

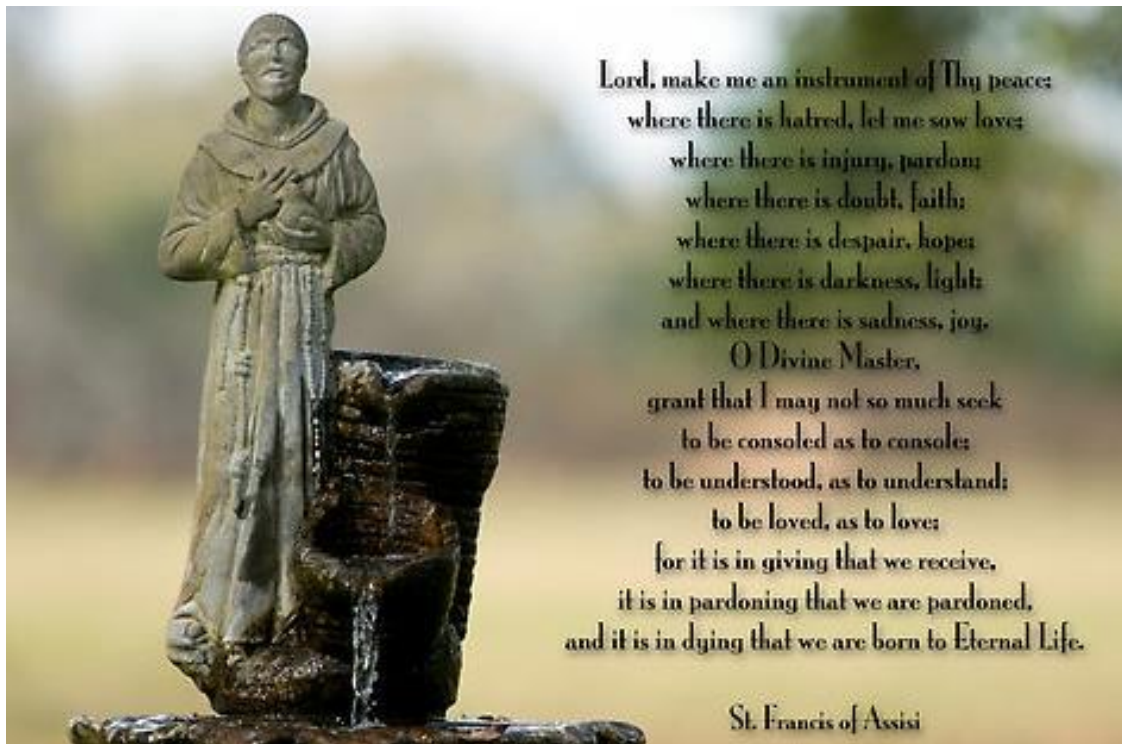
Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

- Sanctuary fans are positioned to maximize coverage for overall comfort. When the fans are on, please leave them as they are. Move toward the center aisle if less wind is more comfortable for you.
- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- Communion is provided for those who would like to consume bread and/or wine as directed. You may participate in spiritual communion if you prefer to not receive either physical element. (*This is sacramentally appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility for any reason. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

This Worship service will be live-streamed. If you have privacy concerns for yourself or your child(ren), please let Amma Diane or an usher know. Nobody will be identifiably visible during Communion.

Our videos may be viewed online live or any time: go.mysjec.com/youtube



10AM Worship with Communion – October 2, 2022

St Francis of Assisi / Blessing of Animals – Season of Creation, week 4



Today's Worship leadership includes...

<i>Ministers</i>	Members of the Congregation
<i>Readers</i>	1 — Pat Hanson
	3 — Glenn Davidowich

<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Sharon Meany
<i>Rector (Pastor)</i>	The Rev'd Diane M Murray (Amma Diane)
<i>Worship Coordinator</i>	Tony Karl

We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

Rector (Pastor): The Rev'd Diane M Murray *Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green
Vestrypersons: Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl
Clerk: Tony Karl *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

All the words you will need are in this bulletin: Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

Wi-Fi access: Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

Worship/Liturgy Sources: Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Amma Diane.

