



So You Know!



Sunday, September 21, 2014

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Blood Pressure Screening	12:15 pm
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	12:20 pm
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SMALL GROUPS KICK OFF IN OCTOBER!

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. ~Hebrews 10:24-25

I'm excited to start another year of small groups next month! This ministry has been a crucial part of my life for the last several years, and I hope you will consider making it a part of your life too. For the next three Sundays (September 21 & 28, and October 5) you'll be able to sign up for a group during fellowship time. We'll have a variety of groups, meeting at different times/locations, and gathering together around different commonalities, but all with one singular focus: *to grow deep in our relationships with Christ and each other as we learn, support, worship, serve and pray together.* Visit the table in the multipurpose room for more info and group descriptions. There is a place for you in this ministry!

Katie B. Sandford

HEATING THE BUILDING

The Facilities Ministry Team is planning to turn the heating system on in the church building on Sunday, October 12th. Please dress accordingly (and children, too) when you come to the church for worship or any program. Thanks!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

All those interested are invited to the library following worship for a blood pressure check.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 4th 7:00am

The fall kick off for the monthly Men's Breakfast will begin at 7am on Saturday, October 4th at church. All men are welcome. Please call Tom Chiocca at 508-824-5717 or email at twc88@comcast.net to reserve your spots. We will be discussing the agenda of activities for the coming year so please bring ideas, questions, and suggestions. See you then.

ARE YOU POWERPOINT SAVVY?

We are looking for someone to take over creating the PowerPoint presentations for Sunday worship. If you are interested in taking on this important task, please see Pastor Olson.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, September 28th 11:00am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“God Is at Work in You”
Text: Philippians 2:1-13
- **Dedication of Adalyn Rae Anthony**
- **God’s Word for God’s Children**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, September 28th Crystal Coffey and Beth Miltner 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 September 28th will be Ruth Carrigan and Kim Buschenfeldt.

NEW ADDRESS

PAUL AND DONNA HALLERAN

463 Autumn Terrace
Sebastian, FL 32958

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friends:

Marge Shurtleff
Emmanuel House Apt. 206A
25 E. Nilssen Street
Brockton, MA 02301

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It’s never too late to join us for Sunday School. All of our classes are structured in such a way that you may join in at any point throughout the year. We’d love to see you! We have been extremely blessed with a great turnout for the first two weeks; let’s keep it going!!!

SAFER PLACES TRAINING

Sunday, October 5th

Our church is committed to increasing the safety and protection of the people entrusted to our care within church ministries and programs. One of the ways our Safer Places committee seeks to accomplish this, is to provide mandatory training for all who would work with our children and youth.

If you are planning to work in any capacity with our children or youth (Sunday School Teacher, Pioneer Clubs, VBS, Youth Groups, Nursery & Toddler Rooms, Children’s Church, etc.) and have not yet attended the class, please join us immediately following worship on Sunday, October 5th in the Library. All are welcome, even if you haven’t yet decided to work with our youth, or are just curious about our policies & procedures. The class will last approximately one hour. A light lunch will be served.

If you need to attend this class but cannot join us on October 5th, please see Dave Sawyer, Safer Places Committee Chair, to arrange another time.



