



So You Know!



Sunday, November 2, 2014

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	12:20 pm
Thursday	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Friday	Covenant KIDS CLUB	7:00 pm
Next Sunday		
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:10 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	12:20 pm

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

A light lunch will be provided. Pertinent documents are available on the table in the narthex.

Agenda items:

- **Approval of 2015 budget**
- **Election of 2015 Leadership Team, Nominating Committee, and Ministry Support Team**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This Christmas, you can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with a needy child in a country like Uganda or El Salvador by using a simple shoebox. Brochures with complete details are available in the Narthex.

The Children love to receive personal notes in their boxes. You can even send them a picture of you and your family. I encourage every family to participate this year. Remember “your shoebox” could be the box to bring a child and even their family to Christ. What a gift and blessing to pass around the World. All shoe boxes should be returned to the church by November 16th. Questions?? Please contact Renie Ellis.

DON'T FORGET:

TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Eastern Standard time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 2nd

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The youth of the church will once again be selling decorated, live pine Christmas wreaths during the month of November.

Wreaths will be available for pick-up at church on Sunday, November 30. The wreaths are being sold as a fundraiser for the triennial youth conference, Covenant High In Christ 2015. For further information, speak with Gabrielle Olson. Thank you for supporting our youth!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 15, 2014

10:00 am -12:00 pm

Brunch at our church with Amy and Oscar Serrano, founders of Heart To Heart Ministries in Honduras.

Please join us to learn about the exciting things happening in the lives of the children. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, November 9th 11:00am

All Saints Sunday

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“Stewarding Resources (intangible)”
Text: James 2:14-26
- **God’s Word for God’s Children**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, November 9th Sarah Stewart and Nikki DeLano will provide care in the Nursery; Chantal Hall and Betti Buzzee 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 November 9th will be Joann Cousin and Kathy Clements.

DECORATING HELP WANTED

We need people to help decorate our church for the Advent Season. It usually can be done in two or three hours, depending on how many people come to help. Pastor Olson also needs men that can help get all the decorations down from the attic of the Church.

We would love to have you volunteer for this important work. If you are able to help, please contact Jean Brown: jb104@comcast.net, or call 508-807-0738.

Thank you,
Jean Brown

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Marion Schill
Hannah B. Shaw Home, South 27
299 Wareham Street
Middleboro, MA 02346

OUR DAILY BREAD

Our Daily Bread for December-January-February is now available on the table in the narthex.

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.

FREE BOOKS!

That's right! Please help yourself to books from your church library which are being "checked out" for the last time. Perhaps you'd like some for yourself or you would like to give some to a friend. These books will be on tables in the Multi-Purpose Room after church service today and next Sunday. Please give these books a new home!

Also, remember, there are many remaining books in the Library just waiting to be read!

Faith Community Ministry
Janet Ek



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

- Phil Gueli – South Shore Hospital, Weymouth
- David Buzzee – praise God, returned home safely on October 31st
- Noel Coffey – seeking employment
- Rachel Balboni family – grieving the death of Rachel’s “Grandma Nilson”
- David Thompson – home – recovering from a back injury due to a fall
- Wally Brown – West Acres Rehabilitation, Brockton
- John Peloso (Cheryl Buttrick’s father) – Life Care Center, W. Bridgewater; recovering from coronary triple-by-pass surgery
- Tony Pinho – seeking employment
- Cory Coffey – praise God that he found employment
- Child Care Ministry (during worship) – undergoing transitions
- Susan Bolinder – undergoing treatment for cancer
- 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
- Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Vice-chairperson Katie Sandford
- Our world-wide mission – Alynne MacLean , Science with a Mission
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Associate Superintendent Rev. Kreig Gammelgard, East Coast Conference Director of Congregational Vitality
- 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 to 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

SOUPFEST!!!

It's the best time of the year! The air is getting chilly, the leaves are turning, and Soupfest is almost here! Mark your calendars: November 23, 2014 is this year's event.

Soupfest is an annual fundraiser for Covenant World Relief that we have done for over 20 years! People are asked to bring a large pot of soup and a ladle (crockpots are welcome). We've seen hot soups, cold soups, spicy soups, savory soups, healthy soups, and indulgent soups. There are also PIES!! Delicious pies! And bread! And if you don't make soup or pies, and can't bring bread, you can bring \$5 and just eat! (\$20 max per family; no one will be turned away!)

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex coming soon, and think about what you can bring (and you can dream about what others might bring)! Any questions please see/call/email Rachel Buckley.

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FROM THE COVENANT WORLD RELIEF BLOG

Coming Together as a Group in Kenya

In the United States we are still striving towards equality among genders, specifically equality for women. Though we are not yet as progressive, so to speak, in this as some countries around the world, women in the US have significantly more rights and privileges than women in a great deal of other countries such as Kenya. Seeing this discrepancy, explicitly in Kenya, CWR has been able to partner with the Covenant Connections in Development in Murang'a, a Kenyan county, to establish self-help groups among community members.

These groups seek to enhance social economic prospects and livelihood sustainability in the community, focusing first and foremost on the high illiteracy rates. As of June 2014, three self-help groups have been formed, consisting of between 15-50 members. The groups have been trained on group management, entrepreneurship, resource mobilization, group sustainability, and agricultural business. To monitor the groups, there are monthly meetings, along with participatory midterms and impact evaluations halfway through the project. Though the groups were originally designed specifically for women, few men have joined creating opportunities for family businesses to be started. The culture in which these groups have been formed is still a hindrance to their development, however, despite the many efforts to overcome these obstacles. The women of the groups are not allowed to own their own land, which is a capital resources needed for business. In this, the men of the community have been very helpful in allowing women in the groups to use family land, and by joining the groups themselves, have access to their land as well.

Along with learning these invaluable business and economic lessons, participants of the groups are engaged in reading the bible and sharing the word of God during their morning devotions. Some group members have even started Bible study groups in their own communities to ensure the continued spiritual nourishment outside of their self-help group.

When communities come together, injustices caused by age old cultural systems can be fought and overcome. Communities can be strengthened, economies can grow and become sustainable, and people can be empowered to their full potential.