



COVENANT CONNECTION

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

REV. DR. PATRICK L. DAYMOND

Grace and Peace Covenant Family,

It has now been approximately three months since we began meeting again for in person worship. I am so grateful to God for the resilience and patience of the faithful members and supporters of Covenant UCC. It has been a joy to reconnect with many of you and I look forward to seeing those of you who have yet to return. I'm excited that we have begun to reintegrate the 11am service into our worship schedule. In July and August, we will hold in person worship experiences at both 7:30am and 11am on the first and fourth Sundays. In September, if conditions permit, we will fully reintegrate the 11am service into our weekly schedule. Gradually but surely, we are rebuilding, restoring, and renewing.

You have heard me share with you that it is important that all of us find a way to serve in our area of giftedness. Although we thank God for the ability to receive and be blessed via technology, it is critically important that we find ways to work on the ground; to give not only our treasure, but our time and talent for the sake of the forwarding of God's kingdom.

We look forward to each of our ministries getting back in full swing and we need your help. We need people to serve on the worship team – our choirs, security, ushers, and the greeters ministries. We need volunteers in our outreach ministries, particularly our Food Pantry as well as some of the upcoming youth programming that will come through both our Youth Ministry and the BWS Family Life Center. We need leaders to serve in our Congregational Life and Wellness ministries. We need group leaders and facilitators to serve in our small

group ministry. In short, WE NEED YOU! God has called everybody to do something and nobody to do everything. Some of us cannot do the job of all of us. It takes all of us doing something rather than some of us trying to do everything.

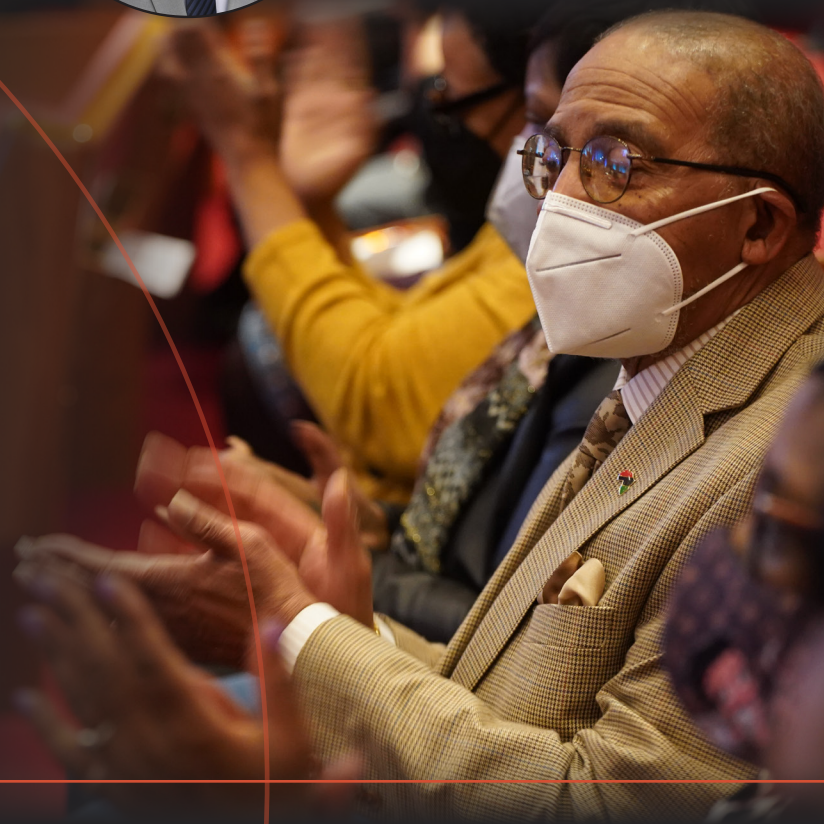
We invite you to find your fit in accordance with the gifts that God has placed in you.

Love U 2 Life,

Rev. Dr. Patrick L. Daymond



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BWS FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Q2 2022 SUMMARY

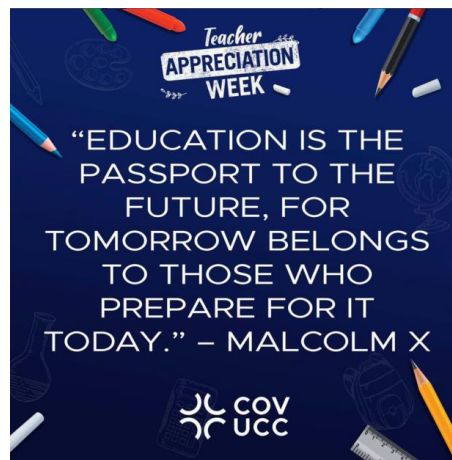
REV. DR. TROY UNDERWOOD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REV. DR. CARMIN FREDERICK-JAMES, COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mission Statement: The Barbara W. Smith Family Life Center provides individuals and families with valuable programs and resources to support human flourishing and well-being.