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

- Family of Ruth Killman (life-long member living in California) – Ruth died on September 6, and a private graveside service was held on September 17
- John Peloso (Cheryl Buttrick’s father) – recovering from coronary triple-by-pass surgery on Monday, September 15; doing well
- Tony Pinho – seeking employment
- Cory Coffey – seeking employment
- Jon Olson (Pastor Olson’s son) – praise God: treatment for Burkitt Lymphoma has gone very well, and the prognosis for full recovery is very good
- Josh Carrigan – recovering from carpal tunnel surgery on Friday, August 29
- All our students (K – College) who are beginning a new school year
- *Young Adult & Youth Pastor* – “Meet the Candidate Weekend” - September 13-14
- Young Adult and Youth Pastor Search Committee: Scott Ambroceo, Lindsay Buzzee, Ruth Carrigan, Katie Sandford, Beth Stewart, Pastor Olson
- Child Care Ministry (during worship) – undergoing transitions
- Susan Bolinder – undergoing treatment for cancer
- Phil Gueli – ongoing medical concerns
- Katie Sandford – diagnosed with health issues
- Joe West (Carl West’s son) and his girlfriend, Elyse Murray - Elyse is pregnant and a cyst has been found on the baby’s brain. Please pray for health and peace as they wait for test results.
- Shawn (Carl West’s 15-year-old grandson) – dealing with several issues
- *Ask the Lord of the Harvest* – those whom we have committed to pray for and share the Good News of Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit leads us
- Theresa Guaraldi - undergoing tests to diagnose ongoing physical ailments
- *Mending the Soul* – leaders Priscilla Borden and Phyllis Swirka; those joining the support group
- Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Leadership Team
- Our world-wide mission – Covenant Church, Koyuk, Alaska – Pastor Was Mute has retired
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Hope Church NYC, Astoria, NY, Drew Hyun, Pastor
- David Buzzee – in the Middle East; working for Raytheon
- Sgt. Seth Gillis – US Marine Corps, North Carolina
- Sgt. Michael Randall (U.S. Army) – deployed to Afghanistan
- Spc. James Lawrence (U.S. Army) – deployed to Afghanistan
- SSgt. Nicholas Sietins, U.S. Air Force (Carol Hill’s grandson-in-law) – deployed in Afghanistan
- David Baker (Priscilla Borden’s brother) – home
- Evelyn Ostlund – home
- 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

Community Covenant Church



September 19, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In light of recent formal and behind-the-scenes discussion among our church family in regards to our current financial health, the Leadership Team would like to address that issue.

As Chairperson Michelle Peebles emphatically stated at our Congregational meeting on Sunday the 14th, the Leadership Team is “well aware” of our budgeted giving shortfall and devotes a considerable amount of time at each meeting to our budget regardless of shortfalls or surpluses. Those that have served will attest to that fact.

On May 5th of this year, everyone who is in our contributions database, not just members, received their first quarter giving statement along with a letter from the Financial Officer that addressed this same point. We asked that everyone be in prayer in regards to our own personal giving and the budget shortfall.

We have also determined that if our unrestricted cash falls below \$15,000, the Leadership Team will take action. The Financial Officer emails the entire Leadership Team the offering totals every two weeks so that we can be pro-active if needed. Please know that the Leadership Team will take action in regards to ANY item on our budget where immediate reductions can be made. Two possible expense reductions are: utility bills can be reduced by meeting and worshipping solely in the multipurpose room, and/or our cleaning company expenses can be reduced by the number of visits they make each week. For expense reductions that require congregational approval, we will bring recommendations to a Congregational Meeting. As was also mentioned in the May letter, our voted-upon and approved budget is who we are. We should be proud of that fact, and we should take responsibility for it.

Financial updates can be found regularly in the *So You Know* and *The Cornerstone*. We believe these two vehicles are the appropriate places to bring the congregation up to date in all aspects of church life. We encourage everyone to please take full advantage of them regularly.

Our next Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, November 2nd after our Worship Celebration. At this meeting, the whole church will be looking at our 2015 budget; the Leadership Team has been for some time. We anticipate making cuts of at least \$10,000.00 in next year's expenses, and will present the cost-cutting measures at our Congregational Meeting.

This is also an exciting time for Community Covenant! We welcome our new Associate Pastor and his family to our family and look forward to this new ministry. Please be in prayer with us as we continue to ask and listen for God's direction.

Serving Christ and His Church,

Community Covenant Church Leadership Team

Rachael Buckley, Jim Cousin, Pastor Olson, Michelle Peebles, Kate Sandford, Lee Stewart, Peter Vacchi