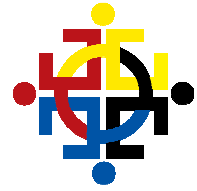


So You Know!



Sunday, April 10, 2016
Community Covenant Church
400 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333
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THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Annual Congregational Meeting	12:30 pm
	- lunch provided for those attending	
Wednesday	Monthly Cottage Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
	@ Renie & Bob Ellis' home	
Thursday,	Play & Pray Mothers' Group	9:30 am
	GRASP Grief Group	7:00 pm
Friday	Deep Thoughts with Dave	6:00 pm
	(9 th —12 th grades)	
Next Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	12:20 pm

SO MEMBERS CAN BE INFORMED...

Several new items are available on the church website for members...

- 2015 Annual Report
- Feb. 19th Leadership Team minutes
- Financial Reports (March 2016)

Go to communitycovenant.com and click the "Members" tab. Enter your password and keep informed.

If you are a member and still need the password for the secured webpage, please contact the church office.

www.communitycovenant.com

ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX...

- ⇒ The **Covenant Home Altar**, the Evangelical Covenant Church's daily devotional for the months of April, May and June. Help yourself. Free.
- ⇒ The **2015 Annual Report**. Pick up your copy and prepare for the Annual Congregational Meeting **today**.
- ⇒ Also, as we prepare to hear the Lord speak at the **Annual Congregational Meeting**, the **Agenda** is available on the same table.
- ⇒ Brochures for the 2016 camping season at **Pilgrim Pines** and **Camp Squanto**. Be sure to include camp in your summer plans at beautiful Lake Swanzey, Swanzey, NH. This is your Christian Camp and Conference Center. Come and be refreshed and renewed in the Lord.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY!!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship next Sunday, April 10th. Agenda items:

- Celebration of God's mission in 2015
- Remembrance of those who have passed away in 2015
- Update on Church's finances for this year's 1st quarter
- Update on *Grow the Vision—Fulfill the Mission*
- Appointment of Standing Committees
- Recommendations for new members
- Update on Administrative Assistant vacancy

Everyone is welcome to attend. All Congregational Meetings are open. Voting is reserved for full members.

Lunch will be provided for those

EAST COAST COVENANTER

The East Coast Covenanter - Winter 2016 is available on the table in the narthex. Help yourself.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, April 17th, 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“It is All About the Relationship”
Text: *John 10:22-30*
- **“God’s Word for God’s Children”**

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, April 17th, Becky Phelan and Sarah Stewart will provide care in the nursery. Michelle Peebles 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. Next Sunday, April 17th, the leaders will be Greg and Katie Sandford.

FLOWER BASKET SALE

**Covenant High in Christ
Fundraiser**



On May 7 and 8, flower baskets will be available for purchase at church to support the high school students who will be eligible to attend the next Covenant High In Christ (CHIC). Stay tuned for more details, and please consider buying a basket to support our eligible teens: Andy Capozzi, Katelyn Coles, Becca LaValle, Erik Olson and Madison Peebles.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to
our friend....

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



MEN’S RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE

Friday – Sunday June 24 – 26, 2016.

This will be our 15th annual trip to Maine with the mighty men. It’s designed to be a relaxing, fun weekend and is open to all men. It’s a chance to get to know some of the guys you see only on Sunday in a more informal setting. This year we have a choice of 2 venues: Waterford, on McWain Pond (no change from the past several years) or Sebago, on Hancock Pond. Patty’s & my new, permanent home is also located on a lake in Sebago, ME and is also a terrific setting for a retreat (yes Tom, there are fish!) Sebago is about a half hour closer to E.B. Send me an email if you have a strong preference and I’ll make the call based on your input and some other factors (like the pontoon boat will likely be in Sebago).

You can arrive anytime Friday or Saturday. I will try to help with carpool arrangements if you’d like to ride with someone. So please send me an email with your questions, your intention to come and whether or not you can drive and are open to having a passenger(s) or if you need to ride with someone else. I generally do the shopping for the food and request a \$25 donation to help cover the costs (but if \$\$ is an issue, please come anyway!) We hope to include you this year!

My (David Sawyer) email address is david@SawyerClan.com and my home phone # is (207) 803-8500 but you can also direct questions to some of the guys who have attended in the past such as Tom Bolinder, Don Alger, Chuck Pierce and John La Freniere.



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

- Annual Congregational Meeting—today, Sunday, April 10
- Grace Duggan - Good Samaritan Hospital - recovering from partial-hip replacement surgery on Thursday, April 7
- Janet Cheney - home recovering from successful surgery on Monday, March 14th
- Ted Ek – receiving treatment for recent diagnosis of Parkinson’s Disease
- Ruth Pinho – Praise God that she has found full-time employment, beginning April 18
- Jeanne Bell – receiving treatment for a back injury incurred by a fall
- Susan Bolinder – receiving chemotherapy treatments for cancer
- Phil Gueli – home - complications from shoulder replacement surgery
- Lorraine Lewis – home - rehabbing from a broken hip
- David Buzzee – Algeria – working for Raytheon
- 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
- 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 – Rev. Gary Walter, President of the Evangelical Covenant Church
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Highrock, Quincy, MA, Stephen Sharkey, Pastor
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Leadership Team member Phyllis Swirka
- Fran Stickney (Brad Stickney’s mother) – 93 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

2016 UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through April 3, 2016:

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,626	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$64,764
3/27/16 Actual Giving	\$4,825	YTD Actual Giving	\$57,137
4/03/16 Actual Giving	\$3,975	YTD Difference	(\$7,627)

The total *Give Beyond* offering through Sunday, April 3 is \$9,246. We will report *Give Beyond* totals separately for several weeks to express our gratitude for your sacrificial giving. These funds are being used toward the budgeted expenses.

