

The Covenanter

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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.

On Rally Sunday, September 10th, we had the privilege of dedicating to God and His glory, a unique blessing to the children of our congregation, and generations of children to come: the Young Reader's Lending Library; aka The Driftwood Lighthouse Library.



Lovingly and faithfully built and painted by Roland and Martha Young in the style of a Cape Cod lighthouse, this lending library has been placed in our narthex by the elevator, and opens to reveal a collection of bibles, appropriate for all ages of our children. As kids come to church each week, they are welcome to visit the library on their way into the sanctuary, borrow a bible for the morning, or even for the entire week! There are picture bibles for our youngest children, story bibles for those just learning to read on their own, and even graphic novel bibles for our older kids who love comic books.

We believe we are "the church in the making"! We believe that God is calling people to Himself, and that this is a place where all BELONG, where all may BELIEVE, and where all may BECOME! We are grateful for the opportunity that the Young Reader's Lending Library gives us to place the Word of God, and the good news of His love through Jesus Christ that it contains, into the hands and hearts of our children.

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

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

**If you are interested in having a list of church
family members' birthdays and anniversaries,**
you may pick up a list
in the office.



MERCHANDISE CARDS

Merchandise Cards to support the homeless
on Cape Cod will be **on sale October 8th
and 22nd**. You may also order cards from
additional merchants.

And don't forget the **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
food donations at any time, but this will help
remind us each month to remember the food
pantry when we are grocery shopping.



THANK YOU!

OFFICE NOTES

OFFICE HOURS

Just a reminder that open office hours are
Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12pm. Please feel free to call
or drop by during that time. If you know you're
coming, or need something prepared for you, a call
ahead ensures that we will be free to meet with
you! If you're not available during those hours,
please call and we can arrange a meeting time
that's more convenient. The office is closed in the
afternoons for back office work.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to put an announcement in the
bulletin, please have it to Joan (preferably by email)
at capecovenantchurch@comcast.net by Wednesday
at noon. The week before would be even better!
Joan prepares the bulletin as time allows during the
week, so if the information is in hand it is easier to
format into the announcement sheets. If you have an
announcement come through after Wednesday at
noon, we'll be happy to put it in for the next week.
Please plan ahead so that your announcement is in
the bulletin in time for your event or meeting.
Thank you.

COMPUTER THURSDAY!

9:30am-12:30pm

Computer Thursday is held **on the**
second Thursday of each month. Next will be on
October 12th. Anyone needing help with their
computers, laptops, etc., or with questions about email



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Each Fall as we approach Thanksgiving, we take
time as a congregation to focus on the many blessings
that God has provided to us, and the opportunity He
presents to join Him in the ministry and work of
Christ's Kingdom. Our time, talents, treasure and
testimony are unique blessings from God that we are
called to use faithfully for His glory.

Throughout this past year, the faithfulness of God's
people here at Cape Cod Covenant Church has been
so exciting to witness! God is using us to impact the
mid-Cape region and beyond in powerful ways.
Through the ministries of our local church, our
participation in the ministries of the Cape Cod
Council of Churches, the East Coast Conference of
the ECC, our denomination (ECC), our Missions of
the Month, and our daily individual interactions with
our neighbors, our footprint of faithfulness reaches far
and wide. We are excited to see what God has in store
for us in 2018!

To that end, our Stewardship Ministry will soon be
sending out 2018 financial pledge cards for you to
prayerfully consider. As we each reflect on how we are
able to financially support our ministry and missions
for 2018, we truly believe the faithfulness of God's
people will once again provide for our needs as seek to
shine the light of Christ to the world around us.



Join us for free yoga classes with
Alice Boyle on Saturday
mornings at 10:00am. We will meet October 14th
and 28th. There are extra mats available if you don't
have one. Please contact Alice Boyle
(774-268-9488) with any questions.

