



# So You Know!



Sunday, September 1, 2013  
Community Covenant Church

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## THIS WEEK

Today

Worship Celebration 10:00 am  
Fellowship Time 11:10 am

Monday Labor Day—Office Closed

Next Sunday — RALLY DAY

Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Celebration 11:00 am  
Fellowship Time 12:10 pm

## OUR DAILY BREAD

Copies of *Our Daily Bread* for September-October-November 2013 are available in the narthex.

### CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

**Louise Balzarini**  
c/o Anna Juliano  
81 Bigney Avenue  
Brockton, MA 02301

## ONLINE GIVING

Just in case you didn't already know!

Often our weekend plans take us away from our home church as we travel to visit family, go on vacations, etc., but of course church expenses never take a vacation. Your faithful giving throughout the year is required if we are to continue to meet our financial obligations.

As a convenience to those who may find it easier, electronic giving is still an option. Simply visit the church website at [www.communitycovenant.com](http://www.communitycovenant.com) and click on "Giving to Support Christ's Mission". There, you can schedule a one-time gift or a recurring amount to be transferred directly from your bank account to the church bank account on a weekly or monthly basis.

Questions regarding any church financial issues may be directed to Lee Stewart, Financial Officer.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS FOR ALL AGES!

Rally Day – Next Sunday – September 8<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

**Toddler- K:** Bible Story Central – *Big Wave Discovery*

**Grade 1 thru Grade 6** – Big Answers for Big Questions – *Big Wave Discovery*

**Junior High** – Will grapple with the tough questions in their lives

**High School** – Will have Authentic Conversations & Bring Relationship Building to a new level

**Adult Class** – Bible Class – "Acts" - See September's Cornerstone for details

What steps are you taking to grow in Christ?

Don't worry about the past. The future will come later. It's all about now.

Sunday School. We need your undivided attention

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, September 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**  
“The Most Difficult Priority in Life”  
Text: 2 Samuel 24:18-25
- **Stewardship Campaign—**  
“Growing the Vision—Fulfilling the Mission”
- **God’s Word for God’s Children**

### Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> Nancy McCarthy will provide care in the Nursery; Nikki DeLano will be in the Toddler Room.

### Children’s Church

Children’s Church is for children (Kindergarten - 3rd grades) during the second half of our Sunday morning worship celebration. The leader on September 8<sup>th</sup> will be Candi Keith.

### HELP FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME



If you would be willing to prepare coffee/tea after worship for one or more Sundays, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Please see Brian McCarthy or Janet Ek with any questions. On the day you sign up to be responsible for Fellowship Time, please let Brian know when you arrive! *Thanks....*

### HONEY FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Date: Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

Place: Community Covenant Church

To Benefit: Science With a Mission

Cost: Tickets \$10 advance/ \$15 door



Come explore your taste buds and learn about the different tastes/textures of amazing honey from around the world. This event is family friendly with gifts, prizes and games. See Ruth Carrigan or Donna Halleran for tickets.

This is a SMI Board endorsed event.



### CHOIR REHEARSALS

*He who sings prays twice.*

St. Augustine

Choir rehearsals will begin again on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Consider joining us this year as we join our voices in song to praise the Lord. Practices are on Wednesday nights at 7:15 in the sanctuary. Choir members please note - ***we will sing on September 8<sup>th</sup>*** for Rally Sunday with a rehearsal at 10:25am before the service. Contact Charlie Dillingham for more information.

### Whale Watch tickets to support Science with a Mission!

- **What:** Whale watch aboard the Hurricane II out of Rose's Wharf in Gloucester. For more details, directions, what to bring, etc, visit [www.seethewhales.com](http://www.seethewhales.com).
- **When:** Flexible! You can use your voucher for any sailing April through October, except for the 1:30pm sailings on weekends, July-Labor Day. Vouchers do not expire!
- **Why:** Support Science with a Mission, bringing diagnostic testing to developing countries!  
\$18 of each ticket goes directly to SMI!
- **How much:** \$30 per ticket. (Regular prices range from \$33 to \$48!)
- **Now what:** See a member of the SMI board - Katie Sandford, Donna Halleran, or Ruth Carrigan.



### **FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER NEEDS**

To make a request, please call the church office at 508-583-3360 or e-mail to [office@communitycovenant.com](mailto:office@communitycovenant.com); or call Candi Keith at 508-583-1227 or e-mail to [cskeith@comcast.net](mailto:cskeith@comcast.net). Requests are forwarded to prayer chain participants.

