



So You Know!



Sunday, November 8, 2015

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today	<i>Grow the Vision—All God's Children</i>	
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	12:20 pm
	Conversation, Dinner & Worship	4:30 pm
Wednesday	Cottage Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	<i>Deep Thoughts with Dave</i> 6:30 pm	
Next Sunday		
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	12:15 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	12:20 pm

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING NEXT SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

All those interested are invited to the library following worship on Sunday, November 15th for a blood pressure check.

A SERVANT'S HEART NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

During November, our children will be collecting non-perishable food items as well as accepting monetary donations for the East Bridgewater Food Pantries. All money donated will be used by the children on a shopping trip to buy items for the food pantries. By taking them shopping, we are able to give them the opportunity to think about what people need and to make specific choices that will change the lives of others. They will also have the opportunity to come with us to deliver the food. Any donations are greatly appreciated and may be given to the children in the multi-purpose room after church on November 8th and 15th. Thank you in advance for supporting this ministry!!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex today to start preparing and filling your shoeboxes. These boxes offer a "reversal of destiny" for these dear children. Over the last 20 years at CCC I believe we prepared approximately 1000 or more of these boxes. God is calling on us, let's be challenged this year and increase our giving goal to 80-100 boxes. We know that each box "changes a life" because they travel with God's Word which is alive! **Boxes are due next Sunday, November 15th.** On that date we will dedicate these boxes to our Lord and Savior. Prayer is vital to the success of OCC --please pick up a prayer bookmark to remind you to pray for this ministry. Praise God that we can participate in His kingdom work!

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The youth of the church will once again be selling decorated, live pine Christmas wreaths during the month of November. Wreaths will be available for pick-up at church on Sunday, November 29. The wreaths are being sold as a fundraiser for the triennial youth conference, Covenant High In Christ. For further information, speak with Gabrielle Olson. Thank you for supporting our youth!

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, November 15th 11:00 am

***Pastor Don Olson, preaching**

"It Is God's Family"

Text: Mark 3:31-35

***Receive Operation Christmas Child Gifts**

***Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Chloe MacNevin

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, November 15th Nikki DeLano will provide care in the nursery. Rachael Buckley 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. On November 15th the leaders will be Jolie LaValle and Betti Almeida.

WELCOME BABY UPDATE

Nine East Bridgewater families received Welcome Baby gift bags from our church on October 27. Mabel Sawyer and I visited with Moms and a couple of Dads at six of these homes. Everyone was very appreciative and those new to East Bridgewater now have a connection in town. Also, Chantal Hall will be mailing cards to the three families on the list who have previously received gift bags.

This is truly a church family outreach, so anyone who wants to contribute knit, crocheted or sewn items is welcome to do so. Just leave them in the pastel basket in the foyer. If you have any questions, just check with Esther Garland, Mabel Sawyer or myself.

Thanks for your faithful support of this ministry.

ITEMS NEEDED!

The nursery and toddler room are in need of some new (or used!) books. Preferably board books or books that are specifically made for 0-4 years. Gently used or new toys are always welcome! Please see or call Rachael Buckley if you have anything you'd like to donate. Thank you.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Marge Shurtleff

Emmanuel House Apt. 206A

25 E. Nilssen Street

Brockton, MA 02301

PRAYER COTTAGE MEETINGS



You have a personal invitation to join us each month on the 2nd **Wednesday** as we continue our Prayer Cottage meetings. All meetings will be held at Renie Ellis' house at 165 West St, West Bridgewater, MA from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. **First meeting will be this Wednesday, November 11th.** We will continue to pray at our gatherings to lift every aspect of our Church ministry in prayer. We have prayer guides to use as we pray at each meeting. In James 4:8 the verse states: *"Draw near to God and HE will draw near to you"*. Prayer is always welcome in the house of God. In Matthew 21:13 *"It is written, "He said to them," "My house will be called a house of prayer"*. Let's storm the gates of Heaven together seeking God's will for our Church, our Church leaders, our Church family and our Church ministries. United prayer is powerful, let's experience what Jesus has waiting for us. You must come **believing** Christ will be there, **trust** that He will take charge of us, and be **willing** to let Him **change** and **unite** us. In our Summer prayer meetings we were introduced to many prayer warriors. What blessings you are! Everyone please mark your calendars with this appointment with Our Heavenly Father. *"And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."* 1 John 5:14. *God is in the business of answering prayers, lets bring heaven to earth on November 11th. Join us, our prayer is that you will **be present** in His presence.*



