



So You Know!



Sunday, December 1, 2013
Community Covenant Church
400 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333
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THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	12:15 pm
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
Wed	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Thurs	Community Advent Worship	6:00 pm
Friday	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
	Covenant KIDS CLUB	7:00 pm
	WOF Christmas Celebration	8:00 pm
Next Sunday	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship: Baptism Reception	12:15 pm

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today after worship


We will reconvene our Congregational Meeting briefly after worship today in order to form the search committee for a Youth and Young Adult Pastor.

PICK UP YOUR CHIC WREATHS

If you ordered a CHIC wreath last month, you may pick it up today during fellowship time.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will grace our sanctuary as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, and they will be delivered to shut-ins after Christmas. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost, please use one of the envelopes on the table in the Narthex, which can be placed in the office or offering plates. Donations of any size are welcome and appreciated!



"Let There be Light!"
Community Advent Celebration
Thursday, December 5th 6:00 - 6:25 pm

Followed by procession to the
Lighting of the Common

*Sponsored by East Bridgewater
Clergy Association*

WOMEN OF FAITH CHRISTMAS SIMULCAST

This Friday, December 6th 8-10:30 pm

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

CONTACT: 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.

AVA MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE



At the Congregational Meeting on November 10th, we announced with some disappointment that only \$463 had been given to the East Coast Conference in support of our AVA matching grant challenge. Shortly following that announcement, the East Coast Conference informed us of several more donations that have been made totaling \$989, bringing our grand total of matched donations to \$1452!

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, December 8th 11:00am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“The Coming of Hope”
Text: Isaiah 11:1-10
- **Lighting of the Advent Candles: “Prepare”**
- **Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Caleb Shawn Buttrick**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, December 8th Rachael Buckley will provide care in the Nursery; Keegan Widner 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 December 8th will be Jolie LaValle and Betti Almeida.

CELEBRATION OF BUTTRICK BAPTISM

The Buttrick family invites everyone to come to a special fellowship time after worship next week. The Buttricks want to celebrate the baptism of their son, Caleb Shawn Buttrick, with the whole church family.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Sunday, Dec. 22nd

Volunteers are needed to bake breads and mini-muffins, and also to help with set-up at 9:30 am before worship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to cook or to help.

Please place food items on a plate ready to be served (sliced, etc.), and bring to the church on Sunday, Dec. 22nd by 10:15 am.

MENDING THE SOUL

<http://www.mendingthesoul.org>

MTS (Mending The Soul) is a model for survivors of abuse/trauma peer support groups. It is an integration of scientific and social research on healing from abuse with a biblical foundation.

February 2014 through May 2014 an evening MTS peer support group for survivors of present or past abuse/trauma will take place. Priscilla Borden and Phyllis Swirka will be the trained co-facilitators of this group. It is a 14-week commitment to healing from the pain and trauma of the past, growing closer to Christ and a deepening of faith in God.

All participants in this group will be expected to regularly attend one weekday evening from 7 to 9 PM for 14 weeks and work in the MTS workbook between meetings. Attendance and what is shared in group is totally confidential. The group will have no more than 6 group members plus the two facilitators. **Registration for the MTS peer support group will begin on December 15th. Anyone who wishes to join the group is required to be registered no later than January 12th, 2014.** No one can attend this group without preregistering and meeting with Priscilla and/or Phyllis. The enrolment process is an important part of “Mending the Soul”. It has been designed to help facilitators discern the readiness of each participant for peer group participation. A MTS participant must be ready to begin telling their story and listening to the stories of others.

Any one wanting to know more about MTS or would like to attend the MTS support Group starting February 2014 contact Priscilla Borden at [508-451-9301](tel:508-451-9301) or email ArachneAS@aol.com.

OUR DAILY BREAD

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



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 – at home - 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*
- Search Committee for *Child Care Coordinator*
- 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...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 – Chairperson John Miltner
- Our world-wide mission – Cathy Campobello, Colombia
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – New City Covenant Church, Roxbury, MA, T. C. Moore, 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 - Heights Crossing Assisted Living, Brockton
- Marion Schill – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Marge Shurtleff - Emmanuel House, Brockton
- Myrtle Tighe - The Arbors Assisted Living, Stoughton

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.

THANK YOU!

As grateful to God as we are, nothing makes us more fully aware of His goodness and love than the possibilities of loss.

Special thank yous to my church family for your cards and prayers during my eye situation. I am so grateful for your care.

In Christ's Name,
Chris Smith

VEGGIE TALES CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Saturday, Dec. 14th 5:30-7pm

All ages are invited to come watch Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas (the newest Christmas VeggieTales, narrated by Uncle Si from Duck Dynasty) and decorate a Christmas cookie. Kids of all ages are welcome to come in their PJs if it's close to bedtime. Tell your friends and family to save the date!

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

In order to share the joy of the holiday season with those who are less fortunate, Leadership Team has decided that the entirety of this year's Christmas Eve offering will be donated equally between the two food pantries in East Bridgewater. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Leadership Team.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Myrtle Tighe

The Arbors Apt. 319

2121 Central Ave

Stoughton, MA 02072

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.