



So You Know!



Sunday, January 4, 2015

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
Thursday	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Friday	Hi-League	7:00 pm
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MONEY MATTERS

Saturday, January 31st 9:00 am

On Saturday, January 31st, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm, Community Covenant Church will host a seminar regarding *Money Matters*.

At our fall bi-annual meeting, a request was made that a discussion regarding "money matters" take place to educate and mentor each other along our Christian journey. Money matters have always been a difficult discussion to have, as individuals and especially in community with each other. We will come and learn together from some of our peers and have a panel discussion.

Among the topics we will discuss are: budgeting, coupon-ing, the connection between faith and giving, tithing and/or giving to para church organizations, what defines over-and-above giving, and the spiritual connection to all! We will begin with a continental breakfast, have a light lunch and try to wrap up our time together at 1:00 pm. Childcare WILL be provided. Please plan to join us; especially if you feel you don't need this forum; that means we really need you!

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.

MEN'S MINISTRY MOVIE NIGHT

Monday, January 10th

Gentlemen,

There is a Men's Ministry Movie night coming up on January 10, 2015. We are planning on seeing the movie "Unbroken" at the East Bridgewater cinema and going out to eat afterward if people are interested. Jim Cousin is the contact person. His phone number is 781-878-4984. He will check with the theater next Monday to make sure it is playing on that date and we will definitely let you know if its a go. Please direct all questions and reservations to Jim Cousin. Thank you.

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 11th 11:00 am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
 “Prayer—Actively Waiting”
 Text: Isaiah 40:31
- **Consecration of 2015 Leadership Team**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, January 11th Sarah Stewart and Nikki DeLano will provide care in the Nursery; Barbara Stickney 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 11th will be Joann Cousin and Kathy Clements.

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!

A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through December 28:

Weekly Budgeted Giving:	\$5,186	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$269,672
12/28 Actual Giving:	\$5,840	YTD Actual Giving	\$242,345
Average Giving December:	\$5,265	YTD Difference	(\$27,327)

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.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Pat Gillis
Hannah B. Shaw Home 10-S
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.

COVENANT HOME ALTAR

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

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.



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 – St. Elizabeth’s Hospital – diagnosed with cancer
- Izaiah Dos Passos – home recovering from surgery on December 26 to decompress Chiari Malformation
- Phil Gueli – home recovering from surgery and complications
- Wally Brown – home – continuing to rehab.
- 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 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 Elyse Murray – praise God for a healthy birth of their child
- 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 – Facilities Coordinator Chris Smith
- Our World-wide Mission – Jay & Ellen Hayworth, Japan
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Pilgrim Pines Conference Center
- 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