



So You Know!



Sunday, November 24, 2013

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Soupfest	12:15 pm
Thursday	OFFICE CLOSED—THANKSGIVING	
Saturday	CHIC Wreath Decorating	8:00 am
	Decorating Sanctuary for Christmas	1:00 pm
Next Sunday		
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	12:15 pm
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm

CHIC CHRISTMAS WREATHS LAST DAY TO ORDER!

Once again our youth are selling fresh decorated Christmas wreaths for the same, amazing low price of \$12. Today is the last day to order. You may choose your bow color (red, cream or burgundy). Order a wreath to support our youth; they thank you in advance. You can pick up your wreaths next Sunday, December 1st! See Gabrielle with questions.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Take time to give thanks to the Lord this Thanksgiving. There are 2 churches in East Bridgewater holding Thanksgiving worship celebrations on Wednesday, November 27th:

- St. John Parish will hold Thanksgiving Mass at 6 pm.
- EB United Methodist Church will worship at 7 pm.



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday, November 30th 1:00 pm

Please join us as we decorate for the Advent and Christmas Season this Saturday at 1:00 pm. All ages are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ENJOY OUR ANNUAL SOUPFEST!

TODAY after worship

After worship we're having our annual Soupfest. Why do we do a Soupfest? It is all about Covenant World Relief, CWR for short.

CWR is the humanitarian aid ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church, bringing disaster relief and long term transformational community development among the most vulnerable. Lives are saved, lives are transformed. CWR works with the poor, the powerless and the marginalized around the world and in this country.

Community Covenant Church has a long history of generosity to CWR, and the Soupfest is just one part. This is an awesome time where people can eat delicious soup and share in a time of fellowship. Suggested donation for the Soupfest is \$5 per person with a maximum of \$15 per family. All are welcome; no one will be turned away.

This year, we will also be sharing our joy and bounty with the East Bridgewater Food Pantry, so please bring a canned item to donate!

It takes a community to put together a Soupfest. Many thanks for your continued support.



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WORLD RELIEF

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, December 1st 11:00am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“Watching and Waiting for the Kingdom”
Text: Isaiah 2:1-5
- **Lighting of the Advent Candle**
- **Mission Moment: Angel Tree**
- **Sacrament of Holy Communion**
- **Anointing with oil for healing**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, December 1st Michelle Peebles will provide care in the Nursery; Gabrielle Olson 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 December 1st will be Steve Gillis.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

December 1st 12:15 pm

We will reconvene our Congregational Meeting briefly after worship next Sunday, December 1st in order to form the search committee for a Youth and Young Adult Pastor.

WOMEN OF FAITH CHRISTMAS SIMULCAST

Woman of Faith presents the 2nd Annual Women of Faith Christmas for the **entire** family. Come and celebrate the birth of Christ with **your family and friends**. This special evening will be seen via a LIVE Simulcast from Plano, TX at the location below. Join Sheila Walsh, Lisa Harper, and Pastor Max Lucado for timeless messages that focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Enjoy music from Francesca Battistelli that will bring the wonder of Christmas to life. Bring new meaning to your Christmas season and celebrate the birth of Christ with an event everyone will enjoy!

LOCATION: East Bridgewater JR/SR High School
143 Plymouth St
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

DATE: Friday, December 6
TIME: 8:00-10:30 p.m.

Contact number: [508-296-3873](tel:508-296-3873)

A **free will** offering will be taken

Come to celebrate and spread the **JOY** and **Hope** of **Jesus!**

ALL are welcome! We encourage you to invite anyone you feel would like to attend.

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:

Marion Schill

Hannah B. Shaw Home, South 27

299 Wareham Street

Middleboro, MA 02346

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your love and support during this difficult time. I truly appreciate all the cards, prayers, and well-wishes, and I am grateful to everyone who attended Bob’s Witness to the Resurrection. The service was a wonderful time of family and friends sharing wonderful memories about Bob and about his witness for Christ to the world.

