



May 2026

The TIDINGS

Covenant Congregational Church

In the gospels Jesus tells a simple story (Luke 12:13f). A rich man (notice he is already rich) had an abundant year with a huge harvest-more than he needed, could use or could even store. So the man asks himself a simple question: what should I do with this surplus?

He makes an interesting decision, one which is complex and involves significant planning. He will build even bigger barns than he already has in order to store the surplus. This already wealthy man simply adds to his wealth - keeping it for a rainy day and allowing himself easy leisure for the remainder of his life. In a twist at the end of the parable, the man dies that same night. All of that wealth and hope of future leisure went to nothing. "Foolish" is what God calls this person who focuses on themselves and not generosity.

Taken from our vantage point, the rich man's "problem" appears kind of silly. He is already wealthy and has what he needs. A simple solution would be to give the excess away, to donate it to the poor, to use it to improve the world around him. It would not take much effort to donate the excess, but instead the man goes to extreme lengths to hoard the crop he doesn't need, building barns and infrastructure to store away his harvest.

In another teaching Jesus talks about trust (Matthew 6:26). Look around you at the birds, he says. They don't plant or tend or reap crops, yet they have all the food they need. *"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"* Jesus isn't promoting not working or earning a living; Jesus is promoting trusting in God for everything we need. As the Israelites are wandering around the wilderness following their exodus from Egypt, God provides manna for them to eat. Each day the people go out to collect the manna, but they are to only collect what they need for that day. (Those who collect more find that it spoils the next evening!) (Exodus 16). This is why we pray: "Give us this day our daily bread." We do not need to hoard what we've been given, we need to steward what we've been given and give away to the benefit of others that which we do not need. This is because God provides for us.

God has blessed us with so many abundant graces. Some of us have been blessed financially, others with support systems of family and friends, others with good health, still others with talents and skills. In all of these areas we recognize God's tremendous blessings. We give thanks for the ways God has given us what we need, but also look to bless others with those blessings we've been given.

I feel particularly blessed by the great gifts others are giving to our community in these days. I think of the tireless musicians who bless us with their talents. I think of those who spend countless hours on behind the scenes work. I think of those who quietly give financial blessings to enable future ministry. I think of those who give a hug or a smile, spreading love which has blessed them.

May we be people who thank God for the blessings we've received. May we not store those away in barns but see clearly how to bless others in need with those blessings in our lives.

- Pastor Ryan

Children's Ministry

Weekly Spiritual Formation

during 10:30 Worship service

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

Youth Group

Trailblazers, Grades 4-6

Sundays, 5:30pm - 6:30

- May 3
- May 31
- June 7



VBS 2026 Registration is now open!

August 10 - 13, 2026

For kids entering K - 5th
Grade in Fall 2026

Kids and Volunteers
can register at:



<https://www.myvbs.org/ecovchurch>

Save the Date Children's Sunday June 14



potluck
cornhole
tournament
ice cream
bounce house

JOIN US FOR

Confirmation Sunday

MAY 17

This year's confirmands are
Pierre Clark, Antonio Gomes,
Rosie Johnson, Luke Malasi, Gunnar McNeil



CCC Missions & Service Ministry



Saturday, May 9, 2026



Borderland State Park, N. Easton, MA
 Dog-Friendly
 5K Run or 2.8 Mile Walk
 8 a.m. Check-in; 9 a.m. Start

People and Pets Team Up For Kids!



Featuring
The Flying Dogs



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Adults: \$35 Kids: \$10 6 & under: FREE Dogs: FREE



Proceeds support tutoring, mentoring and customized backpacks for students impacted by homelessness & poverty.
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**Adult & Teen Challenge
Massachusetts**
Freedom From Addiction Starts Here



2026 10th Annual

RUN to END ADDICTION



Saturday June 6th



Single Runner
Registration
\$35





Registration: 7:00AM
Shotgun Start: 8:30AM



Tinsley Center, Bridgewater State University
325 Plymouth St. Bridgewater, MA 02325



774.480.4367



progdev@tcmabrockton.org



Register at:
RunToEndAddiction.com



Help Build a Bridge

Saturday, May 30
noon to 5pm

We are hosting our second Life Skills Workshop for School on Wheels of MA

Homelessness and unstable housing and families, makes learning basic life skills like cooking, budgeting, food shopping, care of clothing, stocking an apartment, and so much more almost impossible. Please help us in gathering some supplies that will help us teach some Life Skills for students in the Bridge Program from School on Wheels of MA. It will be “hands on” and very interactive for the High School and College students in the Mentoring Program who will attend.

