## The TIDINGS

June 2025

#### Covenant Congregational Church

Celebrating 140 years of ministry

We are wrapping up the school year at both our home and at Covenant Congregational Church. The lazy summer days are coming! Many of us will go on vacations—to the Cape, NH and beyond. I am reminded of the theme verse for this year's Vacation Bible School (August 11-15): "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

This will be a great theme for kids to learn that God is with them at school, home and camp—but it is an important lesson for all generations.

- We said goodbye to several members this past year who moved closer to family (Julie Pick, Lynda Valenzuela, Judy Wohlen and Judy Tyler) but we know that God goes with them.
- We baptized several babies this year and we pray that those children would sense the presence of God throughout their lives.
- High school and college graduations are upon us bringing significant transition for young people (and their parents!). May they remember that God goes with them wherever they go!
- Several adults in our congregation have changed jobs, retired or lost loved ones. The future can seem uncertain but we know God goes with us wherever we go.

I visited a church once that had a sign above the door as you left that said "you are now entering the mission field." The sign is a reminder of the great commission found in the gospel of Matthew where Jesus says: go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

God's promise to be with us wherever we go brings us comfort but it also empowers us to do his work in this world. As you go into the world this summer remember that you are empowered by God to make disciples, show his love and live out the gospel!

-Pastor Devyn



June 8th, children will help lead worship and we will be joined by special guest Alynne McLean from Science with a Mission. A celebration follows worship with potluck for the entire church (sign up to bring a dish to pass), a cornhole tournament and a bounce house and yard games. Be sure to join us on this wonderful day.

## Vacation Bible School



#### *Save—the—date!!*

August 11—15, 2025 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Grades K—5th

Donations accepted and All Welcome! To register: <a href="https://www.myvbs.org/ecovchurch/">https://www.myvbs.org/ecovchurch/</a>

(508) 238-6423—office@ecovchurch.org

#### Missions & Service Ministry

#### New England Seafarer's Mission

The New England Seafarer's Mission has started their active cruise season support services. We would encourage anyone interested in signing up to volunteer to visit their website (neseafarers.org) for volunteer opportunities. Anyone interested who needs technical support with their sign-up may contact Sandra Willette (774) 218-0462 or Sally Poirier (508) 269-9389.



#### SAVE THE DATE: Easton Food

Pantry-food drive!!!

Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., @ Shaw's in Easton.

The Missions & Service committee is asking for adult and youth volunteers on that day, to cover the donations at both entrances.

A volunteer sign-up board will be posted in the Narthex for volunteers.

We thank you for making this such a successful community drive each year!



#### Congratulations to our graduates!

Aimee Slomba Alex Slomba Maxwell Su Elisabeth (Libby Driscoll) Roche

Elise Gay Karl-Erik Nelson Maeve Wallace From: Oliver Ames Oliver Ames

Oliver Ames

Grand Canyon University
Bridgewater State University
Emmanuel College

Emmanuel College Suffolk University

#### Maria Johnson

Dear Church Family:

My deepest a warmest

Franks to my " Army of

Angels" for helping me

recover from my broken

ankle. It could not have

recovered so thoroughly

or been felt God's Presence

so deeply with out your

family with out your

It was a "loving chre."

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Bod provided for all my

needs through you, my,

wonderful church family:

Thank you SO Much

each of you!!!

# The average age of a homeless person in Massachusetts is

Last year Massachusetts public schools identified **24,000** students impacted by homelessness.

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Quality backpacks for boys & girls K-12 (size 17" or larger to fit needed supplies and a lunchbox)
- · Ear Phones or Ear Buds
- Large Pencil Boxes
- · Zippered Pencil Pouches
- Jumbo Pencils
- Crayons -- 24 box (preferably Crayola)
- Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils
- Fun Whimsical Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Blunt Children's Scissors (must be blunt)
- · Large Pencil Sharpeners (with cover)
- Pens (blue or black)
- Washable Markers Broad Tip (8 pack) (must be washable)
- Colored Pencils (12 pack)
- Highlighters
- Flexible Plastic Rulers
- Index Cards (100 pack)
- · Calculators (square root & scientific)
- Shiny Pocket Folders
- Composition Notebooks
- Doodle Pads
- Single Subject Notebooks (wide ruled)
- · 3-Holed, Lined Paper (wide ruled)
- 1" Binders
- Binder Dividers

<u>New</u> books for all grade levels (pre-k through grade 12). Classics or appropriate subject matter.

