

This Week at Covenant Congregational Church



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Announcements and Reminders

Sunday, January 18

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School (youth lounge)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Trailblazers & Jr. High Youth Group (youth lounge)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (gym)

Monday, January 19

- 5:30 p.m. Yoga (fireside)
- 7:00 p.m. Knitting (fireside)
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Minister Training (youth lounge)
- 7:00 p.m. Community Men's Bible Study (offsite)

Wednesday, January 21

- 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (fireside)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (fireside)

Thursday, January 22

- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Hour (chapel)

Friday, January 23

- 2:30 p.m. Mahjong (fireside)
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Movie Night (narthex)

Saturday, January 24

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (fireside)

Sunday, January 25

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School (youth lounge)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation (fireside)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (gym)

Financials as of January 15, 2026

Income	18,774.00
Expenses	14,327.56
Net	4,446.44

Trailblazers & Jr. High Youth Group

Tonight January 18, 5:30-7:30, Grades 4-8 Movie Night! Join us in the youth lounge to watch *Cool Runnings*. Pizza and water will be provided.

Getting To Know Covenant Congregational

A morning of brunch, conversation and information about the church. If you are newer to the church or want to go deeper, this is a great opportunity to get to know some people from the church community and find out more about the church and our ministries. If you are interested in knowing even more, we are offering a New Members/Inquirers class that will begin mid-February. The class involves some videos and an online meeting (as well as a form or two) to complete the application for membership. We will have more details on that at the brunch. Childcare provided.

To register contact the church office: office@ecovchurch.org or

Pastor Ryan: pastorryan@ecovchurch.org or visit <https://tinyurl.com/yv3ynn7k>



January Friday Night Movies

The Fellowship ministry invites you to come watch a movie every Friday night through January. Join us this Friday, January 23, at 7:00pm for *Simon Birch*. Popcorn and water provided. Theater candy will be available for purchase.

The Mitten Tree

The Missions and Service Ministry, inspired by the book *The Mitten Tree* by Candace Christiansen, invites you to "decorate" our tree with new, warm mittens and gloves of all sizes, for people in our community who are experiencing homelessness. The tree will be in the church's front entrance through January. Let's fill the branches with warmth, care and love.

Adult Sunday School

Loving our enemies seems impossible! Even being patient with our own family is often difficult. How can we put on the gentle garments of grace when we are so busy battling our old behavior patterns? In *The Fruitful Life*, author Jerry Bridges explores the nine aspects of the fruit of the spirit described in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Join us for Adult Sunday school in the youth lounge, 9:15am – 10:15, and learn how to cultivate the beautiful fruit given by the Holy Spirit. Everyone is welcome. Please join us any weeks that you can. We hope you will join us.

Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Covenant Congregational Church of North Easton, MA will be held after worship on February 1, 2026. The meeting agenda is posted in the church narthex. All are encouraged to attend.

Stay Connected

If you'd like to receive our weekly newsletter or prayer requests, please send a message to the office with your name, email, and which list you want to receive. Please also let us know if you thought you were subscribed but do not receive them, we would like to fix that for you. office@ecovchurch.org



The Covenant Affirmations

The Covenant Church, to which Covenant Congregational Church belongs, uses affirmations to clarify “the values and principles” that have been central to what we believe and how we live throughout history. In addition to the historic Christian confessions, like the Apostle’s Creed, the Covenant church affirms:

- The centrality of the word of God
- The necessity of the new birth
- A commitment to the whole mission of the Church
- The Church as a fellowship of believers
- A conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit
- The reality of freedom in Christ

Necessity of New Birth at Our Church in Easton

The Necessity of New Birth is most vividly seen in the mural over our sanctuary doors. Jesus stands in front of the empty tomb on Easter morning proclaiming to the women: “I am the resurrection and the life!” The words are in Swedish, the original language of the congregation, and the painting has been transferred from the previous building on Main Street, but it still focuses worshippers on a new life made possible through Christ. Our ministries focus not only on “doing” or “thinking” but being changed in our souls as we become children of God.

The Necessity of the New Birth

The Covenant Church teaches that “by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God conquered sin, death and the devil, offering forgiveness for sin and assuring new life for those who follow Christ.” Jesus said to Nicodemus, “No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above (John 3:3)”. New birth is regeneration and the gift of eternal life. God’s purposes entail the transformation of persons, as well as the transformation of God’s world into a place of truth, justice and peace.

We believe that conversion results in eternal life. Conversion can be defined as the act by which a person turns with repentance and faith from sin to God. Conversion involves a conscious rejection of the life of sin and involves a commitment of faith. Eternal life is not given through intellectual assent to creeds alone, but through a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

Such a high doctrine of conversion does not mean that all believers have dramatic conversion experiences. While no one remembers the moment of physical birth, one’s present life is evidence of its occurrence. So a person may be truly converted even though he or she has no memory of the moment of new birth. The vitality of life is the proof of birth, not its memory or recollection. It is the will of God that all should be redeemed, but we accept God’s word that only those converted to Jesus Christ shall be saved.

The new birth, however, is only the beginning of life. Growing to maturity in Christ is a lifelong process called sanctification. Being formed in Christ is the goal, for both individuals and communities of believers. Being a disciple of Jesus means costly obedience to all of his teachings. Such obedience, together with the Spirit’s work in us, equips us to do the work of the kingdom, giving witness to the good news and serving others in Jesus’ name.

From “Covenant Affirmations”. A booklet (2002).

For more information, videos and other resources, visit:
<https://covchurch.org/who-we-are/beliefs/affirmations/>

