



So You Know!



Sunday, September 15, 2013

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

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| Today | Sunday School | 9:45 am |
| | Worship Celebration | 11:00 am |
| | Fellowship Time | 12:15 pm |
| Tuesday | Leadership Team Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Wed | Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 pm |
| Friday | Covenant Kids Club | 7:00 pm |
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COVENANT KIDS CLUB

Covenant Kids Club starts Friday, September 20th at 7:00 pm. The club is open to any kids in grades 1-6. The club meets the first and third Friday night of each month from September through the end of March. Friends are always welcome. This Friday night's meeting will include a campfire (weather and bugs permitting), songs, games, snacks and a fruity Bible lesson. Meetings end at 8:30 pm.



GROW the VISION

STAY CONNECTED

Additional copies of the *Grow the Vision-Fulfill the Mission* newsletters, as well as the 50 Days of Prayer Devotional, are available in the narthex. You can also access these documents on the web. Go to our brand-new website at communitycovenant.com and find the link to the Stewardship Campaign in the bottom left corner of the homepage!

EBBA BUSINESS FAIR

Saturday, September 21st 10am - 2pm

Community Covenant Church will once again be represented at the East Bridgewater Business Association's Business Expo & Family Fun Day. Carol Phelan will have a table set up and will be greeting people and answering questions, but she would love to have some company for the day! If anyone would be willing to help Carol spread the word about our wonderful church family, see her today after church.

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Beginning Friday, September 27th at 6:00 pm and continuing until Saturday, September 28th at 6:00 pm, the Stewardship Prayer Team will conduct a prayer vigil in conjunction with our Stewardship Campaign at CCC.

All of you are prayer warriors, and you are needed! You may come to the church at any time...you will not be alone in the building. Many people have offered to "cover the building" for the 24-hour vigil.

You can pray! There will be written helps to aid you. There will be areas set up for meditation. Please come...you will be blessed!

We are seeking to learn God's will. Prayer is the only way to discern it. Matthew 9:35-38, John 14:12-14, and Colossians 4:2-6 testify to us that we need to be praying for his workers, for ourselves, for opportunities, and for those who do not know Him.

These are exciting times in our church. Please come and participate in this important act of worship.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the multipurpose room after church today.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, September 22nd 11:00am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“Progressive Giving Increases the Priority”
Text: 1 Peter 4:10
- **God’s Word for God’s Children**
- **Presentation of Confirmation Bibles**
- **Grow the Vision—Fulfill the Mission**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, September 22nd Michelle Peebles will provide care in the Nursery; Susan Bolinder 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 leaders on September 22nd will be Jolie LaValle and Betti Almeida.

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.

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....

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Ruth Killman
3937 Stillwater Drive
Rocklin, CA 95677

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.



CONNECT FESTIVAL 2013

As most of you probably know, Andrea and I (along with a small group of volunteers) run a 501(c)3 ministry that organizes Christian concerts and outreach events throughout New England featuring nationally touring Christian musicians, bands, and speakers/evangelists. Last fall we put on our largest event to date called Connect Festival and had just under 2,000 people come out to Francis Farm in Rehoboth, MA. We are holding that festival again in just a few weeks (October 5th) and are in need of volunteers to help it run smoothly. So I am reaching out to see if any of you would be interested in serving with us at the festival. For more information on the festival go to www.ConnectFestival.org.

Our biggest needs for volunteers currently are security and merchandise sellers (especially in the evening). However, we have many positions still needing to be filled including parking, stage crews, set up & tear down teams, etc.

Shifts start at just 2 hours long or you can serve throughout the entire day. The actual event goes from 12:00 noon until 10:00pm. The full list of positions is available at <http://www.connectfestival.org/Volunteer.html> and you can sign up online! We are asking volunteers to purchase a discounted "volunteer ticket" to the festival and then we will reimburse a portion or all of the ticket price based on how many shifts the volunteer works. However, let me know if you are planning to sign up and I'll tell my volunteer coordinators to waive the ticket fee for you.

We're so excited to see what God does with this event this year, and we hope you can come be a part of it! If you have any questions please email volunteers@fuseconcerts.org.

Thanks so much!
Brian Sawyer

HEATING THE CHURCH BUILDING

The Facilities Ministry Team is planning to turn the heating system on in the church building on Sunday, October 21st. Please dress accordingly (and children, too) when you come to the church for worship or any program. Thanks!

LETTERS FOR HEART-TO-HEART

Letters, birthday cards, and Christmas cards will be sent on October 7 to the children of Heart-to-Heart Village.

The July to December birthdays are posted on the bulletin board. This is the time to send birthday cards to those children.

On September 22 and 29, and October 6, I will have cards available. You may also leave notes and cards in the envelope on the bulletin board.

Mabel Sawyer



LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!

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!



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

- Arielle & Michael Hewitt - our church's missionaries with Campus Crusade in Boulder, CO; they had to evacuate their apartment because it was flooded with 4 feet of water on September 12
- Daniel & Andrea Kaiser and family – our church’s missionaries with Africa Revolution; awaiting visas and funding for missions move to Zambia
- "Grow the Vision - Fulfill the Mission" - Stewardship Campaign
- Our Church's Nominating Committee - seeking God's guidance for 2014 leadership nominations
- Ernie Johansen – at home - rehabbing from knee replacement 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 – Vice-chairperson Katie Sandford
- Our world-wide mission – Byron & Susan Bruckner, Alaska
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Sanctuary Church, Providence, RI, Andrew Mook, Pastor
- U.S. military personnel & their families
- Seth Gillis – US Marine Corps, North Carolina
- Spc. James Gignac (Nicole Aguirre’s brother) - U.S. Army, Afghanistan
- Pat Gillis—Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Madelyn Newberg - Baypointe Rehabilitation, Brockton
- Marion Schill – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Marge Shurtleff - Emmanuel House, Brockton
- Myrtle Tighe - The Arbors Assisted Living, Stoughton



MEN’S MINISTRY BREAKFAST Saturday, October 5th 7:00 am

All men are invited to the Men’s Breakfast at 7:00 am on Saturday, October 5th. Please notify Tom Chiocca at 508-824-5717 by Thursday, October 3rd if you are planning to come.