

Southwest Michigan Episcopal Covenant
Announcements
September 3rd, 2021

Covid update

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

[Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23](#)

[Psalms 125](#)

[James 2:1-10, \[11-13\], 14-17](#)

[Mark 7:24-37](#)

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

The Collect: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Covenant News

The annual audits for Niles and for St. Joseph are completed and awaiting approval of respective vestries. Deadline for submission is September 1st.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 pm. It is a ZOOM meeting. If you wish to attend, please contact Jean Walsh or Rev. Diane for the link.

DOWAGIAC

Required by the Canons of the Church, there will be a congregational meeting following the service on September 12th to vote on closing the church and selling the building (two votes). Members in good standing (current with pledges) may vote. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

NILES

Connie Blackmond's son, Don, died last week. Please remember Connie and the family in your prayers.

A celebration of life for Jayne "Chick" McQuaid will be held on Monday, September 6th from 2-4pm at the FOP on State Street. The McQuaid siblings are hosting the event. All are invited.

From Barry Borst:

Dear Family and Friends,

We are planning a celebration of Gayle's life on Friday, September 17, 2021. We will begin with a ceremony at Silverbrook Cemetery followed by fellowship at 105 Main Street Event Hall located in downtown Niles. The service will start at 1:00 pm at Silverbrook Cemetery, located at 1400 E. Main Street, Niles, MI.

Fellowship will follow at the Event Hall (105 Main Street) with food and refreshments.

We hope you can join us in remembering Gayle.

Barry

ST. JOSEPH

This Saturday evening, September 4th, members of the Lakeshore Churches (Epiphany South Haven, St. Augustine's Benton Harbor, Mediator Harbert and St. Paul's St. Joseph) will gather for dinner and eucharist in South Haven. All are welcome to attend.

The group will gather at 4:45 pm at "TASTE" on Phoenix in South Haven. Following dinner, a service of Holy Communion will be held in the Memorial Garden (the opposite side from the parking lot) at Epiphany, approximately 6:30 pm.

This gathering is an opportunity for members and leadership of the Lakeshore Churches to develop relationships and get to know each other and our churches. Please consider attending this event.

The Monday Book Club will resume meeting on Monday, September 13th at 10:00 am. All members of the Covenant are welcome to attend.

The “Ladies at Lunch” group will not meet in September. We will plan for October, based on COVID guidelines.

The OKTOBERFEST scheduled for September 19th at St. Paul’s in St. Joseph **has been cancelled**. Services will be held at their regularly scheduled times in each parish.

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