



So You Know!



Sunday, March 30, 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
Wed	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Thurs	YA&Y Pastor Committee	7:00 pm
Friday	Women's Bible Study	10:00 am
	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men's Ministry Breakfast	7:00 am
Next Sunday		
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	12:30 pm

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have nearly a dozen beautiful babies in our congregation currently, we are truly blessed! We are looking for a few good men (yes, men AND women) to volunteer for nursery duty during Sunday worship, approximately one Sunday every two-to-three months. Volunteers will be Safer Places trained and CORI (background) checked prior to serving in the Nursery. If you would be willing to assist, please speak with either Gabrielle Olson or Michelle Peebles.



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Once again, the teens will be selling hanging baskets of annuals, as a fundraising effort towards the 2015 Covenant High In Christ conference. The baskets will be available on Mother's Day weekend, May 10th-11th, on a first-come, first-serve basis. More details will be available as the date draws closer. Please consider supporting our teens in this worthy cause.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

NEXT Sunday, April 6th

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Community Covenant Church will be held after worship on Sunday, April 6th. There will be a light lunch served during the meeting for those attending. All are invited to attend this very important time together, but only members are allowed to make motions or vote.

Please join us for this review of our church's past year and a look into the coming year as we see where God is leading us in service to Him and our community.

The Annual Report and Agenda are available on the table in the Narthex.

If you are attending, please contact the office to make a reservation.

COVENANT HOME ALTAR

The *Covenant Home Altar* for April-May-June is now available on the table in the narthex.

2014 DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Church directories for 2014 are now available in the narthex. If you notice anything that needs correcting, please contact Becky in the church office by phone at 508-583-3360 or by email at office@communitycovenant.com.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
NEXT SUNDAY, April 6th 11:00am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“A Woman—Jesus Didn’t Throw Stones”
Text: *John 7:53-8:1*
- **Sacrament of Holy Communion**
- **Anointing with oil for healing**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, April 6th Michelle Peebles will provide care in the Nursery; Jen Ambroceo 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 April 6th will be Joann Cousin and Kathy Clements.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the Welcome Baby gifts. With this cold winter, we used the hat and booties. We also want to thank the church for all the prayers for us and Camden while he was sick. It is great to have a church family we can rely on.

Beth, Matt, and Camden Llanes



WOMEN MINISTRIES BABY SHOWER

Saturday, April 12th 10:00 am

Women Ministries is hosting a baby shower for the 7 new babies in our community. Brunch will be served, and moms and babies will be presented with gifts purchased by Women Ministries. All ladies are invited to celebrate these precious new lives! Please find the sign-up sheet during Fellowship Time to RSVP.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Ruth Killman
3937 Stillwater Drive
Rocklin, CA 95677

ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST
STORIES OF GOD’S PRESENCE

Our congregation has compiled a book of stories of God’s presence in our lives. Each weekday during Lent, there is a new story from one of our parishioners. Join us each day as we read these encounters.

There are still copies of our booklet available in the narthex. You can also find each day’s story on our website at communitycovenant.com. Just click the link at the bottom of the homepage to find our *Encounters with Christ* blog, updated Monday-Friday.

ADULT SOCIAL

“Les Miserable”

at

The Company Theater, Norwell, MA

Tickets: \$34 per person

Sunday, July 27th 3:00 pm

Please use the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex and then return a check for \$34 made out to “Community Covenant Church” and with “Norwell Theater” in the Memo by **Sunday, April 27th**. Please see Mabel Sawyer or Kathy Clements if you have any questions.

There will be a luncheon following worship at the Eks’ home in Rockland. We will proceed from there to theater in Norwell. Only 20 seats reserved so sign up early!



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

- The Widner family – as Keegan & Lori have dedicated themselves to raise their children, Robin & Connor in the Lord Jesus Christ
- Chuck Pierce & family – grieving the death of Chuck's brother, Ronald, who died on Tuesday, March 25 and services were held on Saturday, March 29
- Dave Buzzee – praise God that he arrived home safe on Saturday, March 29 from Afghanistan
- *Ask the Lord of the Harvest* – those whom we have committed to pray for and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with as the Holy Spirit leads us
- Annual Congregational Meeting – April 6th, 12:30 pm
- David Baker (Priscilla Borden's brother) – Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Sandwich
- Jon Olson (Pastor Olson's son) – receiving treatment for Burkitt Lymphoma
- Diane Gillis (Stephen Gillis's wife) – rehabbing from knee replacement surgery
- Carol Forte – at home – rehabbing from knee replacement
- Theresa Guaraldi - undergoing tests to diagnose ongoing physical ailments
- *Young Adult and Youth Pastor* Search Committee – Scott Ambroceo, Lindsay Buzzee, Ruth Carrigan, Steve Gillis, Katie Sandford, Beth Stewart, Pastor Olson
- *Mending the Soul* – leaders Priscilla Borden and Phyllis Swirka; those joining the support group
- Marilyn Johnson (Evelyn Fleming's sister-in-law) – fell and broke her pelvic bone
- 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
- Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Leadership Team member Peter Vacchi
- Our world-wide mission – Pastor Was & Jean Mute, Koyuk, Alaska
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Rev. Howard Burgoyne, East Coast Conference Superintendent
- 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for EASTER BANQUET FOR THE HOMELESS Covenant Congregational, Jamaica Plain, Saturday, April 12th

Covenant Congregational Church in Jamaica Plain will be holding an Easter Banquet for the homeless on Saturday, April 12th from 1:00-3:00pm (with some prep time before). If you are interested in helping out—bringing some food and helping in kitchen or serving—please contact Karin O'Connor at occonnor190@yahoo.com.

