



# Winnebago County Master Gardeners

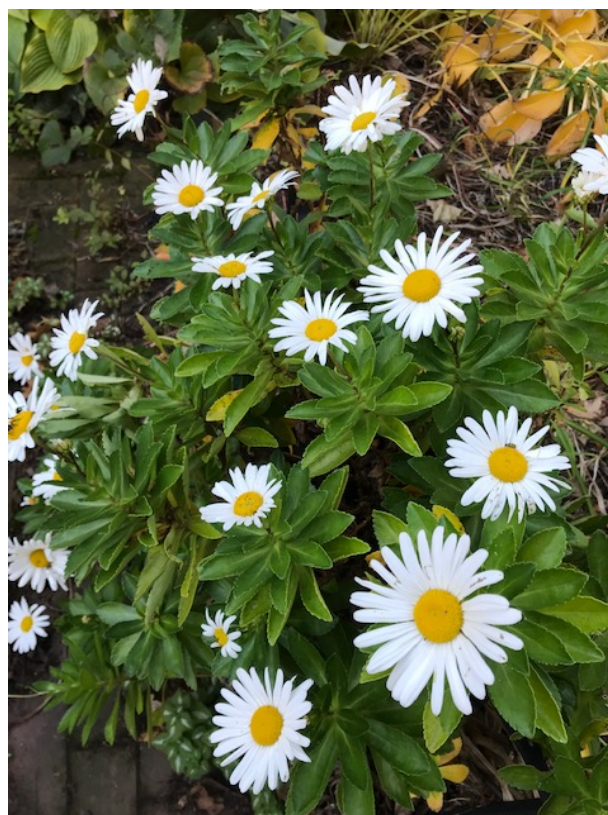
## Newsletter

November 2023

### Mission Statement

Our purpose is to provide horticultural education, community service and environmental stewardship for our community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension Program.

***Welcome November.***  
***A month to remind***  
***us to be thankful for***  
***the many positive***  
***things and blessings***  
***in our lives.***



Montauk Daisy in **Jane Kuhn's** yard in mid October. Blooms from late August until a hard freeze. Common name from Town of Montauk on Long Island where they have naturalized over a large area.

## What am I?

**By Jane Kuhn**

I am a broadleaf, herbaceous, perennial wildflower, a genus of late blooming plants in the aster family. I have tall, sturdy stems which grow up to six feet tall with flattish, mauve or rose colored flower heads and leaves that grow in whorls. My flowers are fragrant and occur in clusters of 5 to 7 florets per head and the corolla of each floret is tubular, making me popular with hummingbirds. Flowers appear in mid- to late summer, July-September. I am native to Eastern North America in zones 3 to 10. I prefer sun or part sun and damp, moist to wet, rich soils, but will grow in gravelly or sandy soils if there is sufficient moisture.

Because of my height, I am effective in the back row of a flower bed such as a cottage garden. I am a welcome addition to the butterfly garden, attracting many varieties. My plants can be kept shorter by cutting my stems back by half in June. Each spring, cut my plants back hard, to about 4-8". I can be propagated by division or two-node softwood tip cuttings taken in late spring. My plants can be divided in fall as they go dormant or in the spring just as shoots first appear. I can also be started from seed indoors or into the soil if growing as a wildflower.

## WCMGA Contacts

*Check your membership guide for contact information.*

**Advisory Team:** Kathy Daniels & Sandy Dennis

**Secretary:** Anne Murphy

**Treasurer:** Sue Egnor

### Communications Team

**Website:** Jean Reed

**Newsletter:** Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Jane Kuhn

**Partner Liaison:** Deb Butch

**WIMGA Rep:** Kathy Procknow

### Education Team

Valerie Stabenow, Linda Werner

### Meeting Teams

**DECEMBER:** Sandy Dennis, Linda Loker, Ruth Retzlaff, Kathy Schultz, Deby Voyles

**MARCH:** Deb Butch

**JUNE Picnic:** Sue Egnor and Parkview Picnickers

**SEPTEMBER:** Linda Werner, Linda Baeten

**Advisor:** Madisen Potratz



We would love your help! If you are interested in contributing to a future newsletter by writing an article, submitting a photo, or sharing a story, please let us know by the 15th of each month

by emailing [pakster0605@yahoo.com](mailto:pakster0605@yahoo.com). Each article submitted will count toward your volunteer hours. Thank you!

