



# So You Know!



Sunday, December 13, 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
	Women Ministries Tea	12:30 pm
	Hi-League	3:45 pm
Monday	Choir Rehearsal	6:45 pm
Tuesday	Leadership Team Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday	EB HOPE Drop-in Center	5:00 pm
Friday	<i>A Servant's Heart</i> Ministry	6:45 pm
Next Sunday	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	Continental Breakfast	10:30 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am

## IT'S TIME FOR OUR VEGGIE TALES CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

The children from *A Servant's Heart* would like to invite children of all ages to put on their PJs and join them for the Veggie Tales' version of *A Little Drummer Boy* and cookie decorating. Friday, Dec. 18, 6:30-8:30pm. For more information, please see Betti Buzzee.

## CALLING ALL WOMEN!!

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm**

It has been overwhelming to see the list of our women in need of prayer and support grow larger and larger for many reasons, some of which are happy occasions such as, births, adoptions, and marriages. Some are not happy and hurt at the very core of our being such as, loss of a loved one, sickness, and emotional circumstances that take their toll. At this time of year, many of us are filled with mixed emotions. We want each of you to know how much you are loved and cared for by the women of your church family. We want to celebrate our life together and take some time to draw apart from the busy-ness of this Holy season, and just be together.

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteers are needed to bake breads and mini-muffins, and to help with set-up at 9:30am before worship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to cook or to help.

Please place food items on a plate ready to be served (sliced, etc.), and bring to the church on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> by 10:15am.

## LIVE NATIVITY TODAY

During worship on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> the children will be ministering to the congregation by way of a live nativity. All children, whether or not they attend Sunday School or even our church, are welcome to join us. We will dress the kids during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45am). Please see Betti Buzzee with any questions.

## HI-LEAGUE—TONIGHT

Join us for a visit to La Salette Shrine in Attleboro. We will meet at the church at 3:45pm and leave at 4:00. Transportation will be provided, but each child must have a permission slip signed by a parent.

## NEW ADDRESS

**Michael & Arielle Hewitt**

Rothenburgstr. 4

12163 Berlin

Germany

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- **No Sunday School**
- **Continental Breakfast begins at 10:30 am**
- **Homily by Pastor Olson and Pastor Dave**
- **Lighting of the Advent Candles: *Witness***
- ***Wondrous Gift* Music Festival**

### **Childcare During Worship**

Next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Rachael Buckley and Brian Sawyer will provide care in the nursery. Betti Buzzee and Michelle Peebles will be in the Toddler Room.

### **Children's Church**

There is no Children's Church on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> so the kids can enjoy our music festival "*Wondrous Gift*".

## CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

**Marilyn Gray**  
**88 Masonic Home Road**  
**T-408**  
**Charlton, MA 01507**

## COATS FOR THE HOMELESS Through December 20<sup>th</sup>

Warm someone's heart this winter. Share some warmth and spread the love by donating a gently worn winter coat. **You can bring your clean coat (clean gloves or hats are also welcome!) to church on Sunday or weekdays between 9am and 2pm. Look for the coat rack marked "Coats for the Homeless".**

### ***"Wondrous Gift" – a Christmas Worship Celebration***

Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 20, 2015 10:30 a.m.

We will gather in the Multi-purpose Room at tables with coffee breads and beverage (known as Continental Breakfast). Please note there will be no Sunday School on this day. At 11:00 a.m., the choir will lead us in a celebration of "*Wondrous Gift*" through familiar and new songs of Christmas. If you are looking for a more "casual setting" to invite your friend(s) to hear the Christmas story, this is the opportunity. Child care will be provided for children (infants – 5 years). Children 6 years and older will stay with us during worship (no Children's Church).

### ***"Christmas Worship with Carols and Candles"***

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24, 2015 5:00 p.m.

Come enjoy this beautiful worship celebration. We will sing several of the classic Christmas carols. The message is entitled "*Jesus Is Christmas.*" This worship is for all ages (children – adults). As we claim the truth that Jesus Christ is truly both man and God, we will discover the true wonder and glory of this night. God became flesh so that we can know God. **Please note: this year's Christmas Eve offering will be given to the Manna Meal Ministry, Trinity Baptist Church, Brockton.**

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will grace our sanctuary as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, and they will be delivered to shut-ins after Christmas. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost, please use one of the envelopes on the table in the Narthex, which can be placed in the office or offering plates. Donations of any size are welcome and appreciated!

