

The Covenanter

AUGUST 2019

Cape Cod



Covenant Church

Mission Statement

By the grace of God, we strive to be a welcoming community of Christ's disciples; committed to sharing His love, maturing in faith and growing His church on Cape Cod and throughout the world.



Psalm 46 declares, "God is my refuge, an ever present help in time of trouble." When Lina Sandell wrote the words to "Day by Day and With Each Passing Moment", she had faced many trials in her life. But she learned to trust in the Lord's strength each day to help her overcome her troubles and trials; that when pain and tragedy strike, God can use that experience to deepen our faith. When she was 26, she was with her father, a Lutheran pastor, crossing a lake. Suddenly the ship lurched, and before her eyes, her father was thrown overboard and drowned. Lina had written hymns before, but now she poured out her broken heart in an endless stream of beautiful songs. Her hymns were a great influence on the revival that swept across Scandinavia after 1850. This hymn is a song that calls us to faith even in times of great trial. As she, herself, said, "It is foolish to put future burdens upon the present moment. We are given only a day at a time, and for each new day new grace, new strength, new help." Here is the translation of her poem by A. L. Skoog.

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best--
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Please Note: Due date to submit:

**2nd Monday of the month
(for the following month)
(or earlier if possible).
Please be as brief as possible.**

To submit your article, please send it by email to:
capecovenantchurch@comcast.net
and sepatti@comcast.net

If you do not have email, please **type** your submission and leave it in the office.

Another request for all:

Please do not post things on bulletin boards or put notices in the Narthex without checking in the office first.
Thank you.



SUMMER WORSHIP

We continue our summer worship at 9:30 am Sunday mornings! We will change back to 10:30 am on September 8th.

Invite friends and family to share the celebration of God's grace in all our lives. Start your week off in fellowship with God.



Hard to believe, but fall programs will be starting up again soon! Watch your bulletin and the September newsletter for information on Sunday worship, Sunday school, Small Group studies, Yoga and Computer Thursday.

**OLD BROWN HYMNAL
SING-ALONG
with Bob Dvorak**



7 pm Wednesday, August 22nd

Get your voices ready for another evening of joyous song with the amazing Bob Dvorak. Bob is a retired Covenant minister who travels the US sharing his gift of music and joy. We are blessed to have him lead us again in singing some of our favorite hymns, and even some of the old Sunday School songs that we love. And don't miss out on the yummy ice cream sundaes afterwards. It's a great evening for all the family.



**SUNDAY MORNING
COFFEE HOUR SUPPORT!**

August: Choir
Evelyn Smith, 339-793-0549

September: Worship and Music
Sheryl Stone, 508-432-1412



Please coordinate with these commissions if you plan to bring in any food so that there isn't an overlap of effort.

For any food you bring to events, **please remember to label any food that contains nuts, soy, or other possible allergens so that people can enjoy coffee hours and other fellowship times safely.**
Thank you!



New address for Annie Poirier:
6898 Oak Street
West Barnstable MA 02668

New phone for Darcy Forrest
508-680-6027

New address for Rev. Alden Johnson:
100 Russet Court, Apt. 209
Lincoln MA 01773
Phone: 617-435-3995

Michelle and Matt Brigham:
Phone 508-364-3016

HANDS OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

On the first Sunday of each month we place the Hands of Hope Food Pantry box at the front of the church for your donations. You may bring donations at any time, but this will help remind us each month to remember the food pantry when we are grocery shopping.

The following items are greatly needed:
Tea or coffee; Jam/jelly (peanut butter is provided by the State); Pancake mix and syrup; Pineapple or mixed fruit; Granola bars; Baked beans; Spaghetti sauce; Crackers; Ketchup and Mayonnaise; Cereals; Corn muffin mix; Pudding or jello. And they are always in need of juice!

The Cape Cod Council of Churches is very grateful for all donations. Thank you!

Blood Pressure Screenings



Blood pressure screenings are held on the second Sunday of each month following worship service. If you would like to have your blood pressure checked occasionally or every month, please see one of our nurses in the Library after church.



Once again we will be teaming up with Brewster Baptist Church for a great Vacation Bible School time in August.

