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Madison County Board of Supervisors

146 W Center Street

Canton, MS 39046

Dear Madison County Board of Supervisors,

We the clergy of the undersigned churches are looking forward to continuing the longstanding tradition of hosting a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November, 18. In the past the service has been held at area churches. But last year for the first time we gathered on the Square, and those who came appreciated the opportunity to pray and worship together in the midst of the town we *all* call home. We would like to once again hold the service on the Square in Canton.

During the interdenominational prayer service, we will be offering prayers for law enforcement, first responders, local merchants, teachers, public officials and others. One only has to turn on the television to know that our current civic landscape is plagued by divisive rhetoric. Our hope is to provide an occasion for unity and harmony as we come together to give thanks for the ways in which God richly blesses this community. Because of the interdenominational and civic nature of this gathering and the fact that we are not requesting that you provide any services for us on that day, we are writing to request that you waive the fee for the use of the Square.

Thank you for your support and your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Gratefully,

*The Rev. Beth Foose*

The Reverend Beth Foose on behalf of...

Center Terrace Baptist Church

First Baptist Church

First United Methodist Church

First Presbyterian Church

Grace Christian Counseling Center

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Holy Child Jesus Catholic Church

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church

Thornton Chapel Methodist Church