



So You Know!



Sunday, December 22, 2013

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today	NO Sunday School	
	Continental Breakfast	10:30 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
Tuesday	Christmas Eve Worship	5:00 pm
Wednesday	OFFICE CLOSED—CHRISTMAS DAY	
Next Sunday	NO Sunday School	
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm

WEATHER ALERT!

During inclement weather, to find out if our worship and ministry events are cancelled, turn to television station WCVB, channel 5. Their website, www.wcvb.com, will also have closing information. You may also sign up there to have closing information delivered by email or text message.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 24th 5:00 pm

Come enjoy this beautiful worship service. We will be singing several of the favorite Christmas carols. The worship will conclude with the candlelit processional of the Nativity Scene by our Senior High School students as we claim the truth of this "O Holy Night."

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.

REMINDER:NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today: Sunday, December 22nd

Next Sunday, December 29th

There will be no Sunday School today or next Sunday, December 29th, due to special events happening those days.

OFFICE CLOSED WEDNESDAY

The office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas.

PASTOR OLSON ON VACATION

Pastor Olson will be on vacation between Christmas and New Year's Day. Please contact the church office with any needs.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will grace our sanctuary as we 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!



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, December 29th 11:00am

- **No Sunday School**
- **Rev. Ron Mancini, preaching**
 “The Trouble with Christmas”
 Text: Matthew 2:13-23
- **God’s Word for God’s Children**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, December 29th Beth Miltner and Barbara Stickney will provide care in the Nursery; Betti Buzzee 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 29th will be Kristen Lanagan.

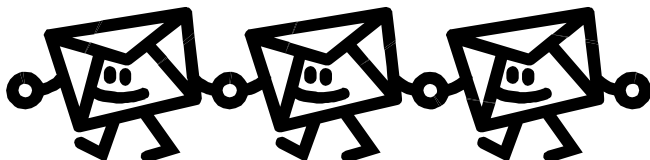
THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT!

A week at Camp Squanto next summer! Brochures and registration forms are available on the table in the narthex. Give the gift of fun and formation!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2014

AVAILABLE NOW

Offering envelopes for 2014 are in the narthex, arranged alphabetically by last name. If you would like offering envelopes and don't see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office at 508-583-3360.



COVENANT HOME ALTAR

Copies of *The Covenant Home Altar* for January—February—March 2014 are available on the table in the narthex.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friends:

Ruth Killman
3937 Stillwater Drive
Rocklin, CA 95677

GROW THE VISION-FULFILL THE MISSION

As of December 13th, we have collected \$20,355 towards our *Grow the Vision* campaign! That means that we have given \$2,035.50 to missions locally and globally. Each dollar brings us closer to fulfilling our mission!

- You can fulfil 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 and will be meeting this week.
- 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.



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

- Pastor Was Mute (Koyuk, Alaska) – suffered a heart attack and surgery to insert three stints; doing well, pray for full recovery
- *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 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 6th to repair her muscle and tendon in her hip region
- 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 – Worship Accompanist Susan Reilley
- Our world-wide mission – Barbara Swanson, Belgium
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Life Covenant Church, Morganville, New Jersey, Derrick Jackson, Pastor
- 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

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 begins 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.