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## ***From your Advisory Team***

*Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.*

- Unknown

November shows sure signs that the growing season has come to an end. Didn't Summer seem to continue on and on? Fall was more like Summer with a few cool days thrown in. Volunteer gardening sites were put to bed – all of the recipients of our good work are so grateful for the beauty we have helped bring to their sites. And finally, we are able to take time to hear the crunch of leaves under our feet and watch the woolly bears make their way across the walkways. The colored leaves are always beautiful, but it's a little sad, too, to see the vibrant colors of our gardens fade away. As Fall winds down, we all know there is no shame in leaving plant materials standing so our insect friends have a home over winter. There is beauty to be seen in the garden, even with a blanket of snow!

It won't be long and we'll be looking for gardening activities to fuel us through the winter months. A few things to look forward to: Our Winter Social at Fr Carr's Place to Be on January 16<sup>th</sup> – a good time to reconnect with friends (more info in next month's newsletter). Continuing Ed credits – check the WIMGA and WCMGA newsletters and the County Extension Vibe and website for opportunities. The Lawn and Garden Expo in Madison on February 10, 2024 – a chance to hang out with our gardening friends while putting us in the middle of a number of Continuing Ed opportunities all in one place. Deadline to sign up is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Reach out to Valerie Stabenow or Linda Werner with questions. Don't forget to log your hours in ORS before the holiday craziness becomes a distraction.

A special thanks to **Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, Ruth Retzlaff and Deby Voyles**, directors and officers who have served and are stepping down. And thanks to all of you for your hard work at Master Gardener project sites throughout the year!

***Kathy Daniels & Sandy Dennis***

**Enjoying the last warm days before the freezing evenings approached.**

*Submitted by Anne Murphy*



## ***From Education Team:***

### **Wild Ones Fox Valley Chapter**

***The Ultimate Hummingbird Garden, Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m.-Noon, at UW-Oshkosh, with Randy Powers. Cost: \$30.60-\$36.***

***Register at:***

***<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-ultimate-hummingbird-garden-tickets-526974303327>***

***Audubon Partner Meeting, Pollinators: From Plants to Produce to People, Thursday, November 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Evergreen Retirement Community, Oshkosh, with Jessi Miller of Mosquito Hill Nature Center. Free. Register at:***

***<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/audubon-partner-meeting-pollinators-from-plants-to-produce-to-people-tickets-526901876697>***



**Wisconsin Forests, Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Ledgeview Nature Center, Chilton with Frank Kirschling, DNR Forester. Free. Register at:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wisconsin-forests-tickets-526975155877>

**Xerces Society**

**In the Life of Monarchs East of the Rockies: Biology and the Great Migration, webinar, Thursday, December 7, noon to 1 p.m. central time. Free. Register at:**  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oun23HtXSeyQjmS9hQFjrA#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oun23HtXSeyQjmS9hQFjrA#/registration)

**Olbrich Botanical Garden**

**Pots with Panache, webinar, Thursday, November 9, 5:30 p.m. with Nina Kozoil, horticulturist and writer. \$19 members/\$24 non-members. Register at:**  
<https://www.olbrich.org/calendar/virtual-pots-with-panache>

**Seasonal Guide to Caring for Trees, webinar, Wednesday, November 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. with Briana Frank, of Tree Health Management. \$15 non-members/\$12 members. Register by November 8 at:** <https://www.olbrich.org/calendar/virtual-seasonal-guide-to-caring-for-trees>

**Plant a Prairie: Choose Your Own Adventure, at Olbrich, Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m. with Frank Hassler, Owner/Chief Ecologist at Good Oak Ecological Services. \$20 members/\$25 non-members. Register by November 9 at:**  
<https://www.olbrich.org/calendar/planting-a-prairie-choose-your-own-adventure>

**UW-Extension**

**Bright Time: Great Perennial Plants for Sun, webinar, Thursday, November 2, 6 - 8 p.m. with Lisa Johnson, Dane County. \$12. Register at:**  
<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=eventid%3D169328663%26seotitle%3DNovember-2-Bright-Time-Great-Perennial-Plants-for-Sun%26view%3Devent%26-childview%3D>

