



March 2026

The TIDINGS

Covenant Congregational Church

I am penning this month's tidings article in a house covered with snow. Over the previous day, our region has been inundated with what some are calling the largest snowstorm in our history. As I look out over the white expanse, I'm reminded of the many times that the Bible uses the imagery of snow and ice. One example comes from Psalm 147:

*[The Lord] sends the snow like white wool;
he scatters frost upon the ground like ashes.
He hurls the hail like stones..
Who can stand against his freezing cold?
Then, at his command, it all melts.
He sends his winds, and the ice thaws.*

The psalm writer is reminding us of the unsurpassing power of God. Earlier in the passage he writes: *How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!* The Lord has no limits. His power is immense and his wisdom beyond what we can imagine. He merely commands it and everything melts away.

How different this is from us. We think we are in control of our lives until something like a blizzard stops us in our tracks. It sometimes takes a snowstorm which even stops the snow plows to remind us of our limited power. When we are stuck at home and unable to get our car out of the snow bank, we are reminded that we are not always able to do everything we want. We are at the mercy of God and the elements.

This applies to more than the weather. Our psalmist talks about God's care for us who are ill, poor or in the midst of war. People who have little power are remembered by God and helped by him. God wants to care for us, if only we would turn to him for his support and help.

*[The Lord] takes no pleasure....in human might.
No, the Lord's delight is in those who fear him,
those who put their hope in his unfailing love.*

At the end of this month, we come to Holy Week and again remember the great power of God seen in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. All human striving and attempts at power are futile in the face of death-except in the conquering power of the Son of God through the cross. May we come to this season with fresh eyes on how much we are in need of God's saving power and trust anew in the power of the cross.

Perhaps by Easter our snow pack will have melted! (As my daughter lamented yesterday, "I just want to see grass!") But even if our world is still covered in snow and ice, our lives will be renewed and refreshed by Christ in us-the hope of glory and the "melter" of the deepest snow.

– Pastor Ryan

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

March and April Activities

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- Wiggle worship for toddlers & preschoolers
- Sunday school for grades k-7
- Confirmation grades 8+

YOUTH GROUPS

Trailblazers, Grades 4-6
Sundays, 5:30pm-6:30

- Feb. 22
- March 22
- March 1
- April 12
- March 15
- April 26

Jr and Sr High 5:30-8:00

- March 1 in Attleboro

PALM SUNDAY

Join us for the Hosanna processional as the kids wave palm branches and sing to mark the beginning of Holy Week.

EGG HUNT

April 4th
10:00am

Toddlers - grade 5

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date August 10-14
9:00-12:00pm

PALM
SUNDAY
MARCH 29



All kids are invited to
walk and wave palms
during the 10:30am
worship service



EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 4th 10AM

TODDLERS - 5TH GRADE

Please bring a basket or bag
for collecting eggs

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204 Center St North Easton



Tupperware BINGO NIGHT



Invite Your Friends!

MARCH 4, 6:30PM

\$10 per person
no registration required

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Win Tupperware!

Paint Night

MARCH 14, 6:45pm
\$25 per person

More info and Registration at
<https://tinyurl.com/cccpaint2026>

We will be painting this!

Registration and payment must be received by March 4 to reserve a spot

✉ send questions to: fellowship@ecovchurch.org



YES WE ARE ROLLING AGAIN!!
The 4TH Annual Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th!

Please save the date - many hands are needed.

Clean out your closets and basements!

More details to follow in the coming days & weeks.

-Melissa Gallinaro & Diane Cidado

pilgrim pines



if you're interested in attending a retreat, contact the church for more info or visit pilgrimspines.org

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club starts up again on Wednesday, March 18th at 12 noon with the theme of St. Patrick's Day (bring your favorite leprechaun) and a dish to share if able.

I would be appreciative of any help with decorations as they are not my forte. We will also look at possible crafts we could make for the Yard Sale on May 9th and hopefully a winter/holiday fair as in the "days of olde."

My goal is to have monthly gatherings – April 22, May 20, June 17, July 22, Aug 19, Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18 and Dec 16 for our Christmas Party. Would love to hear ideas for different topics, guest speakers, etc. Carol Schigg and Judy Davis have done a tremendous job running the Friendship Club and I welcome others to help me carry the baton forward.

The Friendship Club is open to all, no age restrictions, though many are retired. Any questions, call Sue Plante 508-944-8781.

Mondays
in the fireside room

5:30 YOGA



7:00 KNITTING

WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY



Saturdays, 10:00 am in the fireside room

Help Needed!
stuffing eggs for our
annual Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, March 30
7pm
Fireside Room



Time is ticking- we need your footwear. Ask your friends and neighbors, and check your closet today.



FRIENDLY REMINDER
**OUR SHOE DRIVE
FUNDRAISER IS
ALMOST OVER**

Holy Week

SCHEDULE

A photograph of a green palm frond and a purple cloth draped over a light-colored surface. A small wooden cross is visible on the left side.

