



# So You Know!

Sunday, December 3, 2023  
First Sunday of Advent  
Community Covenant Church



## THIS WEEK

### Today: First Sunday in Advent

- ◆ Sunday School for all ages 9:45 am
- ◆ Worship Celebration 11:00 am

### Wednesday:

- ◆ Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 am

### Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent

- ◆ Sunday School for all ages 9:45 am
- ◆ Worship Celebration 11:00 am

You can access our Sunday Morning Live  
Worship Service via



Click the link below

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOTMjK0TL6Onz2IXkKv6izA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOTMjK0TL6Onz2IXkKv6izA?view_as=subscriber)



"I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11



COVENANT WORLD RELIEF  
*Partners in Transformation*

Thank you everyone for the generous donations you made to the Covenant World Relief and Development.

We raised a total of **\$1,383.50** that will be sent to this mission and didn't we have a wonderful time of fellowship and food at the Soup Fest?

Thank you to everyone!!!!



## Sunday Service



Pastor Matthew Gillis

Text: Mark 13:24-37

"Getting Ready or Being Ready"

Greeting/Gathering Music: Dennis Blanchard

Worship Leader: Michelle Brown

Scripture Reader: Nancy Ohlen

Pianist: Christine Fahey

Worship in Song: Mike Bolinder & band

Power Point: Karen Alger

Sound: Don Alger

Camera: Hudson Gillis

Greeter: Dianne & Ken Turner

Ushers: Janet & Robert Fredlund



Check out the Missions board for the latest updates in the Narthex from Community Covenant Church supported Missionaries and organizations

\*Worldwide Heart to Heart –Honduras

\*Cathy Campobello-Columbia   
Click [here](#) to subscribe to Cathy's monthly newsletter

\*Michael & Arielle Hewitt-CRU Germany

\*The Swanson's –Sweden

\*New England Seafarers' Mission

\*Covenant Kids Congo

\*Covenant Youth of Alaska - CYAK

\*Covenant World Relief & Development

\*Welcome Baby

\*Operation Christmas Child

\*LYNN Ministries [www.facebook.com/LYNNministries](http://www.facebook.com/LYNNministries)

\*FUSE Ministries [www.fuseconcerts.org](http://www.fuseconcerts.org)

\*Science with a Mission



**Mark Your Calendar**



## Fellowship Meal

**TODAY**

after the worship service

No sign up needed. Bring a dish to share as you are able. All are invited regardless



**Christmas  
Eve  
Service**

**December 24th  
at 5:00 pm**



## Live Nativity is December 10th

All children (friends are welcome!!) are invited to participate whether or not they attend Sunday School. If your children would like to participate, please bring them to the CC room at 9:45 am for costumes and rehearsal.



## Please note the following:

**December 24th –**

There will be no adult or children's Sunday School. Service is at 11:00 am. Nursery, Toddler room and CC will run as usual.

**December 31st–**

There will be no adult or children's Sunday School. Service is at 11:00 am. Nursery, Toddler room and CC will run as usual.

## **Women's Christmas coffee and hymn sing**

**Saturday, December 16th  
@ 9:30 am**

Join us for breakfast and a time of singing Christmas hymns. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex to RSVP



## Birthdays of the Month

### December

John Anderson	1
Gail Lewis	5
Bob Ellis	8
Phyllis Swirka	13
Paul Buitenhuis	13
Carol Hill	14
Nancy McCarthy	14
Carole Wakeling	19
Owen Sawyer	21
Stephen Gillis	28



We are collecting new or gently used blankets for **LYNN Ministries** from now through Winter.

There is a marked collection bin in the Narthex. Fleece blankets are preferred, but all new or gently used blankets will be accepted.



Winter Item Collection for LYNN Ministries is available in the Narthex.

\*\*Please donate new or gently used coats, gloves, socks, hats and boots.

## December Worship Celebration Volunteer Schedule

	<u>3rd</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>17th</u>	<u>24th</u>	<u>31st</u>
<b>Worship Leader -</b>	Michelle Brown	Ruth Pinho	Gail Lewis	Tony Pinho	Gail Lewis
<b>Scripture Reader -</b>	Nancy Ohlen	Ruth Pinho	Renie Ellis	Pat Hoey	Sandy Brown
<b>Power PT -</b>	Karen Alger	Joyce Vacchi	Brian McCarthy	Joyce Vacchi	Kristy Gillis
<b>Sound Tech -</b>	Don Alger	Peter Vacchi	Kristy Gillis	Peter Vacchi	Hudson Gillis
<b>Other Events -</b>	X	Live Nativity	X	Time for Children	X
<b>Video Camera -</b>	Haley Gillis	Hudson Gillis	Nathan Anderson	Hudson Gillis	Haley Gillis
<b>Ushers -</b>	Fredlund	TBD./Connor W.	Bob E./Brad S.	Alger's	Peter V./Connor W.
<b>Greeters -</b>	Turners	Nancy McCarthy	Janet Ek	Jim Clements	Janet Ek



## WEEKLY FINANCE UPDATE

Briefly looking at our financials through **November 26, 2023**

<b>Weekly Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>\$3,523</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>\$165,581</b>
<b>11/19/23 Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$4,986</b>	<b>YTD Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$171,701</b>
<b>11/26/23 Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$1,918</b>	<b>YTD Difference</b>	<b>\$6,120</b>

[Click here](#) to be directed to online giving or scan this QR code



## FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER NEEDS



To make a prayer chain request, please call the church office at 508-583-3360  
or e-mail [ccceboffice@gmail.com](mailto:ccceboffice@gmail.com).



Call or email the church office to join the prayer chain list as well.

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for,  
it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.” Matthew 18:19

- Pray for Seth Anderson as with CRU. Here is his contact information if you would like to write him:  
Seth Anderson  
312 Wessex Road  
Lynchburg, VA 24501
- Continue to pray for Tony Pinho, that his heart muscle would continue to become strong as he works with the cardiologist.
- Ruth Pinho asks for prayers for her co-worker Nancy’s son, Ray. Ray has schizophrenia and is homeless by choice. Pray for Ray and Nancy.
- Please continue to pray for Dennis & Julia Blanchard’s great nephew, Roman.
- Continued prayers for Dana and Janet Cheney for their on going cancer treatments
- Tom Bolinder is requesting prayers for his niece Amy, Bills daughter. She was diagnosed with breast cancer, a scan revealed there is a lesion on her liver. Please pray hard that it is not metastasis
- Please pray for our children’s ministry, that God would bring more children from the community and that they and their families would come to know Christ
- Thomas Julian (Barbara Stickney’s brother) continues Chemo at Dana Farber; please continue to pray for healing.
- Pray for our friends and family that serve our country in the military –  
Lori Widner, Michael Randall, Max Broman (Kristy Gillis’ brother-in-law), Jason Guinancio and Brandon Guinancio (Chantal Hall’s sons) and Brian Lavoie (Ruth and Tony Pinho’s nephew), Andrew Hinxman (Dottie Hallam’s grandson)
- Prayers for the Leadership Team for Biblical Wisdom from God’s guidance through the Holy Spirit.
- EB HOPE’s Substance Abuse Outreach , Al-Anon and AA meetings.
- Pray for our shut-ins: Barbara Cote and Connie Johansen

**Please Note: Please send *updates* to: [ccceboffice@gmail.com](mailto:ccceboffice@gmail.com) or call (508)-583-3360**