

The Covenanter

SEPTEMBER 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.



Fall Kick-Off Sunday

September 9

Welcome home! That is what church really is...our home, for we are the beloved children of God and He welcomes us with open loving arms!

We officially kick-off our Fall school-year schedule on Sunday, September 9th with Sunday School for adults at 9:00am, followed by Worship at 10:30am. We'll welcome back our choir too, with Marlyce Peterson serving as our Interim Choir Director. Sunday School for our kids (through 5th grade) takes place during worship, with the kids being dismissed partway through the service.

And as always, we follow worship with a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Please join us as we begin an exciting new year together!



TIME CHANGE FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Don't forget the time change on September 9th. We return to our 10:30 a.m. time, with adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. Join us as we celebrate God's love.

OFFICE HOURS

As the Fall season approaches, 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. If you need to connect with Joan outside of those hours, **call or email** her to arrange a date and time. Joan will respond to all emails and messages as soon as she is back in the office. Thank you.



CHOIR NEWS

Hard to believe, but it's time to start our regular church programs including Choir! We will be without our fearless leader Nancy Nelson, but Marlyce Peterson and Sara Pattie will be leading the group this year.



If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Marlyce or Sara. We'll be starting practice Tuesday, September 4th at 7 pm.

COMPUTER THURSDAY!

9:30am-12:30pm

Computer Thursday is held **on the second Thursday of each month.**



Next will be on September 13th.

Anyone needing help with their computers, laptops, etc., or with questions about email and using the internet are welcome to drop by!

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR SUPPORT!



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

October: Stewardship
Bruce Morrison, 508-778-7613

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!



YOGA Class!

Alice Boyle will be resuming her free yoga classes on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We will meet September 8th, 22nd and 29th. The class is open to all—teens to nineties. We will have extra mats available if you don't have one. Please contact Alice Boyle (774-268-9488) with any questions. Please note there will be **no class** on September 1st or 15th.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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Joan Thompson:
11 Antonelli Circle #224
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Eleanor Olson:
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Betty Tevenan:
Pleasant Bay Nursing and Rehab Center
383 S. Orleans Rd, #214a
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The Homeless Prevention Council in Orleans annual Backpack to School Program will run through September. You can help local families by donating backpacks and/or school supplies to the Council at 14 Old Tote Road in Orleans, or making a financial donation to Homeless Prevention Council (with Backpack in the memo), P.O. Box 828, Orleans MA 02653.

We are **NOT** taking donations here at church.



**COVENANT
COMPANION
MAGAZINE**

The Covenant Companion magazine annual subscription is due! If you already subscribe, please make a check out to the church for \$18 with a memo for Cov renewal. If you would like a new subscription to this award-winning magazine, make your \$18 check out with memo for New Cov subscription.

Thanks!



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:

- Juice boxes, granola bars, Spam or Chili, Baked Beans, Hamburger helper, Canned or cups of fruit, Salad dressing, Corn bread mix, Toilet paper, Toothpaste

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

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!

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

September concerns

Evan Crosby and the Crosby/Bugbee families on the recent passing of Lindsay Crosby
 Rev. Lowell Drotts Recovering from recent surgery
 Rev. Robert DuBois Brookdale Cape Cod, Hyannis
 Rae Fenton and family on the recent passing of Buck Fenton.
 Robbie Forsberg (wife of Paul Carlson's cousin) Recovering from a stroke
 Joy Haagsma Recent hospitalization
 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
 Family of Rick Knowlton (good friend and colleague of Jimmy Roberts) on his passing
 Theo Lavoie Recovering from a broken leg
 Peter Linnell (dear friend of Claudia Stecker) Fighting Stage 4 prostate and bone cancer
 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
 Family of Nan Berg (a long-time organist substitute at church) following her passing
 Betty Tevenan as she transitions to new living arrangements.



Recent concerns

Elsa Abele (friend of Kristine Strand) Undergoing treatments for lung cancer
 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
 Don MacDermot (Tim Howard's grandfather) Treatments for spinal cancer, St. Vincent's
 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

Please remember in prayer those who have ongoing health concerns

Christopher Baker	Carolyn Lorenson (Sheryl Stone's mother)
Ardis Bardh	Pauline Nelson
Bob DuBois	Eleanor 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
Isabelle Isham	



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.



**September Mission of the Month
HANDS OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY AND OUTREACH
CENTER**

For over 25 years Hands of Hope Food Pantry and Outreach Center has provided critical emergency services to low income families in need from Mashpee to Harwich. A program of the Cape Cod Council of Churches, the Outreach Center offers emergency sheltering, financial assistance to prevent evictions and homelessness, assistance with utility and medical bills, clothing, and small household goods. A Christmas toy program is also one of their services. The Food Pantry provides food for over 2700 individuals and families. Our church collects food throughout each month (particularly on the first Sunday of the month) and delivers the food to the Food Pantry in Harwich. At this time the most needed items are: healthy snacks for kids, soup, cereal, jelly, tuna, mayo, ketchup and any condiments, baked beans, canned fruit, Chef Boy-R-Dee, spaghetti and sauce. Financial contributions help to support all of these services including the Food Pantry where they supplement food items not available from food donations. We are honored to contribute to this most vital service program on Cape Cod.

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. As we learned in last month's newsletter, Doreen was working to be a short-term missionary prior to her untimely death. Her heart was for the indigenous people in Colombia, and her dream was to spend more time in service to improving their physical, mental and spiritual conditions. In her memory, our missionaries in Colombia have recommended the Wayuu Nation Project. The Wayuu Nation is an indigenous community in a desert-like region at the northern tip of Colombia. The Covenant has partnered with a local organization to develop a relationship with the "Yepirol Rancheria" of the Epiayu Pushaina clan of the Wayuu Nation. A project has been started addressing the education and malnutrition of the 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

Covenant to Care for Foster Families is a program of the Council of Churches that seeks to provide extra support for foster families on the Cape. Working with the Department of Children and Families, churches receive a family to support in various ways. Our church has been connected with a foster family and Alice Boyle, Jan Gilrein and Tim Howard are the liaisons between this foster family and our congregation. Alice, Jan and Tim are getting to know the family and trying to determine how we can be of help to them. One way in which people in the congregation can help now is to volunteer to provide one meal on a Friday for this family. There are six members, five of whom are children ranging in ages from 10 - 14. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall where you will also 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. We are happy to be a part of this ministry and hope to serve with grateful hearts.





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!

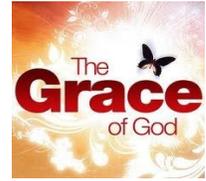
Come and hear more about this amazing opportunity to walk where Jesus walked, and to touch and experience those places so central to the biblical narrative...
the land that is called holy.

An information session will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, September 16th.

God is good
all the time

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Buck Fenton on Saturday, September 15th at 11 am. All are welcome.



COVENANT KNITTERS

The knitting/craft group will resume its meetings on Thursday, September 20th at 1 p.m. at the home of Evelyn Elia, 113 Wianno Road, Yarmouth Port. Please RSVP to Evelyn at 508-362-9276.

Hope to see you there!



CHICKEN DINNER! September 29th, 5-7:30 pm

After a very successful dinner in August, we will enjoy another yummy meal this month. Thanks to Bill Bohlin and crew for all the hard work they put into this fundraiser for the church. If you can help, please contact Bill (508-280-1096). And plan to invite your friends to share the fellowship and food.

Keep an eye on your bulletin announcements for more information.

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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: 9:30am
Will change to 10:30am on September 9th!

Sunday School Beginning September 9th:
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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