

# What's Happening at Holy Covenant

May 10, 2020

## Welcome to Holy Covenant MCC!

*We are overjoyed that you are here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, please take a moment to introduce yourself to the people sitting next to you.*

### Easter

#### This Week's Scripture:

**Acts 7: 55 - 60**

**Psalm 31**

**John 14: 1-14**

**Sermon: by Rev. Martha Daniels  
"Speaking Out"**

## This Week at Holy Covenant AA Has been cancelled until further notice.

**Online meetings at  
<http://aa-intergroup.org/>**

*Holy Covenant invites you to bring your beliefs and identities to celebrate with us as we strive toward inclusion, spirituality, community action, and social justice.*

## Weekly Giving for May 2020

Week No.	Needed Weekly	Amt Given	Difference
5/3	\$1,050	\$ 600	-\$ 450
5/10	\$1,050	\$	
5/17	\$1,050	\$	
5/24	\$1,050	\$	
5/31	\$1,050	\$	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,252</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>	<b>-\$ 450</b>

## NEW WAY TO GIVE - EASYTITHE



Holy Covenant MCC has partnered with EasyTithe to help make giving easier during this most difficult time. Now all you have to do is text **GIVE** to 7083506577,

set up an account and you will be able to send money to us without using a check, PayPal or Square. Those options are still available to you if you prefer to continue giving as such. Instructions are below on how to give via Text.

Don't forget to share your offering with Holy Covenant—we may not be meeting in the building, but costs such as insurance and utilities continue. You may give via PayPal—access it through the link in the comments on YouTube, or on our website-- or

electronic check from your financial institution, or by sending a check. Our address is 9145 Grant Ave, Brookfield, IL, 60513.

## PINTS WITH THE PASTOR! – MAY 11<sup>th</sup>

Pints with the Pastor will take by Zoom meeting on Monday, May 11th. If you would like to join us, please email me for the password to the meeting. When you sign in to the meeting, you will be placed in a "waiting room" for me to approve your entrance to the meeting. These measures should prevent any "Zoom-bombing." If you would prefer to join by telephone only—that is, just the audio of the meeting, email me and I will give you the phone number to call to join by telephone. If you do not have the Zoom app, it is available for free in the app store of your choice. Please be sure to download and install it well before the meeting so you will be able to join us. We may be using Zoom for other purposes as well, such as a book study or other meetings, depending on how long the stay at home order is in effect.

## BOOK STUDY BEGINS MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>!

A new book study will begin next week, May 17, at 1 pm Central via Zoom. We will be discussing Inspired, by Rachel Held Evans. Evans was raised in a very

fundamentalist atmosphere in which the Bible was viewed as infallible; when she asked questions about contradictions or difficulties, she was shut down. Over many years of study and prayer, she came to a more nuanced understanding of the Bible—not a rule book, not a blueprint, but so much more. In that understanding, she calls for a new attitude towards the Bible as it reveals the changing understanding of God. The website is [www.rachelheldevans.com](http://www.rachelheldevans.com). If you would like to participate, please let Rev. Martha know so she can send you the link for the Zoom meeting.

### **MEDITATION & WOMEN'S GROUP LIFE SKILLS (FREE) – VIA ZOOM**

WEDNESDAY'S AT 7:00 PM – email Mary Ann if you are interested in doing meditation via Zoom at [only1amar@yahoo.com](mailto:only1amar@yahoo.com)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

The church building is closed to all face to face meetings, per Governor Pritzker's order. I will be monitoring our voicemail regularly, and checking mail periodically; we have an alarm monitoring system and remote access to the heating system, so the building will be cared for. Additionally, I am in contact with MCC resource people (our point Elder, Rev. Nancy Maxwell, and our network lead, Rev. Carolyn Mobley-Bowie) for support and information.

I am available by email, phone, Messenger, and text for any pastoral care needs you may have ([rev.martha@holycovenantmcc.org](mailto:rev.martha@holycovenantmcc.org); 708-387-1611).

### **ON HOLD - POT LUCK-SUNDAY**

Potluck is ON HOLD for right now, and will be depending on the COVID-19 recommendations. If we do have it, the theme is "Greek" Bring an Greek dish—think pita bread, baklava, grape leaves, feta cheese and kalamata olives, or Moussaka!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

Postponed - Spring Dance  
Postponed – Drag Queen Bingo  
Postponed - Garage Sale

### **BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM**

The next Board meeting is Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. If you would like to virtual attend, please contact Rev. Martha for the link.

### **MISSED A SERMON?**

You can find the sermons on the website <http://www.holycovenantmcc.org/sermons> or on our You Tube channel <https://bit.ly/2uEtOrK> (shortlink)

### **DRAG QUEEN BINGO – NONE FOR MAY**

**Please note: DQB is Postponed for MAY. Please watch our Facebook page for more information.**  
Drag Queen Bingo is coming up on Sunday hopefully in June at Hamburger Mary's in Oak Park, 6 pm for dinner, 7 for the games! \$15 for a card; dabbers included! We will also have a 50/50 or two.

### **REV. DANIELS MAKES HOUSE CALLS!**

**Until the Covid-19 crisis is cleared, Rev. Martha will not be making home visits. She will call or Facetime if you are in need of her prayers.**

Are you homebound and cannot make it to church? Sick? Know someone who wants a home visit or communion? Please let Rev. Martha Daniels know and she will arrange a home visit.  
[rev.martha@holycovenantmcc.org](mailto:rev.martha@holycovenantmcc.org) or call 708-387-1611

### **DO YOU USE FACEBOOK? TWITTER? INSTAGRAM? Watch YouTube?**

Did you know that Holy Covenant MCC has its own Facebook page, Twitter account and Instagram? If you are on social media, then follow us to get updates from the church on what is happening! If you are in church, check in on Facebook!

### *House of Prayer for All People*

If you would like a concern or celebration listed under Prayers of the People in the Sunday Times, please indicate this on your Attendance Card, located in the bulletins each Sunday. Unless otherwise notified, each prayer request will remain with Prayers of the People for three weeks.

Prayers for the family of Norm Mitchell a congregant of Holy Covenant who recently passed away. 2

For Nilsa's mother Myriam<sub>3</sub>

For Artis Wilson and his family on the passing of his Grandmother Moline Wilson.<sub>1</sub>

That all our medical personnel, first responders, grocery store workers and others that are still working be safe during this Covid-19 crisis.<sup>3</sup>

All those affected by HIV/AIDS, breast cancer, and other life-threatening illnesses.

That God will provide for those who are hungry, unemployed, and homeless or in financial difficulties.

All communities of faith

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We are here to meet the needs of our members and friends. We will assist you with holy unions, funerals and memorial services, home, hospital and hospice visitations, bereavement and other grief and loss issues. To schedule an appointment, please call the number above or send an email to Rev. Martha Daniels.

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