



So You Know!



Sunday, March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Community Covenant Church
400 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater MA 02333

THIS WEEK

Today: Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Wednesday:

- ◆ Bible Study 10:30 am

Thursday:

- ◆ Prayer Meeting 12:00 pm
- ◆ Grief Share 6:30 pm

Saturday:

- ◆ Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
- ◆ Youth Group 6:00 pm

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



Sunday Service



Pastor Matthew Gillis

Text: Matthew 4:5-7
"Testing or Trusting"

Worship Leader: Michelle Brown

Scripture Reader: Sandy Brown

Worship in Song: Worship band

Pianist: Christine Fahey

Sound: Don Alger

Camera/PowerPoint: Kristy Gillis

Greeter: Nancy McCarthy

Usher: Brian McCarthy

THE
FORTY
DAYS
OF LENT



RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD

As a church, we offer different options to journey through Lent together.

***Tuesdays** from 7-8 PM,
we will have an online Zoom Bible Study.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89381379967?pwd=cVwzVZWM85jEvqU5svwbBM7y4mB50o.1>

Meeting ID: 893 8137 9967

Passcode: 639792

***Wednesdays** from 10:30-12 PM - Bible Study
in the Church library.

***Thursdays** at Noon. Prayer time in the Church library

***Thursdays** at 4 PM. Small group at Ellen Capozzi's
(call or email church office for address OR contact Ellen)

GriefShare®

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At a Grief Share group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

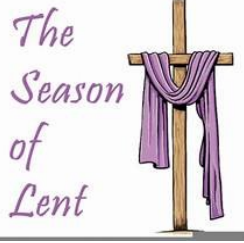
When: March 6th-May 29th,
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

Where: Community Covenant Church
400 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater

Contact: Michelle Brown,
508-566-3909



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Community Covenant Church Lent 2025

Week 4

Introduction

During Christ's 40 days in the wilderness, he was tested by Satan. During Israel's 40 years in the wilderness, they were tested by God. Both tests revealed what was in the heart of the one tested. In Deuteronomy 8, we read that God tested the Israelites in the wilderness to humble them and test them to know what was in their heart, to see whether they would keep his commands. Verse 7 says, "Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you". At the heart of discipline is training. As athletes discipline their bodies for an event, God disciplines us for life in godliness. We often call this training. Training involves teaching, coaching, modeling, and strengthening for a specific purpose.

Scripture plays a major role in our discipleship. We see how Jesus uses it to shut down Satan. Paul writes to Timothy to encourage him to know, apply and use the scriptures in ministry. 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

This Week

This week, we will focus on God's testing of us.

Read the passages below. Ask questions and discuss their significance.

1. **Read and meditate on Matthew 4:5-7. What did Jesus' test in the wilderness reveal about Him? What did the Israelites' tests reveal about them?**
2. **Trials and Tests are a part of the Christian life. Read and meditate on James 1:2-8, 1 Peter 1:6-7, Hebrew 12:7-13**

What do you notice? Share your observations

What is the purpose of trials/tests?

How should we approach them?

What can we learn from them? In Them?

What do we need to grab hold of? (Receive)

During Lent, we often practice the spiritual discipline of fasting. How can fasting help us in following Christ?

*If you have more time, read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 10:1-13.

What points of application can we make?

Close in the prayer together.



April 5th @ 8:00 am

**MEN'S PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

RSVP to Don Alger: 508-944-5336

A sign for a men's prayer breakfast featuring a background of various breakfast items like eggs, raspberries, and bread. The text 'MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST' is written in a stylized font. A black box at the bottom contains the RSVP information.

Easter Flowers

Easter Flower order forms are available on the information table by the sanctuary entrance.

Please submit your order with payment by 4/13/25

An illustration of several tulips in shades of red, orange, and yellow. Below the flowers, the text 'Easter Flowers' is written in a cursive font. Two paragraphs of bold text provide information about order forms and the deadline.