Volunteers to help set up tables and chairs are needed.

Donations of the following new items are needed:

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| Measuring cups | Measuring spoons | Screw drivers |
| Mini First Aid Kits | Reusable food shopping bags | Philip's head screw drivers |
| Flour-2, small bags | Sugar-3 pounds | measuring tape |
| Spatulas | Baking Soda 1 box | small hammers |
| Baking powder-1 can | Cooking Oil-10-12 oz | dryer sheets |
| Bisquick-1 box | Chocolate chips- 2 bags. | flashlights |
| Peanut butter 16 oz | Tuna fish 2 cans | can openers |
| Hershey's Baking Cocoa-1 | Confectioners Sugar-2 boxes | pot holders |
| Plastic wrap-1 box | Aluminum Foil-1 box | Vegetable peelers |

Kindly drop off items in the Narthex, in the Bridge Box by May 24

Many thanks,

Ruth Porter, assisted by Sue Plante, Sara Papetti,
Priscilla Driscoll, Lisa Comeau & Sue Dray

SCHOOL
on WHEELS
MASSACHUSETTS

Educate Kids
Empower Families
End Homelessness

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Bargains, Fun & Treasures Waiting for You

YARD SALE & CRAFTS

Rain or Shine

Hot dogs, baked goods, and our FAMOUS carrot cake!



**SATURDAY
MAY 9**

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Covenant
Congregational Church**

**204 Center St.
N. Easton MA 02356**

Yard sale items
are Cash Only

Craft Vendors
may accept other
forms of payment

We will need a great many hands to make the yard sale a success again -

Set up, Clean up,
Sales Help, Cashiers,
Baked Goods and more!
Please take a look at the sign up
and help out where you can!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
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40881663-yard#/
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Thanks! - Melissa Gallinaro &
Diane Cidado

2026 Graduates!

High school, college, or any
other programs

Please send the name, and
school or program, of anyone
graduating this spring
to the office, to be shared so
we can all celebrate with you

Are you interested in being part of Worship?

How about reading Scripture?
Every week there is an opportunity to
participate by sharing the weekly
readings from the Old and New
Testaments. If you're interested please
reach out to Lisa Comeau via email at
lisabyrnes@verizon.net
or text/call 629-200-5638
Thank you!

Fellowship Ministry Invites you to
An Afternoon of Bocce and Friends
 May 17, 2pm



Gov. Ames Estate
 35 Oliver St. N. Easton

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 FOR BEGINNERS



FRIDAYS 2:30
 fireside room



Friendship Club
Wednesday, May 20 at noon
Potluck and Bring-a-friend

We will have the pleasure of hearing from Theresa Podeiko from the American Legion who will speak about Memorial Day issues and from Anne Fornier who makes the poppies. People are encouraged to bring \$1 as a donation, if able, to support our military families. Red, white and blue attire encouraged.

The Friendship Club is open to all,
 no age restrictions, though many are retired.

Any questions or suggestions, call Sue Plante 508-944-8781



Mondays
 in the fireside room

5:30 YOGA



7:00 KNITTING



Do you knit or crochet?

Our prayer shawl ministry is looking for more knitters and crocheters to help make shawls. Yarn can be provided. If you are interested in helping or would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact

Dianne Sproul at mrsdsprout@yahoo.com
 or
 Sara Papetti at Samepa@aol.com

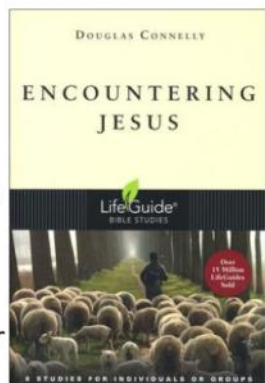
New Adult Sunday School Series Sunday Mornings, 9:15am-10:15

Join us for a new 8 week class series (started April 26), using the Life Guide Bible Studies book "Encountering Jesus" by Douglas Connelly.