JOIN US FOR

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29
10:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2
7pm

A service of music, scripture
and communion

A photograph of a wooden chalice and a piece of bread on a light-colored surface.

community
**sunrise
EASTER
service**

6:00am

at NRT
sheep pasture

April 5

A photograph of a sunrise over a field with a road leading towards the horizon.

Easter Sunday

Worship
services

9:00am
&
10:30am

A photograph of light streaming through an opening in a dark, rocky structure, symbolizing the tomb.

Care Ministry

Prayers of Petition

- Those dealing with addiction, isolation, financial trouble, and loss.
- The health of marriages in the church and for those who long to be married.
- Continued prayers for those with health challenges: Karen Bassett, Rebecca Carroll, Lynda Valenzuela, Kym Silva, Ginny & Jim Elson, Andrea Siciliano, Dana Morse, Bob Carroll and Pastor Devyn's father Jay Chambers.
- Please pray for our missionaries abroad: Grant & Miho Buccholtz (Japan), Rev. James Tang (Africa- South Sudan/Ethiopia) and for their families.
- For the conflict in Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and South Sudan. May God bring peace!
- That God would continue to provide the resources and volunteers needed to do his work at CCC.
- For individuals struggling with mental health challenges, domestic abuse and addiction.
- Please give parents wisdom and strength.
- Would we read and pray the Bible and trust that the Lord is with us.
- For the Willis family as they mourn the loss of Ed's mother Carole DesLauriers, for the Poirier family as they mourn the loss of Sally's sister Louise, and for the Waugh family as they mourn the loss of Nancy's sister Susanne.
- For Jeffrey Endriunas of Easton who needs a life-saving kidney transplant due to a genetic kidney disease.
- For several fatal tragedies in town including a house fire and a car accident.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

- For God's provision for both finances and volunteers at CCC! We ended the year financially strong thanks to the congregation's faithful generosity.
- Thanksgiving for the baptisms of Griffin McLaughlin and August Illobre.
- Prayers of praise for our church leadership including Judy Towne our new chair and Mark Clark our new vice-chair! We are grateful for the faithful leadership of Cheryl Opper and Tom McCormick as they end their term as chair and vice-chair.
- Thanksgiving for many new faces at CCC and for a well attended New Members/Inquirers Class.
- Praise for our students who attended winter camps at Pilgrim Pines.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Adult & Teen Challenge Men's choir will visit on Sunday, April 12, 2026. There will be a freewill offering and lunch following the service. We are reaching out for help with food donations for the lunch such as salad, sandwiches, chips, desserts. The signup sheet for food donations will be in the Narthex.

In addition, there will be a box in the Narthex to collect regular and sample size toiletry donations.

Recommended list:

- deodorant; soap/body wash; shampoo
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash (non-alcohol)
- floss picks/dental floss • Qtips
- hand lotion in tubes • nail clippers
- Combs • shaving cream
- disposable 3-blade razors

Non-toiletry items:

- notebooks
- Multi-pack men's briefs, boxers, T-shirts (all sizes)

Thank you! - Missions & Service Ministry

MARCH
birthdays

2 ANDREW FIORE	18 QUENTIN BASSETT
5 MATTHEW SANTRY	21 STEVEN WILLETTE
6 VICTORIA PAPETTI	23 SANDRA WILLETTE
10 KATIE DORFLER	24 NATHAN BASSETT
11 MISSY BURTON	25 ALMA BURNS
11 EMILY HAYES	27 ALLIE ZELINSKI
12 ANNA JEE	29 KAREN BASSETT
14 KATIE JOHNSON	29 ADAM BASSETT
14 ANDREA MCILHATTEN	30 REBECCA ABREU
15 ELISE GAY	31 THOMAS SABIN
17 LOU ANN FALLS	

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 9:15 Adult SS- youth lounge 10:30 Worship 5:00 Confirmation-fireside 5:30 Trailblazers-gym/yl 5:30 Offsite: Connect Youth Group 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym reserved 12:30p-6 Sanctuary + upstairs	02 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Stephens Minister Training (youth lounge) 7:00 Offsite:Men's Bible Study reserved 7p-8 Gym, classroom 7p-9 Sanctuary	03 5:00 Worship + Music Meeting (zoom) 6:30 Missions + Service Meeting (zoom)	04 6:30 Tupperware Bingo (fireside)	05 6:30pm Choir Practice (sanctuary) 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel) reserved 8a-11:30 Fireside	06 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners-fireside	07 10:00am Women's Bible Study-fireside
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Covenant Congregational Church exists to build a welcoming community
so that all generations can know God, participate freely, and grow in faith together.

Sunday Mornings

10:30am Worship Service
(Online and In-person)

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Staff

Co-Pastor: Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson
Co-Pastor: Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson
Choir Director: Alice Fu
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Custodian & IT Wizard: Nick Zelinski

