

Southwest Michigan Episcopal Covenant  
Announcements  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1:1; 2:1-10](#)

[Psalm 26](#)

[Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12](#)

[Mark 10:2-16](#)

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

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 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.

Those wishing to be licensed as **Eucharistic Visitors** are to be vaccinated, and to complete the Safeguarding God's People class. This class must be repeated every three years. **Vestry members** are also advised to take the training, either in

person or online. The current program may be accessed online. To register for the online version, use this link: [Fill out this form to request a log-in for the online system.](#) There is no cost for the program.

### 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 discontinue 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

Trinity is hosting a free COVID vaccine site every Wednesday between **11:00 am and 6:00 pm**. If you have put off getting your vaccination, now is a good time to get one ... no waiting and FREE!

### ST. JOSEPH

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

Ladies at Lunch – gathering Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at The Grille at Harbor Inn at 12:30pm. All are welcome to come for fellowship, food and fun.

### 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.

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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