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

- Paige & Cory Coffey family – praise God for the birth of Travis on August 16
- The 30 children that attended our Vacation Bible School
- Ernie Johansen – at home - rehabbing from knee replacement on July 15
- Janet Cheney – home - rehabbing from knee replacement surgery on July 15
- Jeanne Henry (Becky Phelan's mother) - at home under hospice care with cancer
- Patrick Heathcote (Nikki DeLano's brother) and family - dealing with a tragic accident
- Stewardship Campaign Committee - Beth Stewart, Betti Buzzee, David Sawyer, Lindsay Buzzee, Mark Phelan, Scott Ambroceo, and Pastor Olson
- Dave Buzzee – in Afghanistan; working for Raytheon
- Theresa Guaraldi - undergoing tests to diagnose ongoing physical ailments
- Joe Cheney (Dana Cheney's brother) - home recovering from successful surgery to remove cancerous lung nodule on May 28
- Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Administrative Assistant Becky Phelan
- Our world-wide mission – Jay & Ellen Hayworth, Japan
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Life Covenant Church, Morganville, New Jersey, Derrick Jackson, Pastor



### **HORIZONS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN**

#### **Like Kids? Come Play With Us!!!**

Horizons for Homeless Children is looking for volunteers to play with young children living in homeless shelters in Massachusetts. The commitment is just two hours a week, but it will make a real difference in these children's lives. And in yours. The next training will be held Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 9am to 3pm in West Bridgewater. Other dates are available. To apply or to find out more, call 508-510-3250 or visit [horizonschildren.org/playspaces](http://horizonschildren.org/playspaces).

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES AT CCC

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

Small Group Ministries at CCC exists so that each of us would grow deeper in our relationships with Christ and each other as we learn, support, worship, serve, and pray together. Our vision is to provide a point of connection within the church and the larger community where we may grow spiritually in our faith and knowledge of Christ; be encouraged, supported, and challenged; and feel a sense of belonging and our place in the larger body of Christ. This fall, six groups will begin - we hope that you will find your point of connection!

Pertinent information about each group is listed below. Each will run from mid-September to mid-May. You can sign up on Sundays through September 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**Facilitator: Susan Bolinder**

**For: adults and youth ages 12+**

**Location: church**

**Day/time: Every other Saturday morning at 10am, starting September 21<sup>st</sup>**

This small group will be studying some of David's Psalms, with materials by author Dee Brestin. Bring your Bible and any creative materials you desire. Study pages will be provided. After our study time, we will engage our creative side and "journal" the scripture portion of the day any way you like . . . with pen and paper, scrap booking, sketching/painting - whatever you choose to depict the scripture. This *is not* an instructive class. You are encouraged to use *your* creative abilities. We will also spend time praying for and encouraging each other. I am so excited about this group. Please consider using your creativity to study God's Word.

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**Facilitators: Steve and Debbie Patt**

**For: all adults**

**Location: Patts' home, East Bridgewater**

**Day/time: Mondays 6:45-8:45pm, twice monthly, starting September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

As Christians, we know that God does not exempt us from common human experiences such as rejection, loss, failure, weakness, doubts and injustice, but we also know that we have God's repeated assurance that He is with us and hears our prayers. Using *Growing Through Life's Challenges* by James and Martha Reapsome, this group will examine biblical examples of those who faced their challenges honestly and grew in their faith and love of God.

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**Facilitators: Kathy and Jim Clements**

**For: all adults**

**Location: Clements' home, East Bridgewater**

**Day/time: every other Sunday at 6pm**

This group will once again be Missions focused and a study learning from the spiritual giants of the Faith. The book we will be studying is called 50 People Every Christian Should Know. We will also do a mission moment from Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation. Time will be devoted to reaching out, supporting encouraging and connecting with our missionaries around the globe...and praying, encouraging and supporting one another.

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**Facilitator: Greg Sandford**

**For: young or young-ish adults**

**Location: Sandfords' home, Brockton**

**Day/time: every other Sunday at 7:30pm, starting September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our group builds community among people at CCC in our 20s and 30s...and maybe *slightly* older. During our first meeting we'll look at book options and decide together what our study focus will be for the year. We enjoy fellowship, laughing, sharing, praying...eating...Above all, our group loves to encourage each other in our daily lives and in our relationships with God.

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**Facilitator: Pastor Olson**

**For: all adults**

**Location: Church library**

**Day/time: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:30am – 12pm, starting September 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Joy Under Stress - a Bible Study in Philippians*'Of all the letters Paul wrote to churches, this one to the Philippians stands out as being the most personal. No sharp rebukes of the congregation mar its joyful spirit: no disturbing problems threaten the progress of the church. It is a word of encouragement to walk faithfully with Jesus Christ in all situations of life. Just as this is Paul's most personal letter, so we will be encouraged to build deeper and more personal relationships with Christ and each other. In the end, as we encounter the stress of life...we will find joy as we live out our faith as Christ's community.

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**Facilitator: Beth Stewart**

**For: women only**

**Location: Beth's home, East Bridgewater**

**Day/time: Thursday evenings at 7pm, starting September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sensible Shoes is the story of four women who say “yes” to an invitation from the New Hope Center in Kingsbury, Michigan. Jesus says, “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.” (Matthew 11:28-30, MSG)

We invite you to come take a sacred journey to freedom, healing, and transformation. This small group will be a place where you can connect with fellow travelers and be inspired by one another's stories. May we know the adventure of keeping company with Jesus!