



So You Know!



Sunday, March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent
Community Covenant Church
400 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater MA 02333

THIS WEEK

Today: First Sunday in Lent

- ◆ Sunday School for all ages 9:45 am
- ◆ Worship Celebration 11:00 am
- ◆ Fellowship Lunch 12:15 pm

Wednesday:

- ◆ Bible Study 10:30 am

Thursday:

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

Saturday:

- ◆ Women's Breakfast 9:30 am
- ◆ Youth Group 6:00 pm

Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Lent

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



Sunday Service



Pastor Matthew Gillis

Text: John 15:1-8

"The Most Vital Connection"

Worship Leader: Gail Lewis

Scripture Reader: Sandy Brown

Worship in Song: Worship band

Pianist: Christine Fahey

Power Point: Joyce Vacchi

Sound: Peter Vacchi

Camera: Hudson Gillis

Greeter: Nancy McCarthy

Usher: Brian McCarthy



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

*On 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

Or scan the QR code →



*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)



Join us **TODAY** (March 9th) for a delicious fellowship lunch after the service!!

We hope to see you there!

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



The
Season
of
Lent



Community Covenant Church Lent 2025 Week 1

Introduction

Lent is modeled after Jesus's 40 days of fasting, prayer, and temptation in the wilderness. The Old Testament backdrop is Israel wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. When Israel first arrived at the edge of the promised land (Numbers 13). They sent out 12 spies to survey the land and its people. They returned after 40 days of exploration. Ten spies had a bad report: *"We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are... all the people we saw were of great size... We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes"*. Only Joshua and Caleb believed God would give them the land, but the people believed the ten doubters, the people lost heart and rebelled (Numbers 14). Because of their lack of faith, they wandered for 40 years, one year for each of the forty days they explored the land. Tragically, a whole generation passed away in the wilderness. Where Israel failed in the wilderness, Jesus prevailed. He was the obedient son who overcame temptation and opened the door of the promised land for all who believed in Him. It's only by faith in Christ.

The Plan

So, each week, we will use Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness and Israel's 40 years as our template. We will meet for 6 weeks, leading to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Weeks 1-2, we will focus on the first temptation of Christ. Weeks 3-4, the second temptation. Weeks 5-6, the third temptation.

The first week will focus on *repentance*. What do I need to let go? In the second week, we will focus on *receiving*. What do I need to grab ahold of (New life in Christ)

This Week

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

Read Exodus 16:1-34

What do you notice about the people?

What do you notice about God's provision?

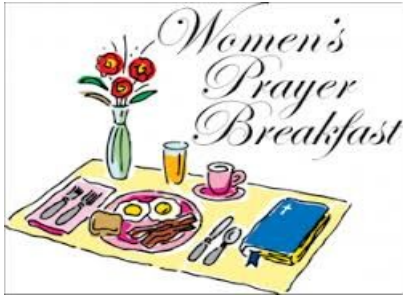
What do you notice about God's instructions about gathering the manna? What might we learn?

Read Matthew 3:13 – 4:4 (Jesus's first Temptation)

What was the temptation?

What point was Jesus making?

Application: Prayerfully seek God. What thought pattern, attitude, or action do you need to let go of?



Ladies of Community Covenant Church,
You are cordially invited to join us on
Saturday, March 15th at 9:30 am
for our monthly prayer breakfast.

**There is a sign up sheet in the
Narthex to RSVP.**

Hope you can join us for this
treasured time of fellowship!



LYNN Ministries
Love Your Neighbor Now



A sign up in the Narthex is available for
volunteers for sandwich making for Lynn
March 16th and April
after the worship service.

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!

*****URGENT NEED*****

**We have a need for slices of American cheese
for the LYNN lunch bags.**

We need 4 pounds of sliced deli American cheese.
Please use the sign up sheet and indicate how much
you will donate. When you bring it to the church,
put it in the refrigerator on the right side.
Deadline is Friday, March 14th.



**Help and encouragement after the
death of a loved one**

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

griefshare.org



Saturdays, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Grades 6-12

**Join us for games,
worship and devotional.**



Birthdays in March

Larry Antoniak 2
 Bill Brown 4
 Ernie Johansen 9
 Pat Hoey 13
 Lorraine Lewis 17
 Nathan Fahey 17
 Dana Cheney 24
 Ken Turner 24
 Lori Widner 24
 Lucy Bolinder 27

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



Help Keep Our Directory Updated!

There are pink update sheets in the Narthex. If you recently moved or changed your phone number, make the necessary corrections and submit it to the office admin by leaving it in the provided drop box.

If you would like a paper copy of the directory, please contact Kristy on Sunday or at ccceboffice@gmail.com

We also have an electronic copy available to members online.

March Worship Celebration Volunteer Schedule

	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Worship Leader -	Michelle Brown	Gail Lewis	Michelle Brown	Gail Lewis	Michelle Brown
Scripture Reader -	Chantal Hall	Sandy Brown	Renie Ellis	Chantal Hall	Sandy Brown
Power PT -	Karen Alger	Joyce Vacchi	Brian McCarthy	TBD	Karen Alger
Sound Tech -	Don Alger	Peter Vacchi	Kristy Gillis	Kristy Gillis	Don Alger
Other Events -	X	Children's Moment	X	Children's Moment	X
Video Camera -	H. Gillis	H. Gillis	H. Gillis	TBA	TBA
Ushers -	Brian McCarthy	Brian McCarthy	Ellis/Stickney	Alger's	Brian McCarthy
Greeters -	Turners/Ek	Nancy McCarthy	Janet Ek	Janet Ek	Nancy McCarthy



WEEKLY FINANCE UPDATE

Briefly looking at our financials through March 2, 2025

Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$3,625	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$32,625
03/02/2025 Actual Giving	\$5,299	YTD Actual Giving	\$30,304
02/23/2025 Actual Giving	\$4,487	YTD Difference	(\$2,321)

[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

- Brad Stickney’s cousin, Kevin White, is now home on hospice. Continued prayers are appreciated during this time.
- 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

You can access our Sunday
Morning Live Worship Service via



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