Children: Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

Hearing Loop: Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church.



Please share your prayer requests with us: All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People clipboard (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

We worship with our bodies: You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility: A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The offices, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

The candle display in front of the Sanctuary represents our grief and prayers for victims of gun violence.

Welcome!

All who are able, please stand.

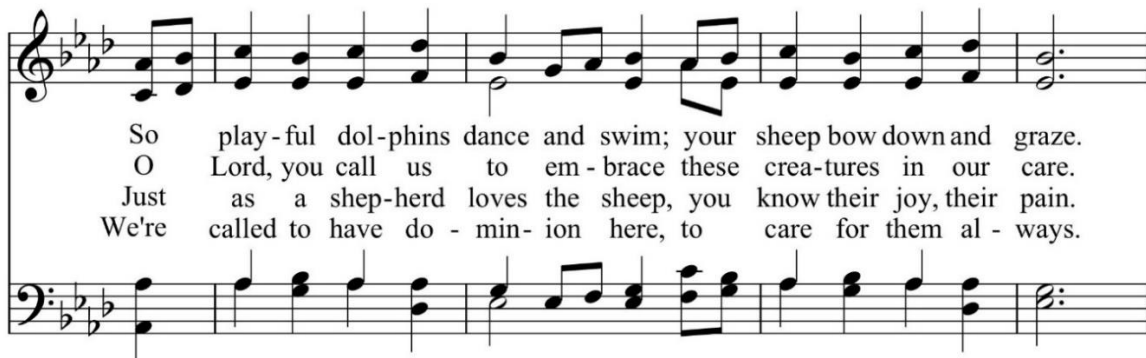
♪ O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth



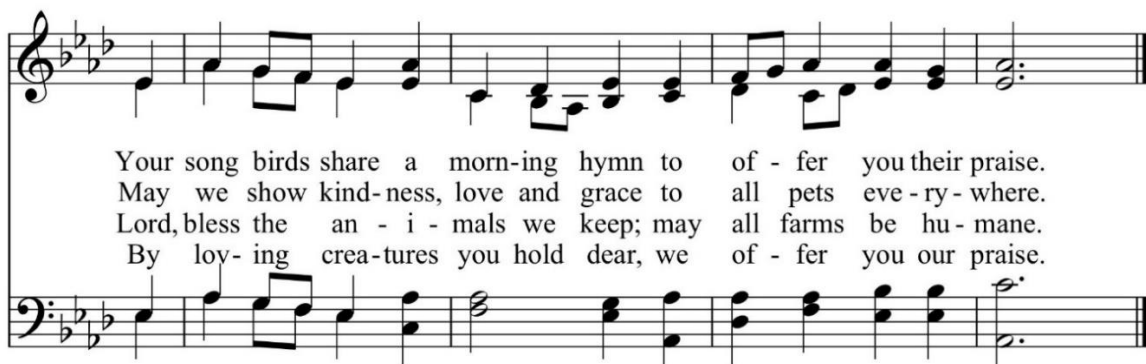
1. O God, your crea-tures fill the earth with won - der and de - light,
 2. You made the pets we wel-come in; they're won-drous bless-ings, too.
 3. You made the crea-tures on each farm; you know the things they need.
 4. Your crea - tures live in eve - ry land; they fill the sky and sea.



and eve - ry liv - ing thing has worth and beau - ty in your sight.
 With paws and whisk-ers, wings and fins, they of - fer praise to you.
 May they grow health - y, safe from harm, and safe from hu-man greed.
 O Lord, you give us your com - mand to love them ten - der - ly.



So play-ful dol-phins dance and swim; your sheep bow down and graze.
 O Lord, you call us to em-brace these crea-tures in our care.
 Just as a shep-herd loves the sheep, you know their joy, their pain.
 We're called to have do - min - ion here, to care for them al - ways.



