

Save The Date

We will be suspending activities of the church beginning today and into the coming week. Please check the website for updates.

Safe Church/Compliance — Ministry Leaders, Youth Church Department, and Christian Education Department will undergo background checks and complete training annually. If you missed the meeting yesterday please submit background check forms and complete the online training by March 31st. For more information contact Rev. Carmin at revcfjames@covucc.org, or Rev. Robert at revbuckner@covucc.org.

Join Maude Baker Health & Wellness Ministry in the 2020 Gospel Run
 Register at www.gospelrun.com
 Click "Register Now" Join our Team: "Covenant UCC"

CONNECTING TO OUR YOUTH & THEIR FAMILIES

Youth Group
https://groupme.com/join_group/36766366/cBzZdr

Parent Group
https://groupme.com/join_group/53508740/sRJnrdE1

Youth Department Ministry Leaders -
https://groupme.com/join_group/58777448/5JueqNQ1

College Students
https://groupme.com/join_group/42267168/F1Mw3B

Young Adult Group
https://groupme.com/join_group/52552887/u0stTpxT

Google Classroom— If you desire to be added to the google classroom (to be used for Virtual Bible Study, communication of Family Worship and Faith Building Activities and some general information) please email Rev. Carmin at revcfjames@covucc.org. You will receive an invitation and a brief tutorial.

REMEMBER, THERE ARE 5 WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE www.covucc.org | GIVE + APP | TEXT "ASSIST" TO 708-315-2626 | AT CHURCH | MAIL

Prayer List

Ottie Magwood, Evelyn Blakley, Kathryn Pettis, Carol Simmons, The Artis Family, Arvin Parker, Beverly Harris, Delores Kelly, Mezell Williams, Cecelia Griffin, Evelyn Sneed, Neidra Bogan, Nina Graham, Ashley Miller, Gregory Head, LaGretta Green, Brian Barney, Barbara Phillips, Gloria Farmer, Versie Littlejohn, Sharmetta Wilson, Walter Lumpkin, Jr.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Roy Cameron Jr.(Carlashawn) & Family on the loss of Roy Cameron, Sr.

Rev. Rhoda Barnes on the loss of her brother, Elder James E. Young

Deacon Lonzell Cross on the loss of his brother, Curtis Cross, Jr.

COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020 6:00 P.M.
 MARRIOTT MARQUIS CHICAGO 2121 S. PRAIRIE AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60616
 FORMAL ATTIRE REQUESTED
 TICKET & HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE VIA THE WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, EVENTBRITE, OR BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS

Points to Remember



I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday
 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Rebroadcast)
 LIVESTREAM & FACEBOOK LIVE
 or 760-548-9759

BIBLE STUDY
 WEDNESDAY - NOON
 LIVESTREAM & FACEBOOK LIVE
 or 760-548-9759

Radio Broadcast Friday
 12:30 p.m. WYCA 102.3
 Website - www.covucc.org
 Email: info@covucc.org

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

March 22, 2020

Grace and Peace Beloved,

Many of you have asked how you can be supportive. Here's how:

Praise and Worship	
Prayer	
Congregational Hymn	"I Will Trust In the Lord"
Scripture	1 Kings 17:1-14
Invocation	
Welcome to Livestream/Pastoral Period	
Tithes and Offerings	
Altar Call	
Sermon	"It Is, What It Is!!!"
Invitation/Connection	
Benediction	

Despite our current circumstances, we pray you are all reasonably well and blessed. We continue to monitor the ever-evolving recommendations around responses to COVID-19 in accordance with federal, state and CDC guidelines. All in person activities remain suspended at Covenant United Church of Christ. We are operating with critical staff only onsite from Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am - 5:00pm, Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm, and Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

- Stay connected to one another. Reach out to those you normally connect with in person with a phone call, text, or an email.
- Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands frequently and maintain social distance.
- **Continue to financially support this congregation:** We are enabling all staff who can work from home to do so; we are also continuing to pay any of our staff whose jobs can only be done on site but who are now at home. Your giving to Covenant makes that possible. There are many online options to give. Please visit www.covucc.org. You may bring your tithes, offering and donations to the church during church business hours or send your giving to Covenant United Church of Christ, 1130 E. 154 St. South Holland, Illinois 60473.

We will, of course, **continue to livestream our worship service on Sunday, March 22 at 7:30am with a rebroadcast at 11:00am.** We will also make it possible for those without computer or internet access to listen to the call via conference call. All teleconference services are operating at max capacity so we have made two options available in the event that you are unable to get through on the first try. Just dial **1-623-600-3769; Conference Code: 839683 or 1-760-548-9759.** We hope you will join us in this unique worship experience.

We also want you to know that your Covenant family walks alongside you in these disrupted days. If you or someone you know desires to talk with a pastor, please call our reception desk (708.333.5955), and they will connect you by phone with a member of our pastoral staff.

We also remain firmly **committed to continuing to feed those in our community who are hungry.** Our Share Food Pantry Ministry will be operating with adjusted procedures to limit lines and maintain proper social distancing.

And be sure to **regularly view our website, Facebook and Instagram pages** for additional opportunities to connect remotely in the days ahead.

We have been proactively engaging in, exploring and putting together ways that **we can carry out our ministry in new and meaningful ways in this new time.** You will hear more about this in the near future. Some of our plans to maintain a strong connection with you include:

Please also **continue to join us in prayer.** One of the things we know we can do together, even if we are not in the same physical space together, is to pray. We pray because prayer changes things. It changes us. Wherever we are this day, let us join our hearts together as we pray for our world, our nation, our churches, and our lives.

- **Wednesday Noon Bible Study** will be streamed live via our website, Livestream and Facebook Live, and available via conference number above starting this coming **Wednesday, March 25.**
- We will be using Zoom technology to bring small group bible study and ministry activities to members.
- Pastors are planning for regular, ongoing ways to connect with the congregation throughout the week including our new Wednesday **"If My People Prayer Call" at 7:14am CST.** Use conference number information above.

In Christ,

Rev. Ozzie and Rev. Patrick



Scripture 1 Kings 17:1-14

17 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.” **2** Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: **3** “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. **4** You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.” **5** So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. **6** The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. **7** Sometime later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. **8** Then the word of the LORD came to him: **9** “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” **10** So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” **11** As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” **12** “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” **13** Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. **14** For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’”