HOLIDAY SCRIPTURE READERS



Do you have returning college students who would enjoy reading scripture during worship for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year? The Worship and Music Commission invites you to explore the option with your family and be in touch if this is a possibility. Passages are provided ahead of time along with Guidelines for Scripture Readers. We hope that this is one way to remind our students who are away that they are always in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact Sheryl Stone at capesalstone@gmail.com or 508- 432-1412 if you are interested or speak to Pastor Johnny or any member of the commission. We'd love to hear from you!

BIBLE/BOOK STUDY GROUPS



The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please come discuss, share, and learn from the Psalms. You are most welcome. Contact is Lolly Warner, 508-332-8803

Covenant Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7pm. We are studying "The Question That Never Goes Away: Why?" by Philip Yancey. Contact is Rev. George Elia, 508-362-9276.

The Saturday morning women's group has started the second book in the Sensible Shoes series, "Two Steps Forward, A Story of Persevering Hope" by Sharon Garlough Brown. We will meet October 21st, and November dates will be announced. The Wednesday evening group will resume on October 4th to finish up "Accidental Saints". Please call Sharon Hirsch 508-776-0686, if you are interested in buying a book or have questions.

All of these groups offer opportunities to share questions, ideas and new insights into how God is working in all our lives.



OPEN TO ALL!
Thursday mornings at 8:30am

Men's Breakfast at Grumpy's Restaurant
Women's Breakfast at Olympia's Restaurant

Share a time of good food and great fellowship.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for kids (pre-K through 5th grade) takes place during the worship hour. Kids start in the sanctuary with their parents for worship, and then go downstairs to their classrooms. This allow us to both meet the needs shared with us by parents, and to interact with the greatest number of kids.

We still need a few teachers to join our two teaching teams (Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary), with a once-a-month commitment to teach a class. Please contact Pastor Johnny at pastorjohnnya@gmail.com or Jessica Hopkins at jhopkins724@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer for this upcoming school year.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School meets **at 9 am**. There are two classes, both held downstairs in the Sunday School area. Please use our elevator! One class is a study of the week's lectionary texts. Check your bulletin for more information.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer at the Seafarers Mission on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall or contact Ingrid Strand or Sharon Hirsch



Coffee Hour News!

We are excited to offer a Children's Table at coffee hour with snacks that the children seem to enjoy! Check it out on Rally Day! The table will be set up as you come into fellowship hall from the Narthex. The table will be at a height where children can choose their items and then talk with and get to know the volunteer behind the table.



In an effort to simplify coffee hour so that all can enjoy fellowship after worship service, we will be offering a limited food selection for adults, along with coffee, juice and water. If you'd like to donate food please contact the group leader for that month (the list is on the bulletin board and in the newsletter each month), or feel free to bring it along on Sunday morning. Please understand that food may be frozen and saved for the following week as needed!

Would you be interested in helping to support coffee hour with food items or by serving? Extra help would be greatly appreciated as some of our groups are small in number. We currently have a list of folks who have volunteered to do this and we are hoping to expand this list so the same people are not asked multiple times to help out. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall if you are interested, or you could let Kathy Valle or Joan Thompson know.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR SUPPORT!

October: Stewardship

Bruce Morrison, 508-778-7613

November: Wednesday Evening Bible Study

George Elia, 508-362-9276

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 to each and everyone of you for your prayers, encouragement and cards as I fought cancer this summer. Your prayers and support were felt daily and gave me strength to continue to heal and push forward.

God answered the prayers and I am so thankful I do not have to have further treatment and can get back to the work that God has called me to, to serve the homeless in Northern Colorado. Thank you again for all your prayers and support!

Love, Meredith Peters



From A Baby Center:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$100. A Baby Center only survives by the kindness of people like yourselves who make a conscious choice to support young babies whose families need help securing basic baby items to survive and thrive. The dollars and baby care items that you donate go directly to families living on Cape Cod and the Islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard...

With warm regards,
Robin Hayward, Director, and
A Baby Center Staff

(This donation is thanks to our
Itty Bitty Craft Fair!)