Your song birds share a morn-ing hymn to of - fer you their praise.
 May we show kind-ness, love and grace to all pets eve - ry - where.
 Lord, bless the an - i - mals we keep; may all farms be hu - mane.
 By loy - ing crea-tures you hold dear, we of - fer you our praise.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **AMEN!**

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN!**

Please be seated.

The 2022 Season of Creation

Celebrant The Season of Creation, September 1 through October 4, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. This year's theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation". The Psalmist declares, *"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge... **their voice is not heard**; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world."*

During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we center the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

The burning bush is this year's symbol. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Human greed, desertification, and land misuse lead to the disintegration of ecosystems, the destruction of habitats, and the loss of livelihoods and species at an alarming rate. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This was a flame of the Spirit that revealed God's life sustaining presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed faithfully to deliverance from injustice. During the Season of Creation, this symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond.

Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God's presence. May this symbol move us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation and our Creator, contemplate our connection to the holy ground where we live, and listen for the voice of creation.

May this Season of Creation renew and unite people of faith by our bond of Peace in one Spirit, in our call to care for our common home. And may this season of prayer and action be a time to Listen to the Voice of Creation, so that our lives in words and deeds proclaim good news for all the Earth.

St Francis of Assisi

Celebrant On October 4th, the Church celebrates the life and witness of Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan and Clarissine Orders, advocate for the poor, and friend of the animals. Born in the late 12th century, Francis was the son of a wealthy merchant and his high-born wife. Despite living a life of general comfort and ease, he found himself called toward a life in pursuit of poverty. After a series of humbling interactions with the poor, Francis devoted himself to the care of the sick and poor, giving up his business interests and material possessions (much to his father's chagrin). It could not have been easy, but Francis' faith demanded that he trade in his fine clothes for sackcloth and financial security for scarcity. In the words of the prayer attributed to the saint, he found that "it is in giving that we receive." We may perhaps remember St Francis best for his devotion to nature and animals. He believed that the Creator is praised through all creatures and, indeed, creation itself. It is in this spirit that many Episcopal churches offer blessings of pets and other animals each year to commemorate Francis's feast day. If you have a pet with you or at home, I invite you to have them nearby for the blessing we'll do in a few moments.

- Celebrant* Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.
- People* **For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea: we thank you.**
- Celebrant* For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers: we thank you.
- People* **For all that is gracious in the lives of people: we thank you.**
- Celebrant* For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life: we thank you.
- People* **For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees: we thank you.**
- Celebrant* For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets: we thank you.
- People* **That pets everywhere may be treasured with care: we thank you.**
- Celebrant* That we may love and honor all your works, O God: we thank you.
- People* **That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation: To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever. AMEN!**

At this time, Amma Diane will give directions for the blessing of animals

Blessing of Animals

The Celebrant blessed each animal

Celebrant [Name of animal], may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you and [Name(s) of person(s)] enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

All **AMEN!**

After all have been blessed, the following prayer is said

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Most high, almighty Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds, and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to enjoy. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things, and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. AMEN!**

Amma Diane will give additional directions

First Lesson

Reader 1 A reading of Habakkuk chapter 1, verses 1 through 4, and chapter 2, verses 1 through 4.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw: O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous--therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader 1 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Unison Reading

Reader 1 Let us read in unison Psalm 37, verses 1 through 10.

All Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire. Trust in the Lord and commit your way, and God will bring it to pass. The Lord will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for God. Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

New Testament

Reader 1 A reading of 2nd Timothy chapter 1, verses 1 through 14.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader 2 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel

Luke 17. 5-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey

you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon *Amma Diane*

All who are able, please stand.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

Prayers of the People: The Way of Love

Reader 3 Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to TURN our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to LEARN your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Son of God, you responded to your Father in PRAYER and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of the United States might live in unity and peace.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Light of the World, you taught us to WORSHIP in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors, that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to GO among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and REST in your grace. May all who have died rest in peace and rise in glory.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 We lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

All **Jesus, guide us in your Way of Love.**

Reader 3 Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us in to live as your Beloved Community in this age and in the age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **AMEN!**

Reader 3 We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **AMEN!**

Please be seated. Those with birthdays or anniversaries, please come forward at this time. If you would like a prayer for healing, travel, or any other needs, please let Amma Diane know.

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

All **O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!**

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All **AMEN!**

All who are able, please stand.

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc. Please be seated.

Announcements *All giving announcements: please use a mic for our friends online.*

Celebrating Our Mission, Service, & Ministries *Congregational sharing.*

Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site mySJEC.com/donate. We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

All who are able, please stand.

♪ All Creatures of Our God and King

[Hymnal 400]

All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams:

Sing praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,

make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia, alleluia!

Fire so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light:

Sing praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day

unfold your blessings on our way: Alleluia, alleluia!

All flow'rs and fruits that in you grow, let them God's glory also show:

Sing praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,

and worship God in humbleness: Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise, God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

Sing praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Francis of Assisi, c 1225; tr WH Draper, 1926. Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, 1623.

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All AMEN!

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Celebrant will extend the invitation to communion to those present and those watching online and give instructions. Visitors are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

All who are able, please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Blessing

Celebrant May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and forever more.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

[Hymnal 593]

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn, through death's dark night to endless day: Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

Words: James Quinn, based on prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi. Tune: *DICKINSON COLLEGE*

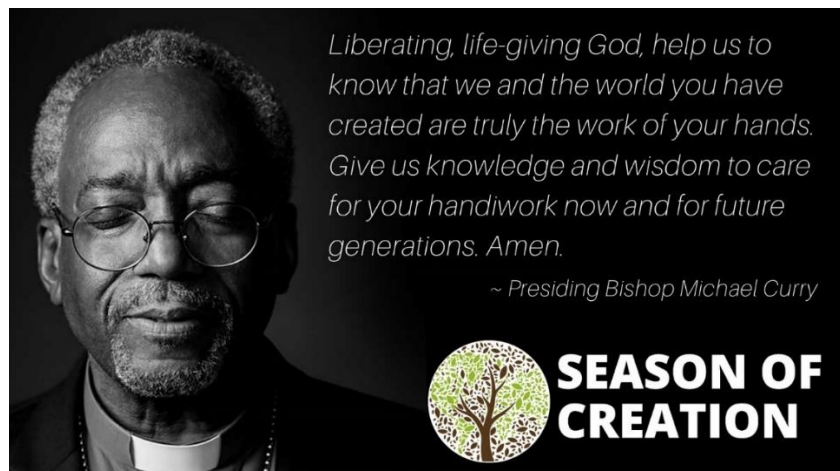
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Celebrant Go forth sharing the Good News of God's love! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us downstairs after worship for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.

Our special offering in the month of October is the Rector's Discretionary Fund; please label gifts accordingly.





BULLETIN INSERTS

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

On October 4, The Episcopal Church celebrates the feast day of Francis of Assisi, an Italian friar, beloved saint, and one of the most venerated individuals in Christian history. He founded the Franciscan Order for men and the Order of Saint Clare for women, and he is also widely known for his love of nature and animals. Perhaps the most famous prayer attributed to St. Francis is:

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.*

*Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*



But did you know St. Francis is also credited with these inspiring and challenging quotes?

