

# Save The Date

# What's Happening This

**Today, February 9th** The Youth Church will host "Black History Month Trivia" at our North Building from 10:30 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. on Sunday February 2nd and 9th. Families are invited to join us as we celebrate Christ and our Culture!

**Wednesday, February 12th 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Community Renewal Society (CSR) will host a Judicial Candidates Forum at Gorham United Methodist Church, 5600 S Indiana Ave. in Chicago. Meet Cook County Sub-circuit Judicial Candidates and learn about the judicial process and how it affects us and our community. Register online CommunityRenewalSociety.org. The Illinois State Primary is on March 17, 2020.

**Thursday, February 13th**

"Purpose Driven Life" Bible Study Class (7 Weeks) – 7:00 p.m. Register in the narthex after each service

**Saturday, February 15th**

In celebration of Black History Month we will have a Winter Retreat for all of our youth ages 3-18 on February 15th from 8:30 - 2:30 a.m. at Covenant North. You can register in the narthex after each service or at North. Please sign your children up so they don't miss out on the fun!

**Sunday, February 16th**

We will worship God through a celebration of history featuring The MLK Project: The Fight for Civil Rights, a one woman show that follows a Chicago student's personal transformation through studying the Civil Rights Movement. The presentation features prominent and unsung figures in Chicago's history. **Please note that youth Church will be canceled so that all can attend.**

**Sunday, February 23rd**

Black History Play –2:00 p.m. - Unsung Heroes  
Light meal served before play

**Wednesday, February 26th**

#PowerhOUR / Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 29th**

Safe Church and Compliance meeting for all Ministry Leaders, the Christian Education Department and Youth Department 9 a.m. - 11a.m. This training is required for all the above mentioned in leadership and all who work with young people.

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the National Youth Event which will be held at Purdue University July 22nd-25th. Get registration packets in the Narthex after worship or contact Rev. Carmin revcfjames@covucc.org for more information.

Join Maude Baker Health & Wellness Ministry in the  
2020 Gospel Run

**Early Bird Registration**

Register at [www.gospelrun.com](http://www.gospelrun.com)

Click "Register Now" Join our Team: "Covenant UCC"

**Tuesday, 2/11**

7:00 p.m. Ministry Council  
7:00 p.m. Christian Education  
7:00 p.m. Men's Chorus  
7:00 p.m. JADE/Imani  
7:00 p.m. Green Team Ministry

**Wednesday, 2/12**

12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study  
1:15 p.m. Savvy Seniors  
5:45 p.m. Youth Choirs  
6:00 p.m. God's Little Angels  
6:00 p.m. Chair Exercise/Line Dancing  
6:45 p.m. Choral Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. Experiencing God  
7:00 p.m. JADE/Imani  
7:30 p.m. Women's Chorus

**Thursday, 2/13**

6:30 p.m. New Member Orientation  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study- Purpose Drive Life

**Friday, 2/14**

7:00 a.m. Prayer Call  
712-775-7031-Access # -165-677

**Saturday, 2/15**

10:00 a.m. Youth Winter Retreat  
11:00 a.m. Imani/JADE  
11:30 a.m. Caregivers Support  
1:00 p.m. Spanish



**February 16, 2020**

The Prayer of Jesus  
Bible Background  
Matthew 6:9-15  
Matthew 6:1-8  
Devotional Reading  
Psalm 40:1-10,16-17

**Food Pantry**

9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Servicing Areas  
60409, 60419, 60633  
60438, 60473, 60827

## Points to Remember

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# COVENANT

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Know the Past, Shape the Future

## Weekly Worship Services

**Sunday**  
7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

**Radio Broadcast Friday**  
12:30 p.m. WYCA 102.3  
Website - [www.covucc.org](http://www.covucc.org)  
Email - [info@covucc.org](mailto:info@covucc.org)

**Bible Study**  
Thursday 7:14 p.m.

1130 East 154th Street / South Holland, IL 60473  
708-333-5955 ~ 708-333-4220 fax

Rev. Dr. Ozzie E. Smith, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Patrick L. Daymond, Pastor

## Pastor's Word

Grace, mercy, and peace to you!

