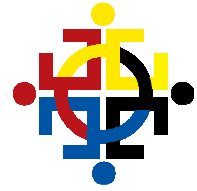


So You Know!



Sunday, April 17, 2016
Community Covenant Church
400 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333
(508) 583-3360 www.communitycovenant.com

THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	12:20 pm
Tuesday	Leadership Team Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday	EB HOPE drop-in-center	5:00 - 900 pm
Next Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm

SO MEMBERS CAN BE INFORMED...

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

- 2015 Annual Report
- Feb. 16th 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

PASTOR OLSON ON VACATION

Pastor Olson will be on vacation this week, through April 25. If there is any pastoral need, Pastor Dave will be available for all pastoral care needs.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, April 24th, 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- **Pastor Dave Capozzi, preaching**
"A New Commandment"
Text: *Acts 11:1-18*

• Mission Moment:

Covenant Retirement Communities

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, April 24th, Betti Buzzee will provide care in the nursery. Amanda Medeiros and Gabrielle Olson 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 24th, the leaders will be Ruth Pinho and Beth Llanes.

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 hear about God's mission through Community Covenant.
- ⇒ 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.

EAST COAST COVENANTER

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

April 10, 2016

Highlights from the Annual Congregational Meeting:

- Celebration of God's mission in 2015— acceptance of the 2015 Annual Report
- Remembrance of the saints who passed away in 2015: Dolores Bergstrom, Wally Brown, Gail Doherty, Madelyn Newberg, Evelyn Ostlund and Marion Schill
- Update on Administrative Assistant vacancy—the Leadership Team is taking this time to evaluate what the exact needs of the church are for effective ministry. A recommendation to the Congregation will be presented in the next two months.
- Update on Church's finances for this year's 1st quarter (Jan. - Mar. 2016)
 - ⇒ Because we received over \$9,221 in the *Give Beyond* offering, all bills are currently paid and Unrestricted Cash is \$7,107. At the beginning of 2016, Unrestricted Cash was at 1,995. Thank you! Praise God!
 - ⇒ Leadership shared that there will be some additional expense reduction in the next 9 months:
 - 1) Music Director, Charlie Dillingham will be on vacation for the summer months: (\$2,800)
 - 2) Reduction in the Administrative Assistant's position of a minimum of 10 hrs./wk.: (\$5,038)
 - 3) Pastor Olson will not attend the East Coast Conference or the Evangelical Covenant Church's Annual Meetings: (\$1,757)
 - ⇒ There is a conservative projection that budgeted donations for Facility Use will be a \$2,000 increase over the approved budget
 - ⇒ With the current average weekly offering and these budget adjustments, there is a projected shortfall of \$9,231. Solution is 1) more expense reductions or 2) increased giving. Please pray about what God is calling you to do as we continue to move forward for God's mission.
 - ⇒ At this time: The Leadership Team recommends that we do not increase the Missionary support by \$500. The Leadership Team will continue to monitor the financial picture because we want to bring our Missionary support level back to the 2015 actual support.
- Update on *Grow the Vision—Fulfill the Mission*: current pledges will fund the position of *Young Adult & Youth Pastor* position through April 2017. The Leadership Team asks for your prayers as they are seeking God's direction for God's Vision for the Church in the next 3 - 5 years.
- *The Safer Places Committee* was re-appointed. Members are Betti Buzzee, Ruth Carrigan, Steve Gillis, Beth Stewart and Sarah Stewart.
- Josh Anthony, David LaValle, Erik Olson, and Andrea & Brian Sawyer were voted into membership. Praise God!

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to
our friend....

Jeanne Bell
58 Sunset Avenue
Brockton, MA 02301



FLOWER BASKET SALE Covenant High in Christ Fundraiser 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.



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

- The Buckley family - praise God for the birth of Garrett Lee Buckley on Thursday, April 14
- Grace Duggan - LifeCare Center, West Bridgewater - rehabbing 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
- 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 – Covenant Church, Koyuk, Alaska
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference – Rev. Kreig Gammelgard, East Coast Conference Director of Congregational Vitality
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church – Facilities Co-coordinators Jim Clements & John DeLano
- 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 10, 2016:

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,626	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$69,390
4/03/16 Actual Giving	\$3,975	YTD Actual Giving	\$62,080
4/10/16 Actual Giving	\$4,943	YTD Difference	(\$7,310)

The total *Give Beyond* offering through Sunday, April 10 is **\$9,271**. 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!

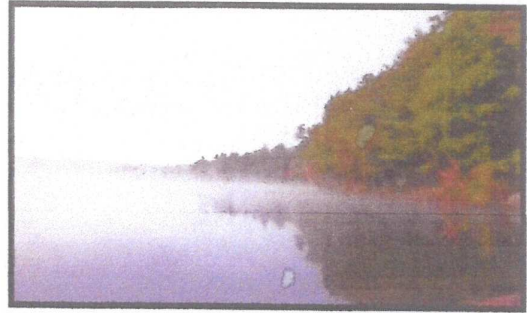
Triennial XV

Kansas City, MO July 28-31, 2016

See Jane Ostlund for more information.

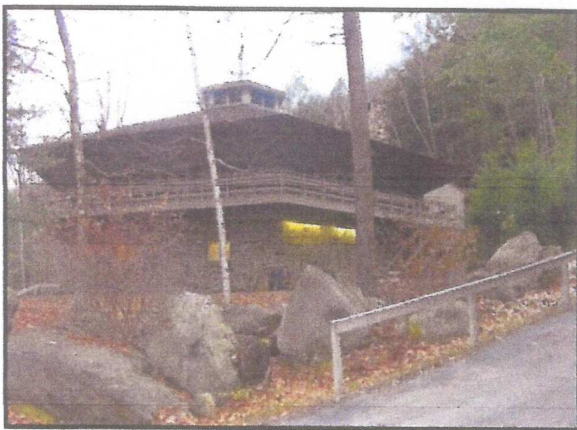
SAVE THE DATE

East Coast Conference
Women's Ministry **2016 Fall Retreat**
Pilgrim Pines Conference Center
Swanzey, New Hampshire



September 23-25

Keynote: **Meagan Gillan**, ECC
Women's Ministry President
from Chicago



Meagan Gillan takes great joy in connecting with women in all kinds of settings. Whether at retreats, events, or over coffee, she loves sharing together

how Jesus is calling women deeper together in him (especially over coffee). She is encouraged when women take steps to grow in discipleship, whether by leading a Bible study, choosing to heal from abuse, or by reaching out with global vision. She thinks the women of the Covenant are terrific and is excited about the next generation of women leaders rising.

Meagan is a graduate of Wheaton College and is married to Scot, a pastor. They celebrated 40 years of marriage last year and still like each other. They love the connections they've made during 38 of ministry across five states and many, many really great people. They have four terrific adult children, two daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, and twin grandsons capable of melting her heart at a moment's notice.



Registration opens **May 1**.

New this year: Register via Pilgrim Pines:

pilgrimpines.org → Retreats → Adult & Family Retreats

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).

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 keeping informed.

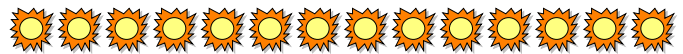
BRUNCH BUNCH IS BACK!

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”!

BABY BUCKLEY ARRIVES

We praise God for the healthy birth of Garrett Lee Buckley on Thursday, April 14. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 5.7 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. Mom (Rachael) and baby are doing well. As we praise God for Garrett’s birth, please pray for the Buckley family as they adjust to this new addition to their family.



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 week of fun, learning and experiencing Jesus.