PILGRIM PINES
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

PILGRIM PINES RETREATS

Pilgrim Pines offers a wide variety of retreat opportunities for people of all ages throughout the year. You might want to consider taking part in one. Here are a few, but you can check their website (www.pilgrimpines.org) or the flyers in Fellowship Hall for more info:

October 6-8, Men's Retreat

November 17-19, Mother-Daughter Retreat

November 22-24, Thanksgiving at the Pines

And in 2018:

January 5-7, High School Winterfest

January 19-21, Junior High Winterblast

February 16-19, Family Winter Weekend

Current Prayer Concerns

Nathan Anderson (great-grandson of Roy and Grace Wennberg)
 Surgeries following serious accident
 Harry Canning Recovering from surgery at home
 Judy DaDante (Nancy Mutty's daughter) Health concerns
 Rev. George Elia Combination of mobility difficulties
 Buck Fenton Recovering from recent surgery and health concerns
 Chris Golden (the Wakefield's grandson) Recovering from surgery for brain cancer at MGH
 Ralph Houseman and family on the passing of Norma. Ralph is in rehab at Eagle Pond
 Rick Knowlton (good friend and colleague of Jimmy Roberts) Severe health concerns
 Tom Love Recovering from a car accident
 John Lumbard (Al's son) Recovering from a heart attack
 Ann Shelley Serving with the Red Cross in Texas
 Eve Wemett and family on the passing of Carolyn Kenyon (wife of Eve's nephew)
 Nick Westphal-Peterson Health concerns
 Tony, a student who attends Club 47, undergoing medical evaluations
 Those affected by the recent hurricanes

Recent health concerns and undergoing treatment

Elsa Abele (friend of Kristine Strand) Undergoing treatments for lung cancer
 Cia Andersson (Judy Nelson's cousin) Undergoing treatments for cancer
 Heidi Arsenaault Ongoing health concerns
 Rachel Ash (niece of Stuart and Bonnie Eyman) Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis
 Terry Curry (friend of Bill Potter) praying for healing and complete remission
 Mike Forrest Ongoing serious health concerns
 Pat Forrest Heart problems, home
 Norma Houseman Hospice care, Eagle Pond Nursing Home (moved to the first floor)
 Ann Kaner-Roth (45-yr-old friend of Sybil O'Brien's family) Radiation treatment for brain tumor
 Don MacDermot (Tim Howard's grandfather) Treatments for spinal cancer, St. Vincent's
 Colin McPartlan (son of Patty Keefe - friend of Mike Coute) Health concerns
 Bob and Pauline Nelson Bob is recovering from recent hospitalization
 Erin Pember (niece of Stuart and Bonnie Eyman) Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis
 Duane Peterson (relative of the Mancini's and the Dvorak's) Pancreatic Cancer
 Glen Peterson Health concerns
 George Popovici (good friend of Jimmy Roberts) Critical health concerns
 Joy Potter (13-year-old granddaughter of Bill Potter) Praying for healing and no further treatments
 Bonnie Reinke (friend of Kristine Strand) Treatments for bone cancer
 Ted Van Der Meid (friend of Kristine Strand) Pancreatic and liver cancer diagnosis
 Bob Wakefield Health concerns

Please remember in prayer those who have ongoing health concerns

Christopher Baker	Arthur Hvoslef
Ardis Bardh	Isabelle Isham
Avis Cayton	Bill Liljegen
Kay Endris	Bob and Pauline Nelson
Ted Glasgow	Joyce Nickerson
Bunny Haas	Eleanor Olson
George and Thelma Hartmann	Edna Swanson
Fran Hedlund	Blake Watson
Norma Houseman	



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!



Newsletter!

As you may know, we are now emailing our newsletter to those who have email. If you'd prefer, you are always welcome to receive a printed copy in the mail, or you can pick yours up at church. Just let Joan know in the office if you would like to do this. Thank you!