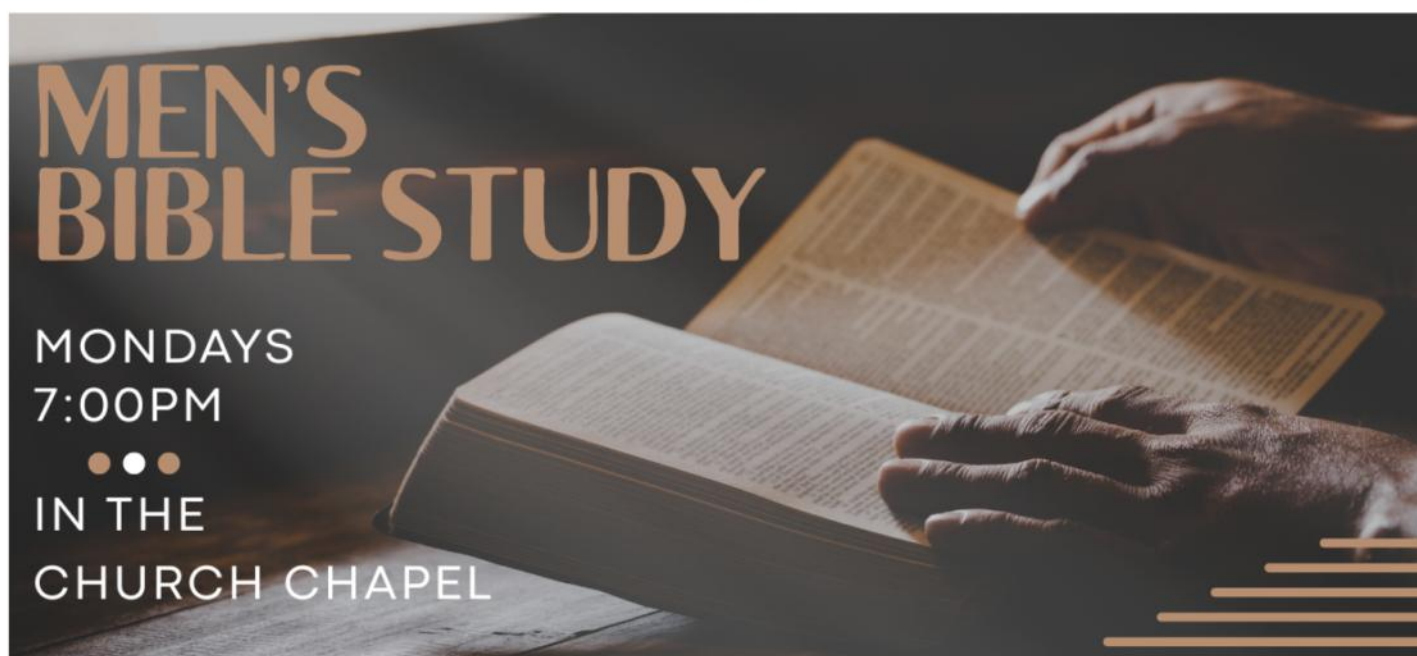
The class meets in the Youth Lounge downstairs. Everyone is welcome to join us at any time, whether it's for 8 classes or just a few!

Books will be available in class for a \$10 purchase. Below is a brief description of the new class.

Eight changed lives! Four men and four women. A scholar, a failure, a blind man, and an adulteress. Their lives were changed forever because they came in contact with one incredible person - Jesus Christ! The good news is that Jesus can change us no matter what our life situation. He can give us peace, hope and joy in the most desperate circumstances. But we need a life-changing encounter with him, whether it's for the first time or to renew an old friendship. He's meeting us around the corner! Be prepared, YOU may come away from the encounter like these eight people did - with your life transformed!



If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Opper at 781-254-2490



BEHOLDING & PROCLAIMING

A PREACHING CLASS
FOR YOU!