Mission Moment—Teacher Appreciation Week

We all remember that one teacher who made an indelible impact on our life. For Teacher Appreciation Week in May, the BWS Family Life Center took a few minutes to honor and show our appreciation for their work! On a rainy morning, we provided teachers and staff with pastries, coffee, and tea to several schools in School Districts 150 and 151.



Eco-Justice for the Eco-Conscious

We kicked off two eco-justice projects as part of Earth Day in April and May. With the support of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative, we planted 13 trees: White Oaks, Ohio Buckeyes, Dutch Elms, Magnolias, Red Buds, and American Hornbeam Blue Beach trees. Thank you to our many volunteers and ministries. We had a cross-section of ministries and volunteers involved in the mission of making our community better. What an amazing time we had with members from the Deacon Boards, Jade, Imani Dance Ministry, Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, Share Food Pantry, Music Ministry, Media, and pastoral staff. May God bless the work of your hands (Deuteronomy 28:12). It was an incredible day to #investinourplanet.



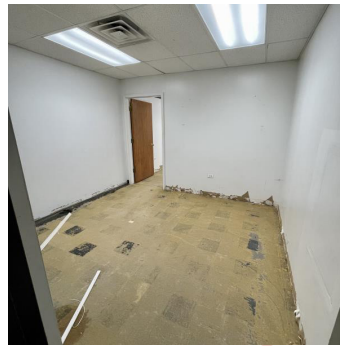
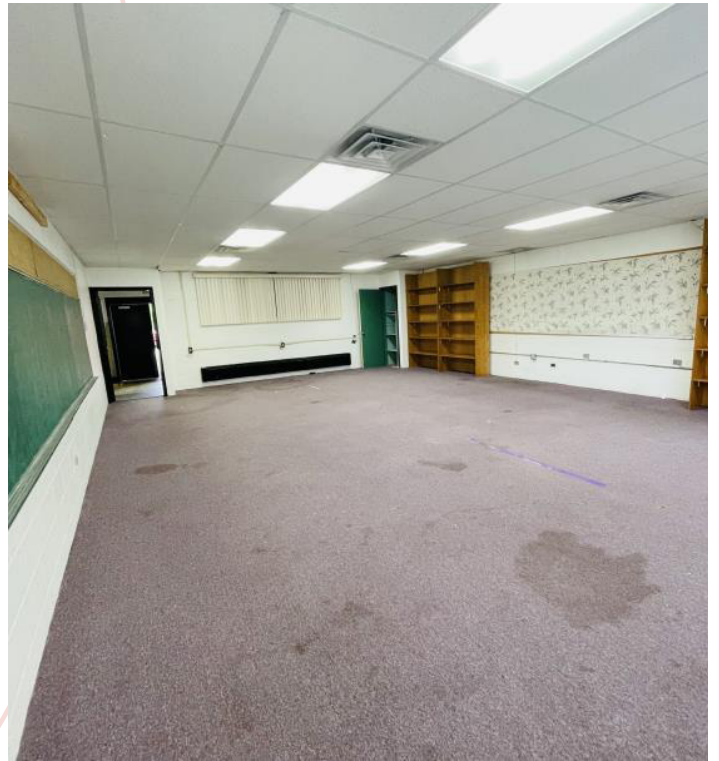
Left to Right: Gloretha Jones, Joyce Bogan, Dennyce McRoberts, and Deacon Beverly Akogu



From Left to Right: Deborah Lindsey, Debra Jenkins, Minister Douglas Gaines, and Carolyn Osborne

Pardon Our Dust - Pantry Closed Until July 9th

The food pantry remodel is underway. This is our 25th year of feeding the community. Now, through a generous grant from the Greater Chicago Food Depository, we are expanding our capacity to meet the needs of our neighbors. We continue to reach an average of 150 households and 335 individuals weekly. So that no one should go hungry, our doors are still open at Covenant West every Saturday from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Come and volunteer. We can always use some additional hands from women and men.



United States Postal Service (USPS) Always Delivers

We want to thank the South Holland Post Office for their generous donation to our food pantry. Every year they have helped us feed our community. Thank you!



PASTORAL CARE & WELLNESS

For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, says the LORD.