MISSION FOCUS – OCTOBER, 2017

GARY and MARY LOU SANDER - Long Term Missionaries in Colombia, South America

Cape Cod Covenant Church has contributed to the support of Gary and Mary Lou Sander in Colombia for over 25 years. We were one of the only churches who included their 4 children in our care so they have said we have a special place in their hearts.. The Sander children are now all grown up and living in the United States but our support for Gary and Mary Lou continues. Their mission is to impact the diverse cultures of Colombia. They do this by cooperating with the Covenant in Colombia in developing appropriate work and ministry relationships in shared areas of service such as women, children and youth ministries. They also work in church planting and leadership training.

Mary Lou works with the Colombia Women's Ministry in advocacy for victims of abuse. She also works with leaders of retreats for Colombian pastoral couples and elementary teachers. She works to support the education of refugee children. The human rights of women and children in Colombia is a big part of her mission.

Gary provides leadership coaching and works to develop Colombian leadership projects. He brings specific people and resources to Colombia to develop the next generation of leaders there. In addition, he works with the church planting movement in the coastal regions of Colombia.

Both Mary Lou and Gary do more than what we could mention here. Each day they are ready to tend to the many and multidimensional and varied requests they receive for their services. We pray for them as they partner with the Colombia Covenant Church in its vision to discover, develop, strengthen and extend ministries of compassion, justice and mercy.





HOLLY DAY FAIR – November 4th, 2017

Preparations are underway! If you would like to help, please contact Mike Coute at 508-737-0493 or mikecoute22@gmail.com. Mike has asked that **nothing** be dropped off at church without first contacting him so that he can ensure that everything gets to the right chairperson.

There will be a number of venues, including a “Second Time Around Shop”. If you have small household or decorative items to donate, please contact Brad Johnson at bradfordhjohnson@yahoo.com, or Stephen or Jennifer Johnson at jjohnson0465@comcast.net.

There will also be a Book Nook. We are looking for donations of books for all ages. Start looking through your collection for books you have read, enjoyed and are willing to share.

Donations will be received in the Book Nook starting Sunday, October 29th after worship. See Sheryl Stone, Sharon Hirsch, Jan Gilrein and Sandy Wunderlich.

Gift basket donations are needed, too. Please contact Margaret Potter (508-430-2164 or Margaret_potter@comcast.net) or Debby Barbo (508-367-4486 or debbybarbo@comcast.net)

Donations of Christmas items that you may no longer use can come to the Christmas Items booth! Please contact Ruth Gawle at 508-394-7367 or email at regawle@comcast.net

Other venues are Handcrafts (Susan Smith and Joyce St. Pierre); Plants (Alice Boyle, Evelyn Smith, Christine Smith); Linens and Things (Ingrid Strand); Jewelry (Joyce Fuller, Avis Carter, Laurel Peterson); Art Room (Ursula Coute, Joyce Zavorskis); Games and Puzzles (Kate and Jim Bundy); Bake Sale (Donna McCaffrey, Evelyn Elia, Marlyce Peterson), Café Stuga (Laura and Alison McCarthy, Judy Nelson); Luncheon (Debbie and Bill Bohlin)

More information is coming! Keep the date open and plan to have lots of fun and food. Invite your friends and neighbors. It's a great community outreach.



YOUTH NEWS

Our Youth groups are busy with many great activities. Senior High Youth (grades 8-12) meet Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 pm. Club 47 (grades 4-7) meets Fridays from 6:30-8 pm. Please check the church calendar for any changes, but plan on joining us!

Senior High schoolers are also looking ahead to CHIC which will take place this summer



July 15-20, 2018

University of Tennessee

More than 5000 high school students from across the Evangelical Covenant Church coming together to glimpse how they fit into the bigger picture of God's Kingdom.

Base camps, excursions, main stage speakers, bands and worship.

For students completing grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 in 2018.

More details coming soon!

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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

WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30am

**Adults Sunday School 9:00am
Children's Sunday School
during church service**

NURSERY CARE

Provided during worship throughout the year

We look forward to seeing you!

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