## DEVOTIONALS & PUBLICATIONS

The *East Coast Covenanter* for Fall 2015 is now available on the table in the narthex.

*Our Daily Bread* for December-January-February is on its way!



### 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

- Susan Bolinder – receiving chemotherapy treatments for cancer
- Anne Peebles (Kevin Peebles’ grandmother) - recovering from surgery on Thurs., Dec. 3
- John Miltner – home – recovering from surgery to reattach his retina to his eye
- Marie Buckley – home - recovering from successful back surgery on December 2
- Phil Gueli – South Shore Hospital – rehabbing from successful full (R) shoulder replacement surgery on November 30; fighting a post-surgical bacterial infection
- Lorraine Lewis – home - rehabbing from a broken hip
- Ted Ek – home – recovering from the Shingles
- Kathy Clements – home - recovering from a back injury incurred by a fall
- David Buzzee – Algeria; working for Raytheon
- Arvid Ohlen – staying with his daughter
- Janet Cheney – home – receiving radiation treatments for cancer
- Brittany Cheney (Janet & Dana Cheney’s daughter-in-law) – receiving medical care for thyroid cancer
- 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
- John Baker (Leslie Baker’s brother) – requests prayer as he seeks employment
- 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 – Byron & Susan Bruckner, Alaska
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Sudanese Covenant Church, Manchester, NH, Monyroor Teng, Pastor
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Minister of Music & Worship Charlie Dillingham
- 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
- Marge Shurtleff – Emmanuel House, Brockton

### 2015 UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through December 6, 2015

<b>Weekly Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>\$4,782</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>\$234,351</b>
<b>11/29/15 Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$3,089</b>	<b>YTD Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$210,505</b>
<b>12/6/15 Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$4,958</b>	<b>YTD Difference</b>	<b>(\$ 23,846)</b>

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.

## **WELCOME BABY UPDATE**

On December 4, Mabel Sawyer and Esther Garland visited nine East Bridgewater homes which are welcoming new babies. It is a busy time of the year and no one was home at six of the houses. They left gift bags at those homes, a practice that has led to positive contacts over the years. The other three homes had babies only three weeks old, a treat for them as well as for the Moms.

Many thanks to Mabel, who did most of the preparatory work for these visits. For eight years I have been trying to create and maintain a data base. I am extremely grateful to Michelle Peebles, who has taken my primitive attempt plus handwritten notes and compiled them into a detailed data base of all the visits we have made since 2008. This data base has been entered into the church computer where it can be easily accessed for history, mailings and further contacts. Becky Phelan will keep it updated.

Just a reminder that we only receive from the Town Clerk's office the names of married couples with new babies. At this time we are serving neither unmarried nor single parents. If you know of someone in East Bridgewater whose name we would not receive, please let us know and we will gladly deliver a gift bag.

This outreach to the local community continues to be effective due to your faithful support through prayer as well as donations of handmade items. Thank you.

In Service to Him,  
Nancy Ohlen, Welcome Baby Coordinator

## **THANK YOU**

Dear Community Covenant Church,

What a blessing it was to find your gift outside our door! We have been looking for devotionals for new parents and these ones are great. The lullaby CD will be useful, especially in the car. Those booties and hat are adorable and Aubrielle will look great in them this winter. Thank you for all the great resources. You truly are a wonderful church family!

Love,

Ron, Emmylou, and Aubrielle Eby

## **THANK YOU SO MUCH**

To our church family in EB,

Thank you for the plaque, for all of the well-wishes, and your prayers. We hope many of you will visit us in Maine (but wait till summer; it's **cold** up here now).

In Christ, Dave & Patty Sawyer

## **AN FYI FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Did you know that meals can be provided for people in our congregation who have a need for this assistance due to extenuating circumstances involving health issues or other life events that impact their ability to provide meals for themselves and their families?

This service can be accessed through the church office. When a call comes in, the office will contact Sandy Brown or Beth Stewart who will contact the person in need to obtain the specifics and arrange a schedule of meal delivery through willing volunteers. If you learn of someone who has a need, please call the church office and we will be certain to call and get the details from the person in need. If you would like to volunteer to make a meal, please let the office know that, too!!