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Covenant Congregational Church

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who remain in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.....You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. John 15: 5, 16-17

It is that time of year where trees and bushes explode with foliage and flowers. The trees in the circle at the church are especially glorious right now as they grow, thrive, and bloom. As a church we long to grow and thrive and bloom. Like the trees in front of the church we long to bring beauty to the world, refreshing shade to weary and be a place where people can build lives of faith just as birds build nests in the limbs of the trees.

In this next season in the church we will strive to be ***Rooted and Reaching***. Being rooted means that we remain connected to God. It means we commit to going deeper in our understanding of his love for us. It means that we take good spiritual care of ourselves. We worship regularly, we study scripture, we pray regularly. Being rooted in Christ means we treat each other well: we speak the truth in love, we resolve conflict with grace, we love each other just as Christ has love us.

Trees with healthy roots grow lush and produce good fruit. Trees without good roots fail to thrive. They may cease growing or they may fall over. The same is true of churches. We cannot will ourselves to be as beautiful and healthy as the trees in front of the church. It will take work and commitment. It will take humility and compassion.

But the good news is that Jesus promises that if we remain in him we will bear much fruit. *Our commitment to being rooted and remaining in Christ is not just for our own survival—being rooted allows the gospel of Jesus bears fruit.*

The commitment to being ***Rooted and Reaching*** is not an either/or choice—it is a both/and choice. Being truly rooted in the person of Jesus will naturally cause us to reach up and out. Like a tree, we have been created to bear fruit. A healthy plant is never just roots. A healthy plant grown up and out towards the sun.

But a tree without a solid root system will not last. It will become diseased and weak—and even dangerous. A tree without good roots loses limbs and may even fall over causing damage and hurting itself and others. The same is true for the church. If our branches out pace our root system people can get hurt.

When we talked about this at a recent council meeting, Diane Cidado pointed out that roots can still grow even after a tree is cut down. But when roots are not connected to a tree they do not bear fruit—but they can tear up driveways! Roots without a tree cease to do what they were created to do—and instead they become destructive. In order to do what it was created to do--The tree needs the roots and the roots need the tree.

The same is true for us. We are called to love God AND love others. We are called to be rooted in Christ AND reach out to others with the love of Christ. Christ calls us to love both/and not either/or.

Remaining in Christ means loving God (being rooted) and loving others (reaching out). This is not complicated but it is crucial. We MUST remain rooted in Christ so that we can reach out and bear fruit—fruit that will last.

As a church we will be asking these questions in the coming year: How can we be more rooted in Christ? How can we reach out more faithfully with the love of Christ? But we also want you to prayerfully consider these questions in your own life and faith journey.

What is one way you can be more rooted in Christ? Maybe it's a Bible study, a prayer group or attending worship twice a month instead of once a month.

What is one way you can commit to reaching out to others with the Love of Christ? Is there a new ministry you can connect with? Is there a way to reframe your current activities to be more compassionate and outwardly focused?

We are excited for the future of Covenant Congregational Church. Branches are reaching and fruit is forming in our midst. Let us commit to a season of both/and: May our roots grow deep and strong as we love God and may our branches reach broad and beautiful as we love others!

Children's Sunday!

Join us after a special children's worship service for food, games, and fun on the church lawn. This special day marks the end of the seasonal Sunday children's services and confirmation classes. Geraniums and Inflatables join together to celebrate old and new traditions. *The Burgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. The rest of the meal will be pot-luck. If your last name begins with the letters A-L bring side dishes and M-Z bring desserts.* There will be sign up sheet in the Narthex.



All are welcome to
***Celebrate Summer
with the Friendship Club***

A picnic in the fireside room
on Tuesday June 21st at Noon.

Bring your own picnic "bag" lunch

or

a dish to be shared on the picnic food table.

Cold drinks: Lemonade, water

Desserts: watermelon, Hoodsies, mini ice cream

sandwiches, s'more bars,

paper plates and plastic utensils

will be supplied.

