

The Covenanter

APRIL 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.



"...in him all things hold together."

-Colossians 1:17

As we gather for worship on Sunday, April 7th, we will come to the table to celebrate God's gift of love for us, in the breaking of the bread and in the pouring of the cup. It is within this brokenness (*"this is my body which is broken for you; this is my blood which is shed for you"*), that we discover the beauty of God's all-surpassing and all-encompassing grace and mercy. It is within this brokenness that we are made whole.

Following the celebration of Holy Communion we will participate in a tangible expression of the beauty that exists within brokenness, through the creation of a mosaic cross. Paul Hirsch has skillfully crafted a wooden cross for us (made out of reclaimed wood) that will serve as our frame and foundation. Many of the tile and sea glass pieces were found on the seashore and donated by Sonny Gada (if you have sea glass pieces you are willing to donate to this project, please drop them off at the church office). Our confirmation students will prepare all the materials needed for the project's completion. One by one, in worship, we will come forward and each place a broken piece of tile or sea glass into the mortar of the cross, creating a beautiful mosaic piece of artwork. Each piece of tile or sea glass is a symbol of our broken individual lives, coming together in the church as one, through the life-giving power of the cross.

All ages will be participating, so please plan on joining us on the 7th, for we need your piece to make our mosaic complete!

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.



LENTEN SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 14th, 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday, April 18th, 7 pm
Good Friday, April 19th, 9 am
(at West Dennis Beach)

following this service, the Sanctuary will be open until 6 pm.
The Stations of the Cross, used by Christians throughout the
world on Good Friday, will be projected in the Sanctuary to guide
you during your time of reflection and prayer.

Easter Sunday, April 21st

Sunrise service at West Dennis Beach, 6:00 am
Celebration service in our sanctuary at 10:30 am



A Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord,
As I continue my journey of
spiritual growth, help me to look
deep within myself and let go of
the old and embrace the new life
that comes from you. Help me
to see this holy season of Lent
as a time of spiritual renewal
rather than a time of deprivation.
Motivate me to reach a new
level of experiencing your
grace. Amen

Take time with your Lenten
devotional each day to grow in
your walk with God.

**SUNDAY
MORNING
COFFEE HOUR
SUPPORT!**



Please talk with your
commission or group chair
to volunteer if you are able for
the month as listed below.
Commission chairs...please talk
with Hal Smith,
339-793-0548, to coordinate.

April, Evangelism Commission
Bill Bohlin, 508-694-6064

May, Missions Commission
Co-chairs:
Ingrid Strand, 617-620-8133
Sharon Hirsch, 508-385-6787

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!

**SAY IT WITH
FLOWERS!**



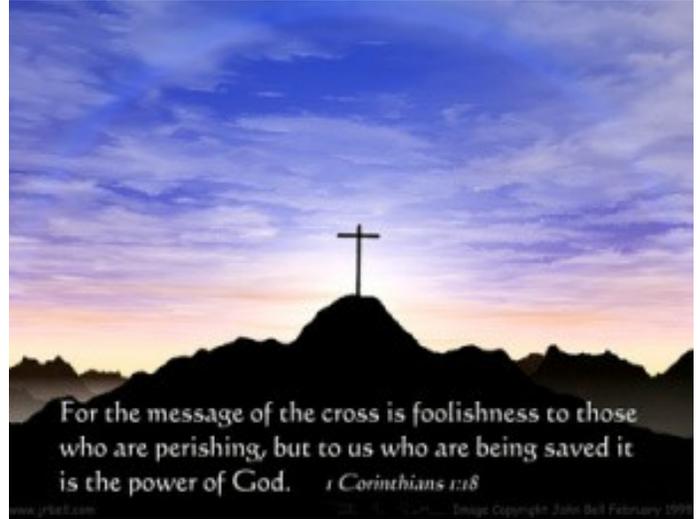
There is a sign-up
sheet in Fellowship
Hall if you would like
to commemorate or
celebrate someone or a special event.
You are asked to provide a donation
of \$40 to cover the cost, and Martha
Young and the office will take care
of the rest!

It is a wonderful way to enhance
worship and remember someone or
something special in your life.



CALLING ALL BAKERS! PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14th

We will be having an all church bake sale after worship on April 14th to benefit the ministries of the church. If you'd like to contribute, please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning before worship (April 14th). If possible please price your baked goods and have them in containers that you don't need back. Also label what it is and if there are any ingredients that someone would be allergic to (nuts, peanut butter, etc.) Any questions? Please see Debbie Bohlin or Mike Coute.



NEW BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



Are you interested in having your blood pressure taken once a month (2nd Sunday), and having a record kept? If so, please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or talk to Kathy Valle.



FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, May 13th at Dennis Pines Golf Course

Registration, Sponsorship, and Raffle forms are enclosed, and are also available through the office or from Mike Coute, 508-398-5275.

