

Southwest Michigan Episcopal Covenant
Announcements
October 8th, 2021
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

[Job 23:1-9, 16-17](#)

[Psalm 22:1-15](#)

[Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

[Mark 10:17-31](#)

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

Covenant News

Please join Interfaith Action of SW Michigan in collecting **rice, beans and toiletries** for migrant workers and farmers living in poverty. A bag for collecting donations is in front of the altar in each church. **The ingathering will be held at Tabor Hill winery on October 10th at 3:00 pm. *This is the last Sunday to contribute to our neighbors who harvest our food.***

The next Leadership Council meeting will be this Sunday, October 10th 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 6th, 2022**. More details to come.

NILES

Trinity Church will host a fish fry (made famous by Ginger and John Brawley) on Saturday, October 16th at 4:00 pm. The congregation of Trinity Church is inviting parishioners from St. Paul's Dowagiac to join them for this festive feast. Please mark your calendars – all members are encouraged to attend and to bring a dessert, if possible.

ST. JOSEPH

The Monday Book Group is meeting again at 10:00 each Monday morning. Come and enjoy fellowship and discussion about the books we read.

CONGRATULATIONS - South Haven Public Schools would like to congratulate iCreate Teacher, **Mary Phillips**, at North Shore Elementary for her recent acceptance into the prestigious NASEF (North America Scholastic Esports Federation) Scholastic Fellows Program! She is one of 25 awardees chosen from 100 applicants from around the globe. Mary will work with others to showcase learning and esports. Way to go, Mary!

Mark Your Calendars

An Advent Evensong will be held at 4:00 pm on **Sunday, December 12th** 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 26th**. 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 6th** for the Feast of the Epiphany. Time to be announced at a later date.

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