



So You Know!



Sunday, September 8, 2013

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Celebration 11:00 am

Fellowship Time 12:10 am

Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm

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CHOIR REHEARSALS

He who sings prays twice.

St. Augustine



Choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, September 11th. 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. Contact Charlie Dillingham for more information.

NEW WEBSITE IS UP!

Our new website is now available online at www.communitycovenant.com. We are still working out some bugs and making it more user-friendly, but it is live and ready to use. Contact Becky in the office with any comments or questions.

OUR DAILY BREAD

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

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 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.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday, September 11 5:00pm

At East Bridgewater UMC

No charge; donations accepted

All are welcome!

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....*

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, September 15th 11:00am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
"Percentage Giving Keeps the Priority"
Text: Deuteronomy 16:6b-17

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, September 15th Michelle Peebles will provide care in the Nursery; Mabel Sawyer 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 15th will be Steve Gillis.



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.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Rev. & Mrs. Bob Hirsch
2125 N. Olive Avenue
Apt. A-34
Turlock, CA 95382

A Taste of Honey from around the world:

Friday, October 11th

Doors open at 7pm

Community Covenant Church

Will benefit Science with a Mission.

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door

Honey tastes very different depending upon where the bees collect their pollen.

Using crackers, cheese, chocolate, etc. you will have the chance to try at least 6

different honeys including local honey. Reserve your place today! This event is family friendly with gifts, prizes & games. For tickets: contact Donna Halleran at 508-894-8222 or dmaewright@comcast.net.





FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER NEEDS

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Rich & Chrissie Folger - grieving the death of Rich's father, Joseph Folger on September 1; *Witness to the Resurrection* was on September 6
- Madelyn Newberg - Baypointe Rehabilitation, Brockton
- Paige & Cory Coffey family – praise God for the birth of Travis on August 16
- 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 – Leadership Team member Peter Vacchi
- Our world-wide mission – Cathy Campobello, Colombia
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Rev. Jason Condon, East Coast Conference Director of Church Planting
- U.S. military personnel & their families
- Seth Gillis – US Marine Corps, North Carolina
- Spc. James Gignac (Nicole Aguirre's brother) - U.S. Army, Afghanistan
- Myrtle Tighe - The Arbors Assisted Living, Stoughton
- Marge Shurtleff - Emmanuel House, Brockton
- Marion Schill – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Pat Gillis—Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro

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 15th.

Facilitator: Susan Bolinder

For: adults and youth ages 12+

Location: church

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

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.

Facilitators: Steve and Debbie Patt

For: all adults

Location: Patts' home, East Bridgewater

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

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.

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.

Facilitator: Greg Sandford

For: young or young-ish adults

Location: Sandfords' home, Brockton

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

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.

Facilitator: Pastor Olson

For: all adults

Location: Church library

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

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.

Facilitator: Beth Stewart

For: women only

Location: Beth's home, East Bridgewater

Day/time: Thursday evenings at 7pm, starting September 19th

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!