

The Covenanter

NOVEMBER 2016



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.

FAITH AND GRATITUDE from Pastor Tom

One of the best things about November is the end of the political advertisements and the “drama” around the various elections. I also love (as I am writing this in October) that the Cubs have a very good chance of making it to November — and to the World Series! Now, that is a drama that will make me lose some sleep. Isn’t it interesting how we invest so much of ourselves into events like these? We are into the month of Thanksgiving and I’m starting to write my list of things that move me to deeper gratitude in life. I believe that gratitude is essential to spiritual wellness, and that when I am thankful to God, all the other “dramas” and “investments” of life fall into their proper places. In recent years, I have had people show me their “Thankful Lists” and a few have produced numerous pages with thanks numbering in the hundreds. What are you thankful for? Could you write some of these things down every day during your devotions? It will help in your walk with the Lord.

In our church, we are thankful for the amazing and wonderful response to the FILL THE GAP fund drive that will greatly help in our efforts to support our missions and ministries through the end of this year. We have received pledges and gifts of \$47,000! And, while some are still giving to the FTG drive, we have faith that we will also have an excellent “end of year” push in our regular giving. If both of these efforts continue to strengthen, we know we will be able to start 2017 in “full sail.” Our Stewardship Campaign for next year will begin soon and I am grateful for every gift of time, talent, and treasure! Together, we are a church that is fully engaged, growing and always missional.

One of the missions we have is our work with the children of the Congo. Many Cape Cod Covenant individuals, couples and groups sponsor a child, and as a church we all sponsor little Alexis Mbuangabele. I am so thankful for him. Here is a picture of Alexis — an 8-year-old boy whom I write to for us all. Recently we sent a special one-time gift of \$200 for him and his family, and you can see some of the things that they were able to purchase — really important items. Here is what he wrote (translated directly from French to English by the community volunteer):

Dear Cape Cod Covenant Church friends and Pastor Tom:

Hello! Me, Alexis Mbuangabele, am once again very excited to get a gift from you. \$200. My mother and community volunteer have helped me buying these following things:

A suitcase for my clothes

A sponge (big bed roll)

Suit clothes for wearing on Sundays for Sunday School

The remaining of this money I gave to my mother for trading.

(see the seeds, mats and the goat)

Thanks a lot for surprising me with this gift. And I don’t know how to write well so I am helped with writing this letter by Dorcas our community volunteer.

Hope reading a letter from you soon. May the Lord protect you. Thanks.”

Okay, this relationship is on my list today. May the Lord protect all of you, too. PT



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.



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

**November 23rd,
7:00 pm**

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 Outreach Center Holiday 2016

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.



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 Hanging of the
Greens Service or during the first week of
December. **The last collection day will be**
Friday, December 9th! Gift ideas include **new**
clothing, toys or games, books, gift certificates for
clothing and CDs for teens.

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

ANDREA HOLDEN THANKSGIVING WALK/RACE 5K NOVEMBER 26TH, 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 or
pick up a registration form at church.

One year ago we began a new ministry, committed to
#DiveIntoTheCape for Christ! Once again, we will
#DiveIn by helping out at the Andrea Holden race. We
will man a halfway-point water station, hand out water
bottles at the finish line, help with the after-race food
line, and cheer on our friends and neighbors. 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.

ELECTION DAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Tuesday, November 8th, 7:00pm



On a day designed to divide us,
come to the table that unifies us!

We gather with our brothers and sisters to proclaim that
Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. We
gather at His table, to proclaim His Kingdom and our
place in it. Join us as we sing, and pray, and hear His
Word to us, and celebrate His Feast.
All are welcome!



A note of thanks to our church family for all of your visits, cards, and prayers during my knee surgery and rehab. I'm very fortunate everything went so well and have been enjoying a speedy recovery. It's comforting to have the support and love of the church family.

Love to all, Barbara Malkasian

Dear friends,

My family and I thank you for all your cards and expressions of sympathy on the passing of my mom. It is great to be part of a caring church. Stuart and Bonnie Eyman

Mark and I and Doug and Jess would like to thank everyone for their many kindnesses, love and prayers. We are also grateful for the cards, gift certificates, plants, books, poems, meals, rides, painting, visits, a wheelchair and the ramp! All of these have helped tremendously with taking one day at a time and enjoying what we have each day. This church family truly shows the love of Christ. The Hopkins family

FAITH NEIGHBORHOOD KITCHEN



November 7th

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in helping the Faith Neighborhood Kitchen continue to provide food to those in desperate need of a hot meal. Once again, we have been asked to help out. We can still use some **homemade cookies/bars**,

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you can help out! Call Judy McCullough 508-385-8507 with any questions.

