



So You Know!



Sunday, December 28, 2014

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:10 pm
Thursday	NEW YEARS DAY—OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday	Covenant KIDS CLUB	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men's Ministry Breakfast	7:00 am
Next Sunday		
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:10 pm

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 3rd 7:00 am

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast at 7:00 am on Saturday, January 3rd. Please notify Tom Chiocca at 508-824-5717 by Thursday, January 1st if you are planning to come.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

December 28 No Sunday School, due to Christmas break

January 4 New adult classes begin - see back page for details

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, will also have closing information. You may also sign up there to have closing information delivered by email or text message.

A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The minutes from the Leadership Team Meeting in November are now available in the office.

COVENANT HOME ALTAR

The *Covenant Home Altar* for January-February-March is now available on the table in the narthex.

KNITTING WITH WOMEN MINISTRIES

Do you like to knit? Do you want to learn how to knit? Women Ministries invites you to join us on Saturday, January 10th from 10-noon. We will meet at Carol Ostlund's for a morning of knitting bliss. RSVP to Carol soon!

SAVE THE DATE—SKI TRIP

January 19, 2015

Save the date! Monday, January 19, 2015! Ski Trip! If you need the bunny slope or the top of the mountain, we want you to be with us. More details to follow! See Dave LaValle if you're interested.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, January 4th 11:00 am

- **New Adult Sunday School classes begin**
- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“Preparations for the New Year”
Text: Matthew 2:1-12
- **Sacrament of Holy Communion**
- **Anointing with oil for healing**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, January 4th Andrea Sawyer and Rachael Buckley 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 January 4th will be Beth Llanes and Ruth Pinho.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your beautiful, delicious, and generous gifts for Christmas! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Becky Phelan

CARD SHOWER
 Please send a card to our friends:
Rev. & Mrs. Bob Hirsch
2125 N. Olive Avenue
Apt. A-34
Turlock, CA 95382

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.

WOMEN MINISTRIES DONATION

Women Ministries is collecting money to give to a local women's shelter in Priscilla Borden's name. She and her husband have recently moved to NH. If you would like to be included in this gift, see Jane Ostlund. Thank you.

UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through December 21:

Weekly Budgeted Giving:	\$5,186	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$264,486
12/21 Actual Giving:	\$5,149	YTD Actual Giving	\$236,505
Average Giving December:	\$5,073	YTD Difference	(\$27,981)

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.



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

- Gail Doherty – home – diagnosed with cancer
- Pastor Dave Capozzi family – grieving the death of Ann Capozzi, Pastor Dave’s paternal grandmother, who died on December 13 and the *Witness to the Resurrection* was on Thursday, December 18
- Izaiah Dos Passos – Mass General Hospital - recovering from surgery on December 26 to decompress Chiari Malformation
- O’Brien Family – as Tim, Lori and Logan praise God for the healthy birth of Graeme Connor on Dec. 8
- 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 – Small Groups Ministry & Group Leaders
- Our World-wide Mission – Didier - our church's sponsored child through Covenant KIDS Congo
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Promised Land Covenant Church, Bronx, NY, Michael Carrion, 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