



So You Know!



Sunday, March 29, 2015
Community Covenant Church
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THIS WEEK

Today	PALM SUNDAY	
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:10 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	12:20 pm
Tuesday	GV-FM Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Communion	7:00 pm
	at E.B. United Methodist Church	
Friday	Good Friday Worship	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men's Ministry Breakfast	7:00 am
Next Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Easter Sunrise Worship	6:30 am
	at E.B. Union Congregational Church	
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:10 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	12:20 pm

LOST AND FOUND

PLEASE check the table in the fellowship hall to see if anything from the lost and found is yours! Anything left will be discarded after Easter Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

9:45am Easter Sunday

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the multipurpose room/Sunday School rooms during the Sunday School hour on Easter Sunday. Children will hunt for eggs filled with stickers/toys (no candy) and then finish the hour in their Sunday School classes. All children through Grade 6 are welcome to join us. Bring a friend!

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM: Deadline is March 29th

It's time to place orders for flowers for our worship celebration on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Please fill out the form below and include your payment, which must be received when the order is placed. Checks should be made out to "Community Covenant Church" with note: Easter flowers. Please send your form with payment to the Church Office or place in the offering plate. You may use more than one form if ordering plants in honor/memory of more than one person.

EASTER FLOWERS 2015

I would like to order ___ (#) lily(ies) at a cost of \$ 8.00 each
and/or ___ (#) tulip(s) at \$ 6.50 each.

I have enclosed a payment of \$ ___ Check ___ Cash ___
(please check one)

This plant is donated by: (please print) _____

And given in Memory ___ OR in Honor ___ (please check one)

Of (please print) _____

Please check one: I will take plant(s) with me after the Easter worship celebration ___

OR Please deliver my plant (s) to someone who will enjoy its beauty ___

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, April 5th 11:00 am

Easter Sunday

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“There Are Second Chances with God”
Text: Mark 16:1-8
- **Sacrament of Holy Communion**
- **Anointing with oil for healing**
- **God’s Word for God’s Children**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, April 5th 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 leaders on April 5th will be Beth Llanes and Ruth Pinho.

NOW AVAILABLE

The *East Coast Covenant* for Spring 2015 and the *Covenant Home Altar* for April-May-June are now available on the table in the narthex.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Pat Gillis
Hannah B. Shaw Home 10-S
299 Wareham Street
Middleboro, MA 02346

MINUTES FROM LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

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

MOTHERS’ PRAYER GROUP

Join other Christian moms and their children on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for socializing, support, prayer and children's activities. 9:30 - 11:30 am in the multipurpose room starting in April. Please see Alicia Anthony for details, or call her at 508-284-1206.

2015 UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through March 22, 2015:

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,997	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$59,964
3/15/15 Actual Giving	\$4,780	YTD Actual Giving	\$51,138
3/22/15 Actual Giving	\$5,505	YTD Difference	(\$ 8,826)

Please be sure to watch for updates from the Leadership Team as we struggle with meeting budgeted obligations. Thank you.

Please remember our online giving option is available through the church website, www.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.



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

- Leslie Baker – home – dealing with diabetes related issues and currently on dialysis
- Phil Gueli –home - recovering from shoulder surgery on Friday, March 20
- John Miltner – recovering from eye surgery on Thursday, March 19
- The Capozzi family – transitions for Andy and their whole family
- John Baker (Leslie Baker's brother) – requests prayer as he seeks employment
- Marilyn (Ruth Pinho's niece-in-law) – inoperable lung cancer that has spread throughout her body; undergoing chemo & radiation; married with three children (10, 8 & 7)
- Jim Zahar – rehabbing from carpal tunnel surgery on February 4
- Dottie Hallam–home – recovering/rehabbing from shoulder replacement surgery on January 25
- John Peloso (Cheryl Buttrick's father) – Life Care Center, West Bridgewater
- Susan Bolinder – receiving treatment for cancer
- Katie Sandford – diagnosed with health issues
- Shawn (Carl West's 15-year-old grandson) – dealing with several issues
- Theresa Guaraldi - undergoing tests to diagnose ongoing physical ailments
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Covenant KIDS CLUB - teachers/leaders
- Our Global Mission – Alynne MacLean , Science with a Mission
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Sanctuary, Providence, RI, Andrew Mook, Pastor
- Sgt. Seth Gillis – US Marine Corps, North Carolina
- Dave Buzzee – in Oman working for General Dynamics
- David Baker (Priscilla Borden's brother) – skilled care facility
- Fran Stickney (Brad Stickney's mother) – 92 years old; broke her hip recently and had a heart attack on Monday, February 16
- Wally Brown – home – with Hospice Care
- Bud Finch – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Pat Gillis – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Madelyn Newberg – Heights Crossing, Brockton
- Evelyn Ostlund – home
- Marion Schill – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Marge Shurtleff – Emmanuel House, Brockton
- Myrtle Tighe – The Arbors Assisted Living, Stoughton

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SNOW REMOVAL COSTS

Our special offering on Sunday, March 22 to cover the costs of the brutal winter's toll on our facility raised **\$5,854**. Thank you to all who gave!

ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

Last Sunday, March 22, God's people made commitments to pray for and share with those who still need to know the love and grace of God. 68 persons committed to pray for 311 friends/family/neighbors/co-workers/classmates. May God continue to reach these persons as we go out as workers of the harvest.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

We would like to give a big thank you to our extended church family for the wonderful ice cream social and wonderful send off on Sunday. We love the beautiful and heartfelt sign that you gave us as a going away gift. It will occupy a prominent spot in our dining area. Thank you also for the beautiful cards, gifts, gift cards, emails, and of course plenty of hugs and kisses. We both have grown so much in our Christian walk since coming here almost twenty years ago and we are honored to have had all of you in our lives for so long. Remember, a friend is a friend forever. Needless to say, come on down and see us in Delaware. We will leave the light on for you. Our contact info will be:

304 Mariners Circle
Milton, DE 19968

john.miltner@hotmail.com cell 508 345 8144
beth.miltner@yahoo.com cell 508 245 7919

Love in Christ,
John and Beth Miltner

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need at least two more volunteers for the toddler room (ages 2—5), nursery (birth—age 2), and children's church (age 5+). As of right now there are a few Sundays available that we need to fill.

Please see Rachael Buckley in church or call or email her. Thank you.

508-504-8395 / Buckleyware@gmail.com

2015 DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Church directories for 2015 are now available on the table in the narthex. Please contact Becky in the office with any corrections. Call 508-583-3360 or email office@communitycovenant.com

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.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY—JUNE 2015

Work and worship Team at World Wide Heart to heart ministry!

If you love kids and want to visit the children's Village in Honduras, there are a few openings on a team leaving in June with team leaders Gary and Sylvia Thacker. Although we are not able to join this team, willing team members are needed. If you think you may be interested and want details, please contact Sylvia directly.

email: sylviat@h2hcv.org tel# 903-316-5321

God bless the children...and all who love and support them in so any ways.

Kathy Clements

UPDATE FROM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

The Congregation met on Sunday, March 8 after Worship to discuss and vote on the proposed budget cuts being made by the Leadership Team. The goal of the Leadership Team was to develop a proposed budget reduction that would be the least impactful to the Church's while recognizing that any cut to the budget would impact God's ministry. Below is a summary of the proposals and the results of the Congregational vote.

The following proposed budget cuts will have an immediate positive impact to the church's undesignated fund balance as these are current expenses being paid:

Global Missions

- Suspend the contribution to the Evangelical Covenant Church through June. The anticipated savings is \$1,667.
- Suspend the contribution to the East Coast Conference through June. The anticipated savings is \$3,003.
- Reduce the budgeted expenses to various global missionaries and organizations. The actual savings that will be recognized through the end of the year is \$1,209.

Total anticipated savings from the above items is \$5,878.65. All of these suggested cuts were approved by the Congregation.

Personnel

- Reduce the hours of the Administrative Assistant by 20%. The actual savings through the end of the year would be \$3,335.

After a lengthy discussion amongst the members of the Congregation, a motion was put forward to remove the changes to the Administrative Assistant's position from the proposed budget cuts. The motion was seconded and passed. This item was removed from the proposed list of budget cuts.

The following proposed budget cuts do not have an immediate impact to the undesignated fund balance as they are not currently being spent. These proposals only reduce potential spending in the future. All of these items were approved by the Congregation.

Worship & Music	Reduce the budgeted expenses by \$770.
Sunday School	Reduce the budgeted expenses by \$350.
Youth Ministry	Reduce the budgeted expenses by \$400.
Faith Community	Reduce the budgeted expenses by \$200.
Administrative	Reduce the budgeted expenses by \$200.
Miscellaneous Supplies	Reduce the budgeted expenses by \$250.
Personnel (Childcare Coordinator)	Reduce the budgeted expenses by \$1,302 (by suspending through June)

In addition to the above referenced items, the Congregation also voted to approve two additional recommendations made by the Leadership Team:

1. Send a letter to the outside groups that use the church during the week to request a free-will offering to offset the additional snow removal charges that were necessary to keep the building open. Update: this letter was mailed on March 13.
2. Allow a "Special Offering" during a regular Sunday Worship for the specific goal of offsetting the additional unanticipated monies required for snow plowing and snow removal off the roof. Update: This letter was mailed on March 16 and the special offering is today, March 22.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

April 5 – June 14, 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.

REVELATION 1 - 3

An Encounter with a Book in the Bible

Facilitator: Brandon Goad

There's smoke; there are weird monsters; there are angels and dragons and symbols and signs: it's the book of Revelation. Does this strange book have any significance for us today? What was the Apostle John's purpose in writing this book? Believe it or not, this book is far more applicable than many tend to think.

This course will examine the first three chapters of the book of Revelation, considering the content of the letters John wrote to seven local churches. If you've ever wondered about the book of Revelation, or if you simply think that Revelation has no practical relevance to your life, this course is for you. So, bring your curiosity, your mind, and most importantly, your heart, as we explore God's words to some local churches remarkably similar to our own.

EXPOLORING CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Facilitators: Pastor Dave Capozzi and Pastor Don Olson

We will explore and experience several spiritual practices that encourage personal spiritual growth in Christ. Some of the centuries-old Christian Spiritual Practices that we will experience are: Sabbath Rest, Praying the Divine Hours, Centering Prayer, Rule of Life, Lectio Divina (Praying Scripture), Personal Life Compass, and Praying One's Experience. Whether you have never experienced a Spiritual Practice or are very familiar with Spiritual Practices, this class is for you. As we grow in our intimacy with Christ, so we will grow in our relationships with each other. Come and grow. Come and hear God's voice speak to you.

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