communion  
Dowagiac 10:00 am Holy Communion  
Niles 9:30 am Holy Communion with organ

Covenant News

**Please join** Interfaith Action of SW Michigan in collecting **rice, beans and toiletries** for migrant workers and farmers living in poverty. A box for collecting donations will be placed in front of the altar in each church. The collection will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for two weeks. The ingathering will be held at Tabor Hill winery on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. It is a ZOOM meeting. If you wish to attend, please contact Jean Walsh or Rev. Diane for the link.

## DOWAGIAC

The congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Dowagiac took two votes on Sunday, September 12th. The first, to sell the building, passed unanimously. The second vote, to continue the congregation, passed as well. Several members are interested in forming a different kind of faith community that doesn't need a building. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call the office or Dick Judd. Their final service will be The Feast of the Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. More details to come.

## NILES

Paul Hochstetler will be with us on Sunday for our service of Holy Communion. Be sure not to miss this opportunity to hear our wonderful organ during worship.

## ST. JOSEPH

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** we observe the Feast of St. Francis. Mother Karen Kelly will be with us and is inviting everyone to bring their pets to church! We will have a blessing of the animals at 11:00 am, following the service. All are welcome.

## Mark Your Calendars

An Advent Evensong will be held at 4:00 pm on **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at St. Paul's in Dowagiac. The service will be about an hour and provides an opportunity for us to be mindful about the Season of Advent.

Christmas Lessons and Carols will be held in Dowagiac on **Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**. This service will feature Christmas readings and beloved hymns and carols. It will be held at 10:00 am and will be our last event as a Covenant.

The closing service for Dowagiac will be held on **Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** for the Feast of the Epiphany. Time to be announced at a later date.

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