Covenant Congregational Church

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The TIDINGS

"On earth as it is in heaven"

One day, as his disciples gathered around Jesus, they asked him how they should pray. Jesus gave them the prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer we still pray each week in worship.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

The prayer has a number of aspects but among them are a list of requests of the Lord: for daily bread, that our sins would be forgiven, that we would be delivered from evil. One of the most prominent is the request for the Father's Kingdom and will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Each week we ask for this, but what does this mean?

The Lord's kingdom is the place where God reigns as King, where he cares for and leads his people. The Lord's will is his plan and hope for creation and humanity. The Lord's kingdom and will are being done and coming now in the heavenly realms. The question is: will this same reality show up on earth as it is now in heaven?

We look to this question with our sermon series this spring as we turn to the book of Revelation. The book of Revelation can be an intimidating book full of symbols, numbers, fantastic creatures and scenes. Some people try to break it down into its smallest parts, deciphering every inch and imagining how it might apply today and in the future. This meticulous approach to scripture is helpful to a degree, but we would do well to heed Jesus' own warning: "But about that day or hour no one knows". Other people get too intimidated about the book that they refuse to read it at all. We would also do well to remember that "all scripture is God-breathed and useful."

If we aim to read Revelation somewhere in between these two approaches, we see that the book offers us a glimpse into what is happening "behind the scenes". It reveals to us the truth that God the Father and the Lamb sit on the true throne of heaven and earth. That they are working with the Spirit to bring about righteousness and justice and a day when heaven and earth meet and all is made right in God's presence. Join us as we look at several poignant scenes in Revelation, pull back the curtain on what is really happening behind the scenes and pray that God's will can be done on earth as it is in heaven.

-Pastor Ryan



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

(508) 238-6423—office@ecovchurch.org

Preparations for the Yard Sale are Heating Up! Saturday, May 17th from 8 am to 2 pm!

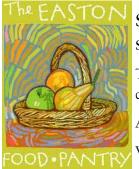
- Donations can be brought in during these times:
 - After 3 pm when Tiny Tots is not in session.
 - Over the weekend if you need a key access call Melissa Gallinaro (508-241-2708) or Diane Cidado (508-559-3248)
 - During the week when the church is open but you must go in through the front and down the stairs by the choir loft thus bypassing tiny tots.
 - Currently we are working on pricing thus someone is usually there on Monday mornings from 10 a.m.-12p.m. (Once again, enter through stairs beside choir loft.)
- I must stress that small appliances are acceptable but they must be in working order.
- No large furniture, text books, encyclopedias, stuffed animals, no large appliances.
- A sign up is coming soon!
 - We need: sales help, cashiers, parking attendants, set up, clean up, baked goods-(the bake table was very popular, we would like to beef it up!), Carol's Carrot Cake-this is officially a thing! A very popular item last year!! We will need bakers to make one!!

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!



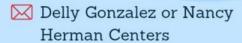
L Street Mission

Join us in making a difference!

Help us spread love and hope and make a donation today!







Have you ever wondered about homelessness and substance abuse? You may have said, "What can I do? How could I possibly help?" I'd like to introduce you to L Street Mission. It is a highly effective approach to meeting the needs of over 100+ homeless individuals on a weekly basis.

It is a ministry of the Central Methodist Church located at 65 West Elm Street in Brockton. Several churches support this ministry in a variety of ways-Pearl Street United Methodist, Perfecting Life Ministries, New Hope Christian and Grace Fellowship. Their mission is: "to develop relationships with people to help overcome addictions, and restore lives."

Supporting *L Street Mission* does not require any special training, degree, or preparation. There are many ways to participate:

- 1. Donate new or used clothing, shoes, or personal hygiene products, bedding or sleeping bags to their Store. Every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-12 noon are drop off options.
- 2. Pray for the Pastors and all the volunteers that make it all possible.
- 3. Volunteer at the Store sorting and stocking the donations.
- 4. Volunteer to prepare, serve and clean up a hot meal served to 100+ guests every Saturday or provide the food and/or supplies.
- 5. Purchase needed items from the Mission's Wish List on Amazon.
- 6. Watch for further updates from our Missions Ministry and ask Ruth Porter about her volunteer experiences. #42 L Street Mission entrance is on the side of the church with one hour street parking for drop offs. Ring the doorbell to enter. Volunteers or staff will assist you as needed.



Firthday

Walter Valenzuela	1	Roger Williams	12
Myles Kelly	1	Anna Falls	14
Alex Slomba	2	Judith Davis	15
Niko Zelinski	2	LaDora Rose	16
Rosemary Anderson	4	Maxwell Kelly	19
Diane Cidado	4	Daniel Jennings	21
Annie Poirier	7	Ruth Porter	21
Kimberly Sproul	7	Rebecca Carroll	26
Bryanna Finlayson	8	Carly Cidado	29
Susan Plante	10	AT REAL PROPERTY.	11/80

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

- . For a meaningful Lenten season and celebratory Easter service,
- For our amazing choir, musicians and music director who led us in worship Easter Sunday (and every Sunday!)
- . 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.

MAY 2025

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CCC AT A GLANCE

Sunday Mornings

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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(Online and In-person)

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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