April 12th @ 9:30 am

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

An illustration of a breakfast table with a vase of flowers, a glass of juice, a cup of coffee, a plate of food, and a blue book. The text 'Women's Prayer Breakfast' is written in a cursive font above the table. Below the illustration, the date and time are listed, followed by a bold instruction to RSVP.

**Thursday Prayer Gathering
In the Library,
12:00 pm-1:00 pm**

All are welcome to attend.

An illustration of a group of people sitting around a table, engaged in prayer. A cross is visible on the wall behind them. Below the illustration, the details of the prayer gathering are listed in bold text, followed by a statement that all are welcome.

**Women's Ministry Conference sign up for
May 31st, 10:00 am-2:00pm**

At Community Covenant Church. We will be studying, "Jesus and Women".
Be thinking of women in your life that you would like to invite.

A sign up with be in the Narthex. See Renie Ellis for details on this May event.

A book cover for 'Jesus & Women' by Kristi McClelland, published by In the First Century and Now. The cover features a blue vase with a white flower. The text 'Women's Ministry Conference sign up for May 31st, 10:00 am-2:00pm' is in bold. Below this, the location and topic of the conference are mentioned, followed by a bold instruction to think of women to invite. The final sentence provides information about sign-up and contact details.



Birthdays in April

Carol Phelan	4
Audrey Brown	5
Marjorie Fitzmaurice	10
Thomas Bolinder	25
Peter Vacchi	26

*If you have a Birthday in April and you are not on this list, please let Kristy know so that we can celebrate you!



LYNN Ministries
Love Your Neighbor Now



A sign up in the Narthex is available for volunteers for sandwich making for Lynn Ministries
April 19th, at 10:30 am

Each month, our church provides **90** bag lunches for LYNN Ministries to distribute.

Just an hour of your time after the service could make a **huge** impact!

April Worship Celebration Volunteer Schedule

	<u>6th</u>	<u>13th</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>27th</u>
Worship Leader -	Gail Lewis	Michelle Brown	Gail Lewis	Michelle Brown
Scripture Reader -	Chantal Hall	Sandy Brown	Renie Ellis	Sandy Brown
Power PT /Video-	Kristy Gillis	Haley Gillis	Kristy Gillis	Haley Gillis
Sound Tech -	Don Alger	Peter Vacchi	Brian McCarthy	TBD
Other Events -	X	Children's Moment	X	Children's Moment
Ushers -	Brian McCarthy	Brian McCarthy	Ellis/Stickney	Alger's
Greeters -	Turners/Ek	Nancy McCarthy	Janet Ek	Janet Ek



WEEKLY FINANCE UPDATE

Briefly looking at our financials through March 23, 2025

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$3,625	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$43,500
03/16/2025 Actual Giving	\$2,910	YTD Actual Giving	\$42,590
03/09/2025 Actual Giving	\$3,203	YTD Difference	(\$910)

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



FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER NEEDS



To make a prayer chain request or to be added to the prayer chain email list, please call the church office at 508-583-3360 or e-mail ccceboffice@gmail.com.



“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

- Diane Nolan asks for prayer for her cousin, Teri Coley. She lives in Washington state and has been diagnosed with early onset dementia. She is only 60 years old and had to retire. She has had to make many life adjustments in preparation. She's having a difficult time.
- Eleanor asks for prayer for her daughter, Merryle. She has been experiencing dizziness and fatigue and currently does not have a diagnosis as to what is causing her symptoms.
- Pray for Ruth Pinho's sister, Barbara Dolan who was diagnosed with Spinal stenosis
- Prayers for Tom Bolinder's niece, Kim, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's.
- Please continue to pray for Dennis & Julia Blanchard's great nephew, Roman. Thanks be to God for the blessing of his life and may God be with him, his parents and the doctors and nurses who care for him.
- Continued prayers for Dana and Janet Cheney for their on going cancer treatments.
- 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
- 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 Carol Hill

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Morning Live Worship Service via



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