

What's Happening at Holy Covenant

May 24, 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:

Luke 24: 44-53

**Sermon: by Rev. Martha Daniels
"Rising"**

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	\$ 618	-\$ 432
5/17	\$1,050	\$ 130	-\$ 920
5/24	\$1,050	\$	
5/31	\$1,050	\$	
Totals	\$5,252	\$ 600	-\$ 1,802

TWO IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

First, several volunteers have been hard at work cleaning up (photo above) and drying out the Fellowship Hall. This has included removing the water-soaked and warped doors, baseboards, and drywall; cleaning and mopping the floors, cleaning and disinfecting the floors, bathrooms, and base cabinets in the kitchen (along with their contents), and dehumidifying with fans and a dehumidifier. We will be continuing this work of cleaning and repairing for a while. If you are able to help, please let Rev. Martha or Mary Ann Latsaras know at only1amar@yahoo.com.

We will have to replace the drywall, baseboards, floor tiles, and two doors (the utility room door and the door to Rev Martha's office, which had to be forced by the fire department when they were looking for the source of the smoke). We will also have to repaint the Fellowship Hall after the drywall

and baseboards have been replaced. Mitigation options are also under consideration, such as a check valve in the main sewer drain, raising the boiler, and sealing the foundation.

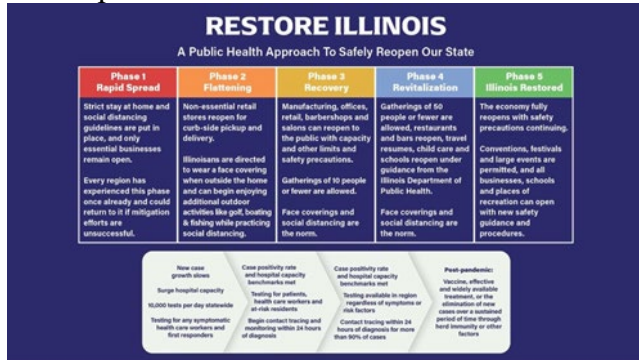
We have not yet received a determination from our Insurance company as to the amount we will receive, or whether the boiler will be covered (because it's uncertain as to whether it was a mechanical/electrical failure or caused by the water). Many people have already been very generous with financial and in-kind gifts, and we thank you and bless you for your kindness!

We will continue to keep you updated as we have new information.

Second, you may see the revised guidelines from CDC regarding churches reopening. We will continue to abide by the guidance of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the five phase plan, "Restore Illinois," the state government has put into effect. This means we will not have gatherings of more than 10 people, and social distancing/face covering remains in effect. The Board has determined that we may return to in-person worship when Phase 4 begins, with modifications to our meetings and to worship practices. Our first concern is to take care of our people first.

And of course, for Holy Covenant, the progress of the repairs to the Fellowship Hall may also affect (delay) this process.

Please continue to keep Holy Covenant in your prayers, as well as our friends and neighbors here in Brookfield and the area, as we try to dry out and clean up.



PINTS WITH THE PASTOR! – JUNE 8th

Pints with the Pastor will take by Zoom meeting on Monday, June 8th. 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 CONTINUING!

A new book study began 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. 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

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; 708-387-1611).

BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

The next Board meeting is Thursday, June 18th 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 JUNE

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 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 Bill S. for general health issues.,
For Artis Wilson and his family on the passing of his Grandmother Moline Wilson.,

David Owen who is facing a medical crisis,

For Mary Flores who's mother-in-law Anna Quilles has passed away.,

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

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

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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