



So You Know!



Sunday, December 10, 2017 Community Covenant Church
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THIS WEEK

Today *Second Sunday of Advent*

	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Choir Rehearsal	12:15 pm
	Fellowship	12:15 pm
	“Rooted” Christmas Movie Night - At the Buzzee’s	6:00 pm
Monday	AA	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Leadership Team Meeting	7:00 pm
	Al-Anon	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Bible Study for Mommies	9:30 am
Friday	Confirmation	7:00 pm
Saturday	Inquirer’s Class	8:30 am
Next Sunday		
	Continental Breakfast	10:30 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am

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)

TODAY

Second Sunday of Advent: **PREPARE**

6:00pm - “Rooted” Christmas Movie Night. “Rooted” is our ministry with 5th - 8th grade students. We meet at least once/month for fun and service.
If interested, please contact Betti Buzzee. .



NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 17^h

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!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Beautiful Poinsettias will soon grace our sanctuary as we prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth and will be delivered to shut-ins after Christmas!

Did you know...

- * The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought of as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus.
- * The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ.
- * The white leaves represent His purity.

If you would like to give a donation to help cover the cost, , please use one of the envelopes on the table in the Narthex which can be placed in the office or offering plates. Donations of any size are welcome and appreciated!



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, December 17rd, 11:00 am
Second Sunday of Advent

- NO Sunday school / NO Children's Church
- 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 17th, Michelle Peebles and Brian McCarthy will be in the Nursery. Ellen Capozzi and Rachel Balboni will be serving in the Toddler room.

Transition Room

Next Sunday, December 17th, Jolie LaValle will be in the Transition room.

Children's Church

Next Sunday, December 17th - NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SO MEMBERS CAN BE INFORMED...

Go to 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.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee met last week and we finalized a survey that was sent out to all members and those non-members who actively attended this church as of December 1, 2017. 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



January 2018
What a year 2017 has been!

We would love to hear how God has been working in your life during the past year! Just send a note, email or even call the office before the deadline (Wednesday, 12/27/17) for the January publication of the Cornerstone.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING ???

Don't forget you can support our local church by logging in at:
<https://smile.amazon.com>, then choosing CCC as your chosen charity.



BE PREPARED

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.



- 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:
 Phil Gueli
 P.O. Box 321
 Holbrook, MA 02343

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Saturday, Dec. 16th - 8:30am-2:30pm
 Inquirer's Class

Sunday, Dec. 17th - 10:30 am - Continental Breakfast and Christmas Celebration presented by the choir at 11:00am

Sunday, Dec. 24th - 5:00pm
 Christmas Eve Service

January 2018

(Pick up an Informational Postcard located on the table in the Narthex for these upcoming retreats)

January 5-7- WinterFest for Senior High Students at Pilgrim Pines (celebrating 60 years)

January 19-21 or February 9-11 - WinterBlast for youth Grades 6-8 at Pilgrim Pines



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Contributions continue to come in for our missions. The total as of December 3rd on this venture is **\$6,452.00**. Such a blessing to see cheerful givers doing something above and beyond. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you still want to contribute, please do so - just specify your donation is for Global Missions.



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>

Grand total: **\$1,978.33**

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through **December 3, 2017**

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,190	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$205,310
11/26/2017 Actual Giving	\$2,739	YTD Actual Giving	\$165,519
12/03/2017 Actual Giving	\$3,276	YTD Difference	(\$ 39,791)



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.



PLEASE 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
- Beth & John Miltner family—grieving the death of Beth's father, Donald Sturgis
- *Covenant World Relief* - responding to world-wide catastrophes in Caribbean Islands, Texas, Florida, Mexico, West Coast fires
- Church Plant: Brockton Covenant Church – Pastor Dave Capozzi
- Our Global Mission - Presidential Search Committee for the Evangelical Covenant Church
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference - church plant: Hartford City Church, Hartford, CT
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church - Advocate for Compassion, Mercy & Justice Sarah Stewart
- Leslie Baker - home - recovering from a herniated disc
- 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
- Dana Cheney - home - under Doctor's care for Atrial Fibrillation; doing well
- Janet Cheney – praising God for positive treatment results for breast cancer
- Connie Johansen - home- recovering from a fall (broken hip & wrist)
- Amy Titus (Ruth Pinho's friend) – diagnosed with Parkinson's disease
- Edward Julian (Barbara Stickney's father) - home - congestive heart failure
- Joe (Carl West's son) - dealing with personal struggles
- Mitchell (friend of Pinho family) - paralyzed from the waist down due to recent automobile accident
- Olivia Cheney (Janet & Dana Cheney's granddaughter) - home - recovering from an accident
- Shawn (Carl West's 15-year-old grandson) – dealing with several issues
- Sandy Brown's daughter-in-law—praise God for good results for breast cancer treatment
- Tom (Andrea Sawyer's father) - Brigham & Women's Hospital - undergoing tests
- Barbara Cote - home - pulmonary issues
- Pat Gillis – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Phil Gueli – home - numerous medical issues
- 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)