



So You Know!



Sunday, November 30, 2014

Community Covenant Church

400 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333

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THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:10 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	12:20 pm
Thursday	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Friday	Covenant KIDS CLUB	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men's Ministry Breakfast	7:00 am
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CHRISTMAS WREATH PICK-UP

If you ordered a Christmas wreath from the CHIC students, you may pick up your wreath after worship today. If you haven't already paid, be sure to have your \$13 ready!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

The Choir is now rehearsing for Advent and Christmas. Anyone interested in joining to sing for the Christmas season is welcome to come to rehearsal after worship today. Please direct any questions to Charlie Dillingham.

BRUNCH WITH THE SERRANOS

What a blessed day we had visiting with Amy and Oscar Serrano, founders of Heart to Heart Children's Village in Honduras, and their two daughters, Rachel and Sarah. The Serranos were overwhelmed by the warm welcome and love that was poured out to them by our church family. They realize they are not alone in taking care of 98 kids, that there are so many people praying for and supporting their rescue mission to save children.

Thank you for your continued support through prayers, letter writing and donations to Heart to Heart Children's Village.

With heartfelt thanks,
Missions Small Group

WOMEN MINISTRIES

You could be missing great programs and events! If you do not get the Covenant Women Ministries Newsletter online, you need to sign up today! Go to the church website and click the Constant Contact box in the upper right corner of the screen. There you can sign up to receive this publication on your computer!

ANGEL TREE TODAY

Today following worship you will be able to choose an angel from the tree. Each angel represents one child and one gift with either a clothing or toy idea. Please return your gift to the church by December 14th. Help is needed to distribute the gifts. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Jen Ambroceo.

COVENANT WORLD RELIEF OFFERING

So far, our Covenant World Relief offering totals \$1945.00. We expect to collect some additional funds in the coming weeks from people who were unable to return their soup cans on November 23.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, December 7th 11:00am

Second Sunday of Advent

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**

“Real Comfort”

Text: Isaiah 40:1-11

- **Lighting of the Advent Candles**
- **Sacrament of Holy Communion**
- **Anointing with oil for healing**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, December 7th Janet Ek will provide care in the Nursery; 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 leader on December 7th will be Candi Keith.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Marge Shurtleff

Emmanuel House Apt. 206A

25 E. Nilssen Street

Brockton, MA 02301

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.

LEADERSHIP AND TRANSPARENCY...

Because our church affirms our congregational polity and our desire to have open and transparent communication, our church By-laws have two provisions that help assure this transparency.

- The By-laws state that anyone “may attend any church Leadership Team or ministry team meeting, but are not permitted to make motions, participate in motion discussion, or vote.” Therefore, you are welcome to come and listen at any Leadership Team meeting. We usually meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The only time that we would ask anyone to leave is if we need to meet in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters. If you would like to join us, please contact our Church Chairperson, Michelle Peebles.
- The By-laws also state that “approved minutes of each Leadership Team and ministry team meeting shall be available in the church office.” To that end, there is a notebook of public Leadership Team minutes. If you ever want to see it, please contact Administrative Assistant Becky Phelan (M-F, 9 am – 2 pm). We ask that this not be done on Sunday mornings because that is the time for worship and fellowship.

Thank you for being actively committed and involved in our common mission for Jesus Christ.

The Leadership Team



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 – home recovering from surgery and complications
- Wally Brown – Champion Rehabilitation, Brockton
- John Peloso (Cheryl Buttrick's father) – Life Care Center, W. Bridgewater; recovering from coronary triple-by-pass surgery
- Tony Pinho – seeking employment
- Noel Coffey – seeking 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
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Financial Officer Lee Stewart
- Our World-wide Mission – Fred & Kelly Prudek, Czech Republic
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Rev. Jason Condon, East Coast Conference Director of Church Planting
- Sgt. Seth Gillis – US Marine Corps, North Carolina
- Sgt. Michael Randall (U.S. Army) – returned from Afghanistan on November 22
- Spc. James Lawrence (U.S. Army) – returned from Afghanistan on November 22
- 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

WELCOME BABY UPDATE

Twenty-three East Bridgewater families with new babies received Welcome Baby gift bags in October. On the 10th and 12th, Mabel Sawyer and I made these deliveries on behalf of the Community Covenant Church family. (That's YOU!) There was no one home at many of the houses, so as always, we left the bags with a "Sorry we missed you" tag. Is this a waste? No. We have had many responses from folks who came home to this unexpected kindness.

Thanks to all of you for your support of this outreach to the town through prayer, encouraging words or handmade items for the bags. Just a reminder: We only receive names of married parents. If you know of a single Mom or unmarried couple welcoming a new baby, please pass that information along to Mabel, Esther Garland, or myself.

In Service to Him, Nancy Ohlen, Welcome Baby Coordinator

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Please save the following dates, and join us as we celebrate Jesus!

December 13 5:30-7pm

VeggieTales Christmas Party for children of all ages

Put on your PJs (not required) and come watch *The Star of Christmas*. We'll decorate cookies after the show! Our goal is to get the kids home early, all dressed for bed...tomorrow will be a big day!!!

While everyone seems to love VeggieTales, the show is geared towards those through age 10. This is a perfect opportunity to bring family and friends. All are welcome.

December 14

Live Nativity during Sunday Worship

We'll dress the kids during the Sunday School hour. All children are welcome to join us, even if they do not regularly attend Sunday School here or call Community Covenant their church home. You bring them, and we'll include them!

December 21 No Sunday School, as we will all be enjoying the Christmas Cantata as a church family.

December 28 No Sunday School, due to Christmas break

January 4 New adult classes begin

Be sure to keep an eye out in the weekly *So You Know* for information about the two new exciting classes coming for adults!

UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through November 23:

Budgeted Giving	\$243,742
Actual Giving	\$217,357
Difference	(\$26,385)

The weekly average needed to meet our budget is \$5,186.

Please remember our online giving option is available through the church website, communitycovenant.com on our home page you will see on the right side the link labeled "Giving to Support Christ's Mission". Feel free to direct questions to any member of the Leadership Team. Thank you.