



# So You Know!



Sunday, December 8, 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
	Fellowship: Baptism Reception	12:15 pm
Wed	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Saturday	Senior Fellowship Luncheon	11:00 am
	VeggieTales Christmas Party	5:30 pm
Next Sunday		
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Safer Places Committee Meeting	12:15 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	12:15 pm

## CELEBRATION OF BUTTRICK BAPTISM

### Today after worship

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

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

**THIS Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## G.R.A.S.P: GRIEF RECOVERY AFTER SUBSTANCE PASSING

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30 pm**  
**Community Covenant Church**

EB HOPE (East Bridgewater's anti-drug coalition) with The Brockton Mayor's Opioid Overdose Prevention Coalition has seen the desperate need for support in the local area for those who have lost their loved ones to the devastating disease of addiction and are offering a grief recovery group. Meeting at the same time, one group is available for spouses and parents and the other group is available for youth which may include siblings and friends. Please call 508-742-4405 with questions.

## CHIC WREATHS AVAILABLE



There are still a few CHIC wreaths available for purchase in the multipurpose room. \$12 each, to pay for CHIC 2015!

## VEGGIE TALES CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**THIS Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00am**

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**  
    *“The Key to Joy”*  
    Text: Isaiah 35
- **Lighting of the Advent Candles: “Rejoice”**
- **Live Nativity by the Children**
- **Consecration of *Angel Tree* gifts**



### Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> Sarah Stewart 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 December 8<sup>th</sup> will be Joann Cousin and Kathy Clements.

### 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!



### OUR DAILY BREAD

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

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING NEXT WEEK

All those interested are invited to the library following worship on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> for a blood pressure check, a service to help us care for our health.



### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

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. 22<sup>nd</sup> by 10:15 am.



### 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

- *Child Care Coordinator* Search Committee – Donna Halleran, Gabrielle Olson, Pastor Olson
- *Young Adult and Youth Pastor* Search Committee – Scott Ambroceo, Kim Buschenfeldt, Lindsay Buzzee, Ruth Carrigan, Steve Gillis, Katie Sandford, Beth Stewart, Pastor Olson
- *Angel Tree* – children and families receiving gifts; those who purchase and deliver gifts
- *Mending the Soul* – leaders Priscilla Borden and Phyllis Swirka; those who will join the group
- Christine Skinner – at home, recovering from surgery on November 6<sup>th</sup> to repair her muscle and tendon in her hip region
- Chris Smith – praise God that her eye surgery was successful
- 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 – Rev. Howard Burgoyne, East Coast Conference Superintendent
- Our world-wide mission – Fred & Kelly Prudek, Czech Republic
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Global Missions Coordinator Michelle Peebles
- 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

### **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:

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

### **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.
- A search committee for the Young Adult and Youth Pastor has been formed.
- 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.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who wishes to join the group is required to be registered no later than January 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:ArachneAS@aol.com).