COVENANT
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

204 CENTER ST N. EASTON

MAY 31 @6PM

JUNE 21 @6PM

JULY 19 @6PM

AUGUST 2 @6PM

MORE INFORMATION
PASTORDEVYN@ECOVCHURCH.ORG

A class for church members
interested in sharing what
God is doing thru scripture
AND in their lives.



The
Great Bible
GIVEAWAY!

All one needs to do to get their very own Bible is to ask and then pick it up.
Requests can be emailed to Bibles@ecovchurch.org, or see Judy Buck.

There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

If you want to be a part of our Great Bible Giveaway, talk to Judy.

We're having a Great Bible Giveaway and it starts now! The Covenant Congregational Church is giving out Bibles to anyone who requests one, so please share with friends, neighbors, co-workers - everyone! We have:

- a Jesus Calling Bible Storybook for families with young children
- an NIV Adventure Bible for elementary students
- a softcover NIV Outreach Bible for adults.

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, Kym Silva, Ginny & Jim Elson, Andrea Siciliano, Dana Morse, Bob Carroll, Gordon Mears, Sara Papetti, Lyn 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, Iran 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 Covell and Poirier family as they mourn the loss of Dolores.
- For our Confirmation students as they prepare for Confirmation Sunday.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

- Thanksgiving for the baptisms of Eloise Starr, Elena Anderson, August Illobre, and Griffin McLaughlin.
- Thanksgiving for many new faces at CCC and for a well attended New Members/Inquirers Class.
- Thanksgiving for a celebratory Easter service and meaningful Maundy Thursday service.



MAY 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 03 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 9:15 Adult SS- youth lounge 10:30 Worship 5:00 Confirmation-fireside 5:30 Trailblazers-gym/yl 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym reserved 10a-2 Gym 4p-5 Fireside | 04 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Stephens Minister Training (youth lounge) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (chapel) reserved 7p-8 Gym, classroom | 05 5:00 Worship + Music Meeting (zoom) 6:30 Missions + Service Meeting (zoom) reserved 4p-5 Gym | 06 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel) | 07 reserved 8a-11:30 Fireside | 08 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners (fireside) reserved 5:30p-7 Classroom | 09 10:00am Women's Bible Study (fireside) 8am - 2pm Yardsale (gym) |
| 10 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 9:15 Adult SS- youth lounge 10:30 Worship 5:00 Confirmation-fireside 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym | 11 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (chapel) reserved 7p-8 Gym, classroom | 12 6:00 Church Council Meeting-Fireside/Narthex (chapel) | 13 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel) | 14 reserved 8a-11:30 Fireside 5:30p-7 Classroom | 15 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners (fireside) reserved 4:30p-5:30 Sanctuary | 16 10:00am Women's Bible Study (fireside) Upstairs reserved for Wedding |
| 17 Confirmation Sunday 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 9:15 Adult SS- youth lounge 10:30 Worship 2:00 Bocce at Gov Ames Estate 4:00 Second Nurture-youth lounge, gym, tiny tots 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym | 18 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Stephens Minister Training (youth lounge) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (chapel) reserved 7p-8 Gym, classroom | 19 12:00pm Friendship Club (fireside) 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel) | 20 12:00pm Friendship Club (fireside) 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel) | 21 Deadline for Submissions to June Tidings reserved 8a-11:30 Fireside 4:30p-6:30 Classroom | 22 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners (fireside) reserved 5:30pm-7 Classroom | 23 10:00am Women's Bible Study (fireside) |
| 24 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 9:15 Adult SS- youth lounge 10:30 Worship 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym | 25 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (chapel) reserved 7p-8 Gym, classroom | 26 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel) | 27 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel) | 28 reserved 8a-11:30 Fireside All day Gym | 29 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners (fireside) reserved Gym until 3pm | 30 10:00am Women's Bible Study (fireside) 12pm SOW Build a Bridge Program (gym + kitchen) |
| 31 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 9:15 Adult SS- youth lounge 10:30 Worship 5:30 Trailblazers-gym/yl 6:00 Preaching Class-fireside 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym reserved 3:30p-5 Classroom | | | | | | |



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North Easton, MA 02356



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)

www.ecovchurch.org
508-238-6423

Staff

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