**Adaptive Gardening Tools: What to Think About for Success Next Season, webinar, Thursday, November 9, noon, with Ann Lopez of SEWMGA. Free. Register at:**  
<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D170274614>

**Growing Adenium (Desert Rose) the Flamboyant Succulent, webinar, Tuesday, November 14, Noon, with Dan Maher, entomologist. Free. Register at:**  
<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D170274623>

**Diseases of Evergreens, webinar, Wednesday, November 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with Brian Hudelson. Free, Register at:**  
<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D163242088>

***Beautiful signs of fall submitted by Kim Willman. Retention pond near Target and Virginia Creeper on the side of a building in Oshkosh.***



## Bus trip to the Wisconsin Lawn and Garden Expo in Madison, Wisconsin

**Date:** February 10, 2024

**Leave:** former Penney's store parking lot (Highway 41 & 44) Oshkosh (where Rogan's Shoes is now)

**Time:** Assemble/departure at 7:15 AM, arrive at Alliant Center approximately 9 AM. Leave Alliant Center @ 3:30, return to Oshkosh @ 5:00-5:30 pm.

**Cost:** Includes bus, driver gratuity, Expo Ticket: \$52 for Winnebago County Master Gardener Assn. members. Friends, guests, relatives may also attend, but the cost for non-member is \$60. **If bus capacity is not reached (36), trip will be canceled and your payment returned.**

**Deadline for payment: December 31, 2023**, no exceptions. **Payments received after Dec. 31, 2023** will be returned. As per person cost is based on bus capacity, no refunds will be given, but you can send someone in your place. Our payment to the bus company has to be made in full, 30 days in advance of trip (by Jan. 10, 2024), and this allows 10 days lead time for payment to reach Lamers Bus Company.

**Checks payable to Winnebago County Master Gardeners. MAIL EARLY TO AVOID HOLIDAY MAIL ISSUES.**

Mail to:  
Valerie Stabenow  
6400 Paulson Rd.  
Winneconne, WI 54986

Please fill out this form and return it with your payment to Valerie Stabenow. **Checks sent without this form will be returned to you, and you will lose your place until both the check and this form are received.**

**Detach HERE:**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone contact: Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ (not given out to anyone)

Additional participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional participant cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_ (you will receive a payment confirmation/acceptance)

Additional participant email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Total due: \$52 for Winnebago County Master Gardener Assn. members

\$60 for non-members of the Assn.

Total payment sent: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reorganization Plan Proposal for October 1, 2022- December 31, 2023

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission:            "Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community."</i></p>	
<p>Number of member meetings per year: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September &amp; March: Business Meeting</li> <li>• December: Holiday Social &amp; June: Spring Social</li> </ul>
<p>Member meeting format:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December and June meetings social only</li> <li>• September and March are business meetings with social and/or CE components (TBD by Meeting Committee)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Advisory Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 4 members including treasurer and secretary plus at least 2 directors from membership (Initial Advisory Team to include some previous leader(s) for continuity)</li> <li>• Meets at least twice per year prior to the September and March business meetings</li> <li>• 1-year terms starting October 1, but stay on through Dec. 31 to advise/support next team members. Renewable terms.</li> <li>• Decisions can be made via email in-between meetings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve expenditures over \$500</li> <li>2. Secure adequate liability insurance</li> <li>3. Keep meeting minutes (Secretary)</li> <li>4. Review new procedures, policies, SOPS, by-laws and make recommendations to the membership as needed/proposed</li> <li>5. Maintain non-stock status</li> <li>6. Set membership business meeting agenda</li> <li>7. Coordinate with other teams</li> <li>8. At-large members coordinate membership emails from committees</li> <li>6. Encourage member initiative in proposing ideas</li> <li>7. Zoom or live pop-ups for special topics as suggested/available</li> </ol>
<p><b>Communications Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meetings</li> <li>• Individual tasks</li> </ul>	<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain Facebook page</li> <li>2. Maintain Website</li> <li>3. Maintain newsletter</li> <li>4. Email communications to members/teams</li> <li>5. Extension liaison</li> <li>6. WIMGA representative</li> <li>7. Contact/coordinator for partner organizations</li> </ol>
<p><b>Strategic Planning Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form in spring of 2023?</li> <li>• 3-4 members</li> <li>• Meets as needed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review implementation of reorganization plan</li> <li>2. Make recommendations for changes</li> <li>3. Member recruitment plan</li> <li>4. Develop 2-year plan of goals and objectives</li> <li>5. Develops budget for the plan</li> </ol>
<p><b>Meeting Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 general meeting per year of everyone interested (minimum 12)</li> <li>• 4 (minimum) persons assigned to each of the 4 meetings (can meet or work on tasks individually)</li> <li>• Creativity is encouraged to make meetings more lively/interesting</li> <li>• Drawing on member expertise for programs, presentations, etc. is encouraged</li> </ul>	<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build on format ideas from the roundtable group</li> <li>2. Work with the Education Team on CE ideas</li> <li>3. Work with Advisory Team on any business needed</li> <li>4. Set time, place, cost</li> <li>5. Reserve venue/arrange set-up and take-down</li> <li>6. Plan and carryout social component</li> <li>7. Alert treasurer of any expenses and incoming payments</li> <li>8. All expenses pay as you go</li> </ol>



