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Worship in a Homeless Camp



Regular Sunday worship is now underway for a new Diocese of Georgia ministry to homeless persons in Savannah. The Community of St. Joseph, led by the Rev. Jamie Maury, aim to provide worship services by and for Savannah's homeless persons living in the city, approximately 4,200.

Maury has already started with some initial worship services in the courtyard at Christ Church Savannah (last Friday's healing service is pictured at right). The ministry now offers worship at Emmaus House on the Third Friday of the month and every Sunday worship near Camp 2, an area identified with the assistance of Homeless persons interested in the Community of St. Joseph. This work is also coordinated with the city's Homeless Authority.



Mary Meeks piloted this ministry in 2013 as an intern at Columba House Savannah. She worked to put together a Christmas Day Eucharist in a homeless camp under a bridge over President Street. Coordinating the

Community Policing Officer and members of her home parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Savannah, the well-attended liturgy proved inspirational.

With other worship opportunities since then, Bishop Benhase dreamed of what amounts to a Signature Ministry for Diocesan House. The diocesan staff successfully applied for a United Thank Offering Grant to fund church goods, supplies for the liturgy, compensation for a musician, and more.

Want to take part?

You are welcome to join the worship this Friday morning at 8:45 a.m. in the courtyard of the Christ Church Savannah Parish House at the corner of Abercorn and Bryan Streets. Sundays, the liturgy will be at 9:30 a.m. at Old Louisville Road and Pritchard Street near Camp 2 (Four blocks west of Liberty & Martin Luther King Boulevard).



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