NEW and FUN games in the Narthex

Dress for summer!

wear your favorite baseball cap or sun hat

or summer attire.

Hope you can come and join us!!



Easton Food Pantry

Save the date!

A non-perishable food drive will be held to benefit the Easton Food Pantry on **Saturday, June 18, 2022, Time 9:00 am - Noon.** Collections on that day will be taken outside the front of the church. A collection box is in the Narthex in advance of actual food drive. Needed on the day of the drive are extra empty cardboard boxes to sort boxed, can and jar goods.

If you're interested in volunteering, please email Lita Kuipers at Lk83cw@verizon.net. For more information on suggested donation items please access: <https://eastonfoodpantry.org/food-donations>

East Coast Conference Women's Ministries

Women's Fall Retreat

September 16-18, 2022

Pilgrim Pines Conference Center
Swanzy, New Hampshire



Tammy Gerhard "Walk THIS Way"

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-2

God has a plan to use us here on earth as ambassadors of His love. He fills us with His Spirit and makes us ALIVE in Him to share that life with those around us. Join us as we discover how very much God has entrusted us with as we walk with Him today until the day He calls us home



Enjoy a weekend of fun with friends, learning from breakout leaders, strolling the lake, and time to talk, think, and pray.

All registrations are online.
Cost: \$197 (two nights and six meals).
Registrations due by September 19th.
Download a brochure from

www.eccwm.org.

The Carlsons' Update

Did you know that CCC has been a supporting church of Missionaries Gary and Pauline Carlson? The Carlsons have recently moved from Japan to Minnesota. They will continue to serve in Japan remotely. They will be starting a one year home assignment in the Fall of 2022. We are hoping they may be visiting us during that time. They are scheduled to complete their time of service as Serve Globally missionaries August 31, 2023. Please keep them in your prayers as they transition and continue to serve.

Children & Youth Updates

Youth group meet-up Sunday, June 5th, 5-7 pm. Calling all junior and senior high students (6th to 12th grade) to join us for an open gym night of volleyball, games, and snacks. Friends welcome. Contact Laura.slomba23@gmail.com with questions.

Thank you to everyone who made Confirmation Sunday a beautiful day. It was a joyous celebration of the children's commitment to their faith. The love was felt far and wide that day. Enrollment for the Confirmation class for this coming year is currently underway. If you are considering Confirmation for your child please reach out to the office or Pastor Ryan. The Confirmation program is for children 8th grade and older and runs for one year from September to May.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Children's Sunday, June 12!

Summer Camp Participants

Pray for our Campers and High School/College Staff at Pilgrim Pines and Camp Squanto this summer!

Becca Abreu
John Anderson
Kam Burton
Christian Fredericksen

Derek Fredericksen
Ada Gomes
Antonio Gomes
Brady McCarthy

Ben McCarthy
Molly McCarthy
Elsie McCormick
Thomas McCormick

Jenna Nelson
Kayden Sciliano
Alex West
Eleanor West

Pray for the other families and individuals attending Family Camp at Pilgrim Pines!

Did we miss you? Let us know and we'll add you to the list.

God Is On A Roll VBS IS COMING!!!

Food Truck Party VBS is a fun event, with a unique food truck court and a special food truck called "on a Roll," where Chefs learn important lessons about God's ability to provide. Chefs are guided each day by the food truck's Top Chef and DJ Cupcake to learn about the Daily Special- a familiar prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs. The Top Chef, DJ Cupcake, and the Chefs set out to learn how we can depend on God to take care of us. Please join the party on August 15th-August 19th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Register online on the church website www.ecovchurch.org. Open to children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. Children 6th grade and older are welcome to sign up to volunteer! We still need volunteers and supplies! Contact Karen Short or Liz Eaton if you want to volunteer.

Youth Clothing Drive:

The Youth Group is running a fundraiser! We have a collection bin next to the front doors of the church. Drop off your gently used clothing, home textiles, shoes and clothing accessories.