JEREMIAH 30:17

Beloved Grief Ministry

The isolation caused by COVID-19, sudden deaths of family members and friends coupled with numerous mass shootings, have left many people grieving and feeling vulnerable. The Beloved Grief Ministry has remained intentional in ministering to the members of CUCC and the community. BGM offers a sacred safe space monthly for those who need to share and express their feelings to someone with a trusted listening ear. This ministry has remained intentional in ministering to the members of CUCC and the community. Tools are given to individuals on how to engage or reengage in life's daily tasks.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." —Lao Tzu

Health & Fitness

We have embarked on another journey towards keeping CUCC members and the community fit for life. Monday through Thursday from 7am to 9am, you can find an intergenerational mix of members walking the track at Covenant West. In conjunction with BWS Family life Center, we are growing container herbs and small vegetables to share with the clients of our food pantry along with recipe cards.



All walk photos courtesy of James Holloway



"To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honors." - Tia Walker

Caregivers Support

Caring for a loved one can be demanding, physically and mentally. The Caregivers Support Ministry offers resources to assist the entire family with all aspects of caregiving. Suggested resources are available to those who are in palliative care, hospice or home bound.

EARTH DAY 2022

BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR PLANET



12 MINISTRIES FOR 12 TREES EVENT



IN-PERSON MINISTRY MEETINGS

It has been a long time coming, but CUCC is excited to announce that we will resume in-person ministry meetings in **September 2022**. In-person meetings may be scheduled on the following days:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays (10:00AM – 8:30PM)

Saturdays (8:00AM – 3:00PM)

Sundays – (immediately following worship service)

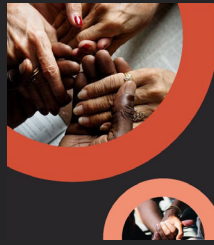
Thursdays may be available at a later date.

The church will not be available for in-person meetings on Mondays or Fridays. If your ministry prefers to meet on one of those days, we recommend that you meet virtually. Ministries who are currently meeting virtually and prefer this option, may continue to do so. However, ministries that prefer in-person meetings may reserve a meeting day and space by going to our website at www.covucc.org and clicking on MYCOVUCC. Then click on the Ministry Activity Request Form, fill it out online, save it, and send it to activity@covucc.org. Ministries are not required to retain previous meeting schedules. All ministries are welcome to reserve September meeting space immediately.

UPCOMING/CURRENT EVENTS

IF MY PEOPLE PRAYER CALL EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 7:14 A.M.

With Rev. Dr. Patrick L. Daymond
Dial: 708-546-9759



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EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 7:14AM

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YOUNG ADULT CONNECT

WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Contact Rev. Robert Buckner
at revbuckner@covucc.org

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NOON BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 12:00 P.M.

With Pastor Emeritus,
Rev. Dr. Ozzie E. Smith, Jr.
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WEDNESDAYS AT 12PM

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TECHNOLOGY CAFE

Our Online Engagement Team wants to help you access the online events of the church using your mobile devices with four in-person sessions.

Appointments Available July 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Register: <https://bit.ly/technologycafeperson>
Call: 708-546-9759
Email: revjames@covucc.org

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TECHNOLOGY CAFE

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
JULY 9, JULY 16, JULY 23, &
JULY 30
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

FOOD GIVEAWAY IS BEING REMODELED AND WILL REOPEN JULY 9TH

Location: 1102 E. 154th St.,
South Holland, IL

FOOD GIVEAWAY

**CLOSED
FOR
REMODELING**

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT RECHARGE

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Link: <https://bit.ly/wednesdaynightrecharge>

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KUMBA KIDS EVERY WEDNESDAYS @ 5:15 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

Info: sbbrown@covucc.org
Link: <https://bit.ly/cuccuumbakids>

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WORD THERAPY

EVERY TUESDAY @ 7:00 P.M.

With Rev. Dr. Patrick L. Daymond
Only on YouTube
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Exclusively on YouTube

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TUESDAYS @ 7PM CST
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VIRTUAL QUARTERLY MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022 AT 7PM

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3RD QUARTER MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 28
@ 7:00 P.M.

JUSTICE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH
@ 7:00 P.M.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jamar Boyd II

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MEN'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 | 7:30AM & 11AM

DETAILS COMING SOON

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JOIN US VIRTUALLY

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Listen by Phone: (760)548-9759

SOCIAL MEDIA

FB, Instagram & Twitter: @covucc

EMAIL

Info@covucc.org

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday at 12 p.m.
Listen by Phone: (760)548-9759

RADIO BROADCAST

Friday at 12:30 p.m. – WYCA 102.3

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

[https://bit.ly/
CUCCSouthHollandYouTube](https://bit.ly/CUCCSouthHollandYouTube)

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