For a more detailed look at the church’s finances, see the Members’ page on the church website. Please direct any questions to any member of the Leadership Team.



4th Annual Women's Retreat
May 13th – 15th, 2016
Sebago, Maine

All ladies who attend CCC are invited and welcomed to attend the 4th Annual (still trying to catch up to the men) Women's Retreat hosted by Patty Sawyer. This year we will be in our new home located in Sebago, Maine on the shores of Hancock Pond. This rather informal gathering serves as just a relaxing time of fellowship and getting to know each other better through the sharing of our talents (usually a craft, sometimes singing, maybe painting this year?, perhaps a game of Farkel?; all optional) and our stories (lots of stories) of God's faithfulness in our journeys and with each other. We will have a devotional time but also plenty of time to just relax, enjoy the scenery and rejuvenate the soul. Take part in any number of fun activities or feel free to just rest in solitude. The cost to attend is \$25/pp and covers all expenses except your gas to get there and perhaps a shopping spree or two. Car pooling is recommended and can be arranged if desired.

Please call 207-803-8500 or even better, e-mail Patty@sawyerclan.com (even if you don't know her) by May 1st to reserve your quiet spot with a view and a comfortable bed. Once we have a head count, directions and other pertinent information will be sent to you. Questions may also be directed to Ruth Pinho (our loon lover) in church on Sunday mornings.

And remember...what happens in Maine, stays in Maine!

Prayer Sisters!

*“And I pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”*

Ephesians 6:18

We know it is a privilege to lift each other up in prayer, and we've all been blessed either by praying for someone else, or being the recipient of others' prayers for us. Women Ministries would like to invite all ladies in the church to participate in Prayer Sisters, so that we may encourage and support each other in prayer. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex, or you can contact Candi Keith at 508 583-1227 or cskeith@comcast.net to be a part of this ministry. All who sign up, will be paired with another woman in the church, to share each other's prayer concerns and praises.

Women Ministries Sunday

May 22, 2016

Preaching: Rev. Kanyere Eaton, Senior Pastor of Immanuel Covenant Church, Bronx, N.Y..

Rev. Eaton was a keynote speaker at the last Triennial. She was awesome.

Ask any of the women who attended the last Triennial. We are thrilled to have her as our guest!

Set this day aside - bring a friend!

Triennial XV

Kansas City, MO July 28-31, 2016
See Jane Ostlund for more information.

COMMUNITY GARDEN



Spring is here! The crocuses are blooming, and the daffodils are not far behind. Garden centers are gearing up and seed displays abound. (I already have mine, and the peas are in the ground.)

Remembering the bounty we enjoyed from our “Community Garden” last year, perhaps you’ve thought you’d like to have a hand in producing vegetables and/or flowers in God’s little green acre. Now is the time to reserve a plot or two. We already have two people signed up, and it’s on a first-come, first-served basis. No gardening experience necessary. If you can make a hole for the seeds, pull weeds, and handle the hose for watering, you’re golden. That, and commitment, is all it takes. Free advice is available for the asking. There is a nominal charge of \$10 per plot, which goes toward upkeep and maintenance.

Don’t miss out on this great opportunity. See Sandy Brown or Chris Smith for your assigned plot(s).

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGAN LAST SUNDAY You haven’t missed too much to join!

An Encounter with a Book in the Bible: “Jonah”

facilitated by: Pastor Don Olson

Jonah contains only 58 verses, but those few verses include a storm at sea, the conversion of sailors, a miraculous rescue, a song of praise, the repentance of Israel’s archenemy, and an intensely honest dialogue between Yahweh and His most reluctant prophet. Through this, God reveals His character and the nature of His relationship with all people as well as with the non-human creation (wind, fish, etc.). Come and find yourself in the story. It is God’s story and therefore, our story.

“Creating Biblical Community”

facilitated by: Pastor Dave Capozzi

As people who seek to be the hands and feet of the Messiah, we are called to life together. The task at hand is to ask the question: What would it look like if we were to invest in our community in a way that reflects the spirit of the early Christian Church? This is the question that so many people are asking today, and this class will be our contribution to this ever-growing conversation. We will spend time looking into the many barriers to developing a biblical community, as well as the joys that accompany a community that shares life together, as described in Acts 2.

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

APRIL 2016 CORNERSTONE AVAILABLE

Copies of the *Cornerstone* (monthly newsletter) are available on the table in the Narthex.

Have you ever considered receiving your copy of the *So You Know* (weekly announcements) and the *Cornerstone* via email? It is easy and quick. Go to www.communitycovenant.com and click on the “constant contact” button on the upper right hand corner of the home page. Enjoy

BRUNCH BUNCH IS BACK!

Men and women, age 50 plus, are invited to
“The Spring Brunch”
on Saturday, April 30th at 10 a.m.
in the Multi-Purpose Room at CCC.

SAVE THE DATE!

Plan now to feast and fellowship with friends at
“The Spring Brunch”!

The next date for the **EB HOPE Drop-In Center** is **April 21**.
Get the word out and pray for those who are providing support
for our brothers and sisters affected by addiction.

MAKING SUMMER PLANS....

- ⇒ Don't forget to include time at Pilgrim Pines Conference Center for the family and Camp Squanto for the children/youth. Brochures are available on the table in the Narthex. Also, **confidential financial assistance** is available. See Pastor Olson. We are committed to have every child attend Camp Squanto. No one stays home due to financial need.
- ⇒ Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 11– 14; 9 am—12 noon each day. For more information, speak to Betti Buzzee. See you for a great