- *Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*
- *If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.*
- *While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.*
- *All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.*
- *A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.*

Prayer

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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St James Weekly **for the week starting October 2, 2022**

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any pastoral care or other needs.*

***Masks are optional for all church activities.
Distancing is still a safer practice. Thanks!***

Recurring Schedule

Bible Study Sundays 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Join this 12-week Bible study discussion of the book of Hebrews. Talk to Amma Diane if you have any questions.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*): go.mysjec.com/youtube
10/2 Pentecost 17: St Francis/Blessing of Animals
10/9 Pentecost 18: Mental Health Awareness
10/16 Pentecost 19: Homelessness Awareness

Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

Mid-Week Worship—Wed at 4:30PM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Wednesday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
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Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Friday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Blessing of Animals 10/2

The blessing of animals is a tradition associated with Francis of Assisi, an Italian catholic friar who founded religious orders and is commonly known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Francis is said to have referred to animals as his brothers and sisters. We will have several blessing options this year:

1. During 10AM worship at the church on Sunday, October 2 we'll bless animals, whether they can be present or not. We ask that people bringing animals are able to control the animal and clean up after the animal in the event of an accident. Live pets, photos of pets, and toy pets are welcome, and we can even bless your animal who remains at home if you mention them.
2. Amma Diane can bless your animals at your home if you are unable to make it to church. Please contact Amma Diane as soon as possible to make arrangements.
3. Watch our October 2 worship service online live or at a later time, which will include a blessing of pets.

If you have any questions, please talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl.

UPDATED! Monthly congregational chat 10/2

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 10/2 for the second of our monthly congregational chats. We hold these in the Sanctuary immediately following 10AM Worship on the first Sunday of each month, and all are welcome to participate.

Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. Topics on 10/2 will include: 1) brainstorming ideas for the comfort and aesthetics in our sanctuary; 2) sharing ideas for Advent/Christmas projects and programs.

We will plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us for these chats! **If you are unable to attend in person, send your thoughts to info@mysjec.com**

Barb Cook performs at Rahr-West on 10/12

St James member Barb Cook occasionally shares her musical gifts at the Rahr West Art Museum (610 N 8th St), filling the exhibition wings with the rich and soothing tones of the beautiful baby grand piano in the Ruth West Gallery. Barb's next performance time will be 10AM-Noon on Wednesday, October 12. This is free and open to the public. If you have any questions, talk to Barb.

NEW! [Potlucks at Painting Pathways starts 10/13](#)

Painting Pathways Clubhouse supports and empowers those with mental illness in Manitowoc County by building community and supporting recovery. PPC is one of our long-term ministry partners: several people from St James were instrumental in helping this non-profit form in Manitowoc; we've provided work opportunities; we supported the capital campaign for their new building; and we let them use our building during their construction. To strengthen our relationships as individuals beyond our larger organizations, we're going to try something new. On **Thursday, October 13 from 4-6PM we'll gather at PPC** (1226 Washington St) to enjoy a meal and fellowship with their members. We invite all who are able to bring a potluck dish to share. This idea was overwhelmingly supported when discussed at our 9/4 Monthly Congregational Chat. After this test-run, we'll see how often we'd like to plan these potlucks with them. There is a sign-up sheet in the church.

NEW! [Dinner/Storytelling with L.U.V. 11/1](#)

St James has a long history of learning about and loving the "other". Embracing diversity has been an important part of our congregational identity, and we've strengthened that through discussion groups, bible studies, video studies, sermons, and our Becoming Beloved Community series the past 3 summers. Lakeshore's United Visionaries (L.U.V.) is an organization dedicated to uplifting the lives of marginalized individuals. They started to form in May 2020, and their goal is to recognize intersectional identities through allyship, awareness, education, understanding, and love.

On **Tuesday, November 1 at 6PM** we'll gather in the fellowship hall with representatives from L.U.V. We'll start with a meal at 6PM, then continue at 7PM with storytelling and discussion for 60-90 minutes. St James is a safe space for people to share their stories and have their stories honored. The goal is to learn about diversity in our community and to form more connections within our community. If there is interest, this could lead to more gatherings or other next steps. There is a sign-up sheet in the church, for those who want to attend, as well as those who'd like to help set up, cook, and/or clean up.

