

# The Covenanter

MARCH 2018

## 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.



### “Follow Me”

There is in the Old City of Jerusalem, a section of ancient stone pavement known as the *Lithostrotoi* (in Greek) or *Gabbatha* (in Aramaic). It is here, we are told in John 19:13, that the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate “brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat”. As Jesus stood on these very stones, with the crowds crying out for crucifixion, Pilate condemned Him to death.

Standing on these ancient stones is a powerful reminder of the cost associated with Jesus’ call to “follow me.” On these very stones Jesus carried his cross to Golgotha. As his disciples, Jesus calls us to follow him, not into some cloistered, protected, or sheltered hermit-like existence. He calls us to follow him out onto the pavement...out into the streets...out into the world. Christ’s call to “Take up your cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24) is a call that leads us out, even as our faith grows within.

Author Mike Aquilina writes, “From its origin, then, Christianity was in the middle of the street, in the marketplace, in the amphitheaters, at the docks, on the ships, in the common areas of the villages and farmlands. Though monastic movements would later arise and draw individual believers into hermitages and enclosed communities,

Christianity has always been, in the main, immersed in the world, changing it from within – changing the hearts of people who walked the flagstones...”

**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](mailto: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.**



**Don't forget! March 11th you'll**  
**be late if you don't put your**  
**clocks one hour forward**  
**Saturday the 10th before bed.**

**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.



**LENTEN SERVICES**

**In March**

North Park University Choir Concert, March 11th, 6 pm

Palm Sunday, March 25th, 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, March 29th, 7 pm

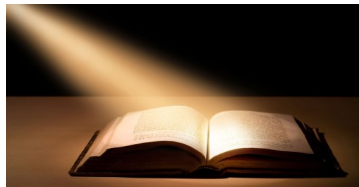
Good Friday, March 30th, 9 am

(at West Dennis Beach)

**Easter Sunday, April 1st**

Sunrise service at West Dennis Beach, 6:30 am

Celebration service in our sanctuary at 10:30 am



**A Prayer for Lent**

Dear Lord,

As I begin 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



**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.

**March, Church Council**

Mike Coute, 508-737-0493

**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.**



## SPECIAL CHORAL EVENT

Please join us for a magnificent evening of music on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**, as we welcome to our church the North Park University Choir and Chamber Singers ensembles for a concert during their East Coast spring break tour.

Invite your friends and neighbors; and promotional materials are being sent out to other area Covenant churches and churches in our neighboring towns. We expect a full sanctuary as we gather.

Come and be blessed by the power of music!

## OFFICE SCHEDULES

If you need to reach Pastor Johnny, Pastor Tom, or Joan, please call the office (508-385-2223) at any time and leave a message, and they will respond to you as soon as they are able.

Pastor Johnny's day off is Thursday  
Pastor Tom is available by appointment through the church office.

Open office hours for Joan are Tuesday-Friday, 9 am-noon or by appointment in the afternoon.

The office is closed on Mondays.

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



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

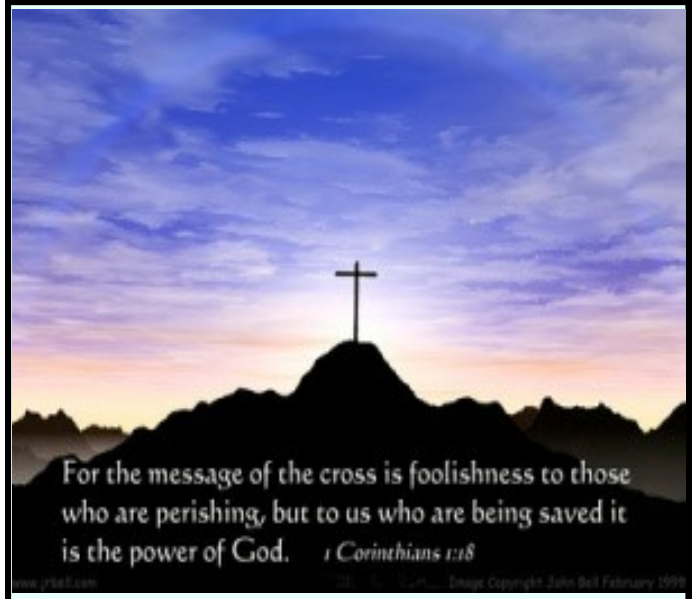
New phone number for  
Eve Wemett:  
774-212-9336



## 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.



God is good  
all the time

## Current Prayer Concerns

### March concerns

Elsie Agurkis, for her recent diagnosis of Myasthenia gravis, and the development of a treatment plan through Children's Hospital  
 Carl Balsam, president of North Park University, recovering from a pulmonary embolism. Kristine Strand, chair of the NPU Board of Directors and member of our church, will serve as acting CEO of NPU until Carl is able to resume his duties.  
 David Carlson (Paul and Jan Carlson's son) Surgery related to his cerebral palsy  
 George Elia Recovering from knee replacement surgery  
 Buck Fenton Recovering from recent surgery and health concerns  
 Joe Kaestner (friend of the Women's Breakfast Group) Cancer treatments  
 Rev. Ron Mancini Cancer treatments. You are welcome to visit Ron's Caring Bridge webpage to follow his journey and to leave greetings and prayers:  
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ronmancini>  
 Claire Muttty (Nancy Muttty's granddaughter) Continued treatment following a serious ski accident  
 Cathy Norman Peterson (Norm and Marlyce's daughter-in-law) Recovering from a brain aneurysm  
 Glen Peterson Recovering from hospitalization  
 Nancy Robinson Recovering from a recent fall  
 Dave Valle Recovering from double knee replacement  
 Family and friends of Judy Daly on her recent passing