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

- Rev. Richard Lucco – leading our church in a conversation about Racial Reconciliation this weekend
- David Buzzee & family – David’s grandmother died on Tuesday, November 3rd and the *Witness to the Resurrection* was on Saturday, November 7
- Arvid Ohlen – *Life Care Center*, W. Bridgewater, receiving Physical Therapy after successful hernia surgery on Friday, October 30
- Madelyn Newberg family – Madelyn passed away on Tuesday, October 20, and the *Witness to the Resurrection* was on Tuesday, October 27
- Marion Schill famiy – Marion passed away on Wednesday, October 21, and the *Witness to the Resurrection* was on Friday, October 30
- Dolores Bergstrom family - Dolores passed away on Saturday, October 24, and the *Witness to the Resurrection* was on Saturday, October 31
- Phil Gueli – home – caring for his parents’ health needs; scheduled for partial (R) shoulder replacement surgery on November 30
- Mark Avery (Dolores Bergstrom’s son) – in Florida; recovering from a heart attack and triple bypass surgery
- Myrtle Tighe – Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehabilitation, Boston
- Grace Duggan – home – thankful that she is feeling better
- Sharon Brown (Michelle Peebles' mother) – making excellent progress in her treatment of breast cancer
- Connie Johansen – home – rehabbing from a broken hip due to a fall on July 27
- Dave Buzzee –Algeria; working for Raytheon – home this week due to his grandmother’s death and *Witness to the Resurrection*
- John Baker (Leslie Baker’s brother) – requests prayer as he seeks employment
- 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 – struggling with health issues
- Our Global Mission – Daniel & Andrea Kaiser, Zambia
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Promised Land Covenant Church, Bronx, NY, Michael Carrion, Pastor
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church – East Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School Anti-bullying Initiative
- 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
- Carolyn Luther – home - with pulmonary issues
- Evelyn Ostlund – Life Care Center, West Bridgewater
- Marge Shurtleff – Emmanuel House, Brockton