NEW! [Episcopal 101 program 11/7](#)

Episcopal 101 is a 3-hour program designed for newer people in our congregation and is also a good refresher course for long-time members. Through discussion, video segments, and handouts we'll look at Christianity, Anglicanism, The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and our own congregation. All materials are provided. **Episcopal 101 will take place Monday, November 7 from 4-7PM** in the Fellowship Hall (in-person only). Feel free to bring any snacks/food/beverage you like. This program is facilitated by Tony Karl—please talk to him if you have any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the church—if you are unable to make the 11/7 program, please indicate that so Tony can follow-up with you to schedule an additional time(s).

NEW! [Stolen Summer movie viewing 11/12](#)

We're going to re-introduce regular gatherings to view movies together at St James. Based on your feedback at our 9/4 Monthly Congregational Chat, we'll offer these at a mix of days/times you suggested as we move throughout the year. **Our first movie viewing will be *Stolen Summer***, a 2002 drama film about a Catholic boy who befriends a terminally ill Jewish boy and tries to convert him, believing that it is the only way the Jewish boy will get to Heaven. We'll gather from **9-11AM on Saturday, November 12**. This will be our monthly fellowship gathering for November, (in-person only since we can't show the movie via Zoom). Feel free to bring any snacks/food/beverage you like.

NEW! [Book Group 10/26 at 7PM \(in-person/Zoom\)](#)

The St James Book Group is meeting in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 10/26 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. We hope to see you either on Zoom or in person.

Our book for 11/16 will be *Cokie: A Life Well-Lived* by Steven Roberts. Books are available for pick up at the main desk of the library (tell them you are a member of the St James Book Group) or from another source of your choosing. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you are able. Please feel free to invite others to participate. If you have questions or technical issues contact Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Joan Estes, or Amma Diane.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799

When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #

When prompted for Participant ID, press #

When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

["Helping Our Neighbors" mission project](#)

The poverty rate in Manitowoc is about 14%, and hunger continues to impact families and individuals. We invite you to bring non-perishable food, hygiene products, and personal care items to donate as often as you are able. We'll have a collection spot in the front left of the Sanctuary near the piano (similar to what we did in Advent), and volunteers will periodically deliver these items to Peter's Pantry.

[Celebrating Our Mission, Service, & Ministries](#)

Help us grow the St James Tree of Life! One of our sub-goals is to *"Regularly celebrate the mission, service, and ministries of individuals, inviting them to share these experiences to educate and encourage others"*.

We invite you to share briefly (1-3 minutes) about any mission, service, or ministry you are involved in through St James, another organization, or in your own way. You can share what you do, why you became involved, and anything else you'd like to add. If you're involved in more than one mission, service, or ministry, we invite you to share more than once. It's okay if more than one person shares about the same thing on different dates. Thanks!

If you'd like to share something, please let Amma Diane know on the day you'd like to share.

NEW! Vestry Notes

- Watch for a letter from the Vestry the first week of October, containing a variety of updates.
- Murray Sim resigned as our Sexton as of 8/31 to begin a new job teaching at Lincoln High School. The Vestry explored several leads, then included an announcement about the position in St James Weekly. Dave Haefke has offered to fill this position on a voluntary basis. Thank you, Dave!
- As of 8/31/2022, our year-to-date income is \$79,625 on a YTD budget of \$75,696. Our YTD expenses are \$77,728 on a YTD budget of \$85,181. This results in a YTD surplus of \$1,897. (Lower expenses are primarily because we have not yet started as many building projects as originally imagined.) Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry! Complete financial reports are posted outside the office.
- The Vestry will gather for retreat time several times in October/early November. Our next regular Vestry meeting will take place via Zoom at 5PM on 11/22 (go.mysjec.com/Vestry). Anybody from the congregation may attend.

Meals On Wheels

America's seniors are lonely. And, as a nation, we've allowed them to fall into the shadows. Families are living farther away, and neighbors are more strangers than ever before. We all have the power to help change that.

