



So You Know!



Sunday, January 19, 2014

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	12:15 pm
Tuesday	Leadership Team	7:00 pm
Wed	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Next Sunday		
	Sunday School	9:45 am
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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.



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH?

Inquirer's Class on Saturday, February 1st

Pastor Olson will be offering an Inquirer's Class for anyone interested in knowing more about how we at the Community Covenant Church are living the Christian faith. This class is open to any non-member from 9th grade through adult.

We will meet on Saturday, February 1st from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Our schedule for the day will be:

8:30—9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	Session 1
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Session 2
12:00 pm	Lunch and Open Discussion
12:45—2:00 pm	Session 3

This class is the first step toward full membership for those who are considering membership at this time. Even if you are not considering membership, come and join in the fun as we grow in our faith and understanding of how God calls us to live our lives in His community, the Church.

Please RSVP to the church office at 508-583-3360 or e-mail: office@communitycovenant.com as we need to plan for food and space. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Olson at the Church Office.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

All those interested are invited to the library following worship today for a blood pressure check, a service to help us care for our health.

AVA MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE

As of December 31, 2014 churches throughout the East Coast Conference donated \$1835 for our matching grant challenge toward Advocacy for Victims of Abuse. After our match, that means \$3670 went to AVA last year!

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, January 26th 11:00am

East Bridgewater Pulpit Exchange

- **Rev. Donna Keane, preaching**

"Fear and Faith"

Texts: *Isaiah 65:17-25*

Mark 1:14-20

- **God's Word for God's Children**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, January 26th Susan Bolinder will provide care in the Nursery; Donna Halleran 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 January 26th will be Ruth Carrigan and Kim Buschenfeldt.

BE MY VALENTINE

Sunday, February 9th after worship



Stay for "Dinner on the Grounds" following the morning service (sometimes referred to as pot luck). Bring a dish to share if you can, but it's not a requirement.

Bread, rolls, dessert and beverages will be provided.

For those who wish to participate, we'll join the young people present in decorating Valentine cookies and making Valentine cards. These will be packaged and delivered during the week to our senior adults and shut-ins in time for Valentine's Day.

This is an opportunity to get together for some food, fellowship, and a little bit of fun. Got questions? Speak to Kathy, Mabel, Sandy, or Janet Ek.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friends:

Marion Schill

Hannah B. Shaw Home, South 27

299 Wareham Street

Middleboro, MA 02346

SAVE THE DATE!

FIVE WISHES WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 1, 2014 9:00 am

"Five Wishes" is a living will that talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. It lets you choose the person you want to make health care decisions for you if you are not able to do so for yourself. "Five Wishes" lets you say exactly how you wish to be treated if you become seriously ill. It was written with the help of The American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging as well as the nation's leading experts in end-of-life care. This open conversation will be a hands-on workshop as you fill out your "Five Wishes" document.

This workshop is for those 18 years and older. A free box lunch will be provided. Reservations are required. Please call the church office at 508-583-3360 to register.



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

- Carol Forte – having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, January 21
- Courtney & Bryan Goodwin family – congratulations on the birth of Callan Arthur Goodwin on Tuesday, January 14
- Joann Cousin – recovering well from placement of a coronary stent on Monday, January 13
- Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan – violence and war in the region (1,000 dead and 200,000 displaced); Covenant World Relief is responding
- Karen Alger – rehabbing from knee surgery at Life Care Center, Raynham; now able to put full weight on her leg
- *Young Adult and Youth Pastor* Search Committee – Scott Ambroceo, Kim Buschenfeldt, Lindsay Buzzee, Ruth Carrigan, Steve Gillis, Katie Sandford, Beth Stewart, Pastor Olson
- *Mending the Soul* – leaders Priscilla Borden and Phyllis Swirka; those joining the group
- Christine Skinner – at home, recovering from surgery on November 6^t to repair her muscle and tendon in her hip region
- Pastor Was Mute (Koyuk, Alaska) – suffered a heart attack and surgery to insert three stents; doing well, pray for full recovery
- 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 & Music Coordinator Jean Brown
- Our world-wide mission – Michael Hewitt - Campus Crusade, Boulder, CO
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – New Season Church, Bronx, NY, Phil Bonano 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

WELCOME BABY UPDATE

Esther Garland and I took advantage of the warm(er), sunny weather on Monday, January 13, to deliver thirteen Welcome Baby gift bags to East Bridgewater families. We left bags at six homes and had an opportunity to speak with the mothers at the other seven. It was still very cold for “open door” visiting, so our conversations were brief. As always, our thoughtfulness was appreciated.

Every time we make deliveries a few are especially touched by the effort put into the handmade items. A special “Thank you” to anyone who donates these hats, booties, carriage robes or “one of a kind” items. This time we were able to include a donated coupon with no expiration date for a free Jumbo Pack of Pampers, which everyone happily received. As we leave these items at every home, regardless of religious affiliation (very often none) we are expressing God’s unconditional love for all people.

Thank you to all of you in our church family who support this ministry through donations, prayer and encouraging words.

In Service to Him,
Nancy Ohlen,
Welcome Baby Outreach Coordinator

STORIES OF GOD’S PRESENCE

We (our church) are going to publish a compilation of stories that communicate the reality of God’s presence in our lives. It is clear that God is here and active in our lives and we want to share this with each other.

Would you be willing to write a brief story of a time when you experienced God’s presence? It could be a time when God “dramatically” broke through during a time of struggle or tragedy. It could be a time that some would call an “insignificant” event such as when you are fishing or cleaning your home. The point is we want to share the story of God’s presence in everyday life.

We are hoping for a minimum of 40 stories from 40 people. We will publish these stories for this year’s season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Here are the specifics:

- Stories need to be submitted by February 9th
- Stories need to be 325 words or less
- Stories will be edited for publication purposes
- A favorite/applicable Bible verse may be included (this is optional and is not part of the 325 words)
- We will upload these stories to our church’s website
- Stories in electronic form will be appreciated and can be emailed to office@communitycovenant.com
- If you need help writing your story, we will help you by providing one of our “ghost writers”
- For more information, speak to Janet Ek, editor (lover of stories and words)

During our “*Grow the Vision – Fulfill the Mission*” stewardship campaign, everyone was blessed by using the daily devotional book for the campaign. In that spirit, we believe this will be another way for us to be encouraged and challenged to see God’s presence in our everyday lives.

So...pray and ask God what story He wants you to share and start writing.