



So You Know!



Sunday, January 1, 2017
Community Covenant Church
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THIS WEEK

Today	<i>New Year's Day</i>	
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Choir Rehearsal	12:15 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 am
Monday	AA	7:00 pm
Tuesday	AI-Anon	7:30 pm
Thursday	EB HOPE drop-in center	5:00 pm
Friday	A Servant's Heart Ministry	6:45 pm
	Confirmation	6:45 pm
Friday	Epiphany	
Saturday	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	7:30 am
Next Sunday	<i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	
	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.

January 7th - Saturday, 7:30 am



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
CALLING ALL MEN!!
All men are welcome to come to our monthly breakfast and fellowship.
For reservations, please call Don Alger by Thursday, January 5th..
Suggested donation: \$5.00

**ON THE TABLE IN THE NAR-
THEX...**

- ⇒ Our Daily Bread - December - February
- ⇒ The Covenant Home Altar - Daily Devotions - January / February / March 2017 
- ⇒ January 2017 Cornerstone 

Thank You

Curt and I are so thankful for such a caring church family. We thank you for the generous support we received through your prayers, cards, notes, special foods and short visits. We are on the road to recovery.

God bless you!
Curt and Mabel

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Marge Shurtleff
Emmanuel House Apt. 206A
25 E. Nilssen Street
Brockton, MA 02301

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, January 8, 11:00 am
Epiphany Sunday

- Pastor Don Olson
 "Mysteries Revealed"
 Text: *Ephesians 3:1-12*
- Consecration of 2017 Leadership Team

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, January 8th, Rachael Buckley will be in the Nursery and Betti Buzzee and Kellie Bolinder 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, January 8th, the leaders will be Jolie Lavelle and Betti Almeida.



Reminder: Pick up your copy of the **January 2017 Issue of the Cornerstone!!**

Thanks for Caring!

Women Ministries would like to thank everyone who participated in providing **26** meals to several recipients over the last 5 weeks. There were 17 individuals who assisted in this endeavor! At one point there were 3 needs at once. If you would like to be part of this ministry moving forward, that provides a tangible way of caring for our brothers and sisters (everyone is welcome to participate!), please contact the church office or Beth Stewart at Bethfay@yahoo.com or (508) 944-6930. We sure could use you!

Matthew 25:31-40 'For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' NLT

SO MEMBERS CAN BE INFORMED...

Go to www.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.

- ◇ **November 15, 2016** Leadership Team minutes
- ◇ **November 2016** Financial Report
- ◇ Congregational Meeting Decisions
 - **2017** Budget
 - Brockton Church Plant

Printed copies are available in the church office for reading if you wish to do so.

Please ask any Leadership Team member where the LT Minutes binder is located.



You can read the complete articles on the Missions Bulletin Board...

Honduras - H2H - Notes from Mary
October - December

Covenant Youth of Alaska
Ministry Update - December 2016

Sweden - Steve and Barb Swanson
(on home assignment) - Advent greetings...

Zambia - Andrea and Daniel Kaiser
Thank you so much to everyone who made Daniel feel at home while in Chicago!

Dear church family,

In many settings, a new year is often a time of change and transition. This will be true for Community Covenant Church in 2017. Changes in leadership, Pastor Dave's departure, and other topics that we have been discussing as a leadership team have led us to seek some support as we go into a new year.

The leadership team reached out to Rev. Howard Burgoyne, our conference superintendent, for some wisdom. He recommended that we contact Dr. Brian Madvig of Helping Congregations Heal, to work through some issues with how we lead, how we deal with conflict, how we communicate, and how we best move forward together as a church.

Dr. Madvig has a Masters of Divinity from North Park Seminary and is also a clinical psychologist. On December 8th and 9th he came for a preliminary visit and met with Pastor Olson, Pastor Dave, and me. He was able to begin to get to know us and our church, and we all agree that his services will be extremely beneficial for CCC. He will return in January to work with Pastor Olson and the whole leadership team more closely. Because they feel that this is important for our church's health, the East Coast Conference will do what is necessary to support us financially in this process. This is a good, healthy step we are taking.