Dolores Bergstrom



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

- Bud Finch – diagnosed with diverticulitis
- Janet Cheney & Family – Janet’s brother, Chuck Cove, expectantly passed away on Monday, November 16 and services were held on Saturday, November 23
- Phil Gueli’s father – recovering from “exact and extensive surgery to correct and gird-up his lower spine” on Wednesday, November 20.
- Leadership Team – as they begin the process of forming a Search Committee for the *Young Adult and Youth Pastor*
- Congregational Meeting – December 1 to vote on Search Committee for the *Young Adult and Youth Pastor*
- Christine Skinner – at home, recovering from surgery on November 6th to repair her muscle and tendon in the hip region
- Chris Smith – recovering from eye surgery and that it will be 100% successful
- Dolores Bergstrom – grieving the death of her husband, Robert; the *Witness to the Resurrection* was on Friday, November 15th
- Susan Reilley – under treatment and recovering from a blood clot in her lung
- Karen Alger – rehabbing from knee surgery at Life Care Center, Raynham
- Robert Johnson (Evelyn Fleming's brother) - with Alzheimer's and under Hospice care
- “*Grow the Vision - Fulfill the Mission*”– our next steps
- The bid process for our bathroom renovation project
- Dave Buzzee – in Afghanistan; working for Raytheon
- Theresa Guaraldi - undergoing tests to diagnose ongoing physical ailments
- Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Covenant KIDS CLUB - teachers/leaders
- Our world-wide mission – Jay & Ellen Hayworth, Japan
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Rev. Kreig Gammelgard, East Coast Conference Director of Congregational Vitality
- 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 - Heights Crossing Assisted Living, Brockton
- Marion Schill – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Marge Shurtleff - Emmanuel House, Brockton
- Myrtle Tighe - The Arbors Assisted Living, Stoughton

CAN YOU HELP US?

Women Ministries recently became aware of a tragedy to a friend of Nikki Delano who lives in Maine. Nikki's friend died, leaving behind a young widow and 5 children, aged 10, 8, 6, 5, and 3. We want to show kindness and caring to support Nikki, and this young mom, Michelle Wheeler and her children, Maggie, Owen, Kenzie, Liam, and Shay.

After considering some of the known needs and with Christmas around the corner, we believe the best way to help would be a gift card to a local department store near Michelle in Maine where she can get the right items and the wrong fitting size won't become a problem. If you would like to join us to help this young family, please see Jane Ostlund.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
Saturday, December 14th 11:00 am

Mark your calendars and plan to join us. Donna Halleran will be our guest speaker and will provide information about services, resources, and items that may be helpful to us as we age (e.g., telephones that help those with hearing problems, and where to call for fuel assistance). She will also speak about an upcoming workshop on "*Your Five Wishes*".

Following Donna's presentation, we'll join in the singing of some Christmas carol favorites, and then proceed into the Fellowship Hall for our luncheon.

Invite a friend! Need a ride? Call the church office at 508-583-3360 or Mabel Sawyer at 508-378-2278, and we will arrange transportation.

STEWARDSHIP & THANKSGIVING

In this season of thanksgiving, a sincere 'thank you' is in order to everyone who supports our congregation throughout the year with their attendance, service and regular financial contributions.

For those of you who are interested, the church offers electronic giving options for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. To donate, visit www.communitycovenant.com and click on "Giving to Support Christ's Mission".

OUR DAILY BREAD

Copies of *Our Daily Bread* for December-January-February are available in the narthex.

GROW THE VISION-FULFILL THE MISSION

At our congregational meeting we voted together to begin making our vision a reality:

- You can begin fulfilling your stewardship campaign pledges by designating gifts to "Grow the Vision" either in the memo of a check or by marking an envelope.
- The Leadership Team is forming a search committee for the Young Adult and Youth Pastor. If you have any suggestions for people to serve on this committee, please speak to a member of the Leadership Team.
- We are beginning the bid process for the bathroom renovations. If you would like to recommend a licensed general contractor, please let the Leadership Team know.

WOMEN OF FAITH 2013

"From our church, Nancy Ohlen, Gab Olson and I drove to the conference together - what fun! We each came away with a sense of God's presence and purpose for our lives and current circumstances, as if the Lord took us from the day to day to give us each a new perspective on His love for us. Please ask any of us to share our experience with you!"

We were all blessed by the music, speakers and fellowship. We would love you to consider joining our group next year.

WOMEN OF FAITH 2014 EVENT: REVIVAL

November 7th & 8th 2014

Transform your soul, awaken your spirit, and revive your faith at this 2014 event: Revival! At this all-new event you'll receive powerful Bible teaching, be inspired by uplifting music, enter into authentic worship, and more. Experience the renewal that comes from spending time in the presence of God. Discover new joy and a fresh sense of purpose. From now until **December 2nd**, tickets will be **discounted** by \$30. (Premium seating would cost \$81.00) If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please talk with Renie Ellis.