



So You Know!



Sunday, September 20, 2015

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	12:20 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	12:20 pm
Friday	<i>A Servant's Heart</i> Ministry	6:45 pm
Next Sunday	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
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COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The children participating in *A Servant's Heart* Ministry will be collecting items for college care packages until Sept. 25. If you would like to donate small items or send encouraging cards to the undergraduates in our church family who are away from home, please place them in the box on the stage in the gym. Please label your items if you'd like them to go to a specific student. We will be putting the packages together on Sept. 25th. Packages will be going out to Jenna Leanes, Kim Humphrey-Kiger, Mike Hoppe, and Lindsay Buzzee. If you know of other students who are away from home and could use some encouragement, please see Betti Buzzee. We'd love to send them a package!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

All those interested are invited to the library following worship for a blood pressure check.

EAST BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are collecting school supplies for East Bridgewater's Central School (K-3). The town has been struggling to provide adequate supplies due to budget cuts, and parents must make up for the shortfall by providing many of these items. Items needed include the following:

Multi-colored broad tip Expo markers	Elmer's glue sticks
Crayola crayons	Crayola Broad Line 8ct washable markers
Hand Sanitizer (liquid or wipes)	Tissues
Disinfecting antibacterial surface wipes	Headphones
Band-Aids	#2 Ticonderoga pencils
Black broad tip Expo markers	Pencil Top Erasers
Yellow Highlighters	PaperMate EraserMate black pens
Mechanical Pencils	Pencil Top Erasers
White copy paper	Spiral Bound Wide-rule 1-subject Notebooks

A box is available in the narthex. Please see Jen Ambroceo with any questions. Thank you for your help.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, September 27th 11:00 am
Covenant KIDS Congo Sunday

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“Hope Shows Up when Christ’s Followers Show Up...continued”
Text: Proverbs 14:31
- **God’s Word for God’s Children**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, September 27th, Andrea Sawyer will provide care in the Nursery. Barbara Stickney and Amanda Medeiros will be in the Toddler Room.

Children’s Church

Children’s Church is for children (Kindergarten - 3rd grades) during the second half of our worship celebration. The leaders on September 27th will be Jolie LaValle and Betti Almeida.

WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS

A few years ago, our church participated in an experience we called Worship Without Walls. This was a time, as the name suggests, that worship was experienced not within the confines of the sanctuary, but in and around the community. The Leadership Team has been talking about what it might look like if we were to create this unique worship opportunity again. So it is my job to find some volunteers! If you are interested in helping with the planning and organization of Worship Without Walls Part 2, please contact me!

Pastor Dave

WELCOME BABY UPDATE

Thirteen East Bridgewater families received Welcome Baby gift bags on August 25. Esther Garland and Mabel Sawyer met with caregivers (including one of Erik Olson's former teachers) at seven homes. They were well received at each home and, as usual, these folks were touched by the thoughtfulness of our church family.

Many thanks to those who create booties, hats, small carriage robes and other items for these bags. The love and effort behind them speak volumes to those who receive them. Thanks also to those of you who support this outreach through prayer and encouraging words.

In Service to Him,

Nancy Ohlen, Welcome Baby Outreach Co-ordinator

2015 UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through September 13, 2015:

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,782	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$176,950
9/6/15 Actual Giving	\$4,069	YTD Actual Giving	\$158,411
9/13/15 Actual Giving	\$5,725	YTD Difference	(\$ 18,539)

For a more detailed look at the church’s finances, see the Members’ page on the church website. 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

- Grace Duggan – home – being treated for pulmonary and heart issues (water retention)
- Leslie Baker – home – still in pain and recovering from a recent automobile accident
- Janet Cheney – praise God - making excellent progress in treatment of cancer
- Sharon Brown (Michelle Peebles' mother) – making excellent progress in her treatment of breast cancer
- Phil Gueli – home – undergoing tests for a bowel obstruction
- Jeanne Bell – home - rehabbing from knee (right) replacement on July 6
- Connie Johansen – home – rehabbing from a broken hip due to a fall on July 27
- Dave Buzzee –Algeria; working for Raytheon
- Tony Pinho – we thank God that Tony has found full-time employment
- John Baker (Leslie Baker's brother) – requests prayer as he seeks employment
- Marilyn (Ruth Pinho's niece-in-law) – advanced cancer; married with 3 children (10, 8 & 7)
- 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 Global Mission – Arielle & Michael Hewitt - CRU, leaving this month for full-time ministry in Berlin, Germany
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Rev. Howard Burgoyne, East Coast Conference Superintendent
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Chairperson Michelle Peebles
- Fran Stickney (Brad Stickney's mother) – 92 years old; advanced Alzheimer's
- Bud Finch – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Pat Gillis – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Madelyn Newberg – Heights Crossing, Brockton
- Carolyn Luther – home - with breathing issues
- Evelyn Ostlund – Life Care Center, West Bridgewater - recovering from a broken arm
- Marion Schill – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Marge Shurtleff – Emmanuel House, Brockton
- Myrtle Tighe – The Arbors Assisted Living, Stoughton

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHILDREN AT WORLDWIDE HEART TO HEART

Cards will be available on September 20 and September 27 in the fellowship hall. Please consider writing to one or more children at the Village. There are always new children arriving at Heart to Heart. I will have many names available, since they now have over 100 children.

