

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.



As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, many of us will spend some time thanking God for all of the wonderful blessings that we have in life. Some of those blessings will be tangible things, like homes, and food, and finances. Some of those blessings will be in the form of relationships, with spouses, family and friendships. Some of the blessings will be found in reflecting on challenges that have been overcome this past year, like healing from illness and restoration of broken relationships. And still some of the blessings will reflect the gift of faith, and all of the ways in which God has revealed Himself to us this past year.

This Fall I find myself especially cognizant of the blessing of opportunities, especially as it relates to our life together as a congregation. I believe that God is presenting us here at Cape Cod Covenant Church with exciting opportunities as we move forward into this next chapter of our life together.

Have you noticed all of the new homes that are being built on Satucket/Setucket and Airline Roads? Many of these new neighbors will be looking for a church home once they move in. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome new friends into our fellowship. It seems as if each week we are having new visitors and guests with us on Sunday mornings for worship who are finding CCCC a place to call home. What wonderful opportunities to share the love of Christ as we welcome them fully into the life of our church family.

Following worship on Sunday, November 11th, we will be holding a congregational meeting as our Church Council will be presenting us with a proposal to vote on, that comes out of a year's faithful and prayerful work by our Properties Committee and Church Council, to address the ongoing needs of our building and property. This exciting opportunity will set us up to continue to faithfully minister to our community for many years to come.

I was told a long while ago, by a wonderful long-time pastor, that the church will always have opportunities to grow and expand its ministry footprint, but not all churches will recognize those opportunities as blessings. Too many will see them simply as challenges, and turn away from them.

I pray that as we continue forward, our eyes will remain open and our hearts in tune to all the blessings of God as they come to us in the form of opportunities to love Him and our neighbors.

-Pastor Johnny

OFFICE HOURS

We would like to remind everyone that the office is open from **9am-12noon, Tuesday - Friday**. You are welcome to call or visit during those hours. Thank you.

TIME CHANGE!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday, November 3rd before you go to bed. You can come to church early, but you may want that extra hour of sleep!



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
November 11th following worship**

Please plan on attending an important congregational meeting following worship on Sunday the 11th. The Church Council will explain and present to us a motion to approve a refinancing of our church mortgage through National Covenant Properties.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 4th at noon

Roger Turner from the Covenant Trust Company will be hosting a luncheon and presenting "Finishing Well" – dealing with steps to take to start preparing for retirement. The central theme is "Stewardship is the act of organizing your life so God can spend you."

Please consider attending. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall if interested. Please use that sheet so we can gauge the number of attendees for lunch. Thanks, The Stewardship Commission

**HOLLY DAY FAIR
November 3rd, 2018,
9 am to 2 pm**



Back again by popular demand!

- Special Music (Karin Loewen and students)
- Silent Auction (Mike Coute and Greg Botsivales)
- Gift baskets (Margaret Potter and Beverly Hopkins)
- Books, Games and Puzzles (Jan Gilrein, Sharon Hirsch, Sheryl Stone and Sandy Wunderlich)
- Christmas Items (Ruth Gawle, Jim and Kate Bundy)
- Handcrafts (Debbie Bohlin and Lynn Read)
- Plants (Evelyn Smith and Irmgard Tiedmann)
- Linens and Things (Ingrid and Kristine Strand)
- Jewelry (Joyce Fuller, Avis Carter, and Barbara Bianco)
- Art Room (Ursula Coute, Joyce Zavorskas)
- Bake Sale (Donna McCaffrey, Evelyn Elia, Marlyce Peterson)
- Café Stuga and Luncheon (Judy Nelson, Annie Poirier and the Sr. High Students)

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

**SUNDAY MORNING
COFFEE HOUR SUPPORT!**



**November: Wednesday Evening
Study Group**
George Elia, 508-362-9276

December: Properties Commission
Jeannie Botsivales, 508-385-4006

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!**



THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Sunday, November 18th,
5:00 pm

This year we have changed the service to Sunday evening so that more people can attend this special, very moving service. You are invited to join us for a time of gratitude, scripture and music. This is one of the most special services of the year as we share our gratitude to God for the past year in an intimate and blessed atmosphere. Come, praise God from whom all blessings flow, and invite family, friends and neighbors to join you.