Please consider playing in this fun tournament – you may register individually or as a foursome. If you're not able to play, we have other ways to support this worthy cause. You may sponsor a hole with a Tee Sign or donate a prize for the raffle. All types of prizes are welcome such as golf equipment, gift certificates, etc. Come join the fun!



YOGA

Alice Boyle offers free yoga classes on Saturday mornings at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. This month we will meet on the 20th and 27th. Bring your mat. If you don't have one, we have some available. Come join us!

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



Computer Thursday is **on the second Thursday of each month. Next one will be on April 11th** Anyone wishing help with their computers, laptops, etc., or have questions about email and using the internet are welcome to drop by!

Current Prayer Concerns



April concerns

Elsa Abele (friend of Kristine Strand) Progression of cancer, Hospice care
 Elsie Agurkis Recovering from surgery
 Ida Boucher (friend and neighbor of the Eyman's) Recovering from fall at Mayflower
 Audrey Brewer Recovering from shoulder surgery
 Kate Bundy and family at the recent passing of her mother
 Joseph Cisek (Rae Fenton's son-in-law) Dana Farber, recent diagnosis of lung and brain cancer
 Joan Coleman (Beth Roberts' mother) Recovering from surgery
 Robert Gardner (Joyce Zavorskas' brother) Complications from pneumonia
 Joy Haagsma at the unexpected and sudden death of her brother, Jim
 Thelma Hartmann Health concerns, Cape Cod Hospital
 Susan Horner (friend of Kristine Strand) Starting intensive radiation treatments at MGH for brain tumor
 Indiana Kirwan (friend of Jimmy Roberts) Recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer
 Peter Linnell's family (dear friend of Claudia Stecker) at Peter's passing
 Mimi Mutty (Nancy Mutty's sister-in-law) Stomach cancer
 Bill Potter Recovering from surgery, continued health concerns
 Ann Shelley Serving in Mississippi with the Red Cross
 Betty Tevenan Health concerns
 Jean Williams Recovering from knee-replacement surgery on second knee
 Sandy Wunderlich Recovering from thyroid surgery

Recent concerns

Edward Lavoie Serving an internship with Teen Challenge in New York
 Bob Wakefield Ongoing health concerns
 Alan Woodstock (friend of Sara Pattie) Treatments for Bile Duct cancer

Please remember in prayer those who have ongoing health concerns

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



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!





STUDY GROUPS

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues its study of the Proverbs. Please join us Tuesday mornings at 10 am for lively and open discussions.

The Wednesday Evening Group will be meeting every Wednesday evening from now through June 5th at 7 pm, except for Holy week, April 17th (we have our Maundy Thursday service that week). On June 12th we will meet at 6 pm. for our annual potluck before our Summer break.

The Ladies' Saturday morning Book Group plans to meet at Our Lady of the Cape on April 13th at 8:45am for a labyrinth walk. We will keep you up-dated on any changes in the bulletin, or you can check with Sharon Hirsch.

The Wednesday night Sensible Shoes group will meet April 10th at Sheryl Stone's house. Please contact her if you need directions. We welcome anyone who wants to jump into the story with us!

Please contact Sharon Hirsch at 508-776-0686.



Youth News!

Did you know that we consistently have close to 20 kids each week at our CLUB 47 youth group (grades 4-7) that meets on Friday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm? And our Senior High Youth Group continues to grow as kids invite their friends to join us each Sunday night from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Please continue to pray for these two groups (and for our adult volunteers) as they provide an important outreach into our community, and provide a safe, fun place for our youth to gather in fellowship & faith.

MERCHANDISE CARDS



Merchandise Cards to support the homeless on Cape Cod are on sale after church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

Various denominations are available from merchants such as Stop and Shop, Shaws, CVS, etc. Cards from additional merchants can be ordered. Please see the retail card table in Fellowship Hall.

PANTRY DONATION BOX



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

Suggested items include:

Tea or coffee; canned meats (Spam, chicken or ham); Boxed potatoes; Stovetop stuffing; Pancake mix and syrup; Pineapple; Granola bars; Baked beans; Pasta Roni; Spaghetti sauce; Crackers; Ketchup and Mayonnaise; Cereals; Brownie or Cookie mix. And they are always in need of juice! Thank you for your continued support.

Mission of the Month for April

Gary and Marylou Sander Missionaries to Colombia



Cape Cod Covenant Church has contributed to the support of Gary and Mary Lou Sander in Colombia for over 30 years. 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.

We were very lucky to have the Sanders visiting our church last May. We were inspired by their preaching and their obvious love for the people of and their work in Colombia. Let's show them a lot of support and love. You may donate any time during the month of April.



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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

Sunday School:

Adults 9:00am

Children during church service

NURSERY CARE

Provided during worship throughout the year

We look forward to seeing you!

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