

Miracle on Lagrange Road



Do you remember the heart-warming movie *“Miracle on 34th Street”*?

Well, at Saint James, in Pewee Valley, the miracle was re-created for Christmas — *“A Miracle on Lagrange Road”*.

A new Outreach Ministry was created shortly after a Morning Prayer reflection in early October on the Feast of Saint Francis. The message was very succinct: “Saint Francis challenged us to focus on this major premise — God created animals. They are our brothers, sisters or our children who require our care and our love”.

And so, a new Outreach Ministry was formed, generating incredible interest, support, and excitement. A name was chosen: “Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis — Animal Care Ministry”.

In just a few weeks after the formation of our new ministry, we were approaching the Christmas season. Teresa Cheatham, our Senior Warden, suggested we create an “angel tree”. This tree was created specifically for our beloved animals — our Brothers and Sisters, as Francis would say. And that’s when the miracle occurred. The chair of the newly created ministry, Mary Harding, took the lead and the tree and “ornaments” were developed and set up in the church next to the other Angel Tree for the two-legged children of God.

Yes, during this time of stress, Covid, natural disasters and financial woes, the Saint James’ congregation not only donated to the “two-legged” children of God, but also to the other creatures God created.

Mary Harding, is standing around HUGE donations for our beloved creatures of God: Dog food, cat food, cat beds, dog beds, gift cards, leashes, pet toys, and the list continues. Our new ministry generated hundreds and hundreds of dollars in donations for “The Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis”.



Do you believe in miracles? We do. And just think — our ministry is just beginning.

Loving All God’s Creatures. Serving All God’s Creatures.