DRESS A LIVE DOLL



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

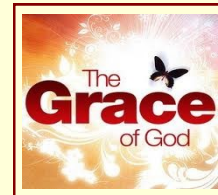
Usually the program sponsors only children up to 12 years of age, but many families have older children who need things, too. This year we have pledged to sponsor 2 children under 12 and 1 teenager. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall with gift ideas for each child.

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 December 3rd 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!!

A MONTH OF THANKS



During the month of November, take the opportunity each day to praise God in some way. Start a list of blessings for each day, do something special for someone you know, pray for someone you don't like! God is with you each moment of the day. Be open to him and feel his presence. Give thanks for his blessings. You'll be surprised at how many there are. Let God use you to be a blessing as you greet each day.



FALL CLEAN-UP

Save Saturday November 19th to help with our church clean-up! We will plan to meet from 9am-12. Goodies will be provided.

Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Current Prayer Concerns

Rachel Ash (niece of Bonnie and Stu Eyman) Recovering from surgery
 Steve, Lisa and Nicole Botelho on the recent sudden passing of their son and brother, Steven. (Lisa is the sister of Avis Carter and Martha Brigham)
 Bob Buyer Recovering at home from a recent fall
 Cindy Doherty Health concerns and treatments
 Tom Donahue Recovering from hip surgery, home
 Tom Hanley (friend of Avis Carter) Recovering from surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital
 Mark Hopkins Continued recovery and treatments, home
 Martha Hopkins (relative of Mark and Bev) Brain surgery
 Norma Houseman Hospice care, Eagle Pond Nursing Home
 Paul Peterson (Laurel Peterson's father) Health concerns
 Jimmy Roberts Treatments at Dana Farber
 Mary Shea (Ryan Shea's grandmother) Rehab following a minor stroke, upcoming surgery
 Denise Sorabella Undergoing treatments
 Bob Wakefield Weekly dialysis treatments and recovering from surgery at Spaulding Rehab
 Harold Warner (son of Lolly Warner) Critical wound care
 Malcolm White Recovering from recent auto accident, home

Recent health concerns and undergoing treatment

Heidi Arsenault Ongoing health concerns
 Bill Buyer (son of Bob and Margaret Buyer) Cancer treatments
 Jay Carter (son of Avis Carter) Health concerns
 Terry Curry (friend of Bill Potter) Cancer diagnosis
 Judy Daly Undergoing treatments
 Mary Daly (friend of the Agurkis family) Recovering from broken vertebrae in her neck and back
 Harry Elia (11-year-old grandson of George and Evelyn Elia) Recovering from surgery
 Ed Nimmo (friend of Sue and John Peschier) Pancreatic Cancer
 Rosa Palumbo Recovering from surgery at home
 Duane Peterson (relative of the Mancini's and the Dvorak's) Pancreatic Cancer
 Carol Ryder (extended family of Carl and Ann Shelley) Treatments, NY
 Dona Jean Wassell (Lynn Read's cousin) Health concerns
 Nina Wikman (friend of Lynn Read and Nancy Russo) Cancer diagnosis

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



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!



ADVENT WREATH-MAKING, SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND WORSHIP

Plan now to join in an evening of fellowship and fun.

Advent wreath-making will begin at 4:30 to be followed by a delicious spaghetti dinner.

The evening will conclude with a brief Advent service in the sanctuary. We are asking for \$20 per family and \$10 for singles to cover the costs of wreath-making supplies and dinner. If you plan to come only to the dinner and service, please make a donation.

You can sign up at church, or RSVP to Ann Agurkis: text at 774-240-3045

or email at mcbeanhead@yahoo.com



Join Alice Boyle for free yoga classes on Saturday mornings at 10:00am. This month we will meet only on November 12th and 19th because of the Fair and Thanksgiving. The class is open to all—teens to nineties. We have extra mats available if you don't have one. Please contact Alice Boyle at 774-268-9488 with any questions.



YOUTH GROUPS!

CLUB 47, our weekly youth group for kids in grades 4 -7, meets Friday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Lots of fun and fellowship! We won't be meeting the Friday after Thanksgiving.