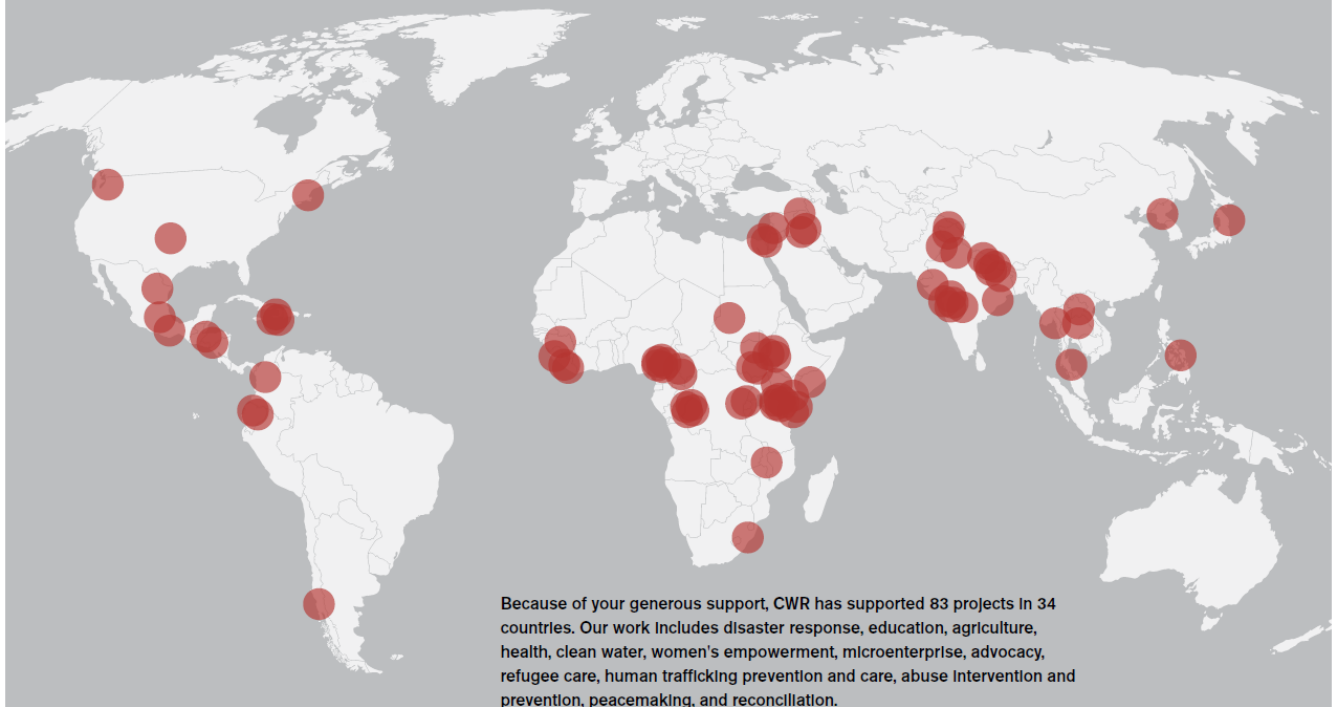
2015 UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through November 1, 2015

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,782	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$210,424
10/25/15 Actual Giving	\$4,215	YTD Actual Giving	\$188,018
11/1/15 Actual Giving	\$4,714	YTD Difference	(\$ 22,406)

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.

Covenant World Relief Projects, 2014-15



COVENANT WORLD RELIEF SOUPCANS

We will receive the offering to help those who are hurting on Sunday, November 22nd during our annual Soupfest celebration.

SOUPFEST!!!

It's the best time of the year! The air is getting chilly, the leaves are turning, and Soupfest is almost here! Mark your calendars: November 22, 2015 is this year's event.

Soupfest is an annual fundraiser for Covenant World Relief that we have done for over 20 years! People are asked to bring a large pot of soup and a ladle (crockpots are welcome). We've seen hot soups, cold soups, spicy soups, savory soups, healthy soups, and indulgent soups. There are also PIES!! Delicious pies! And bread! And if you don't make soup or pies, and can't bring bread, you can bring \$5 and just eat! (\$20 max per family; no one will be turned away!)

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex coming soon, and think about what you can bring! We also need set up, clean up, and kitchen crew to make this awesome Covenant World Relief fundraising event possible! Any questions please see/call/email Rachel Buckley.

508-404-8395

Buckleyware@gmail.com

“Grow the Vision – All God’s Children”
A Weekend of Conversation about Racial Reconciliation
November 7-8, 2015

“There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb ... They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.” Revelation 7:9a, 11b (NLT)

News outlets and Facebook feeds have been full of conversations surrounding the issue of racial inequality in America. For the last two years, it has become a national conversation that has come as a surprise to many, but is now unavoidable. The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) has sought to be at the forefront of the dialogue, encouraging member churches to thoughtfully and prayerfully seek God’s vision for what racial reconciliation might look like in each community.

The Church of Jesus Christ lives in this world as a witness to the presence of the Kingdom of God; a kingdom that celebrates unity of worship among diversity of ethnicity and culture. In this spirit, we hope to grow with God’s vision for Community Covenant Church by offering an opportunity to dialogue in safe and grace-filled environment. We are blessed to have resources within our own denomination that can offer us a place to begin discerning what God might be calling us to. Rev. Richard Lucco, Executive Director of Ministry Development for the ECC, has accepted our invitation to come and share his heart with us...

