



The TIDINGS

Covenant Congregational Church

December 2025

We have a tradition of traveling to Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving to celebrate with friends. So as I write this I find myself distracted by what to pack, what I need to cook, what sales I need to watch for on Black Friday, what instructions I need to leave with the dog-sitter.....and the list goes on. I am reminded of the story in scripture where Martha is complaining to Jesus that her sister Mary is not helping with the meal preparations and instead is sitting at Jesus' feet. Jesus tells her: "Martha, Martha you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

When Jesus came to their house Martha saw all the tasks that needed to be completed but Mary saw Jesus.

In this season of Advent and Christmas there are just so many things. So many GOOD things: thoughtful gifts, traditions, concerts, good food. But in the midst of all the good things it is easy to miss the main thing—or as Jesus told Martha—the needed thing. And that's JESUS.

I pray that in this season full of good things that you will see and encounter the needed thing: the presence of Jesus. And I pray that our eyes will be opened to see and experience him in the midst of the busyness. That in worship, or the Christmas Pageant, or our live nativity in the parade, or as you wrap presents or bake cookies you would sense the presence of Jesus. Because he is not far off—he is Emmanuel—God with us.

May you have a blessed Advent season!

Pastor Devyn



Join us this Christmas



Christmas Pageant December 21, 10:30am

Kids of **all ages** are invited to participate or to come and watch.

If your child(ren) would like to participate, please contact Pastor Devyn or the church office.



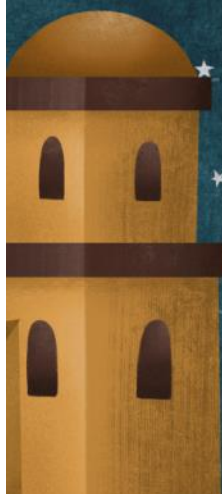
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES DEC. 24

4:00PM

CAROLS & CANDLELIGHT

10:00PM

CONTEMPLATIVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE





Enjoy musical entertainment and sing-alongs. Participate in a hat contest with prizes for the funniest, the most beautiful, and the ugliest.

You may bring your favorite teacup or use one of ours. Sandwiches and pastries will be provided.

We look forward to gathering, enjoying some festive treats, and celebrating the season together.

Please sign up in the narthex so we know how many to plan for.

There is no charge for the event, but we do need a few volunteers to bring a small plate of sandwiches. Please see Carol Schigg, Judy Davis, or Sue Plante to volunteer.

2025 New England Seafarers Mission Christmas Shoeboxes/Ditty Bags

We are accepting Christmas shoeboxes/ditty bags for the seafarers who visit our ports from around the world. For more information about this mission please visit <http://neseafarers.org>

Suggested items are as follows:

- Toiletry items
 - Soap
 - Shampoo
 - Mouthwash
 - Toothpaste/Toothbrush
 - Deodorant
 - Comb
 - Tissue packets
 - Nail clippers
 - Lip balm
 - Finally, insert a Christmas card and wrap the box in festive paper.
- Hand sanitizer
- Winter knit hats
- Heavy duty gloves
- A pair of white or black crew socks
- Cough drops, vitamin C drops, gum, hard candy
- Air fresheners
- Bandanas
- Paper notepads and pens
- Sewing/mending kit



Be sure to include a card!



Drop off shoeboxes at the church during business hours or after church services. The deadline to drop-off shoeboxes is December 7, 2025, after Sunday service.

Also, a free will donation box will be available at the conclusion of Sunday Service on December 7, 2025.

The shoebox gifts are presented and opened by the seafarers as a group. We recommend using standard loafer shoebox size (roughly 12" X 7" X 5"). The above suggested items have been reviewed by New England Seafarers Mission but feel free to add additional items. Examples are sunscreen, hand cream, rain poncho, deck of cards, mini flashlight. Don't have a shoebox? There will be a table in the Narthex with a limited supply of empty shoeboxes. See Lita Kuipers or Marcia Johnson for more information.

FELLOWSHIP

fellowship@ecovchurch.org

Yoga

Mondays in the fireside

5:30 - 6:30

\$10 per class

Bring a mat, water bottle,
and a friend!



Coffee Hour Schedule

December: Properties & Adult Spiritual Formation



January: Worship & Music Ministry

Coming in January....

Friday Movie Nights

starting Jan 9, 7pm



*Christmas
Cookie Walk*
December 21



Immediately following
worship service, plates of
homemade Christmas cookies
available to purchase.
Enjoy them yourself or
give as a gift!

