

Established as a local congregation in 1884, we are truly thankful for the more than 125 years God has given us to spend in service to Jesus Christ among the people of Easton and its surrounding communities.



We believe we are called together by God that all may **KNOW** Christ's love, **GROW** in Christ's purpose, and **GO** with joy to serve in Christ's name.

With ministries for all ages, and many faith opportunities for spiritual growth as well as for service, Covenant Congregational Church is a place of nurture, care, and love.

We welcome you and invite you to join us regularly!

Prayers of Petition

- Heather Willis' mother as she recovers from hip surgery, and for Heather and Ed as they travel home from Canada.
- Joanne Lundin, Sandie Corradina's sister-in-law, passed away after a brave battle with cancer. Prayers to Sandie and her family.
- The 1000+ members and vital ministry of the St. Andrews Hindustani Covenant Church which was completely destroyed by a suspicious fire on November 30th.
- The family of Melinda and Mike Ryan. Melinda's dad, John Luke, passed away November 23rd.
- For Rev. Whitney Hall during this time of transition in her ministry.
- John-Erik Nelson who is recovering from hip surgery.
- Todd Cudmore as he recovers from back surgery.
- John Gallagher who is recovering from surgery.
- Bob Clary's mother is home recuperating.
- Brian Edlund's brother Chuck, who is undergoing treatment for a tumor in his eye.
- For our congregation as we navigate the transitions of these coming months.
- The Edlund's 14-year old nephew, William, who has been diagnosed with Stage I osteosarcoma and is receiving chemotherapy treatments.
- Ernie and Pearl Robertson for ongoing health challenges.
- Linda Wainwright as she struggles with severe and chronic back pain.

- Carole DesLauriers, Ed Willis' mother, for continued healing and peace.
- Cindy Doherty, who was diagnosed with throat cancer.
- Murray Johns, brother of Heather Willis, awaiting a liver transplant within the next 2 months.
- Angela Whitley as she undergoes treatments.
- Don MacLeod Jr. is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Rob Driscoll continues to receive treatment for kidney problems.
- Joe Davis and his ministry in Sweden.
- Gail Hubbard, friend of Lynda Valenzuela, receiving treatment for a brain tumor.

Prayers of Celebration

- For the many ways in which God has provided, challenged, and blessed us as individuals and as a congregation this past year.
- For our wonderful children, their faithful teachers and the gift of worship they share with us today.
- The many faithful financial pledges for 2012 that have been submitted by members of the congregation.
- The men and women of our Armed Forces serving around the world & for their families back here at home who await their safe return.

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Announcements

- **Thanks to everyone who made today's worship service possible!** For all our children and their teachers, Kirstie Wheeler (our Director of Music Ministries), Jeff Burton (who handled all technical needs), Adam Buckley (our sound technician) and Armen Varadian (who created the beautiful background video). The content of today's Children's Worship comes from an out-of-print book by Kenneth Morse and Joyce Miller entitled "*A is for Angels: an alphabet book for Christmas*"
- The Whole Life Stewardship Ministry would like to remind you to prayerfully consider pledging a proportional gift to the church for 2012. If you need a pledge card, please stop by the welcome desk in the Narthex or call the church office. Please pass in your pledge card by placing it in the offering plate or mailing it into the office. This will greatly assist the Council and the Ministries as they come up with their budgets for 2012.
- **Men's Group** will meet this Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.
- **Reminder** that there is no Sunday School on December 25th or January 1st.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- **Youth Group Christmas Parties and Gift Exchanges this afternoon:**
 Junior High - at 4:30pm
 Senior High - at 6:00pm
Bring a wrapped white elephant gift - the funnier the better!
- **WinterFest 2012** registration forms are available online at our church website - www.ecovchurch.org - and are due in to Pastor Johnny by December 25th. Transportation will be an additional \$50.
- **CHIC 2012 Humble Beginnings (Appetizer & Salad) Cookbook** has arrived! The cost is \$10 per cookbook. They would make a nice Christmas present. *Purchase your copy after worship today.*

The Week Ahead

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Knitting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Small Group Bible Study
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
	11:00 p.m.	CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
Sunday	CHRISTMAS 10:30 a.m.	Christmas worship

Christmas Eve Services



Family Service 4:00p.m.

Join us for a very special time of worship as we encounter the story of Christ's birth. This service is geared especially for children!

Candlelight Worship Service 11:00p.m.

A beautiful and peaceful time of worship as we rejoice as the birth of our Savior.

There will be **no breakfast** served on Sunday December 25th, January 1st, and January 8th.
See you at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 15th, for breakfast!

Special thanks to Marcia Johnson and her cookie making team for preparing the special traditional Christmas cookies for our children.

NEW ENGLAND SEAFARER'S MISSION

The Missions & Service Ministry invites you to fill a shoebox with travel-size items such as soap, shampoo, mouthwash, combs, razors, toothpaste, gum, candy, cough drops, nuts, winter hats, warm socks, gloves, air fresheners, and a Christmas card.

Wrap the box with festive paper and bring it to church **today**, December 18th.



CHIC Post Office

The CHIC Post Office is open for holiday business. Drop off your Christmas cards for church family and friends **today**, December 18th.

Lectionary Scripture readings for next week:

Christmas
 Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)