

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

- *Les Holmes* who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- *Leland Towne*, Tara Vasiliou's dad, as he recovers from surgery this past week to remove a tumor from his lungs.
- *Peter Driscoll*, Rob's father, who has a clot in his lungs.
- *Murray Johns*, brother of Heather Willis, as he recovers from liver transplant surgery.
- *The family, and many friends, of Paul Rockwell* who died suddenly on January 11th at age 65.
- *The family of Karen Short's aunt and Muriel Olson's sister, Eva*. Eva passed away on Christmas day after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.
- *The Bailey family* as they grieve the death of Jay's mother.
- *Heather Willis' mother* as she recovers from hip surgery.
- *Joanne Lundin*, Sandie Corradina's sister-in-law, passed away after a brave battle with cancer. Prayers to Sandie and her family.
- 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* 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.
- *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, 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 *Linda Cohen* who returned after undergoing training to become our newest Stephen Ministry leader, and the ongoing blessings of this important ministry to our congregation.
- For the many ways in which God has provided, challenged, and blessed us as individuals and as a congregation this past year.

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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).
- The *Pastoral Relations Committee* performs an annual review of our pastor's performance, progress toward goals, encourages goal setting for the coming year, and provides prayer, support and encouragement throughout the year. Your prayerful responses will help us in this year's review process. Forms & return box are located in the Narthex. Please fill out the form and return it by next Sunday, 2/12.
- **Adult Spiritual Formation:** we are in need of a library angel - someone to catalog some books and re-shelf others. If you are led to serve in this capacity, please contact Dom DiBattista ([508-238-7243](tel:508-238-7243))
- **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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- There are **NO Youth Groups tonight due to the Super Bowl - GO PATRIOTS!**
- **Trailblazers (grades 3-5):** will meet on Friday, March 2nd from 6-7 pm in the gym. Mark your calendars!
- **Junior High Retreat forms** are available on our church website at www.ecovchurch.org

The Week Ahead

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Knitting
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry intro
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Ministry Meetings
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Small Group Bible Study
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		OpenSpace meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	After worship	Joyful Noise rehearsal
	2:00 p.m.	Wedding (sanctuary)
	4:30 p.m.	Jr. Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth Group



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! . . . We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Have you ever had the feeling that your spiritual gifts are leading you to a relationship that is Compassionate, Full of Faith, Skilled, and Trustworthy? If so, think about being a Stephen Minister.

What do Stephen Ministers do?

Stephen Ministers: Listen, Explore feelings; Pray; Share Christ's love; Maintain confidentiality; Attend to the caregiving process and leave the result to God

Stephen Ministers care for people who are: Grieving; In a crisis; In need of long-term care; Dying; Hospitalized; Divorcing; Experiencing losses as they age; Going through a crisis of childbirth; The family and friends of people in crisis.

To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please attend one of the one hour information sessions on
Sunday February 5, after church or
Monday February 6 at 7:00 p.m. (both in the chapel)
 You can also contact Linda Cohen at 508-243-8815
 or email: lcohen1025@gmail.com

Community WinterFest

Saturday, February 18th
 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!

Lectionary Scripture readings for next week:

6th Sunday after the Epiphany
 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30
 I Corinthians 9:24-27
 Mark 1:40-45