<b>Education Team</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-4 members</li> <li>• Meet as needed</li> </ul>	<b>Responsibilities</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CE for membership meetings or stand-alone CE for members</li> <li>2. Monitor CE opportunities for posting on Facebook and in newsletter</li> <li>3. Coordinate with Meeting and Advisory Teams</li> <li>4. Develop ideas for community education</li> <li>5. All expenses pay as you go</li> </ol>
<b>Officers</b>	
<b>Secretary</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Takes minutes at all meetings of the Advisory Committee and general membership business meetings</li> <li>2. Posts Advisory Team minutes on the website and business meeting minutes in the newsletter</li> </ol>	<b>Treasurer</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintains financial records in Excel</li> <li>2. Pays expenses via check</li> <li>3. Reports to the Advisory Team and membership at business meetings</li> <li>4. Manages cash flow with approval of the Advisory Team (can be done via email)</li> <li>5. Prepares simple budget of known expenses</li> </ol>
<b>Goals of Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasize social functions</li> <li>• Spread the work</li> <li>• Simplify</li> <li>• Fewer meetings</li> <li>• Encourage/individual initiative</li> <li>• Make MG fun again</li> </ul>	<i>Notes: Roundtable Meeting/CE/Social Suggestions Presentation from WIMGA on its purpose/plans/offerings</i> <i>Apply for WIMGA grants for programs as needed</i> <i>Hands-on learning (park or garden tours, weed ID walk, partner organizations present or offer tours of facilities gardens, members offer programs/presentations)</i>

## Answer to What am I?

*By Jane Kuhn*



I am joe pye weed. Order: Asterales. Family: Asteraceae – aster family. Genus: Eutrochium Rafinesque. Common names: sweet scented joe pye weed, trumpetweed, Queen of the Meadow, gravel root, kidney root, mist-flower, snakeroot. It obtained its name from a Native American herbalist named Joe-Pye. Native Americans use the tea made from the roots of joe pye weed to treat fevers, colds, chills, diarrhea and liver and kidney ailments.

Resources: USDA Plants Database and associated links.

## Oshkosh Garden Scholarship Luncheon *by Kim Willman*

David Kersztyn, from the Military Veterans Museum, will be the featured speaker at the Oshkosh Garden Club's annual scholarship luncheon, Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Best Western Hotel Ballroom. He will explain the origin of Veteran's Day, as well as the development of our local veterans' museum, future expansion, and how Victory Gardens were started and their importance to the war effort.

The Oshkosh Garden Club has given \$42,500 to 22 high school students from the four Oshkosh high schools, majoring in a field of science. Beginning in 1982, the first scholarship in the amount of \$200 increased to \$300, \$500, \$1,000, and then to the current two \$1,000 scholarships.

Luncheon tickets are \$30, with a choice of pork tenderloin wrapped in bacon, a chef salad or a chickpea salad; all include dessert.

There will be basket raffles, which were donated by club members and many local businesses and a bake sale.

Tickets for the event can be purchased from club members or The Oshkosh Garden Club website: [www.oshkoshgardenclub.org](http://www.oshkoshgardenclub.org).

### Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

Organization	WCMGA Liaison(s)
<b>Carter Memorial Library</b> 405 East Huron Street, Omro, WI 54963-1045 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> <a href="https://omrolibrary.org/aboutus/friends">https://omrolibrary.org/aboutus/friends</a> 920-685-7016 <a href="mailto:omplstaff@omrolibrary.org">omplstaff@omrolibrary.org</a> <b>Volunteer Contact:</b> Anna Ludwig, 920.685.7016 <b>Volunteer application:</b> <a href="https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf">https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf</a> Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process	Sandy Dennis

<b>Miravida Living</b> 225 N. Eagle St., Oshkosh, WI 54902 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> <a href="https://www.miravidaliving.com/volunteer/">https://www.miravidaliving.com/volunteer/</a> <b>Volunteer Contact:</b> Joan Keltesch, jkeltesch@miravidaliving.com <b>Volunteer application:</b> <a href="https://hipaa.jotform.com/220336497425155">https://hipaa.jotform.com/220336497425155</a> Volunteer training sessions Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Jane Kuhn
<b>Neenah Historical Society—Octagon House</b> 343 Smith Street, Neenah, WI 54956 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> <a href="http://www.neenahhistoricalsociety.com/">http://www.neenahhistoricalsociety.com/</a> (920) 729-0244 Neenahhistoricalsociety@gmail.com Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage Background check performed by Neenah Historical Society	Jerry Robak
<b>Neenah Public Library</b> 240 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer">https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer</a> 920-886-6315 library@neenahlibrary.org <b>Volunteer policy:</b> <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf">https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf</a> <b>Volunteer application:</b> <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf">https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf</a> Background check performed by Neenah Public Library Volunteer orientation—30 minutes Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process	Sue Forbes  Bette Hoytink
<b>Oshkosh Area Humane Society</b> 1925 Shelter Court, Oshkosh, WI 54901 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> <a href="https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html">https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html</a> <b>Volunteer coordinator:</b> Sarah Stoffregen, 920.424.2128, ext. 116, sarah@oahs.org Liability protection: Contact OAHS	OPEN  If interested, contact Deb Butch

<b>Paine Art Center and Gardens</b> 1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> Volunteer contact: Annika Holland, aholland@thepaine.org, 920-235-6903 <a href="https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/">https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/</a> <b>Volunteer application:</b> <a href="https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf">https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf</a> Volunteer handbook available Background check performed by The Paine Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Ginny Slattery  Kathy Gore
<b>UW Madison, Extension Winnebago County</b> 625 E Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh Horticulture Plant Health Advising and other opportunities TBD <b>Volunteer contact:</b> Madisen Potratz, Horticulture Educator, madisen.potratz@wisc.edu, 920.232.1976	Madisen Potratz
<b>Winnebago County Historical &amp; Archaeological Society—Morgan House</b> 234 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> WinnebagoHistoricalSociety@gmail.com 920-267-8007 <b>Volunteer Contact:</b> Greg Bellmer, 920.267.8007 Liability protection: Liability protection is not provided	Kathy Schultz
<b>Winnebago County—Department of Facilities and Property Management (Coughlin Rain Garden)</b> 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> No volunteer process <b>Volunteer Contact:</b> Bob Stephenson, 920.420.6405 Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Jill Dombrowski  Ed Dombrowski
<b>Winnebago County Master Gardener Association</b> 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Deb Butch



<b>Winnebago County—Park View Health Center (Health Center gardens and Park View Prairie Garden)</b> 725 Butler Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54956 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> Volunteer contact: Missy Grundman, mgrundman@co.winnebago.wi.us, 920-237-6931 liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Health Center Gardens: Donna Kudlas Jane Kuhn  Park View Prairie Garden: Carol Swannell Jerry Schaefer
<b>YMCA of the Fox Cities—Neenah-Menasha YMCA</b> 110 W. North Water Street, Neenah, WI 54956 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> <a href="https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities">https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities</a> <b>Volunteer application:</b> <a href="https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf">https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf</a> Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	For more information: Contact Deb Butch
<b>Houses of Worship</b>	
<b>First Presbyterian Church</b> 110 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 <b>Volunteer Information</b> Contact Sue Egner	Sue Egner
<b>St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church</b> 830 S Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904 <b>Volunteer Information:</b> Contact Cindy Meszaros Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Cindy Meszaros



### Upcoming Dates:

- January 16, Winter Social, Father Carr's Place, more info to come!

November 2023						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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