HANDS OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

As you prepare for your holiday meals, help another family by donating special holiday items for the food pantry. Suggested items include:

Soup, Canned Fruit, Stovetop Stuffing, Cornbread or Quickbread Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Turkey Gravy, Spaghetti, Coffee, Pickles, Olives. Also, Gift cards for \$10 or \$25 for turkeys will help. And don't forget that we also collect food for the Pantry on the first Sunday of each month in our box on the altar.

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

ANDREA HOLDEN THANKSGIVING WALK/RACE 5K
NOVEMBER 24TH, 10AM

This popular community event welcomes all and is held each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in memory of Andrea Holden. All funds raised will benefit the health and well-being of children in the Mid-Cape area, and provide four annual college scholarships at D/Y High School in Andrea's name. For more information go to www.andreaholden.org.

Once again, we will #DiveIntoTheCape for Christ! by helping out at the Andrea Holden race. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. And, of course, for some of us, we'll even run/walk the race! It's an honor for us as a congregation to come alongside and support this wonderful organization.

MERCHANDISE CARDS



Merchandise Cards to support the homeless on Cape Cod are on sale after church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, **except in December when it will be on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays (December 9th and 16th)**. 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's, Bath and Body Works, Starbucks, Rite Aid, D'Angelos, Dominos, Papa Gino's and others. **THANK YOU!**

COMPUTER THURSDAY!
9:30am-12:30pm



Computer Thursday is held **on the second Thursday of each month. Next will be on November 8th**. Anyone needing help with their computers, laptops, etc., or with questions about email and using the internet are welcome to drop by!

YOGA Class!



Alice Boyle conducts free yoga classes on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We will meet November 10th and 17th. The class is open to all—teens to nineties. We have extra mats available if you don't have one. Please contact Alice Boyle (774-268-9488) with any questions.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



Blood pressure screenings are held on the second Sunday of every month following worship service. Anyone wishing to have their blood pressure checked is invited to see one of our nurses in the Library after church.

Current Prayer Concerns

November concerns

Elsa Abele (friend of Kristine Strand) Progression of cancer, Hospice care
 Tanner Agurkis Recovering from a fractured toe
 Sean Brewer Recovering from back surgery
 Robbie Forsberg (wife of Paul Carlson's cousin) Recovering from a stroke
 Carl R. Johnson (Stephen Johnson's brother) Diagnosed with advanced cancer, treatments at Dana Farber
 Indiana Kirwan (friend of Jimmy Roberts) Recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer
 Peter Linnell (dear friend of Claudia Stecker) Fighting Stage 4 prostate and bone cancer
 Bob Mullen (friend of Stuart and Bonnie Eyman) recovering from spinal stenosis surgery
 Mimi Mutty (Nancy Mutty's sister-in-law) Recent diagnosis of stomach cancer
 Susan Sessions (Steve Anderson's sister) Immunotherapy for lung cancer, successful so far
 Melissa Stampfl (friend of Katy Brewer) Cancer diagnosis
 Those affected by Hurricane Michael
 Those suffering from shootings in Kentucky and Pennsylvania



Recent concerns

Elsie Agurkis Health concerns
 Rachel Ash (niece of Stuart and Bonnie Eyman) Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis
 George Elia Recovering at home from recent hip procedure
 Ralph Houseman Ongoing rehab, home
 Edward Lavoie Attending a year-long discipleship program with Teen Challenge in New York
 Erin Pember (niece of Stuart and Bonnie Eyman) Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis
 Bob Wakefield Ongoing health concerns
 Alan Woodstock (friend of Sara Pattie) Treatments for Bile Duct cancer