Seeking bakers! If you can help, please bake your choice of cookies, include a notecard with the type of cookie, ingredients, and your name. Please bring donations to church by 10am December 21, or contact us to arrange a different time. Thank you!



**Easton Chamber Music Festival
presents**

49th annual
handel's

messiah sing

Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 8:00PM
Covenant Congregational Church
204 Center Street, North Easton, MA

Jubilate Chorale
Murray Kidd, Conductor

Soloists:

Mara Bonde, Soprano
Sandra Piques Eddy, Alto
Michael Gonzalez, Tenor
Mark Anderson, Bass

**WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**



Saturdays, 10:00 am in the fireside room

2026 Pledges

Giving pledges for 2026 are still being accepted

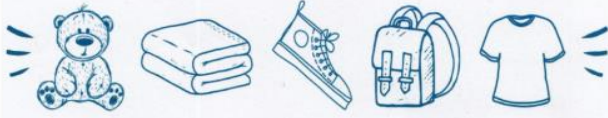
*Please return your pledge card as soon as possible
as planning for the 2026 budget has begun*

You may place your pledge
card in the offering plate, the
basket in the narthex, or
send them to the office, c/o
Financial Secretary



Clean out your closets for

Covenant Congregational Church Youth Fund!



Please gather clothes and household textiles in
13-gallon bags (tall kitchen size). All items must be clean
and in sellable condition.

Drop off bagged items in the marked bin by the front
door of the church, by **December 5**.

Covenant Congregational Church
204 Center St, N. Easton MA 02356

We Are Collecting

Clothes

men's, women's, & children's
clothes, coats, shoes,
scarves, handbags, wallets,
fashion accessories, belts,
backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters,
blankets, sheets, towels,
linen, tablecloths,
curtains, pillows, etc.

Volunteers Needed

We are delivering the donations **December 6**,
leaving the church by 9am to drop-off at Savers in
Norwood. We are looking for volunteers with
trucks/vans/SUVs to help transport the bags.
If you are able to help please contact the office.



SAVE SHOES



The Covenant Congregational Church is having a shoe drive.

Donate your gently worn, used and new - Flip Flops, Sandals, Casual and Dress
shoes, Sneakers, Cleats, Golf Shoes, Boots, Rubbers, etc. (all sizes accepted).



Shoes must be in reusable (resale) condition.
We **DO NOT ACCEPT** shoes with holes (inside or outside),
worn or missing soles, cracked or peeling leather,
missing or broken buckles, etc.

The drive will officially begin in February, but we can accept early donations.



Your donations Raise funds for our church,
Keep shoes from landfills and Supports families
of micro-enterprises in reuse economy.



Thank you for your support!





Friendship Club sharing Happy Memories



Confirmation kids (& families) packing Thanksgiving meals



Cards of encouragement made by the Trailblazer youth group



Souperfest 2025!

Parade volunteers needed!!!



CCC will be part of this year's Easton Holiday Parade. We need volunteers (of all ages!!) to dress as Mary, Joseph, and other nativity characters. We also need volunteers to carry the CCC sign.

The parade is immediately after worship December 7th. This is a great way to be present in our community! See Pastor Devyn or Diane Cidado if you can help.

Holiday Parade Live Nativity





Children's MINISTRY

Wiggle Worship
Toddlers to Pre-K: Volunteer and Parent-Led during service

Sunday School, Grades K-12, during worship
12/7 + 12/14 (pageant practice)
Pageant on 12/21, regular classes on 12/28

Confirmation
Sunday, Dec. 7 5:00pm-6:30
Sunday, Dec. 14 5:00pm-6:30
Sunday, Dec. 21 5:00pm (class+Christmas Party)
Sunday, Dec. 28 No Class

Youth Groups
Trailblazers (grades 4-6) 5:30-6:30 on 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21
Covenant Connect Attleboro (grades 9-12) Dec. 7, 5:30-8
Jr/Sr High (grades 7+) Christmas Party Dec. 21 6:00



WINTERFEST
20 26
JANUARY 9-11, 2026
PILGRIMPINES.ORG

Sr. High Retreat Grades 9-12



Trailblazers Retreat Grades 4-6

WINTERJAM
JANUARY 23-25, 2026
PILGRIMPINES.ORG

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if you're interested in
attending a retreat
Contact the church office for
more info