And older teens can have a great time of fellowship and fun! **Senior High Youth Group**, for kids in grades 8-12, meets on Sunday evenings, from 6:00pm-7:30pm. We will not meet November 27th so that we can take part in the Wreath-making service.



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. We are using The Gospel Project curriculum that takes our kids on a 4-year journey through the entire bible from beginning to end. This change in time to the worship hour allows 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 ASAP at pastorjohnnya@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer for this upcoming school year.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School begins at **9 am**. There are two classes, both held downstairs in the Sunday School area. Please use our new elevator! One class is a study of the week's lectionary texts. The other is a discussion of the book "The Mission of Jesus."

Please join us.



Join Us for Fellowship and Breakfast

Our superb team of chefs will be preparing breakfast for us on the 2nd Sunday of each month right before church. This month it's November 13th. Come enjoy the delicious food and fellowship with your church family.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR SUPPORT!

November, Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Rev. George Elia, 508-362-9276

December, Properties

Lee Brigham, 508-494-0993

January, Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Lolly Warner, 508-362-4789

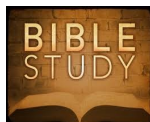
For any food you bring to events:

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.



STUDY GROUPS

All are invited to attend, even if you can't be a regular.



The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the Book of Psalms. Contact is Lolly Warner, 508-332-8803.

Covenant Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 7pm. We are discussing Philip Yancey's book, Vanishing Grace, Contact is Rev. George Elia, 508-362-9276.

Ladies Book group meets on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. Come join us November 19th! Contact is Sharon Hirsch 508-385-6787.

We are also starting a Wednesday evening ladies book group. We will be reading "Accidental Saints", and will meet monthly at different people's homes. The first meeting will be November 16th from 6:30-8pm at the Hirsch's — 11 Hummel Drive, Dennis.

Thursday mornings at 8:30am

Men's Breakfast at Grumpy's Restaurant

Women's Breakfast at Olympia's Restaurant

Saturday mornings at 8:00am

Men's Discussion Group at church



MERCHANDISE CARDS

Merchandise Cards to support the homeless on Cape Cod will be **on sale November 6th and 20th.**

There are several denominations available from different merchants, such as Stop and Shop, Shaws, CVS, etc. You can also order cards from:

Regal Cinemas
Speedway
Hearth and Kettle
Dairy Queen
Subway
Wendy's
Walgreens
Bath and Body Works
Starbucks
Rite Aid
D'Angelos
Dominos
Papa Gino's

You may also order cards from additional merchants

THANK YOU!



LUCIA BREAKFAST DECEMBER 10th

Join us for our annual Santa Lucia breakfast on Saturday, December 10th at 10 am

There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall, so plan to do some good Swedish cooking. We can also use helpers to set up and clean up. If you have Swedish decorations, let Debby Barbo know and bring them to church Friday the 9th.

There will be a planning meeting Sunday, November 6th after church. If you'd like to help, please plan to attend. Contact Debby Barbo for more info at 508-367-4486



COVENANT WORLD RELIEF

Partners in Transformation

Mission of the Month – November

Al Tizon, Executive Minister of Serving Globally for the Evangelical Covenant Church, writes “Covenant World Relief (CWR) puts into motion the mercy and justice of God...CWR not only responds immediately to disasters through our global partners, it also supports community development projects, also through our global partners, that bear long-term sustainable fruit in whole communities around the world.”

Through Covenant World Relief (CWR) we on Cape Cod join with Covenanters across the country in advancing God’s transforming mission to the most vulnerable individuals and communities across the globe. For example, following the unimaginable devastation recently inflicted on Haiti by Hurricane Matthew, CWR funds were immediately at work through our partner World Relief International.

CWR is guided by the following **seven core values** as they carry out the mission to join God in loving, serving, and working together with the poor, the powerless and the marginalized:

Representing the Kingdom – Demonstrating the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

Working in Partnership – Collaborating with local partners, relying on their expertise, experience, and networks.

Strengthening Local Communities – Working with, rather than for, communities by using a relief and development model that identifies and uses local resources.

Serving the Most Vulnerable – Loving and serving the poor, the powerless, and the marginalized regardless of ethnicity, gender or age.

Transforming Individuals, Families and Communities – Engaging in holistic, comprehensive and sustainable development that leads to transformation.

Restoring Dignity – Affirming that all people are made in God’s image, we seek the restoration of their God-given identity.

Seeking Justice – Working to address the root causes of injustice through reconciliation, peace-making and advocacy.