CLEAN OUT
YOUR CLOSET

Congratulations to our graduates!

	From:	To:
Becca Abreu	OAHS	North Park
Natalie Fredericksen	West Bridgewater HS	Boston College
Sam Schumacher	Taunton HS, <i>salutatorian</i>	Northeastern
Sarah Bean	Bridgewater State	
Marlena Silva	Rhode Island College	
Connor Buckley	Simmons (Masters)	

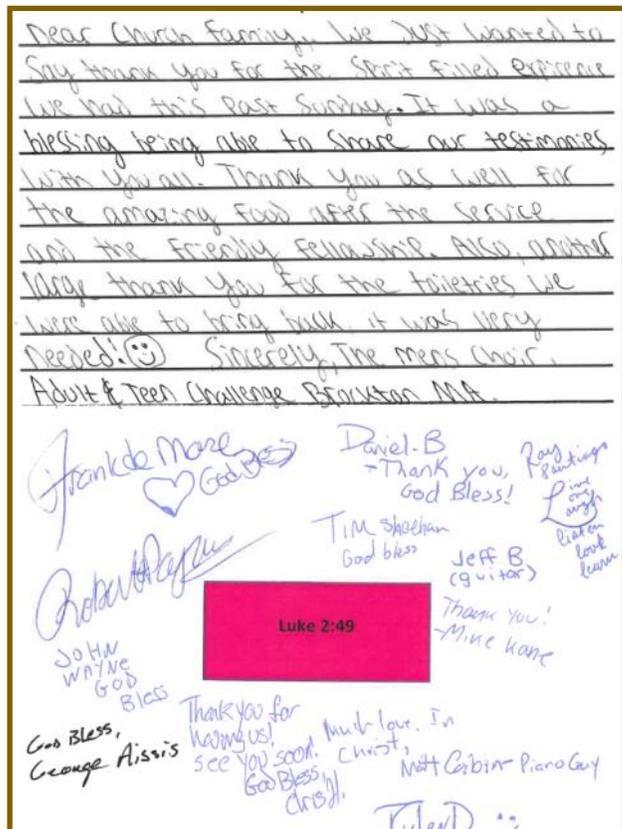
VBS WISH LIST

- (1) container of salt
- (2) containers of black pepper
- (10) 12x12 pieces of wool
- (2) bags of all purpose flour
- (2) bottles of olive oil
- (1) box of baking powder
- (3) bags of dum dum lollipops
- (1) bottle of vinegar
- (1) bag of popcorn
- (50) Styrofoam cups
- (100) 8" clear plastic plates
- (100) metallic foil colored sheet
- (50) 8 1/2" X 11" white card stock

Thank You, Church!

Your prayers, cards, and calls were so much appreciated as I recuperated from my recent surgery. The church family is so special.

-Barbara Takach



Thank you for joining Covenant World Relief & Development in our response to the crisis in Ukraine.

With your help, CWRD and our global partners have been able to assist Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, and other surrounding countries with food, hygiene kits, medical care, transportation, and housing. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and comfort for all of those who have suffered the ravages of war.

With gratitude,

Adam Edgerly
 DIRECTOR, CWRD

Zaya Gilmer
 MANAGER, CWRD

Nils Clauson
 PARTNER LIAISON, CWRD



Words of Appreciation

The service on Sunday, June 5, will close out our “choir season” for this year. When the season began last September, we were hoping to have a “live choir” on some Sundays. God has richly blessed us with dedicated servants who have faithfully provided a choir each week! Singers, handbell ringers, and instrumentalists have attended rehearsals and prepared selections for service after service.

You, along with those who have served as worship leaders, scripture readers, greeters, acolytes, ushers, and sanctuary keepers, have made our worship experiences richer as we give honor and glory to God for His love, grace, and mercy. We give thanks for you and your generosity of time and talent.