### Recent health concerns and undergoing treatment

Elsa Abele (friend of Kristine Strand) Undergoing treatments for lung cancer  
 Heidi Arsenaault Ongoing health concerns  
 Rachel Ash (niece of Stuart and Bonnie Eyman) Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis  
 Mike Forrest Ongoing serious health concerns  
 Pat Forrest Recovering at home  
 Chris Golden (the Wakefield's grandson)  
 Ralph Houseman Ongoing rehab, home  
 Rick Knowlton (good friend and colleague of Jimmy Roberts) Severe health concerns  
 Edward Lavoie Attending a year-long discipleship program with Teen Challenge in New York  
 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  
 Tom Nelson, Sr. Ongoing health concerns  
 Erin Pember (niece of Stuart and Bonnie Eyman) Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis  
 George Popovici (good friend of Jimmy Roberts) Critical health concerns  
 Joy Potter (13-year-old granddaughter of Bill Potter) Prayers for no more signs of Rosai Dorfman Disease  
 Ted Van Der Meid (friend of Kristine Strand) Treatments for pancreatic and liver cancer  
 Bob Wakefield Recovering from surgery



### 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!

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Christopher Baker  
 Ardis Bardh  
 Evelyn Burgess  
 Avis Cayton  
 Bob DuBois  
 Kay Endris  
 Ted Glasgow  
 Bunny Haas  
 Fran Hedlund  
 Arthur Hvorslef  
 Isabelle Isham  
 Carolyn Lorenson  
 (Sheryl Stone's mother)  
 Bob and Pauline Nelson  
 Joyce Nickerson  
 Eleanor Olson  
 Carol Ryder (extended family of the Shellys)  
 Edna Swanson  
 Donna Jean Wassell  
 (Lynn Read's cousin)  
 Nina Wikman (friend of Lynn Read and her sister, Nancy Russo)  
 Blake Watson





### **STUDY GROUPS**

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

Covenant Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7 pm.

The Ladies' Saturday morning Book Group will meet at church on March 10th for chapter 7 and March 24th for chapter 8, both at 8:30 am.

The date and place for the Wednesday night Women's Sensible Shoes group will be announced soon. Keep an eye on your bulletin for more information.  
Contact Sharon Hirsch if you want to join us.

**JOIN US!**



### **YOGA**

Alice Boyle offers free yoga classes on Saturday mornings at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. This month we will meet on the 3rd, 10th and 17th. Bring your mat. If you don't have one, we have some available.  
Come join us!



### **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:**

soup, mayo, mustard, ketchup, juice boxes and healthy school snacks, canned fruits and meats, cereals, pasta and sauce. And they are always in need of juice! Thank you for your continued support.

## Mission of the Month for March

### OUR CHURCH'S ADOPTED CABIN AT PILGRIM PINES

Last year Cabin 4 received chimney work and a new roof with the donations and time of Chris Yerkes and his crew from the Cape. This year the cabin required replacement of rotted support beams under the cabin and the replacement of the bathroom floor on B side. Pilgrim Pines is very appreciative of our support in order to help maintain the aging buildings which are used year round.



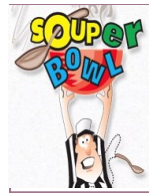
Thank you for supporting our Conference Center. If you have never been to the Pines, please consider this opportunity. Save the date, May 25-28 for the Work and Worship Weekend at Pilgrim Pines. We would love to send a group to Pilgrim Pines to help get the Pines ready for their 60th summer. You can visit [www.pilgrim-pines.org](http://www.pilgrim-pines.org) for more information, under retreats.

Please contact Sharon Hirsch or Ingrid Strand for more information on the May weekend.  
Thank you!!

### SERVICE PROJECT TO PUERTO RICO



The Christian Fellowship Group at Brown University is going on a Service project to Puerto Rico to assist in the clean-up and restoration efforts there. Some students need financial assistance in order to participate. For more information about this project and how you can support this effort please read the letter from Katie Hay (granddaughter of Kathy & Dave Valle) on the sign-up bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or visit [www.ServeUP.org](http://www.ServeUP.org).



### SOUP AND SOCKS



Our Patriots may not have won the Super Bowl, BUT...

Thanks to you (Team Cape Cod Covenant Church), our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity or who are homeless are the winners!! On Sunday, February 4th, we collected 125 cans of soup and 140 pairs of socks to be given to the Hands of Hope Food Pantry and the various programs on the Cape that serve the homeless. Thanks be to God and to each one of you!

### COVENANT KIDS CONGO SOUP LUNCHEON



On Sunday, March 18th we will have a soup luncheon after church. All are welcome to come and share about the child you sponsor; to hear about the child our church sponsors; or to learn how to become involved in this life-changing mission... Bringing a soup is welcome but not necessary. If you need a really good recipe to make for the luncheon, we have a few more cookbooks for sale. Please look for the luncheon sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

### A GREETING FROM OUR CHURCH- SPONSORED COVENANT KID:



Dear sponsor Cape Cod Covenant Church,

Hello. Follow Jesus, is Heaven's way.

Alexis Mbuamgabele

*You can see Alexis's card on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall by the kitchen.*

# *The Covenanter*

Cape Cod Covenant Church  
P.O. Box 219  
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 and Pastor Tom Nelson  
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