I wish to thank everyone who has taken time in the last 4 years to write to these children.

I usually translate the letters and mail them to Lisa Closner, Worldwide Heart to Heart, P.O. Box 3275, Clackamas, OR 97015.

Thank you for being part of this ministry.

Mabel Sawyer

CALLING ALL MEN!

Men's breakfast will resume on Saturday October 3rd; 7:00 am at the church. Please make every effort to attend as we need to do some planning regarding the future of men's ministries at Community Covenant. In preparation for the breakfast, please be in prayer regarding what God wants this ministry to look like and who He wants to help lead it going forward. After more years that I can count, Chef Tom is stepping down (thanks for all the great meals Tom - you made it look easy). John Miltner has moved to Delaware (is that really a state?) and I hear someone else is moving to Maine soon??? Please RSVP to Don Alger or me (Dave Sawyer) at david@sawyerclan.com so I have an idea how many to cook for.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Dave Sawyer

BRUNCH BUNCH

You know who you are! You are 50 years of age and older and you deserve to be treated to brunch!

You were promised details – here they are!

DATE: Saturday, October 3rd

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Multi-Purpose Room at CCC

Featuring the flavors of the season, brunch will be delicious. After brunch, you will want to sing, so that's what we will do – with Charlie in the lead!

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE NARTHEX

September 20th and September 27th

Come, Celebrate God's Harvest Time Blessings!

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Pat Gillis

Hannah B. Shaw Home 10-S

299 Wareham Street

Middleboro, MA 02346

NOW AVAILABLE

The *Covenant Missionary Prayer Calendar* for 2015-2016 is now available in the narthex.

The minutes from the August 18 Leadership Team meeting are now available on the members' page of the church website:

[www. communitycovenant.com](http://www.communitycovenant.com).

CCCEB SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES 2015-16 continued...

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

AFTERNOON TEA BOOK CLUB

This group is a great option for those who would rather not be out at night. We choose a Christian novel to read each month and then discuss it when we are finished. We have a lovely time of fellowship together. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us that enjoys reading.

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 2-4 pm, at Carol Phelan’s home in West Bridgewater (after Daylight Saving Time ends we meet from 1:30 to 3:30 pm so that no one is driving home in the dark).

THE PATRIARCHS: ENCOUNTERING THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB

This group study will explore God’s commitment to His children through lessons learned in Genesis, using a Beth Moore study. Each week each group member will complete 5 days of Bible reading, personal reflection, and prayer. Group time will include small group discussion, written responses, and a video presentation. Although some of the material may be difficult, God wants you to be excited in your commitment to walk with Him...learn from Him...be transformed by Him. He loves you! Following the sharing of our thoughts, you will hear Beth’s message that complements the workbook in a 60 minute video. Please ask Carol or visit the table in the MPR for more details on this material.

Two Thursday evenings each month, 7-8:45 pm, beginning October 8th, at the church, led by Carol Ostlund

WOMEN’S GROUP

This year we will be starting our small group with the 2nd book by Sharon Garlough Brown, *Two Steps Forward: A Story of Persevering in Hope*. The books of the *Sensible Shoes* series are stories about four women who say “yes” to the invitation to travel deeper into the heart of God. Join in the journey to freedom, healing, and transformation. May you know the adventure of keeping company with Jesus!

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 6:45-8:45 pm, starting October 8th, led by Beth Stewart

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Small Group Ministries at CCCEB exists so that each of us would grow deeper in our relationships with Christ and each other as we learn, support, worship, serve, and pray together. Our vision is to provide a point of connection within the church and the larger community where we may grow spiritually in our faith and knowledge of Christ; be encouraged, supported, and challenged; and feel a sense of belonging and our place in the larger body of Christ.

To sign up or learn more, please visit the Small Groups table in the multi-purpose room, speak with a group leader or with Katie Sandford, or contact the church office.

YOUNG ADULTS

Who is Jesus? **and** Who are we in light of him? The **TWO** young adult small groups will be tackling these foundational questions in pursuit of becoming a more faithful Christian community. The groups will share dinner together, followed by a time of conversation and encouragement. Childcare will be provided.

East Bridgewater group- 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, 5-7pm, Pastor Dave and Jen Capozzi's home
Raynham group- 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, 5-7pm, Melissa and Joe MacDonald's home

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Confirmation is a discipling ministry for 7th & 8th grade students that is deeply rooted in our church's history. So what about us adults? If you did not have Confirmation as a teenager or it has been a few years since 8th grade, this is a small group for you. We will use the Evangelical Covenant Church's Confirmation/Discipleship as we do an overview of the whole Bible and Church history in chronological order. Since Confirmation is a two-year program, we will speed up the pace, noting key theological truths of the Christian faith. This will be a fun time of learning and growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other.

1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning October 1st, at the church, led by Pastor Olson

MISSIONS

The missions small group will continue in study of the books *50 People Every Christian Should Know* and *Operation World*. Group time is also dedicated to growing relationship with missionaries through correspondence and praying for their daily challenges and rejoicing in victories which are shared with the group and church.

Every other Sunday, 6-8 PM, beginning September 20th, at Kathy and Jim Clements' home in East Bridgewater