Those in our congregation who have recently moved

Rev. Robert DuBois to Voorhees NJ
 Stephen and Jennifer Johnson to W. Millbury MA
 Susan Mancini to Minnesota
 Betty Tevenan to Pleasant Bay Nursing Home in Brewster

Please remember in prayer those who have ongoing health concerns

Christopher Baker	Carolyn Lorenson (Sheryl Stone's mother)
Ardis Bardh	Pauline Nelson
Bob DuBois	Eleanore Olson
Kay Endris	Donna Jean Wassell (Lynn Read's cousin)
Bunny Haas	Nina Wikman (friend of Lynn Read and her sister,
Fran Hedlund	Nancy Russo)
Arthur Hvoslef	Blake Watson

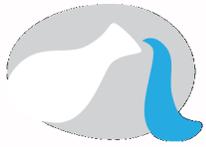


How You Can Support Pilgrim Pines!

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.



COVENANT WORLD RELIEF
Partners in Transformation

**November
Mission of the Month**

In a letter to churches inviting us to be a part of Covenant World Relief this year, David Husby director and Catherine Werner manager of Covenant World Relief wrote the following words:

“For more than 60 years Covenant Word Relief has been the Evangelical Covenant Church’s response to human suffering and injustice in the world. Covenant World Relief (CWR) works through local partners around the world to **strengthen communities and empower local leaders to make an impact in the everyday lives of the most vulnerable people around the world.**

“We invite you to join with CWR as we continue to holistically respond as a church to the needs of the most vulnerable – spiritually, physically, economically, socially, and emotionally. **This year CWR is placing a special emphasis on our partners who are responding to the global refugee crisis.** More than 68 million people have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and war – this is more than any other time in history. We are responding with immediate relief as well as long-term community development investments in agriculture, care for vulnerable and orphaned children, improvements in healthcare, and more.”

From June 2017-June 2018 CWR sent over \$1.5M to 100 projects in 26 countries on 5 continents including but not limited to disaster response in 11 countries, water projects in 12 countries, 10 refugee care programs, and 23 women’s empowerment programs. They partner with local leaders and agencies that are best equipped to work in long-term development and to respond immediately to disasters. CWR has developed partnerships that work with, rather than for, communities by using a relief and development model that identifies and uses local resources.

This month we give thanks for the privilege we have as Cape Cod Covenanters to pray and provide financial support as we engage with CWR to bring God’s healing love and transformation to this suffering and unjust world.

**THE DOREEN ESPESETH
MEMORIAL FUND**

You can contribute to this memorial fund with a check made out to Cape Cod Covenant Church with a notation for Doreen’s memorial fund. Contributions will go to the Wayuu Nation Project, which addresses the education and malnutrition of children, local craft business practices and lack of water. The members of this clan are committed to working together to bring about change in their community. We hope that in Doreen’s memory we can contribute to hope for their future.

FOSTER FAMILY TO SUPPORT

We are continuing to provide meals once a week for a foster family through the Cape Cod Council of Churches. There are six members in the family, five of whom are children between 10 and 14. Alice Boyle, Jan Gilrein and Tim Howard are the liaisons between this foster family and our congregation. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall where you will find meal suggestions. Meals may be dropped off at church on Friday mornings before noon or even frozen ahead of time. The liaisons will deliver the meals. In addition to meals there will be other opportunities to contribute to this mission throughout the year. Look for announcements in the bulletins or newsletters. Thank you to all who are helping in this important mission.





HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019

Pastor Johnny invites you to join him on a once-in-a-lifetime journey that will powerfully impact your faith walk with Jesus!

Please contact him for more information.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Sunday School for Pre-school through 5th grade meets during the worship hour. All children begin in worship with their families and are then dismissed to their classrooms (downstairs) partway through the service.
- CLUB 47 is our middle school youth group that meets weekly on Friday evenings from 6:30pm-8:00pm.
- SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP for kids in grades 8-12 meets on Sunday nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm.
- CONFIRMATION CLASS for students in grades 6-8 meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15am-10:00am.