- **Date:** Monday, August 12–16 from 9am–12 pm each day
- It is **\$5** to register children to attend (max \$20 a family)
- **For Preschool:** ages 3 – 5
- **For Elementary:** Children who have COMPLETED Grade K – Grade 5
- **Where:** Brewster Baptist Church
- **What:** “ROAR: Life is Wild, God is Good” from Group Publishing

We have limited space and it is first come, first served.

Register to serve as a Volunteer, or to attend!

<https://brewsterbaptistchurch.org/kids-students/vacation-bible-school/>

MERCHANDISE CARDS



Merchandise Cards to support the homeless on Cape Cod are on sale after church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. There are several denominations available from different merchants, such as Stop and Shop, Shaws, CVS, etc. You can also order cards from other merchants like Speedway, Hearth and Kettle, Dairy Queen, Subway, Wendy’s, Walgreen, Bath and Body Works, Starbucks, Rite Aid, D’Angelos, Dominos, Papa Gino’s and others.
THANK YOU!

Current Prayer Concerns

August concerns

Family and friends (Kristine Strand) of Elsa Abele who passed away peacefully on July 1st
 Harry and Jean Canning at the recent death of Harry's nephew, Bill Canning
 Jami Carder Upcoming surgery for a tumor on her colon
 David Carlson (Paul Carlson's son) Upcoming operation for management of pain due to scoliosis
 Dottie Gaumont (Debby Barbo's mother) Recent cancer diagnosis
 Joseph Cisek (Rae Fenton's son-in-law) Dana Farber, recent diagnosis of lung and brain cancer
 Donna Eckman (friends of Mike and Susan Smith) Brain aneurysm
 Leo Flinn (friends of Mike and Susan Smith) Advanced colon cancer
 Susan Horner (friend of Kristine Strand) Receiving treatments for brain cancer
 Anna Martin's good friend, Marianne, critically ill with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, MGH
 Donna McCaffrey's nephew, Allan Dale Wright, diagnosed with prostate cancer
 Bob McCarsky, Southington CT, Health concerns
 Astrid Mogstad, Norway (friend of Steve and Betsy Anderson) Stage IV lung cancer
 Bruce Morrison Recovering from recent hospitalization
 Jimmy and Beth Roberts as they transition to Idaho
 Michael Smith Recovering at home from surgical procedure for prostate cancer
 Virgie Wakefield's son, Jay, diagnosed with testicular cancer
 Laura White Treatment for severe headaches
 Our congregation, and all member congregations in the ECC, as we process the events of the recent Annual Meeting in Omaha
 Summer staff and campers at Pilgrim Pines/Camp Squanto

Ongoing concerns

Joan Coleman (Beth Roberts' mother) Ongoing health concerns
 Thelma Hartmann Health concerns
 Indiana Kirwan (friend of Jimmy Roberts) Pancreatic cancer
 Mimi Mutty (Nancy Mutty's sister-in-law) Stomach cancer
 Joyce Nickerson Ongoing health concerns,
 Wingate at Harwich
 Todd Peters Ongoing health struggles



Please remember in prayer those who have ongoing health concerns

Rachel Ash and Erin Pember (nieces of Bonnie and Stuart Eyman) Multiple Sclerosis	Bunny Haas Fran Hedlund Pauline Nelson
Christopher Baker Ardis Bardh Bob DuBois Kay Endris	Donna Jean Wassell (Lynn Read's cousin) Nina Wikman (friend of Lynn Read and her sister, Nancy Russo) Blake Watson



How You Can Support Pilgrim Pines!

If you shop on-line through Amazon, please sign up for **Amazon Smiles** and choose **Pilgrim Pines** as your charity. Amazon Smiles is a non-profit arm of Amazon in which 0.5% of all purchase prices are donated to the charity of your choice. So you can shop like normal and support Pilgrim Pines in the process! A win-win!



Also, see the information area for Pilgrim Pines on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. There are all sorts of brochures on Family Camp, Camp Squanto, as well as Retreats, Road Scholar programs and various workshops. It's a beautiful place to enjoy fellowship and grow closer to God.

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

**Cathy Campobello
Missionary to Colombia**



Cathy Campobello has been a long term Missionary in Colombia for over 30 years. We have been fortunate to have her visit our church several times. She always expresses and demonstrates her enthusiasm for the wonderful work God is doing through her and others in Colombia. She works with at risk teenagers, victims of abuse, schools of prayer, schools for ministers, women working to make a living through learning to sew products to sell, and work teams from the United States. Through the For Life Project over 200 victims of domestic violence have been offered legal advice as well as an opportunity to learn skills and training in starting small businesses to improve their quality of life. The program is now reaching out to more male victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. Cathy is also involved in teaching English to children and adults. Through health brigades, medical help is reaching people in remote areas of northern Colombia especially the indigenous Wayuu tribe. People there are willing to wait for days in line when a medical team arrives. We give thanks to God for Cathy and the gift of her life in service to the people of Colombia.