Sunday, November 8, 2015

9:45 – 10:45 am

conversation about race and reconciliation
for High School – Adults
facilitated by Rev. Richard Lucco

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Worship Celebration

Rev. Richard Lucco, preaching

4:30 – 6:00 pm

conversation and discussion about Rev. Lucco’s sermon
facilitated by Rev. Richard Lucco

* * *a light supper will be served* * *

6:00 – 6:30 pm

Worship Culmination

thanksgiving, repentance, assurance of forgiveness and commitment

Mark your Calendars!

**For more information: talk to
Pastor Dave, Krsten MacNevin,
Sarah Stewart or Pastor Olson**

➡ Childcare (infants – 13 years) provided for all sessions. ⬅

CLERK'S HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER 25, 2015 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- Balance Sheet highlights: Cash accounts balance has declined \$16,000 due to Young Adults & Youth Pastor funding from Estates & Bequests Fund; Undesignated Funds Balance is currently \$7,966.69; Estates/Bequests Fund Balance is \$82,961.38. The income to the general fund is approximately \$28,000 behind what was anticipated, we have underspent the budget by approximately \$20,500 putting us approximately \$7,500 behind budget.
- Pastor Dave reported that he is overseeing two adult small groups, leading a youth group, teaching a Sunday School class and finishing up his final two classes at Gordon-Cornwell...pray for him as he strives to balance a multitude of responsibilities with his family time as well.
- Scott Ambroceo gave a recap of the “Grow the Vision- Fulfill the Mission” campaign status and shared that the income received has fallen short of the committed pledges by approximately \$21,000. At this current rate of giving, the Young Adult & Youth Pastor position will be unfunded in March of 2017 (7 months short of our 3-year commitment.) In May of 2015, a shortfall was recognized and communicated to at the Annual Congregational Meeting – the Leadership Team asked for communication regarding any changes in commitment – no responses were received. In June, the Financial Officer sent giving statements and the GTV-FTM Stewardship committee mailed a reminder letter to all those who pledged with a request for response regarding any changes needed. No responses were received. In order to make realistic suggestions regarding the future funding for this position, the Leadership Team needs to determine what the actual giving for the remainder of the campaign will be in comparison to the original pledges. To assist in projecting future giving, Personal Covenant Cards were given to the congregation to update their intentions for the remainder of the GtV-FtM campaign. As a follow-up Lee Stewart will send out a letter to those not able to attend the meeting.
- The 2016 budget was presented, reviewed and approved. Copies can be found in the narthex. The projected Sunday Worship Offering is \$240,564, which is a 3.27% decrease compared to 2015 revised budget. Expenses were cut in several places with a primary focus on areas that would have the least impact on our ministry. There were some increases due to anticipated utility and health insurance costs. There were no cost of living increases or raises recommended. The Leadership Team recommended one extra week of vacation for all staff positions in 2016, the Congregation voted to approve.
- Kellie Bolinder discussed the research into solar energy for the church. She explained it is not feasible at this time (there is a cap on commercial solar energy in our area) but she and Mike Bolinder will continue researching the possibility of energy alternatives.
- The Nominating Committee presented the ballot for the election of the 2016 Church Leadership:
 - Chairperson: Scott Ambroceo (two year term, replacing Michelle Peebles)
 - Member at Large: Phyllis Swirka (one year term replacing Scott Ambroceo)
 - Financial Officer: Gail Lewis (two year term replacing Lee Stewart)
 - Member at Large: Rob MacNevin (two year term replacing Jim Cousin)
 - Ministry Support Team: Lee Stewart (two year term)
 - Nominating Committee- Stephen Gillis, Ruth Carrigan (two year term)
 - The Leadership Team recommended the appointment of Ruth Carrigan as Chairperson of the Safer Places Committee, this was approved by the congregation.

In closing the leadership team thanks all of you for your continued support and prayers.
May God's Peace be With You All