STUDY GROUPS

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10 am in Fellowship Hall. We are enjoying “digging into” the book of Proverbs and invite you to join us if you have Tuesday mornings free. It is informal and informative.

Covenant Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. We are studying “The Pietist Option” by Mark Pattie and Chris Gehrz. Our final meeting of the year (and potluck) will be November 14th. We will start up again in January.

There are two Ladies’ book groups, and both are reading books in the “Sensible Shoes” series by Sharon Garlough Brown. The Saturday morning group is starting Book 3 in the series, “Barefoot: a Story of Surrendering to God”, and will meet at church at 8:30 am on November 10th (chapters 5 and 6). The Wednesday evening group is studying Book 1, “Sensible Shoes: a Story About the Spiritual Journey.” This group will meet November 14th at 7 pm at Jami Carder’s house (Chapt 6) and December 5th at Mary Lavoie and Donna McCaffrey’s (Chapt 7).

Please contact Sharon Hirsch by texting or calling 508-776-0686 for more information.

You can keep up on all these groups by watching for information in your bulletin. They are all a great way to get to know others in the church, and share your journey of faith.

Please plan to join us!



Hands of Hope Outreach Center/ Family Pantry Holiday 2018



Another place to give food and other items is The Family Pantry. They are requesting frozen turkeys and winter clothing. The Family Pantry assembles and distributes over 450 complete turkey meals to those in need on the Cape. They also take donations of winter clothing and new, unopened toys. All clothing should be clean and in good condition. You can take **your donations directly to the Pantry** at 133 Queen Anne Road in Harwich on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 am-3:30 pm, and Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7 am to noon.



We will also be supporting the Hands of Hope Christmas Program again this year! This is a very special mission of the Cape Cod Council of Churches where they collect gifts for ALL those in need—from infants to adults. You may bring your **unwrapped, new** gifts to the evening service following the Advent Wreath-making event. Or you can drop them off any time during the week until **the last collection day on Sunday, December 9th!** Gift ideas include **new** clothing, toys or games, books, gift certificates for clothing and CDs for teens. See the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to get ideas of what they need.
Thank you.

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

Thank you for the cards, calls and especially your prayers during my recent hospitalization and recovery. Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the gift of my beautiful, cozy prayer shawl. Thanks to the person who made it and to Alice Boyle who delivered it to me. It will be a reminder of God's healing presence and abiding love. I am blessed to be a part of our wonderful church family.

With Love, Ann Shelley



DRESS A LIVE DOLL



Once again, we will be supporting the Dress A Live Doll program sponsored by the Salvation Army Hyannis Corps.

Usually the program sponsors only children up to 12 years of age, but many families have older children who need things, too. This year we have pledged to sponsor 2 children under 12 and 1 teenager. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall with gift ideas and sizes for each child.

Please consider this opportunity to give to a family in need and make a truly blessed and memorable Christmas possible for these families, and for your own! Gifts should be wrapped and at the church by **November 25th** as the Salvation Army starts delivering to the families that week.

Important! When you sign up in Fellowship Hall, please take a tag for the child you'd like to purchase a gift for, and write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet. Once you bring your gift in, **please remember to check your name off and indicate how many gifts you are dropping off.**

This is very important!!



Advent starts on December 2nd this year. There are lots of activities at this time of year, so plan to join in and celebrate with your church family.

- December 2nd: Advent Wreath-making, spaghetti dinner and Hanging of the Greens service
- December 8th: Lucia breakfast
- December 12th: Holiday Sing-along
- December 16th: Choir concert
- December 23rd: Children's Pageant
- December 24th: Christmas Eve Service

ADDRESS CHANGE

Chris and Ruthanne Brodeur:
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Susan Mancini:
5445 Hyland Courts Drive
Bloomington MN 55437



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S. Dennis, MA 02660
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

Sunday School

Adults 9:00am

Children during church service

NURSERY CARE

Provided during worship throughout the year

We look forward to seeing you!

Pastor Johnny Agurkis

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