

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

- *Brian Edlund* who is in Boston Medical Center after a serious car accident, and for *Heather and Ian* during this difficult time.
- *Leland Towne*, *Tara Vasiliou's* father, as he recovers from surgery to remove a tumor from his lungs.
- Our search for a *Director of Children's Ministries* position.
- *Peter Driscoll*, *Rob's* father, who is recovering from a clot in his lungs.
- *Murray Johns*, brother of *Heather Willis*, as he continues to recover from liver transplant surgery.
- *Heather Willis' mother* as she recovers from hip surgery.
- For *Rev. Whitney Hall* during this time of transition in her ministry.
- *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, lay leaders and *Pastor Johnny* as we navigate the transitions of this upcoming year.
- *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.
- *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 & Thanksgiving

- For the students and adult volunteers, attending the Jr. High Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Pines next weekend.
- For the "good Samaritans" who came to the aid of *Brian Edlund* after his accident and were so instrumental in saving his life.
- For the quick recovery from pneumonia by *Les Holmes*.
- For the wonderful progress that *Murray Johns* is experiencing following his liver transplant surgery.
- For the many, many people who are so faithfully giving of their time, talent, treasure and testimony in order that the ministries of our congregation flourish and grow for Christ's Kingdom.
- For those who will be undergoing training to become our newest Stephen Ministers to our congregation.
- For the wedding last Sunday at church between *Kataryna Siciliano* and *Daniel Henriquez*.

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Announcements

- **Wednesday Evening Ladies' Bible Study** will be beginning a Lenten study using the guide *Parables and Passion: Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent* by John Indermark. We will meet at Ann Shelley's home on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 from February 29th to April 4th. All women are welcome. If you are interested in joining, please call Sally Poirier at [508-238-0864](tel:508-238-0864).
- **Friendship Club** meets this Tuesday, February 21st at noon in the Fireside Room. Program: "Memory Lane" – led by Al Souza. Please come with a story, a picture, or an item from your past that you can share with the group. Bring a dish or dessert to be shared and your own place setting. *All are welcome.*
- **OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available in the narthex—please pick up the box with your name on it! If you do not find your name on a box please tell our Financial Secretary, Jim Carlson - jw.carlson@comcast.net
- **Pilgrim Pines The View** is available on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy.
- **Quilt Show & Country Western Luncheon** to benefit Science With a Mission (**SMI**) on Saturday, March 24th from 9:30 am - 3 pm.

Meet our Missionaries to Japan
Friday, March 2nd
 Covenant missionaries to Japan, Gary and Pauline Carlson, will be here at church for an evening of sharing. Come and hear what God is doing in Japan.
More details to come—watch the announcements!

Ash Wednesday Service
 February 22nd at 7:30pm

Join us on Ash Wednesday for an important Service of Worship as we enter into the holy season of Lent. Lent encompasses the 40 days leading up to Holy Week, and calls us to self-examination, reflection, confession and repentance. It prepares us for the events that will unfold between Palm Sunday and Easter morning, and connects us to the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Director of Children's Ministries

This 15-hour per week position will provide leadership for the many ministries and programs for our children in grades K-5, including Sunday School, Pathfinders, Trailblazers, Children's Church and VBS. For a job description and information on how to apply, please visit our church website at www.ecovchurch.org Resumes with references will be accepted through 2/26/12 and should be sent to Pastor Johnny.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- There are **NO YOUTH GROUPS** today due to school vacation.
- **Trailblazers (grades 3-5):** will meet on Friday, March 2nd from 6-7 pm in the gym. Mark your calendars!
- **Junior High Retreat** will leave from church this Friday at 5:00pm. Bring \$ for dinner.
- **Camp Squanto Summer 2012** brochures are here & on the table in the Narthex. Please take one home.

Community WinterFest
March 11
 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm
 Borderland State Park



The Evangelism and Outreach Ministry invites to you bring your family, neighbors and friends to a fun afternoon of sledding, snowman competitions and hot cocoa by the fire (in the Skate House). We'll conclude our afternoon together with a short time of devotions and prayer. This is a wonderful and non-threatening way to invite people to see what our faith and our church community are all about!

The Week Ahead

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Knitting
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Club
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Small Group Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Fri-Sun	JR. HIGH WINTER RETREAT	
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	After worship	Joyful Noise rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth Group

Lectionary Scripture readings for next week:
1st Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10
 I Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:9-15