Our tech team deserves special recognition! Your expertise and commitment have extended opportunities for worship to those who are unable to be in the sanctuary and have enhanced our in-sanctuary worship by incorporating advances in screen and sound use. We are blessed and grateful!

Our Sunday mornings close out with beautiful coffee hours. The food and the lovely table settings invite us to linger, visit, welcome visitors, and create the loving and supportive community we want to be. To ALL those involved, we are blessed by you and appreciate your dedicated efforts.

To those who maintain our building and grounds, we offer thanks. As we approach our building, we are drawn in by the warmth of your love and care. We are proud to be part of this community.

Finally, to our Co-Pastors, we praise God for bringing you to us. Your leadership this first full year of your ministry with us has inspired admiration and love. In these uneasy times, you have been steady and focused on our mission as a church and followers of Jesus. You have not wavered amid the distractions of the pandemic and world situations. We are truly blessed!

- Ginny Elson

For questions or information:

Susan Santry

Worship & Music Ministries
 Chair

Ginny Elson

Director of Music Ministries

From the Church Office

Church offices will be closed May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Beginning June 13, the Summer hours for the main office will Tuesday to Friday from 10-1 p.m. Please note all phone messages and emails left over the weekends will be addressed the following Tuesday. If you have an emergency, contact the Pastors directly.

The Summer office hours for the Pastors will be Tuesday through Thursday from 9-1p.m. & Friday by appointment.

Summer Tidings will cover events for July and August. Submissions are due Thursday, June 23.

The Grace of Giving

We give thanks and praise for the many ways the Lord has blessed our congregation. One call of the Christian life is to give back out of the blessings which have been given to us. We can do this through the giving of our **time** in serving at the church and in the community, giving our **talents** in using the unique gifts God has given you, and giving our **treasure**, financial giving to our congregation and other ministries. Below are some "frequently asked questions" about financial giving to Covenant Congregational.

**What does Covenant Congregational believe about money?*

We believe that money is a resource to accomplish God's mission through our church of loving God and loving our neighbors.

**Where does Covenant Congregational get its money?*

It is the financial generosity of members and friends of the congregation that supports God's word in and through our congregation. Our support comes through "tithes" (giving 10% of one's earnings) and other contributions from those who attend the church.

Where do my donations to Covenant Congregational go?

Donations support the general budget. These funds make possible the ongoing ministries and services of the church and pay for improvements to the facilities. Ten percent of our general budget goes to support ministries in our community and around the world.

What is the role of pledging?

At the end of each year, we ask church members and attendees to pledge an amount they anticipate giving for the upcoming year. This helps the church to plan its ministries and set a budget. A pledge is a good-faith estimate of your giving which you can modify if your financial situation changes.

Is giving weekly preferred over giving monthly?

No, but giving on a consistent basis is important. Many pledges are not fulfilled at regular intervals over the course of the year due to sporadic attendance due to busy schedules, illnesses and the like. The church's needs, however, are steady. A constant giving pattern is important.

If I cannot give financially or want to do more than just give, how else can I help?

Just as your financial contributions are important, so too are your prayers and the stewardship of your time and talents. Contact the church office or a pastor for more ways to serve.

Does my contribution matter, regardless of the amount?

Yes, it is important that everyone participates and contributes. As Jesus taught, what matters is not the amount but the attitude of our hearts!

Can I give online?

Yes. Online giving is available via the "Vanco Faith Mobile App" or by visiting our website: www.ecovchurch.org/donate.





Happy Birthday!