Let us never forget that Black History is more than a month, it happens 365 days each year! So far, our count is 401 years in America alone but preceded by centuries of oral history in the Motherland. Of course, our memory of theirs may be limited, but we do know how we got here! We are grateful to Dr. Carter G. Woodson for daring to observe what America still ignores. Psalm 124 reminds us of what really matters, "If it had not been the Lord, who was on our side ...

James Weldon Johnson captured our history powerfully in the third stanza of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," "God of our weary years. God of our silent tears. Thou who has brought us thus far on the way. Thou who has by thy might led us into the light. Keep us forever in the path we pray." These words sing of our pain, but more importantly, of God's power and promise. If it had not been for God's eternal presence and promise in the songs of our ancestors, Pharaoh might have wiped us out. Yet, we are still here!!! Although these times stir memories of an awful past, let us look to God from where all of our help comes. God is not through with us yet!!! We will not be turned around by the rants of Pharaoh or his spineless minions. We will keep our hands on the gospel plow, not looking back or turning back, but pressing on to God's higher calling! Pharaoh is temporary, but God is eternal! Whenever you're tempted to fret or complain, think of God's goodness to you! May the Lord plant our feet on higher ground, as I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Ozzie E. Smith, Jr.

## Order of Service

February 9, 2020

Opening Song	
Call to Worship	
Congregational Hymn	"Love Lifted Me"
Scripture	Matthew 5:13-16
Invocation	
-Ministry of Music	
--Recognition of Guests/Passing of Peace	
--Acknowledgements/Pastoral Period	
Tithes and Offerings	
2nd Offering (Deacon Benevolence)	
Altar Call	
Sermon	"Salty and Lit"
Benediction	
--Worshippers May Enter	

## Scripture

*13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.*

*14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

**REMEMBER, THERE ARE  
5 WAYS TO GIVE**

  
ONLINE  
[www.covucc.org](http://www.covucc.org)

  
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APP

  
TEXT "ASSIST"  
TO 708-315-2626

  
AT CHURCH

  
MAIL

## Matthew 5:13-16

## Prayer Requests

Delores Kelly, Mezell Williams, Cecelia Griffin, Evelyn Sneed, Neidra Bogan, Nina Graham, Gregory Head, LaGretta Green, Brian Barney, Barbara Phillips, Gloria



*With Sympathy*

*Alyce (Richard)Tyree on the loss of her father, John Griffin*

*Geneva L. Pollock on the loss of her daughter, Stephanie Mondane-Danley*

*Michael (Debra) & Monet Carr on the loss of Versie Fleming, mother/grandmother*

*Carla Bennet on the loss of her brother, Steven Remon*

*The Family of Sonya Herron*

*The Family of Theopolis Montgomery*


  
**COVENANT  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Mission:**  
Covenant United Church of Christ is called by Christ to connect the disconnected to Christ and equip the connected to be like Christ.  
**Matt 28:16-20**

**Vision:**  
Covenant United Church of Christ will be the realization of a multi-generational beloved community - connecting cultural affirmation, love of God and neighbor, justice for the poor, healing for the hurting, and liberation for the oppressed - for the betterment of the world and the promotion of God's kingdom.  
**Luke 4:18**

COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
INVITES YOU TO  
CELEBRATE WITH US

*Friday, August 21, 2020*  
6:00 P.M.  
MARRIOTT MARQUIS CHICAGO  
2121 S PRAIRIE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60616



**GALA RETIREMENT AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

IN HONOR OF  
**THE REV. DR. OZZIE E. SMITH JR.**

*Ticket & hotel room reservation information is available via the website, social media, Eventbrite, or by calling the church office during normal business hours.*