This month we give thanks for the privilege we have as Cape Cod Covenanters to assist with our prayers and financial support the work that CWR has been engaged in for more than 65 years as the Covenant’s response to human suffering and injustice in the world.

SOUP COOKBOOK!!! Please share

The Missions Commission is trying to create a soup cookbook to benefit Covenant Kids Congo. If you have a recipe or recipes that you are willing to contribute please place it/them in the decorated box in Fellowship Hall. You can also email your recipes to Ingrid Strand at ingyruth@gmail.com





HOLLY DAY FAIR – November 5, 2016!

Fellowship-Leadership-Discipleship
Join in the fun, and get in the mood for the holidays.

There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for any volunteers who would like to help. You can bring your items to church up until November 4th, unless otherwise stated. And don't forget the baked goods table! We need your goodies to sell, including home-made fudge and candy. Thank you.

Brad Johnson and Stephen Johnson are co-chairing the Country Store. They will be selling home-made jams and jellies, so if you are making or have made some over the summer, please consider donating 4 or so jars to the cause. They will also be selling maple syrup, bird houses, and fishing lures. If you have any items or would like to work with them, contact Brad at bradfordhjohnson@yahoo.com, or Stephen at jjohnson0465@comcast.net



Calling all crafters! Susan Smith and Joyce St. Pierre need your wares. We are looking for items for the Arts and Crafts table at the Holly Fair. If you have craft items that you would like to donate, please give Susan a call at 508-240-8526. We welcome knitted, crocheted, felted, waxed (as in candles), sewn, paper creations, floral, or whatever doesn't fit into one of the other table categories.

Avis Carter and Laurel Peterson are accepting jewelry! Do you have any jewelry that you'd like to donate to the Holly Day Fair for the jewelry table? If so, please contact Avis Carter at 508-534-9731 or by email ach1943@me.com

Alice Boyle and Evelyn Smith will be chairing the Holly Day Fair Plant Sale Table! We will be accepting donations of house plants for the upcoming fair. You may buy new ones to donate or any healthy plants that you have that need a new home. Please bring them to the church on **Friday November 4th or by 9am on Saturday the 5th.** You can contact Alice at 508-385-6868 or tboyle2@comcast.net.

Bill and Debbie Bohlin will chair the fair luncheon (Kafe Stuge). Those who wish to volunteer as servers for this, please contact Laura and Allison McCarthy (508-775-6956) or Deb and Bill Bohlin (508-280-1096).

Sharon Hirsch and Sheryl Stone invite you to share books you have read, enjoyed, shared with your children and are interested in donating to the Book Nook at the Holly Fair. You can contact Sheryl Stone, capesalstone@gmail.com, or 609-306-6793.



Ursula Coute and Joyce Zavorskas are calling all creative spirits and artists! We are looking for donations of new art created by friends or even You! We will be selling them at the "Art" table at the Holly Day Fair. Small pieces of no more than 18"x24" will be appreciated due to limited space.

Ruth Gawle and Nancy Muttly will have a table for Christmas-related items at the fair. Donations will be accepted anytime before November 1st. If you would like to donate, please contact Ruth Gawle to set a time for delivery of these items to the church or to have them picked up at your home. Contact Ruth at 508-394-7367 or regawle@comcast.net

Margaret Potter and Donna Howard are looking for creative people to make gift baskets to sell at the Holly Day Fair. Think of a theme and take it from there! A few ideas are Coffee or Tea baskets, Sport baskets, Christmas baskets, Food baskets, Fruit baskets, Craft baskets. If you'd like to donate a basket contact Margaret Potter at 508-430-2164 or email margaret_potter@comcast.net. The baskets need to be dropped off at the church no later than Friday November 4. Thank you!

Barbara Malkasian and Christine Smith will co-chair the linen table. We are looking for donations of clean and ironed old linens—specifically tablecloths, napkins, table runners, etc. Quilts are welcome, too. Donations will be accepted anytime until Sunday, October 30th. Please contact Christine at 508-247-7463 or at christineesmith25@gmail.com, or Barbara at 508-398-5524 to arrange delivery of items.

AND DON'T FORGET!!

Lucia Breakfast

Join us for our annual celebration on December 10th. Planning meeting on November 6th! Come help out. Contact Debby Barbo for more info at 508-367-4486. See page 6 for more information.



Hanging of the Greens

There will be some changes this year, so plan to join us for a very special evening. See page 5 for more information

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Cape Cod Covenant Church
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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!

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