



So You Know!



Sunday, December 17, 2017 Community Covenant Church
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THIS WEEK

Today *Third Sunday of Advent*

Continental Breakfast 10:30 am
Worship Celebration in Music 11:00 am

Monday AA 7:30 pm

Tuesday Al-Anon 7:30 pm

Wednesday Prayer Vigil for Pastoral Search 7:30 pm

Pastoral Search Committee 7:30 pm

Thursday EB HOPE drop-in-center 5:00 pm

Teen Challenge Christmas Concert 6:30 pm

Next Sunday *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

NO Sunday School
Worship Celebration 11:00 am
Fellowship 12:15 pm

ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX...

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

⇒ **DECEMBER** Cornerstone

⇒ Covenant Home Altar Daily Devotional
 January/February/March

PILGRIM PINES HAPPENINGS

⇒ **January 5-7, 2018** - WinterFEST
(Informational Postcard)

TODAY

**Third Sunday of Advent:
REJOICE (Music Festival)**

NO SUN. SCHOOL & NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Please send a card to our friend:

Pat Gillis
Hannah B. Shaw Home 10-S
299 Wareham Street
Middleboro, MA 02346



Thank You!

to the East Bridgewater church community for your continued support of CYAK! We are so grateful for the church partnership that continues to believe in, pray for and invest in the mission of Christ in Alaska.

There are many wonderful things to report this year.

- High school and junior high Fall Blast retreats saw a 32% increase in student participation from 57 to 84 students.
- Staff compiled 75 names of young Alaskans who show leadership skills or potential. Well above Byron's goal of '30 under 30.'
- Scammon Bay youth group has doubled in size in 2017.
- CYAK hosted the largest 'Would Jesus Eat Frybread' conference to date this fall in partnership with CRU and CHI Alpha, with 250 students representing over 30 native tribes across the country in attendance.
- Major grant partnerships from Rasmuson Foundation and Murdock Trust bring us near the end of our capital campaign goal of purchasing and renovating two Aarigaa house facilities.

Lets be in touch soon. Have a blessed Christmas season, special greetings to the church family for all of us. Best, David Rurik, CYAK, Development Director

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, December 24th, 11:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent

- NO Sunday School / NO Children's Church
- Lighting of the Advent Candles
- God's Word for God's Children
- *Christmas Carol that Is "My Favorite"*

Come ready to sing your favorite Christmas Carol and what that carol says to your heart, mind and soul about the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, December 24th, Lexi Vincent-Gray will be in the Nursery. Amy Leanes will be serving the Toddlers.

Transition Room


Next Sunday, December 24th, David Buzzee will be in the Transition room.

NO Children's Church December 24th

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
- ◇ **November** 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.

COVENANT WORLD RELIEF



Community Covenant Church partners with CWR by raising funds to help those in need around the world.

At this time, we are asking that you save your soup cans (10.5 oz.) in preparation for the 2018 CWR Cans for Change Campaign.



You can bring the cans to the church office (M.W, F, 10:00am - 3:00 pm) throughout the year.

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.

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

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.



- ◆ Thankful to God for all of you - Cathy Campobello
- ◆ Thank you Card from the Hewitts
- ◆ Sweden - Newsletter from Barb and Steve Swanson - October 18, 2017
- ◆ Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK) "Culture of Generosity" November 2017



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We received \$75 toward the beautiful Poinsettias that will grace our sanctuary as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth and when delivered to shut-ins after Christmas will bring joy and blessing to them as well!

Thank you and if you still 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 appreciated!

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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 Worship

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



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 Martha in the church office before the deadline which is Wednesday, 12/27/17 for the January publication of the Cornerstone.

Office hours are 10:00am-3:00pm. M,W, F

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through **December 10, 2017**

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,190	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$209,500
12/03/2017 Actual Giving	\$3,276	YTD Actual Giving	\$168,489
12/10/2017 Actual Giving	\$2,970	YTD Difference	(\$ 41,011)



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

- 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 - Barbara & Steve Swanson, Sweden
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference - Church Plant: Charm City Covenant Church, Baltimore, MD
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church - Bookkeeper Karl Buschenfeldt
- 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)