



# *So You Know!*



**Sunday, February 9, 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
	Valentine's Party	12:15 pm
Tuesday	YA&Y Pastor Committee	7:00 pm
Wed	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Thursday	Leadership Team Meeting	7:00 pm
	GRASP Grief Group	7:00 pm
Saturday	VBS Informational Meeting	10:00 am
Next Sunday		
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	12:15 pm

## **BE MY VALENTINE**

### **TODAY 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.

## **MEN'S MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER**

If you would like to receive the Men's Ministries Newsletter in your email, please sign up through the Constant Contact link on the church's website. A new issue just came out, so sign up today!

## **BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY:**

### **JESUS THE ONE AND ONLY**

Fridays from 10:00 am—12:00 pm, we will be having a Beth Moore Bible Study at church. If you would like to join us, please contact Carol Ostlund as soon as possible to get a workbook. As we spend this treasured time with our amazing Father, His Word will truly be a Lamp unto our feet and a Light for our path.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

### **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**

Snow may be falling, but plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School are well underway for the week of July 14-18 (9am-noon) for children ages 4 through those entering grade six! This year's theme will be SonRise National Park. As kids explore SonRise National Park, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all: they can always depend on Jesus and His promises of true peace, true riches, true power, true love and true hope! At SonRise National Park, kids will learn to trust Jesus as their all-powerful guide and Savior! If you'd like more information about helping with SonRise National Park, we will have an informational meeting on Saturday, February 15, at 10am. It is not necessary to be able to attend VBS in order to use your gifts for this important ministry. Please see Betti Buzzee or Gabrielle Olson with any questions.

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**  
“*How Pure Is Your Heart?*”  
Text: *Matthew 5:8*
- **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**  
*Travis James Coffey*

### Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Crystal Coffey and Gabrielle Olson 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 February 16<sup>th</sup> will be Ruth Carrigan and Kim Buschenfeldt.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

NEXT SUNDAY

All those interested are invited to the library following worship on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for a blood pressure check, a service to help us care for our health.

### OUR DAILY BREAD

*Our Daily Bread* for March-April-May is now available in the narthex.

### CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friends:

**Rev. & Mrs. Bob Hirsch**  
**2125 N. Olive Avenue**  
**Apt. A-34**  
**Turlock, CA 95382**

## STORIES OF GOD’S PRESENCE—DUE TODAY

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 5<sup>th</sup>. Here are the specifics:

- Stories need to be submitted by February 9<sup>th</sup>
- 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](mailto: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.



### 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

- Phil Gueli – recovering at home from surgery on January 29 to repair the meniscus in his left knee
- Diane Gillis (Stephen Gillis's wife) – rehabbing from knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, January 29
- Carol Forte – Baypointe Rehabilitation Center – rehabbing from knee replacement on Tuesday, January 21
- Holly Dye (Carol Hill's daughter) - home and recovering well from major surgery on Tuesday, January 28
- Madelyn Newberg – grieving the death of her son on Thursday, January 23
- 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 home
- *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 to repair the muscle and tendon in her hip region
- 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 Michelle Peebles
- Our world-wide mission – Covenant KIDS Congo - Didier
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Hope Church NYC, Astoria, NY, Drew Hyun, 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

### THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY

Many thanks to each of you for your expressions of sympathy following the passing of my mother on Thanksgiving Day.

With each card, each word of comfort and encouragement, you shared in the sorrow of the loss of Mom's presence here on earth, and you also shared in the joy of knowing that she is in the presence of her Lord and Savior..

My thanks to all of you,  
Janet Ek

# "A New Life" "Out of the Ashes of Abuse"



When abuse rips apart a family, a household, a marriage and/or a relationship, the person or persons forced to leave are often in need of the very basic items of everyday life. Often for safety sake they have to leave practically everything behind.

Persons leaving abusive and dangerous relationships need the help of agencies, law enforcement and God's people.

**From Feb. 16 to Apr. 13, 2014 we will be collecting  
The following items  
For  
Brockton Family & Community Services.  
A donation box will be placed in the Narthex**

#### **Basic toiletries:**

Travel size tooth paste, tooth brush, soap, comb, shampoo, cream rinse, hand cream, face cloth, deodorant, hair brush, comb

Diapers, baby wipes, baby powder, diaper rash cream

#### **Gift Cards from a drug store or grocery store:**

To be used to purchase formula, diapers, diaper rash cream  
female sanitary supplies

#### **Canned Goods, non perishable foods**

Please check the expiration date before donating, thank you

#### **DAYTONA500 PARTY**

You don't have to be a race fan to join us for this Men's Ministries annual event. A couple of years ago the race was rained out and we barely noticed! We'll be gathering at Dave Sawyer's "man cave" on 2/23/14. The race will be on the TV and for non-race fans, we'll also have games of pool, Wii and darts.

DATE: Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

TIME: 1:00 p.m. (or whenever you can get there)

PLACE: 11 Balmy Lane; Middleboro (see or call Dave Sawyer for directions)

Home tel. # 774-213-9050

Guys of all ages are invited and are encouraged to bring a friend(s). Everyone is asked to please bring a snack, hot or cold hors d'oeuvres, desert or soft drink to share with the group. Please let Dave Sawyer know if you plan to attend and let him know what you'd like to bring - or ask him what may be needed (so we don't end up with 20 bags of pretzels and no soda!).