



# So You Know!



Sunday, December 20, 2015

Community Covenant Church

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## THIS WEEK

Today	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	Continental Breakfast	10:30 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
Thursday	Christmas Eve Worship	5:00 pm
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED—CHRISTMAS DAY	
Next Sunday	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm

## COATS FOR THE HOMELESS

### LAST DAY TODAY!

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 Sunday. Look for the coat rack marked "Coats for the Homeless".**

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

**Today 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 Eve Worship Celebration"*

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.**

## 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!!

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, December 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**  
*Lessons from the Boy Jesus*  
*Text: Luke 2:41-52*
- **No Sunday School**
- **God's Word for God's Children**

### Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> Amy Leanes will provide care in the nursery.

### Children's Church

Children's Church is for children (Kindergarten—grade 3) during the second half of our worship celebration. On December 27<sup>th</sup> the leaders will be Ruth Carrigan and Kim Bushenfledt.

## CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friends:

**Rev. & Mrs. Bob Hirsch**  
**2125 N. Olive Avenue**  
**Apt. A-34**  
**Turlock, CA 95382**

## DEVOTIONALS

*Our Daily Bread* for December-January-February is finally here! You can find it on the table in the narthex.

*The Covenant Home Altar* for January-February-March is also available now.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The church office is in the process of putting together the list for offering envelopes for 2016. In order to keep expenses at a minimum we ask that **if you would like to begin using numbered envelopes or discontinue using them, to please contact the church office as soon as possible**. If you currently use numbered envelopes and wish to continue to do so, no action is necessary. Your box for 2016 will be available very soon.

Just a quick and shameless plug here for our online giving option! Thanks very much.

Lee Stewart, Financial Officer

## 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



### 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 – progressing well from surgery to reattach his retina to his eye
- Marie Buckley – home - recovering from successful back surgery on December 2
- Phil Gueli – home – rehabbing from successful full (R) shoulder replacement surgery
- 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 – coming home this week from Algeria; working for Raytheon
- Arvid Ohlen – home
- Janet Cheney – home – receiving radiation treatments for cancer
- Brittany Cheney (Janet & Dana Cheney’s daughter-in-law) – praise God that the thyroid cancer was “contained” and the surgeon was able to remove all 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 – Arielle & Michael Hewitt - Cru, Berlin, Germany
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Highrock, Quincy, MA, Stephen Sharkey, Pastor
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Associate Pastor Dave Capozzi
- 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 13, 2015

<b>Weekly Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>\$4,782</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>\$239,133</b>
<b>12/6/15 Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$4,958</b>	<b>YTD Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$214,280</b>
<b>12/13/15 Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$3,775</b>	<b>YTD Difference</b>	<b>(\$ 24,853)</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.