On Saturdays, we also have a weekly Rest Stop, a drop-in center for the homeless. If you are interested in volunteering on a monthly basis, you will need Starlight training. Please contact Karin if you would like to know more.

CHILDCARE POLICY UPDATES

Pagers – New Policy

We have a new pager system, and now will begin implementing a new manner of distributing pagers to parents/caregivers. For the Sunday School hour, the Toddler Room teacher or Nursery attendant will provide one pager per family, as the child is dropped off. For those families having a child in both Toddler Room and Nursery care, we will provide one pager per family; please communicate your pager number to the non-assigning attendant as you drop off your second child.

Prior to the worship hour, our Childcare Coordinator Katie McNally will be greeting children and caregivers, and assigning pagers. Again, one pager per family; and Katie will escort toddlers to the Toddler Room – while infants can be taken (with diaper bags, etc.) to the Nursery, after the pager has been assigned.

Storage Cubbies

Outside of the childcare rooms, you will see a new bin-style storage system with cubbies, for storage of coats, jackets, backpacks, etc. Each Sunday, whatever number pager you are assigned will correspond to the cubby that you can use. For example, the family with pager number 5 is assigned cubby number 5 for their children's belongings. Diaper bags can still be given over to the Nursery care personnel, as needed.

Our goal in using the cubby system is to minimize the congestion inside the childcare rooms, and make the transition for the children as safe and calm as is possible. After you retrieve your child(ren) from childcare, please collect all belongings from your assigned cubby, and dress your child(ren) in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Retrieving Children

Issuing a pager to a parent/caregiver as a child is left in the care of “the church” is part of our Safer Places policy for a number of reasons, but primarily for the safe return of the child to the person with the pager. Therefore, please understand that we cannot release children without the corresponding pager being returned. Therefore, if you have children in BOTH AREAS – PLEASE HOLD YOUR PAGER until your last child is released to your care. Simply show your pager to the attendant when you pick up your first child, and explain that you need to pick up a child in the second room. Please relinquish your pager as you retrieve your second child.

Children Participating in Worship

At her discretion, our Childcare Coordinator will occasionally bring a group of toddlers into Sunday worship, in order to participate in a few minutes of praise songs. The children will be escorted by adults and be seated together. They will be instructed that they will leave together, after 2 songs; and then return to the Toddler Room. They will not be permitted to leave the group, or to sit with parents.

Our goal in this venture is to introduce the children to worship in an exciting way. Many parents have requested that children be introduced to the worship experience in this fashion.

Please understand the need to have your child(ren) to their assigned location by the time Sunday School starts (9:45 a.m.) or Worship starts (11 a.m., or 10 a.m. during the summer months). Also, volunteers and teachers need to be at their “stations” a few minutes before these times, in order to greet families and children.

FINAL NOTE

Again, our prayer is that the implementation of these policies will support our continued effort to make Community Covenant Church a safe and welcoming place for all children and families. Should you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with Katie McNally or Gabrielle Olson directly.

PILGRIM PINES SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

[Mayflower Family Camp, weekly sessions June 28-August 15](#)

Many families say that their week at Mayflower Family Camp is a hybrid between a traditional New England summer camp and a fun filled, memory making family vacation. Mayflower Family Camp creates a unique oasis for adults and children alike. Parents can choose to participate in morning Christian education time with outstanding speakers from across the country while their kids learn new skills, discover Biblical lessons and share new experiences with their new friends. Everyone has the chance to develop an appreciation for new friendships and God's creation.

We also offer many outdoor recreational opportunities such as volleyball, bocce, tennis, basketball, a small 9 hole golf course, frog pond, lakefront with canoes & kayaks and some great play areas for kids.

Reservations are being taken for one of the seven weeks of Mayflower Family Camp. Stay in one of cabins or bring your camper and stay in the campground.

[Camp Squanto Summer Registration is OPEN!](#)

It is officially Spring, but we're thinking about summer. **We are currently accepting on-line registrations for Camp Squanto.**

We know that parents and campers are the best recruiters out there. So we need your help to **Get The Word Out.**

Don't have kids, but want to help make it possible for a child to attend camp? Make a tax-deductible gift to our scholarship fund. Easily done online or through the mail.

[Young Adult Retreat, May 2-4](#)

Come and enjoy all that Pilgrim Pines has to offer while being surrounded by your peers. Reconnect with your friends and deepen your relationship with God in a place free of distraction and surrounded by His creation. Through worship and group sessions, we will grow together with young adults from across New England and beyond.

[Work and Worship Weekend, May 23-26](#)

Enjoy a fun filled weekend of work, play and worship together at beautiful Pilgrim Pines. Use your talents and willing hands to help prepare the Pines for another exciting summer season.

"It's really satisfying to come back later in the summer to see the projects you've worked on," says Louis Burgin who's made it a new Memorial Day tradition to attend the retreat with his wife Donna and their two children. **"I was surprised that first year at just how much we were all able to accomplish as a group in really just a short amount of time,"** he remembers.

Look at our website or Facebook for more information or to register for these retreats.

"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