



# *So You Know!*



Sunday, December 14, 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
Tuesday	Leadership Team Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Friday	Covenant KIDS CLUB	7:00 pm
Next Sunday		
	Continental Breakfast	10:30 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am

## **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 TODAY**

Thank you to all of those who have helped to share the joy of Christmas.

## **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST NEXT 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.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**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 - see back page for details

## **CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING**

In order to share the joy of the holiday season with those who are less fortunate, Leadership Team has decided that the entirety of this year's Christmas Eve offering will be donated to The Table at Main Spring House in Brockton. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Leadership Team.

## **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 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am**

- **No Sunday School**
- **Continental Breakfast begins at 10:30 am**
- **Homily by Pastor Olson and Pastor Dave**
- **Lighting of the Advent Candles: *Witness***
- ***Come to Bethlehem Music Festival***

### **Childcare During Worship**

Next Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> Andrea Sawyer and Sarah Stewart will provide care in the Nursery; Nancy Ohlen 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 21<sup>st</sup> will be Beth Llanes and Ruth Pinho.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Come enjoy this beautiful worship celebration. We will sing several of the classic Christmas carols. The message is entitled "Jesus: God and Man." This worship is for all ages (children – adults). As we claim the truth that Jesus Christ is truly both man and God, we will discover the true wonder and glory of this night. God became flesh so that we can know God.

## UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through December 7:

Weekly Budgeted Giving:	\$5,186	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$254,114
12/7 Actual Giving:	\$6,453	YTD Actual Giving	\$227,740
		YTD Difference	(\$26,374)

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.

## CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

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

## 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.

## EAST COAST COVENANTER

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



### **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 – Welcome Baby Project
- Our World-wide Mission – Byron & Susan Bruckner, Alaska
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Highrock North Shore, Salem, MA, Aaron Engler, 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

# NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

January 4 – March 29, 2015

Be here. Now. Take some time. Think. Do you understand who you are? What you were called to do? Pause. Take it in. What is your community? Who is your church community? Where do you go to gather with other believers and study God's word? Do you have a presence? If you don't bother what would happen? Would you like to leave a mark? Would anyone notice? What steps are you taking to grow in Christ? Don't worry about the past. The future will come later. It's all about now. Here. Go all in. Sunday School. It's for life. Be rooted. Focus. Look at the big picture. Look at the small pictures. We need your undivided attention.

## *ALPHA CLASS*

### *Why Am I Here?*

Facilitator: Brandon Goad

What do Christians believe? Who is Jesus? Why and how should I read the Bible? How can I make the most of the rest of my life? These are only a few of the questions we will attempt to answer in the Alpha course. Alpha is designed for everyone, whether you've been a Christian your whole life, have only just recently become a Christian, are just curious about what Christians believe, or anything in between. During this course, we will investigate the basic beliefs of Christianity and learn how they matter in everyday life. So, please, come and join us, and bring all of your questions and curiosity.

## *AMOS*

### **An Encounter with a Book in the Bible**

Facilitator: Pastor Dave Capozzi

How can we begin to relate to the message delivered by a "minor" prophet to the nation of Israel around 2,760 years ago? In this class, we will seek to answer that very question. Through our study of the prophet Amos, we hope to understand some very difficult warnings relayed to the people of Israel, and decipher how his testimony can impact us today.

If you've ever been intrigued, confused or even terrified by the often tough to swallow message of Israel's prophets, this study of Amos is a great way to begin grappling with these challenges. Our hope is to grasp the context in which Amos delivered his message, in order to more deeply understand how God views covenant relationships.

Join in the fun. Both classes are open to all adults (post High School – Senior Adult). **Sunday School is for all ages.** After all, we are all life-long learners. Sunday School is not just for children. God wants everyone to develop into mature followers of Jesus Christ. Here is a great opportunity to be on the learning/growing journey with Christ. See you in Sunday School.

*Pastor Don Olson*