

HAPPENINGS AT THE MANOR



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CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Last quarter, in recognition of 65 Years of Ministry, we focused on the history of the Ministerial Leadership at Park Manor. This quarter, we will focus on the history of the organizations/groups/ministries/programs of Park Manor.

In a neighborhood that was not very welcoming to African Americans, in May 1953, The Congregational Church of Park Manor, UCC, started ministering and serving this community by offering activities/events through the organizations of the church. Our current pastor, Rev. Dr. Terrill N. Murff, has said, “Each organization, group (or event/activity) was created and/or done out of a need.” In some instances, those past needs continue and new needs have surfaced; so we continue to serve and meet the needs of the people through our past and present offerings:

- **BOARDS/COMMITTEES:** Diaconate Board; Board of Trustees; Board of Christian Education (Bible Study & Sunday School); Missions Board; Usher Board; Stewardship Ministry; Music Ministry; Nominating Committee; Auditing Committee; Justice and Witness Committee; Endowment Committee; Grievance Committee; Pastoral Relations Committee; Ministries Evaluation Committee; Men’s Fellowship; Women’s Fellowship; Caring Ministry; Hospitality Ministry; Beautification Ministry; Archival Ministry; Faulkner, Gray, Hargett Committee.
- **MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Chancel Choir (Annual Choir Concert); Inspirational Choir; Praise Team, Men’s Chorus (Annual Concert); Inspirational Ensemble and the Revitalization of Music Ministry with additional musicians & instruments.
- **OUTREACH:** “Adopt A School” – Park Manor Elementary School; Saturday at Park Manor; Community Cook-out; HATHA Yoga; Seniors Exercise Class; Golden Agers; Young Prophets; HYPE – Helping Young People Employment); Praise Productions Dance; Chicagobility (Summer Youth Program); Young Prophets; Youth Palooza; Martial Arts; Parent Café.
- **COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS :** Alcoholics Anonymous; Chicago Metropolitan Association; Life Membership NAACP; Park Manor Elementary School Partnership; Park Manor Neighbors Community Organization; CAPS & Clergy; SOUL Community Organization; Advocate Health Care; and Off the Pews.

Underlined items are Rev. Murff’s initiatives

It is through all of the above, and more, that we have been able to reach the needs of individuals, and the community at large. We are grateful and thankful to God, that we have grown to love and appreciate God’s plan of Ministry at The Congregational Church of Park Manor, UCC. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY, FOR THE THINGS HE HAS DONE, & WILL DO!!** We pray for, and look forward to the days ahead, as we continue to seek God for guidance and direction. Matthew 6:33 says, “ ***But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*** “ So let’s continue to seek **God first**—not our family and friends, or even ourselves - **but God**, in ALL things!! Blessings to each of you.

Rev. Teresa M. Jackson—Writer & Editor

HIGHLIGHTING A MINISTRY:

DIACONATE BOARD

1 Timothy 3:8-12 says, “Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless...”

The Deacon Board was formed in 1955, with 12 men; in 1969, a Deaconess Board (Phoebe—Romans 16) was formed, with nine women; and in 1981, the name was changed to Diaconate Board, combining men and women.

We recognize our Deacons (the Diaconate Board) as they continue to be obedient to God’s instruction, and as they continue to serve God and God’s people. Thank you for your continued service.

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Pastor's Corner

Revival Begins
With You!

Greetings Beloved,

IT'S REVIVAL TIME!! As we have passed the mid-point of 2018, every place that I look, I see the moral fabric of our society in great spiritual decay. I would like to encourage us to embrace a "New Awakening."

The country is in need of a "spiritual revival" in the magnitude of "The Great Awakening" of the 1700 and 1800's. Today, Christianity is prevalent, but not as powerful as it could be. The solution is spiritual revival and awakening.

We've not had an awakening in America of historic proportion for a long time. With such a great tradition of revival and awakening, a great base from which to start, and a great need to find new ways to counteract the increasing moral and spiritual decay, our nation, our cities, our communities and our churches; appear ripe for a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit.

CHURCH EVENTS / ACTIVITIES & CHURCH CLOSINGS

July 15th—Jazz Worship
July 22nd—Quarterly Meeting
August 4th—Church Cook-out
August 18th—Back to School Rally
Sept. 4th—Praise Productions Fall Session begins
Sept. 8th—SAPM II begins
Sept. 9th—Women's Day
Oct. 13th—McKinney Luncheon
Oct. 21st—Church Gala
Oct. 28th—Quarterly Meeting

CHURCH REVIVAL

Each Sunday in August @ 10:30 a.m.

WE ARE CLOSED ON —

Sept. 3rd — Labor Day

HOMEBOUND: Let's continue to pray for, and remember, our homebound members. "Is anyone among you sick? Then we must call for the elders of the church to pray for them." James 5:14. Those near and far, need our prayers.



SYDNEY & SIRRETTA VINCENT have been members of Park Manor for many years—Sydney since 1959 and Sirretta since 1968. They are both very active in the life of Park Manor, serving in whatever capacity needed—from Moderator, Men & Women Fellowship chair/president, birth month chairperson, Stewardship chairperson, Audio/tape tech, etc. They have given of themselves over the years; and this year, we want to celebrate them for their personal accomplishment to each other, and to God, with 50 years of marriage.

Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Vincent!!

ANNUAL REVIVAL

August 5, 12, 19 & 26

Speakers:

1. Rev. Isaac Hayes
2. Rev. Stephanie Crumpton (MTS)
3. Rev. Joanne Terrell (CTS)
4. Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL
JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER
MEMBERS**

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SUMMER OUTREACH

Praise Productions Dance
Camp (July 3rd—July 27th);
and

Chicagobility - In conjunction
with Off the Pews, we opened
our doors to a summer
program offered by the City of
Chicago. (July 3rd—August
10th)

We thank God that we were
able to provide a safe place for
these young people.

