



So You Know!



Sunday, April 6, 2014

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Annual Congregational Meeting	12:30 pm
Wed	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Thurs	YA&Y Pastor Search Committee	7:00 pm
Friday	Women's Bible Study	10:00 am
Saturday	Women Ministries Baby Shower	10:00 am
Next Sunday	PALM SUNDAY	
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

See page 2 and extra forms on the table in the Narthex.

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.

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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Community Covenant Church will be held after worship today. 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING SUNDAY, APRIL 13th

All those interested are invited to the library following worship next Sunday, April 13th for a blood pressure check, a service to help us care for our health.

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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, April 13th 11:00am

Palm Sunday

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“Caiaphus—Does the End Justify the Means?”
 Text: *John 11:47-50*
- **Children processing with palms**
- **Consecration *Out of the Ashes of Abuse***

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, April 13th Nancy McCarthy and Barbara Stickney will provide care in the Nursery; Gabrielle Olson 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 13th will be Candi Keith and Kristen Lanagan.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Pat Gillis
Hannah B. Shaw Home 10-S
299 Wareham Street
Middleboro, MA 02346

COVENANT HOME ALTAR

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

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM: Deadline is April 13th

It’s time to place orders for flowers for our worship celebration on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Please fill out the form below and include your payment, which must be received when the order is placed. Checks should be made out to “Community Covenant Church” with note: Easter flowers. Please send your form with payment to the Church Office or place in the offering plate. You may use more than one form if ordering plants in honor/memory of more than one person.

EASTER FLOWERS 2014

I would like to order ____ (#) lily(ies) at a cost of \$ 8.00 each
and/or ____ (#) tulip(s) at \$ 6.50 each.

I have enclosed a payment of \$ ____ Check ____ Cash ____
(please check one)



This plant is donated by: (please print) _____

And given in Memory ____ OR in Honor ____ (please check one)

Of (please print) _____

Please check one: I will take plant(s) with me after the Easter worship celebration ____

OR Please deliver my plant (s) to someone who will enjoy its beauty ____

SAVE THE DATE
“NORTH TO ALASKA”
SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
Saturday, May 3rd 11:00 am

Are you eligible for AARP? Then you are invited to the Senior Fellowship Luncheon on May 3rd. Sue Bolinder and Jane Ostlund will present a travelogue of their recent Alaskan vacation. Having seen some of their past photos, you won't be disappointed. Always wanted to visit Alaska? This is your opportunity to get a taste of what it's like.

Luncheon will be served immediately following in the multi-purpose room.

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 the theater in Norwell. Only 20 seats reserved so sign up early!

YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

What an exciting time we are in as a church family! We are on a new journey that God has been directing for the past several years. As many of you know, we have been working with our East Coast Conference Superintendent (Howard Burgoyne) and CovConnect (online search engine linking our church profile to pastoral profiles, who are open to a call), to identify prospective candidates for the staff position of Young Adult and Youth Pastor at Community Covenant Church! Some of you have even given us names of people to contact.

The committee has been meeting regularly and is very excited about the profiles we have seen and the initial connections we have made through telephone conversations, with some. The temptation is to react to these profiles on a personal level, yet we are prayerfully trying to discern who God is directing us toward, and, calling to us. Won't you please continue to pray with us? We want to listen and know God's leading. We want to have no distractions that Satan would devise interfere in our progress toward following God's will for our church. And we want God to continue to work in the lives our people, as His Spirit works through us, to draw people to Him.

Just a reminder: the names of profiles or persons with whom we decide to "chat" are confidential. We will, of course, keep you informed as our search narrows. Please feel free to speak with any member of our committee if we can answer any questions: Scott Ambroceo, Lindsay Buzzee, Ruth Carrigan, Steve Gillis, Pastor Olson, Katie Sandford, and Beth Stewart.

Beth Stewart



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 – at home – rehabbing from knee replacement and additional surgery on Friday, April 4 to remove scar tissue in the knee
- Evelyn Fleming & family – Evelyn’s brother, Robert Johnson, died on Tuesday, April 1 and services were held on Friday, April 4
- 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
- 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
- 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
- *“Grow the Vision - Fulfill the Mission”*– our next steps
- Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Faith Community Coordinator Janet Ek
- Our world-wide mission – Paul Carlson Partnership, Republic of Congo
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Adelbrook (formerly Covenant Children's Home), Cromwell, CT
- 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

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.

LAST COLLECTION DAY NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 13th

"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