



# So You Know!



Sunday, December 3, 2017 Community Covenant Church  
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## THIS WEEK

### Today *First Sunday of Advent*

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Celebration	11:00 am
Choir Rehearsal	12:15 pm
Fellowship	12:15 pm

Monday	AA	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Al-Anon	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Mom's Bible Study	9:30 am
Thursday	EB HOPE drop-in center	5:00 pm
Friday	Veggie Tales Christmas Party	6:30 pm

### Next Sunday *Second Sunday of Advent*

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Celebration	11:00 am
Fellowship	12:15 pm
"Rooted" Christmas Movie Night - At the Buzzee's	6:00 pm

**Friday - December 8th**  
**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME**



Please join us here at the church for "*The Star of Christmas*" and cookie decorating.

Feel free to wear your jammies!!!  
And invite your friends!!!



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will soon grace our sanctuary as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. If you would like to give a donation, please find envelopes on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. Checks should be made out to Community Covenant Church and designated for Christmas Poinsettias.

## ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX...

⇒ *The East Coast Covenanter*—  
Fall 2018 Conference Newsletter\

⇒ DECEMBER Cornerstone

⇒ Continental Breakfast Sign-Up Sheets

**January 5-7, 2018**

⇒ Winter FEST at Pilgrim Pines  
(Informational Postcard)



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
BOOK AND BOXED CHRISTMAS CARD  
UPDATE**

Many thanks to all who gave donations. A total of \$90.00 was given and with that, 5 shoeboxes were filled AND shipped! That's 5 more children! THANK YOU!

LOOK FOR MORE BOOKS AND  
CHRISTMAS CARDS AT  
"CHRISTMAS IN JULY, 2018"

**CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST  
Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>h</sup>**



Volunteers are needed to bake breads and mini-muffins, and also to help with set-up at **9:30 am** before worship. Please see the *sign-up sheet* in the Narthex to volunteer to cook or to help.

Please place food items on a plate ready to be served (sliced, etc.), and bring to the church on Sunday, December **17th** by **10:15 am**.

Contact Janet Ek, Coordinator,  
with any questions

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 10<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 am**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

- Lighting of the Advent Candles
- Live Nativity presented by the children
- Pastor Don Olson preaching:  
    *"Preparing for Christmas"*  
    Text: *Mark 1:1-8*

### **"Childcare During Worship**

Next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Janet Ek will be in the Nursery.  
Amy Leanes will be serving in the Toddler room.

### **Transition Room**

Next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Becca LaValle will be in the  
Transition room.

### **Children's Church**

Children's Church is for children (Kindergarten - grade 3)  
during the second half of our worship celebration. Next  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, the leader will be Betti Buzzee.

## SO MEMBERS CAN BE INFORMED...

Go to [www.communitycovenant.com](http://www.communitycovenant.com)  
and click the "Members" tab. Enter  
your password and stay informed.

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

- ◇ Leadership Team Minutes -  
    October 24, 2017
- ◇ Documents from November 5, 2017  
    Congregational Meeting
- ◇ **October** Financial Report
- ◇ Approved **2018** Budget

Printed copies are also 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.

# Danke

*2 Corinthians 9: 7-14*

*Dear Community Covenant Family,*

*Greetings from Munich! The leaves are turning here and things are busy with the start of the new semester. We are excited to be meeting new students and we are anticipating God doing great things this semester. Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry. Your generous and sacrificial giving is a huge blessing to us and helps us so much as we seek to make Christ known and help others do the same. Especially with all the church is facing, we are humbled to partner with you in building God's kingdom. We are also thankful for your prayers! Please know we pray for you!*

*In Christ,*

*Michael and Arielle Hewitt*



The Welcome Baby (WB) ministry has delivered 58 gift bags to families in East Bridgewater since February 2017. That is a lot of babies born!

There are many people currently contributing to this ministry - Big thank you to Ginny, Bobbi, Rachel, Janet F., Chantal, Nancy H, Janet E, the many gifted knitters and crocheters ( Marge, Karen, Jane, Carol, Sandy and more ...) who make beautiful items for these newborns ... appreciation to all who support in prayer and various ways. We welcome these hand made items that are the "something extra special".

The visits are quite warmly received . The WB "angels" deliver smiles, gifts and God's Love to families (and often, they are even able to meet the new babies!). May HE be glorified.

The WB ministry is grateful for continued support ,prayers for families and God's grace on the ministry.