COVENANT CONNECT

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

JOIN WITH OTHER AREA COVENANT CHURCHES
TO PLAY AWESOME GAMES, EAT SNACKS,
WORSHIP IN SONG, AND DIG INTO THE BIBLE

DECEMBER 7 5:30PM-8:00
meet at church to carpool

To help us coordinate travel to/from Attleboro, please let us
know if you will attend or if you can help chaperone/drive.
Please contact Laura Slomba with RSVP and any questions
415-722-6793 or laura.slomba23@gmail.com



Jr. High Retreat (Grades 6-8)

WINTERBLAST
January 30 - February 1, 2026
pilgrim pines.org



**MOTHER
DAUGHTER
RETREAT**
MARCH 6-8, 2026
PILGRIMPINES.ORG

Girls Ages 10-18



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 & Jim Elson, Elmore Dyer, Andrea Siciliano and Dana Morse.
- 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 our Missions activities: Seafarer's boxes.
- For the Whole Life Stewardship committee as they encourage the church in generosity this coming pledge season.
- For the Sabin/Abreu family as they mourn the loss of Brenda Sabin, as well as the Miller family as they grieve Janet Miller's passing.
- For Jeffrey Endriunas of Easton who needs a life-saving kidney transplant due to a genetic kidney disease.
- For a meaningful advent and Christmas season.
- For our upcoming events: Messiah Sing-a-Long, Christmas Pageant, Live Nativity in the Holiday Parade, Christmas Eve Services.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

- For God's provision for both finances and volunteers at CCC!
- For a successful SouperFest!
- For a great start to Confirmation and Trailblazers this fall.
- For the Wiggle Room renovations. Grateful for Vicky Papetti's design and for the Memorial Funds that are making it possible.
- For Alice Fu who has agreed to serve as our Interim Choir Director thru June 2026!

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Stephens Minister Training (youth lounge) 7:00 Offsite: Men's Bible Study	02 6:30 Missions & Service Ministry Meeting - zoom 7:00 Children + Youth Meeting (fireside)	03 7:00 Worship & Music Ministry Meeting - zoom	04 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel)	05	06 10:00am Women's Bible Study (fireside) 7:00 Sunday Prep (sanctuary)
	reserved 7p-9 Sanctuary 7p-8 Gym, classroom	reserved 5:30p-8:00 Gym 5:30p-7 Classroom		reserved 8a-11:30 Fireside	reserved 3p-5 fireside 5p-7 gym, youth lounge	reserved 8a-5p whole downstairs 1p-4 Chapel, Sanctuary
07 2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 10:30 Worship 4-5:30 Second Nurture-tiny tots/youth lounge 5:00 Confirmation-fireside 5:30 Trailblazers-gym/yl 5:30 Offsite: Connect Youth Group 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym	08 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Offsite: Men's Bible Study	09 1:00 Friendship Club-fireside 6:30 Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary 7:00 Church Council Meeting-Fireside/Narthex	10 7:00 Fundraising Meeting- fireside	11 7:30pm Prayer Hour-chapel	12	13 10:00am Women's Bible Study-fireside 7:00 Sunday Prep-sanctuary
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14 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 10:30 Worship 5:00 Confirmation-fireside 5:30 Trailblazers-gym/yl 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym	15 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Stephens Minister Training (youth lounge) 7:00 Offsite: Men's Bible Study	16 <i>Tidings Deadline</i>	17	18 8:00pm Handel's Messiah Sing	19	20 10:00am Women's Bible Study-fireside 7:00 Sunday Prep-sanctuary
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21 4th Sunday of Advent - Love 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 10:30 Worship 11:30 Cookie Sale 5:00 Confirmation-fireside 5:30 Trailblazers-gym/yl 6:00 Jr/Sr High Youth Group Christmas Party 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym	22 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Offsite: Men's Bible Study	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 4:00 Family Christmas Eve Service 10:00 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27 10:00am Women's Bible Study-fireside 7:00 Sunday Prep-sanctuary
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reserved 3:30-5 classroom	reserved 7p-8 Gym, classroom	reserved 5:30-7 classroom				



204 Center Street
North Easton, MA 02356

CCC AT A GLANCE

Sunday Mornings

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

(Online and In-person)

www.ecovchurch.org

508.238.6423

Staff:

Pastor Ryan & Pastor Devyn Chambers Johnson *Co-Pastors*

Alice Fu *Choir Director*

Erin Gomes *Office Administrator*

Nick Zelinski *Church Custodian & IT Wizard*



Our Mission

To *Connect* the generations to Christ, to

Grow in our love for His Church, and to

Serve God in the greater Community