Personally I'm very excited about how this will help us grow. Please pray for your leaders as this process continues. We're open to any questions about Brian's work with our church.

Sincerely,

Katie B. Sandford
Acting leadership team chairperson

2016 UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through December 25, 2016:

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,626	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$240,552
12/18/2016 Actual Giving	\$2,079	YTD Actual Giving	\$202,059*
12/25/2016 Actual Giving	\$4,307	YTD Difference	(\$38,493)

* includes **\$9,356**. special "Give Beyond" offering received in March/April 2016 to cover budgeted expenses.

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

- Kelsie and her 3 children (Jeanne Bell's granddaughter and 3 great-grandchildren) - Kelsie's home was destroyed by fire and they lost everything; praise God they are all unharmed and safe
- Leslie Baker - recovering from a herniated disc
- Ruth Pinho - home - recovering from a broken shoulder
- Ruth Carrigan – recovering/healing from successful foot surgery on November 10
- Planting a Covenant Church in Brockton– Pastor Dave Capozzi
- Mabel Sawyer - receiving chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma of the stomach
- Phyllis Swirka - recovering from successful shoulder surgery to remove a bone spur
- Jen & Pastor Dave Capozzi - transitioning to their new home in Brockton
- Nicole Aguire - undergoing tests for physical health need
- Phil Gueli – home - diagnosed with Grave's disease
- Sandy Brown's daughter-in-law—receiving treatment for breast cancer
- Janet Cheney – praising God for positive treatment results for breast cancer
- Amy Titus (Ruth Pinho's friend) – diagnosed with Parkinson's disease
- Katie Sandford –with health issues
- Joe (Carl West's son) - dealing with personal struggles
- Shawn (Carl West's 15-year-old grandson) – dealing with several issues
- Our Global Mission - Barbara & Steve Swanson, Sweden (currently on home assignment)
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference - New Season Church, Bronx, NY, Phil Bonano Pastor
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church - Leadership Team member Rob MacNevin
- Grace Duggan - home
- Theresa Guaraldi – home – health issues
- Pat Gillis – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Evelyn Fleming - home
- Carolyn Luther – home - with pulmonary issues
- Marge Shurtleff – Emmanuel House, Brockton
- Myrtle Tighe – Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehabilitation, Boston

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

1 John 5:14

AN INVITATION TO EVERY ADULT...

One of the primary principles that breathed life into our church in 1885 was the affirmation that the Bible is the Word of God and the only perfect rule for our faith, doctrine and lifestyle. So those early followers of Christ would consistently ask the question, "Where is it written?" Meaning: "where is it written **in the Bible**?" Or as one Covenant Pastor says, "Let's do Bible." This is what we need to be reading. There is always more to learn from God about our relationship with Him. So..."let's do Bible" together. The time is very convenient...9:45 am on Sundays, beginning January 8th. We call it Adult Sunday School. Call it whatever you want. But let's do it. "Let's do Bible."

January 8 – March 26, 2017

PHILIPPIANS

An Encounter with a Book in the Bible

Facilitator: Pastor Don Olson

This beautiful letter is rich in insights into Paul's theology and his apostolic love and concern for the gospel and his converts. In *Philippians*, Paul reveals his human sensitivity and tenderness, his enthusiasm for Christ as the key to life and his deep feeling for those in Christ who dwell in Philippi. With them he shares his hopes and convictions, his anxieties and fears, revealing the total confidence in Christ that constitutes faith. *Philippians* has been termed "the letter of joy." It is the rejoicing of faith, based on true understanding of Christ's unique role in the salvation of all who profess his Lordship

Come and join others who want to claim this total confidence in Christ. Come and discover the true joy that is possible through Jesus Christ.

Pastor Don Olson



Interested in a conversation about what it means to partner with or join the church plant in Brockton? Come out at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 11th to join the dialogue.

Any and all people are welcome. We can use all the input we can get!

P.S. FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED!

Pastor Dave Capozzi