



# So You Know!



Sunday, December 7, 2014

Community Covenant Church

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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
Friday	Hi-League	7:00 pm
Saturday	VeggieTales Christmas Party	5:30 pm
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## WEATHER ALERT!

During inclement weather, to find out if our worship and ministry events are cancelled, turn to television station WCVB, channel 5. Their website, [www.wcvb.com](http://www.wcvb.com), will also have closing information. You may also sign up there to have closing information delivered by email or text message.

## ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE NEXT SUNDAY

Please return your gift to the church by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed to distribute the gifts. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Jen Ambroceo.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

Volunteers are needed to bake breads and mini-muffins, and also to help with set-up at 9:30 am before worship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to cook or to help.

Please place food items on a plate ready to be served (sliced, etc.), and bring to the church on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> by 10:15 am.

## 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.

## KIDS' EVENTS NEXT WEEKEND

### VeggieTales Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13 5:30-7pm

### Live Nativity

Sunday, December 14 during worship

See back page for details.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will grace our sanctuary as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, and they will be delivered to shut-ins after Christmas. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost, please use one of the envelopes on the table in the Narthex, which can be placed in the office or offering plates. Donations of any size are welcome and appreciated!

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00am**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**  
*"You Can See God"*  
*Text: John 1:1-18*
- **Lighting of the Advent Candles**
- **Live Nativity**
- **Consecration of *Angel Tree* gifts**

### **Childcare During Worship**

Next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Nikki DeLano and Rachael Buckley will provide care in the Nursery; Mabel Sawyer and 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 December 14<sup>th</sup> will be Joann Cousin and Kathy Clements.

### **EAST COAST COVENANTER**

The *East Coast Covenanter* for Fall 2014 is now available on the table in the narthex.

## CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

**Marilyn Gray**  
**88 Masonic Home Road**  
**T-408**  
**Charlton, MA 01507**

## 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!

## 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.

## UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through November 30:

Weekly Budgeted Giving:	\$5,186	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$248,928
11/30 Actual Giving:	\$3,930	YTD Actual Giving	\$221,287
November Average Weekly Giving:	\$4,840	YTD Difference	(\$27,641)

Please remember our online giving option is available through the church website, [communitycovenant.com](http://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.



### **FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER NEEDS**

To make a request, please call the church office at 508-583-3360 or e-mail to [office@communitycovenant.com](mailto:office@communitycovenant.com); or call Candi Keith at 508-583-1227 or e-mail to [cskeith@comcast.net](mailto: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 – praise God for seasonal employment for two months; seeking long-term/full-time 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 – Administrative Assistant Becky Phelan
- Our World-wide Mission – Arielle & Michael Hewitt - Cru, preparing for full-time ministry in Berlin, Germany
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Sanctuary Church, Providence, RI, Andrew Mook, Pastor
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

## 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

## 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!