



So You Know!



Sunday, December 27, 2015

Community Covenant Church

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THIS WEEK

Today NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Worship Celebration 11:00 am
 Fellowship Time 12:15 pm

Friday OFFICE CLOSED—NEW YEAR'S DAY

Next Sunday
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Worship Celebration 11:00 am
 Fellowship Time 12:15 pm

WEATHER ALERT!

During inclement weather, to find out if our worship and ministry events are cancelled, turn to television station WCVB, channel 5. Their website, www.wcvb.com, will also have closing information. You may also sign up there to have closing information delivered by email or text message.

SO MEMBERS CAN KEEP INFORMED

The minutes from the November 17 Leadership Team meeting are now available in the office and on the members-only webpage at communitycovenant.com. If you are a member and still need the password for the secured webpage, please contact the church office.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 9th 7:30am

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast at 7:30 am on Saturday, January 9th. Please notify Don Alger by phone at 508-944-5336 or by email at kkma121567@aol.com by Thursday, January 7th if you are planning to come.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. They are in alphabetical order. If you would like a box of envelopes and do not see one with your name on it, please contact the church office, and we will assign you a box! Also, if you prefer to give online rather than with envelopes, please return your envelopes to office so we know not to issue them to you next year.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ON RACIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD

On January 3rd, to kick off our new Sunday School semester, we will be hosting a combined Adult Sunday School class. During this time we will seek to process some of the conversations and ideas that were brought up during the Racial Righteousness Weekend (held in November) with our special guest, Rev. Dick Lucco. We hope this conversation will continue to challenge and encourage our church community to press on towards justice, mercy and humility. We desire to be a community that follows in the way and teachings of Jesus; breaking down the walls of hostility that continue to divide us by the tribes we were raised in. This is our opportunity to break the cycle. Please join us as we press on, in faith, to dialogue about what this might look like for our community as we move forward together.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
NEXT SUNDAY, January 3rd 11:00 am

- **Brandon Goad, preaching**
“The Truth Seekers”
Text: Matthew 2:1-12
- **Sacrament of Holy Communion**
- **Anointing with oil for healing**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, January 3rd Nancy and Brian McCarthy will provide care in the nursery. Rachel Balboni and Mabel Sawyer will be in the toddler room.

Children’s Church

Children’s Church is for children (Kindergarten—grade 3) during the second half of our worship celebration. On January 3rd the leaders will be Jolie LaValle and Betti Almeida.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

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

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.

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!!

2015 UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through December 20, 2015

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,782	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$243,915
12/13/15 Actual Giving	\$3,775	YTD Actual Giving	\$217,941
12/20/15 Actual Giving	\$3,661	YTD Difference	(\$ 25,974)

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

- Addison Cheney (Janet & Dana Cheney's granddaughter) – recovering from an appendectomy on December 22
- 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 –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 – Barbara Swanson, Belgium
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Rev. Kreig Gammelgard, East Coast Conference Director of Congregational Vitality
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Welcome Baby Project
- 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

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

January 10 – March 27, 2016

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.

ALPHA CLASS

Why Am I Here?

Facilitator: Pastor Don Olson

What do Christians believe? Who is Jesus? Why and how should I read the Bible? How can I make the most of the rest of my life? These are only a few of the questions we will attempt to answer in the Alpha course. Alpha is designed for everyone, whether you've been a Christian your whole life, have only just recently become a Christian, are just curious about what Christians believe, or anything in between. During this course, we will investigate the basic beliefs of Christianity and learn how they matter in everyday life. So, please, come and join us, and bring all of your questions and curiosity.

PSALMS

An Encounter with a Book in the Bible

"Finding Oneself in the Psalms"

Facilitator: Pastor Dave Capozzi

The Books of Psalms is understandably a favorite to so many. This collection of songs and poetry gives us insight into the lives of ancient people who were faithfully seeking to understand and follow God. We will dive into the heart and soul of selected Psalms that will cause us to reflect upon ourselves and the way we relate to God and one another. We will tackle the psalmist's feelings of happiness, joy, lament, anger and pain as we worship God more fully and honestly.

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 & Pastor Dave Capozzi