What a blessing and privilege to be part of this church. The summer has flown by and I wanted to thank all those who have helped with music. First, a very special thank-you to Marlyce Peterson. What will we ever do without her??? She is always there when we need her, and does everything with such a loving heart. Next, I would like to thank the Loewen family who are so gifted and generous with their time and talent. Others to thank are Pastor Johnny, Annie Poirier, Bill Potter, Paul Hirsch, Kathy Valle, Nancy Nelson, Jill Vandermeulen, and I'm sure there will be many more before the summer is over. Also, thanks to Meredith Downing for helping to make our Patriotic night one of the most fun ever!! I had so much fun, and I think everyone else did, too.

—Sara Pattie

“COME BACK TO JESUS” - Sara Pattie

In the introduction to the book “The Pietist Option”, Mark Pattie (yes, that’s my brother) says he was at a conference on church leadership learning all the steps to lead, worship, teach, etc. With his mind full of all this information, he went to sleep and had a dream in which he heard God speak to him. Here’s the passage:

“Do you want to know the steps to a vital life and a vital church?”

“Yes, Lord, yes!” I exclaimed. And in my dream I grabbed the notebook I’d been carrying around all day, took out a pencil and wrote “Steps to a Vital Life and a Vital Church” at the top of a blank piece of paper, and then a number one just under the heading...

“Come back to Jesus,” God said.

“Come back to Jesus,” I wrote. Then penciling in a number two...I looked up again to hear the next step. And I woke up.

“No!” I exclaimed to myself and to God. “Please, Lord! What is number two, and three, and four? What are the rest of the steps?”

But there was no answer, no way to get back into the dream, no way to go back to sleep for quite a while.

“Come back to Jesus” was all I heard.

After getting up, I spent the day at the conference attending yet more seminars, but my head and heart were elsewhere, thinking, praying and wondering about the dream.

It wasn’t until later, as I listened to the evening concert, that it struck me: there is no step two, or three or four.

Just this one. Always this one:

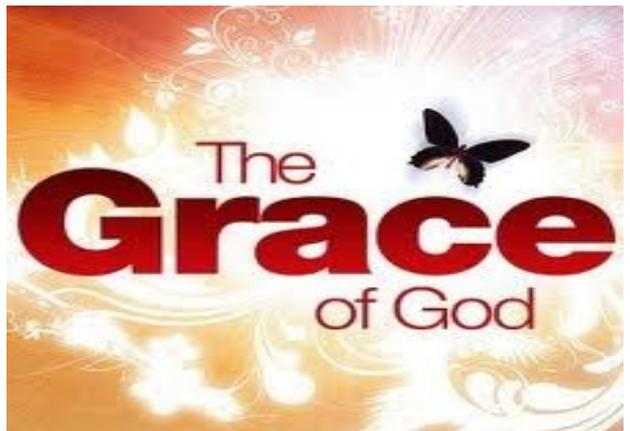
“Come back to Jesus”

Dear Church family,

I am humbled and very grateful for the outpouring of love and concern through text messages, cards, emails, phone calls, visits and, of course, your prayers. To say I appreciate my church family would be a huge understatement!!

With love,

Debbie Bohlin



A Baby Center has sent a thank-you for the “kind and generous donation of diapers and wipes!” These gifts help the center to carry out its mission to serve the most fragile in our community. ABC currently serves over 500 babies a month. In addition to providing families with an atmosphere of comfort and support, the ABC staff and volunteers strive to create caring relationships with these families as they navigate the hazards of raising a family in poverty.

The Baby Center in Hyannis is still in need of baby wipes. Any donations are gratefully appreciated and can be placed in the container in the Narthex coat room.

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Return Service Requested



"O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!" Psalm 105:1-4

SUMMER WORSHIP: 9:30am
NURSERY CARE through Grade 3 ONLY
through the summer

We look forward to seeing you

NURSERY CARE
Provided during worship throughout the year

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