

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

- The family of Karen Short's aunt, Eva. Eva passed away on Christmas day after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.
- The Prew family as they grieve the death of Lori's aunt Wanda Meade.
- The Bailey family as they grieve the death of Jay's mother.
- John Gallagher who is recovering from surgery this week.
- 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.
- The 1000+ members and vital ministry of the St. Andrews Hindustani Covenant Church which was completely destroyed by a suspicious fire on November 30th.
- 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.
- 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

- We celebrate with Mark and Alicia Higgins as they welcome the arrival of their first child, a daughter, born on December 24th.
- For the many ways in which God has provided, challenged, and blessed us as individuals and as a congregation this past year.
- 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

- 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.
- **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](mailto:jw.carlson@comcast.net)
- **CCC ANNUAL MEETING:** All members and friends are requested to attend this important meeting which will follow morning worship on January 29, 2012. Agenda will include distribution of Annual Reports of Pastors and Ministries, Budget proposal for 2012, presentation of ballot for open positions for 2012 and a financial update. Child care will be provided during the meeting.

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

**Progressive Dinner  
January 21, 2012!**

Sign-ups are a must for this activity. You can sign up to be an appetizer or host home or a participant.

Dessert will be back at the church.

Sign up Sheet is available in the narthex. Deadline for sign up is January 15, 2012.

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact the **Fellowship Ministry:**

Diane Cidado  
 Kym Silva  
 Ann Agurkis  
 Sandra (Sharpe) Willette


## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- **JR./SR. HIGH** there is no youth group tonight or on the 9th. Those traveling to **WINTERFEST** meet at church on Friday. Departure is at 2:30pm sharp!
- **CHIC 2012 Humble Beginnings (Appetizer & Salad) Cookbook** has arrived! The cost is \$10 per cookbook.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage 2012**  
 With Pastor Johnny & Pilgrim Pines

Space is filling up fast! Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime adventure that will deeply impact your faith walk and your understanding of scripture.

Details are available in the narthex!



## The Week Ahead

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Knitting
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Ministry Meetings
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Small Group Bible Study
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	12:45 p.m.	Birthday Buddies
Friday-Sunday		<b>WINTERFEST</b>
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		OpenSpace meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

**Lectionary Scripture readings for next week:**  
1st Sunday after Epiphany  
 Genesis 1:1-5      Psalm 29  
 Acts 19:1-7  
 Mark 1:4-11