		Dan Giberti	13	Elaine Lundberg	25	
	Frank Ribelin	5	Lianna Altieri	14	Jenna Nelson	26
	Matthew Silva	5	Alison Santry Last	14	Carol Schigg	27
	John Tyler	5	Christian McNeil	15	Colby Callender	28
	Carole DesLauriers	6	Donald Macleod	18	Joseph Davis	28
	Aiden McLaughlin	6	Jason Sutton	18	Elyse Harmon	28
	Shea McGarry	8	Tina Legare	22	Karen Anderson	30
	Victoria Ortega	8	Judith Sabin	22	Wyatt Fritchman	30
	Thad Krikorian	8	William Carlson	23	Charles Hammond	30
	Jen Krikorian	9	Summer Armstrong	24	Amanda Hayes	30
	Connor Medeiros	9	Gordon Mears	24	Linda Johnson	30
	Robert Buckley	13	Heather Edlund	25	Kayden Siciliano	30
Sarah Dennehy	1					
Caroline Ernst	1					
Brody Lake	1					
Jared Bickley	2					
Collin Riley	2					
Grayson Mulholland	3					

Care Ministry

Prayers of Petition

- Would we read and pray the Bible and trust that the Lord is with us
- May we bear with one another in love (Eph. 4: 1—6).
- Those dealing with addiction, isolation, financial trouble, and loss, especially with the trials of Covid
- Our 2021-22 Confirmands as they learn and grow in their faith
- The health of marriages in the church and for those who long to be married
- Naomi Gonzalez, friend to Ginny Elson's family, recently diagnosed with myeloma
- Sudanese missionary, James Tang, whose daughter Nyawour died recently
- Dianne Sproul's brother, recently diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer
- Doris Hayward recovering from mini strokes (TIA's)
- Please pray for strength and improvement for Cid Cidado.
- Bonnie Hyde's sister, Sandy, who has lymphoma
- Geraldine and Ray Wallace as they recover from their respective surgeries
- Please pray for Bev Carlson as she is rehabilitating.
- Andrea Siciliano's treatment for a blood infection
- Caleb Hurst —specifically pray that he'd learn to walk and talk. He's now playing peak a boo!
- Friends of Steve and Sandy Willette, Cassy and Kathy, who both have metastasized cancer.
- Karen McSherry's brother, Mark, and his family as his condition has deteriorated to the point where he is now in a nursing home. Also pray for Karen's mother who is now living with Karen and needs 24 hour care.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

- God's promises are trustworthy and true. This is our hope and our rest!
- The many volunteers who make attending worship in person and worshipping from home possible.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:15a Choir Rehearsal 10:30a Worship 7:30p Basketball	6 5:30p Yoga (narthex) 7:00p Knitting (fireside) 7:00p Men's Bible Study (library)	7 6:30-9:30p SCO Rehearsal 7:00p Worship & Music	8	9 10:00a Women's Bible Study (fireside) 7:30p Prayer Meeting (chapel)	10	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">12p-4p Foxboro School of Music</div>
12 Children's Sunday 10:30a Worship 7:30p Basketball	13 <i>Summer Office Hours Begin</i> 5:30p Yoga (narthex) 7:00p Knitting (fireside) 7:00p Men's Bible Study (library)	14 6:30-9:30p SCO Rehearsal 7:00p Council Meeting	15	16 7:30p Prayer (chapel)	17	18 9-12p Easton Food Pantry Drive
19 Father's Day 9:30a Worship 7:30p Basketball <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Sharon CO 12-6:30p</div>	20 5:30p Yoga (narthex) 7:00p Knitting (fireside) 7:00p Men's Bible Study (library)	21 12p: Friendship Club Picnic 7:00p Children & Youth Committee	22	23 7:30p Prayer Meeting (chapel) <i>*Summer Tidings Deadline*</i>	24	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Easton Chamber Orchestra</div>
26 9:30a Worship 7:30p Basketball <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">ECCO</div>	27 5:30p Yoga (narthex) 7:00p Knitting (fireside) 7:00p Men's Bible Study (library)	28	29	30		



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CCC AT A GLANCE

Sunday Mornings

10:30 Worship Service

(Online and In-person)

Staff:

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Co-Pastors

Ginny Elson

Director of Music Ministries

Jen Krikorian

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Nick Zelinski

Church Custodian

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Our Mission

To *Connect* the generations to Christ, to

Grow in our love for His Church, and to

Serve God in the greater Community