We will be suspending activities of the church beginning today and into the coming week. All events are subject to change!

Please check the website for updates.

Save The Date

As new cases of the coronavirus (CoVid-19) are reported in the United States and around the world, the church is called to education, caution and common sense. Here are a few basic guidelines for congregations. Good hygiene helps prevent the spread not only of coronavirus but also of colds and flu!

✓ Wash your hands frequently – with soap and water and for at least 20 seconds.

✓ Sneeze or cough into the crook of your elbow or a tissue, not your hand. Wash immediately after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.

✓ Avoid touching your face, especially your mouth, nose and eyes, with unwashed hands.

✓ Regularly disinfect surfaces frequently touched including keyboards, desktops, elevator buttons and doorknobs.

✓ Use hand sanitizer.

✓ Avoid close contact with someone who is sick.

✓ Stay home if you are sick.

Points to Remember

Saturday, March 21st
Financial Peace – 9:30 a.m. - Learn how to manage your money.
POSTPONED

Saturday, March 21st, 28th & April 4th at 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to beginners sign language class.
POSTPONED

Sunday March 22nd
Youth Department Parent Meeting, immediately following the 11am worship service. Parents/Guardians and children are invited.
SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

Saturday, March 28th
Housing Seminar 10:00 a.m.
SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

Saturday, March 28th - 2:00 p.m.
Sports Ministry hosts Old School vs. New School Basketball Tournament
SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

The National Youth Event Registration has been extended to Sunday, March 22nd. Scholarships are available on a first come first serve basis. Registration forms and Scholarship requirements are available from the Youth Church Staff.

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”
John 11:20-28

26 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, saying, 27 “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here, and is calling for you.’

Grace, mercy, and Jesus peace to you!

I pray that this word finds you holding on to God’s unchanging hands. I pray that you are talking to God in the uncertainty of this COVID-19 pandemic. Strength comes not from the news, but from God! We are in a season the likes of which none of us have seen or imagined other than in apocalyptic movies. I pray that we all will make the necessary adjustments these challenging times require—especially towards continuing stewardship of your church! Some members have already begun to bring offerings to the church. Israel built the Tabernacle in the wilderness from offerings from among the people whose hearts were stirred. (Read Exodus 35:1-36:7). I pray that your heart will be stirred to trust God as we journey through this 30-day wilderness.

It is unfortunate that we cannot assemble for 30 days. It is significant that all of this occurs in the midst of Lent. Whereas we pondered giving up “something” on Ash Wednesday, we find ourselves now giving up certainty, security, and normalcy—things once taken for granted. We have cancelled all Women’s Week activities and next week’s revival, but God is and cannot be cancelled! Let us “give up” fear and “take on” trusting God in the midst of these times! We welcome Jeannie Porter-King as our Streaming Live preacher this morning! We thank God for her husband, the Rev. Dr. Carl King and the people of Christ Community Church of God in Christ for sharing her with us today!

I listened to a despairing non-believer this week. He had nothing to report about except the virus pandemic, panic, and what else might happen. Never did he consider the power of God and come what may! Had he known, he might have said, “This too shall pass!” Joel 2:32 reminds us, “And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” I pray that you will be found trusting and giving God the glory in this wilderness of now, as I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Ozzie E. Smith, Jr.