Meals On Wheels has been guided by a single goal since the first known U.S. delivery by a small group of Philadelphia citizens in 1954 – to support our senior neighbors to extend their independence and health as they age. What started as a compassionate idea has grown into one of the largest and most effective social movements in America, currently helping nearly 2.4 million seniors annually in virtually every community in the country.

Nearly 7.4 million seniors have incomes below the poverty line. Half of seniors living alone lack the financial resources to pay for basic needs. That's an income of \$240 a week or less, which, after housing, utility, and medical expenses, leaves very little for food.

St James Episcopal Church has been involved with Meals On Wheels for a long time and we are joined by others in the community. About every 5 weeks we go to the Senior Center at about 10:30 and pick up both hot and cold foods, already prepacked, plus milk. We go to Park View Haven next to Piggly Wiggly, Valley View Apartments, Manitou Manor Apartments, and River Hill Apartments, all north of Reed Ave.

We deliver the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable Manitowoc's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. If you are interested in helping with Meals On Wheels, or trying it out, please talk to Eleanor Agnew or Amma Dianne



UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Laurie, Geno, Bonnie, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven, Len, Mary, Vicki, Tom, Grace, Matthew, Shelley, Karleen, Mike, Tony C., Dave, Nancy T, Brian M, Sharon, Connie & Harley, Mary Ann, Gregg, Ken, Mary Beth B., Lisa B., Anne, Mayra, Karen K., Richard, Brad & Lizzie, Linda, Xavier, Connie, Nancy J

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Susie, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Joy's grandson

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob, Jack

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mark's, Waupaca; St Mark's mission District Manyene, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Diocese of the Murray – The Anglican Church of Australia. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and The Ven. Osiward Mapika, Bishop-Elect.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Deena, Shirley, Margaret, all who have died as a result of gun violence, Leonard Coombs

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 10/1 Julie Jenkyn; 10/1 Nick Doszkewycz; 10/8 Barb Cook; 10/11 Cadance Slegler; 10/18 Marissa Slegler; 10/21 Cindy Dillman

Anniversaries: 10/8 Eleanor Agnew & Ron Hansen.

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).

Manitowoc Warming Shelter



We're a group of local congregations, organizations, agencies, and other caring people joining together to provide overnight shelter and meals to adults during our cold winter months. We need your help!

The Manitowoc Warming Shelter is projected to open in Winter 2022 for the season. We plan to initially be based at First Presbyterian Church (502 N 8th St in downtown Manitowoc.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like more info about ways you can help, please visit our web site:

manitowocwarmingshelter.org

WHAT WILL VOLUNTEERS DO?

Training provided for all volunteers. Options to help include:

- ♦ **Nightly 8:00pm –8:00am in four hour shifts**
- ♦ **Set Up daily 7:00pm-8:00pm**
- ♦ **Check In daily 7:30pm-9:00pm**
- ♦ **Clean Up daily 7:30am-8:30am**
- ♦ **Daily food service coordinated by Grow It Forward**

You can also contact Pastor Matt Sauer for more information about ways to support this program: matt@mcmunited.com or 920-860-6880

WHY DO WE NEED A WARMING SHELTER?

- * Lakeshore CAP provided \$44,852 in hotel vouchers in Manitowoc County since June, 2021. *This funding has ended — but the people in need still exist*
- * The three program-based shelters spent another \$4,750 in after hour housing since June 2021.
- * Individuals are typically homeless for 34 days before their situation is resolved.
- * Lakeshore CAP spent \$587,290 in WERA (WI Emergency Assistance Program) assistance in Manitowoc County for 2021. *This funding has ended — but the people in need still exist.*

Our community is blessed with Hope House, The Haven, and InCourage, which provide temporary housing and support to people year-round through their wonderful programs. Manitowoc Warming Shelter is designed to provide life-saving overnight shelter for those who fall between the cracks.