The mission of School on Wheels of MA is to promote the academic, social and emotional growth of students impacted by homelessness and poverty. WWW.SOWMA.ORG





### School Supply Drive Through JULY 19th!

Support kids impacted by homelessness



Our Annual SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

Drop donations by July 19, 2025 9:00 am - Noon

Covenant
Congregational Church
204 Center Street
North Easton

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	НАРРУ
List	Clay
Girl	

	Sarah Dennehy	1	Jen Krikorian	9	Gordon Mears	24
-	Caroline Ernst	1	Melanie Driscoll	11	Judie Fuller	25
	Brody Lake	1	Robert Buckley	13	Elaine Lundberg	25
	Jared Buckley	2	Dan Giberti	13	Jenna N <mark>elso</mark> n	26
	Grayson Mulholland	3	Alison Santry	14	Carol Schigg	27
	Frank Ribelin	5	Christian McNeil	15	Joseph Davis	28
	Matthew Silva	5	Jason Sutton	18	Karen Anderson	30
	Carole DesLauriers	6	Laura Slomba	19	Wyatt Fritchman	30
-	Aiden McLaughlin	6	Melissa McCormick	22	Amanda Hayes	30
	Tori Ernst 8		Judith Sabin	22	Linda Johnson	30
	Thad Krikorian	8	William Carlson	23	Kayden Siciliano	30

#### 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, Carole DesLauriers, Lynda Valenzuela, Kym Silva, Ginny Elson, Elmore Dyer, Andrea Siciliano, Dana Morse, Marilyn Mears and Marcia Johnson.
- . Please pray for our missionaries abroad, Grant & Miho Buccholtz (Japan) & Rev. James Tang (Africa- South Sudan/Ethiopia) & their families.
- For the war in Israel and Gaza and Ukraine. May God bring peace!
- · For those impacted by the floods caused by Hurricane Helene.
- . 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.
- . Safety for those traveling this summer.
- . That teachers and students can finish the year strong.
- · For those preparing for Vacation Bible School.

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

- · For our amazing choir, musicians and music director who lead us in worship.
- · For God's provision for both finances and volunteers at CCC!
- . For weekly youth group and new volunteers.
- For our four new members: Meghan Dray, Peter Gay, Stephanie Gill and Tony Ivaldi.
- . For a successful Yard Sale.

Friday Saturday	7 10:00a Women's Bible Study (youth lounge)	14 10:00a Women's Bible Study (classroom)	21 10:00p Food Pantry Drive (Shaw's)  Easton Chamber Music Festival (ECMF)	28 10:00a Women's Bible Study (fireside)	
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Thursday	5 7:30p Prayer Hour (chapel)	12 7.30p Prayer Hour (chapel)	19 7.30p Prayer Hour (chapel) *Tidings Deadline*	26 7:30p Prayer Hour (chapel)	June 2025,
Wednesday	4 7:00p Whole Life Stewardship Ministry Meeting (fireside)	11	18	25	
Tuesday	5 6:30p Missions & Service Ministry Meeting (zoom) 7:00p Parade Float Committee Meeting (fireside)	10 7:00p Church Council Meeting (fireside)	17	24	
Monday	5:30p Yoga (narthex) 7:00p Knitting (fireside) 7:00p Community Men's Bible Study (offsite) 7:00p Stephen Minister Caregivers Training (classroom) 7:00p Worship & Music Ministry Meeting (office)	9 5:30p Yoga (narthex) 6:45p Fellowship Ministry Meeting (library) 7:00p Knitting (fireside) 7:00p Community Men's Bible Study (offsite)	5:30p Yoga (narthex) 7:00p Knitting (fireside) 7:00p Community Men's Bible Study (offsite) 7:00p Stephen Minister Caregivers Training (classroom)	5:30p Yoga (narthex) 7:00p Knitting (fireside) 7:00p Community Men's Bible Study (offsite)	5:30p Yoga (narthex) 7:00p Knitting (fireside) 7:00p Community Men's Bible Study (offsite) 7:00p Stephen Minister
Sunday	1 9:00a Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary) 9:15a Adult Sunday School (youth lounge) 10:30a Worship & Communion (sanctuary) 3:00p Worship Night Rehearsal (sanctuary) 5:00p Worship Night (sanctuary) 6:00p Youth Group (gym) 7:30p Men's Basketball (gym)	8 Children's Sunday 9:15a Adult Sunday School (youth lounge) 10:30a Worship (sanctuary) 12:00p Children's Sunday Picnic (gym) 4:00p Second Nurture (Tiny Tots, gym & youth lounge) 7:30p Men's Basketball (gym)	15 Father's Day 9:15a Adult Sunday School (youth lounge) 10:30a Worship (sanctuary) 7:30p Men's Basketball (gym)	9:15a Adult Sunday School (youth lounge) 10:30a Worship (sanctuary) 7:30p Men's Basketball (gym)  ECMF (entire church)	9:15a Adult Sunday School (youth lounge) 10:30a Worship (sanctuary) 11:30a Quarterly Business Meeting (sanctuary) 7:30p Men's Basketball (gym)



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#### CCC AT A GLANCE

**Sunday Mornings** 

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

(Online and In-person)

Staff:

Pastor Ryan & Pastor Devyn Chambers Johnson

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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