Kathy Clements, coordinator



- NEW!** ♦ Thankful to God for all of you - Cathy Campobello
- NEW!** ♦ Thank you Card from the Hewitts
- ♦ Germany - Life with the Hewitts November 6, 2017
- ♦ Sweden - Newsletter from Barb and Steve Swanson - October 18, 2017
- ♦ KICY Call Letter - Nome, Alaska October 2017
- NEW!** ♦ Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK) "Culture of Generosity" November 2017
- ♦ CWR Update - "Water from the Mountains of Thailand" - Fall 2017

Please send a card to our friend:  
 Theresa Guaraldi  
 10 Hollis Road  
 South Easton, MA 02375

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



- Details in the December Issue of the Cornerstone*
- Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:30pm** - VeggieTales Christmas Party for ALL Ages.
  - Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am** - Live Nativity during Worship Service
  - Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-8:30pm** - "Rooted" Christmas Movie Night at the Buzzees'.
  - Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am-2:30pm** Inquirer's Class
  - Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am** - Continental Breakfast and Christmas Celebration presented by the choir at 11:00am
  - Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm** Christmas Eve Service

### PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE..... and the search continues.

The Search Committee met this week and we finalized a survey that was sent out to all members and those non-members who actively attend this church on December 1, 2017. Please look for it in the mail next week. This survey will give you a voice to say what qualities are most important to you in a Pastor.....use this opportunity to be heard. You will receive this via US mail, email (if you are signed up for this service through the website) and if all else fails, there will be spare copies next to the survey box return. Simple?

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to any of the members of the search committee. Thank you!!!! Peter, Matt, Gail, Kim, Ellen, Ernie & Michelle



### COVENANT WORLD RELIEF

We continue to praise God for His Blessings and thank **you** for helping those in need around the world!

Soup Fest Donations	\$285.00	
Cans For Change	\$423.74	
Other Donations	<u>\$1,269.59</u>	
<b>Grand total:</b>		<b>\$1,978.33</b>

### WEEKLY UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through **November 26, 2017**

<b>Weekly Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>\$4,190</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>\$201,120</b>
<b>11/19/2017 Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$3,739</b>	<b>YTD Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$162,243</b>
<b>11/26/2017 Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$2,973</b>	<b>YTD Difference</b>	<b>(\$ 38,877)</b>



## FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER NEEDS

To make a request, please call the church office at 508-583-3360 or e-mail to [office@communitycovenant.com](mailto:office@communitycovenant.com); or call Candi Keith at 508-583-1227 or e-mail to [cskeith@comcast.net](mailto:cskeith@comcast.net). Requests are forwarded to prayer chain participants.



### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Nominating Committee - discernment for nominating the 2018 Financial Officer
- Pastoral Search Committee—Michelle Peebles, Kim Buschenfeldt, Gail Lewis, Peter Vacchi, Matt Llanes, Ernie Johansen, Ellen Capozzi
- Sandy Brown's daughter-in-law - praise God for good results for breast cancer treatment
- Dana Cheney - home - under Doctor's care for Atrial Fibrillation; electrical cardioversion was successful on Monday, November 20
- Tom (Andrea Sawyer's father) - Brigham & Women's Hospital - undergoing tests
- Connie Johansen - home- recovering from a fall (broken hip & wrist)
- *Covenant Community Bible Experience* - the Holy Spirit will speak to Community Covenant Church
- *Covenant World Relief* - responding to world-wide catastrophes in Caribbean Islands, Texas, Florida, Mexico, West Coast fires
- Edward Julian (Barbara Stickney's father) - home - congestive heart failure
- Olivia Cheney (Janet & Dana Cheney's granddaughter) - home - recovering from an accident
- Mitchell (friend of Pinho family) - paralyzed from the waist down due to recent automobile accident
- Jeanne Bell - home - rehabbing from back surgery
- Scott Bennett - retired from his career in the U.S. Coast Guard; looking for a civilian job to continue to support the United States
- David Buzzee - Algeria - working for Raytheon
- Leslie Baker - home - recovering from a herniated disc
- Church Plant: Brockton Covenant Church – Pastor Dave Capozzi
- Janet Cheney – praising God for positive treatment results for breast cancer
- Amy Titus (Ruth Pinho's friend) – diagnosed with Parkinson's disease
- Joe (Carl West's son) - dealing with personal struggles
- Shawn (Carl West's 15-year-old grandson) – dealing with several issues
- Our Global Mission - Susan & Byron Bruckner, Alaska
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference - Church Plant: The Commons ECC, Rochester, NH
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church - Worship Accompanist Susan Reilley
- Barbara Cote - home - pulmonary issues
- Pat Gillis – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Phil Gueli – home - numerous medical concerns
- Theresa & Bert Guaraldi - home
- Carolyn Luther – home - pulmonary issues
- Myrtle Tighe – Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehabilitation, Boston
- Dorothy & David Thompson - The Arbors Assisted Living at Taunton

*“And 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 Lord's people.”*

*Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)*