



October 2026

The TIDINGS

Covenant Congregational Church

COME AND FOLLOW ME

Each year I have been leading the recreation time at Vacation Bible School. Without fail throughout the week the schedule gets shifted, transitions run behind and I end up having to burn time with a class anxiously awaiting to go to the next event (usually it is the snack room!) A favorite game in such a situation is the classic: Simon Says.

In Simon Says, one child comes to the front of the class. She announces a specific action, like touching your head or standing on one foot. The class then follows along-but only if she says "Simon Says." If they do the action without the words the students are eliminated because "Simon didn't say." These games can involve hilarious antics where the students get more complicated actions which move more quickly as the game progresses. My favorite was a team of first graders simultaneously twisting around, hopping on one foot all while patting their head. All because "Simon Said."

Of course, at church we have a different person we follow: Jesus. Jesus said to do all sorts of things but most prominently: "Come and Follow Me." We are supposed to do the things that Jesus did: care for the ill, share our food and clothes, pray for our enemies, and love one another. All because "Jesus says!"

We are very blessed this fall to have people from our congregation doing what Jesus says! Here are a few of the examples:

Common Cathedral: A group of around 15, including our youth, traveled to Boston on a Sunday morning. They passed out 100 bag lunches which were packed the previous day at our church, met those in need who came and worshiped together as one community on Boston common.

Easton Food Bank: A group stood outside of Shaws in Easton and asked for donations to the Easton Food Bank. (Donations are critically low during summer months, so this restocks the shelves). Shoppers would purchase extra food and help "stuff the truck." The truck did indeed end up "stuffed" and many gave financial support, as well.

Second Nurture: A support group for foster families meets once a month on Sunday afternoons at the church. Parents are able to support one another while children play in a nearby room. Volunteers to help watch the children are always welcome.

Building a Bridge: An afternoon where teens who grew up in housing unstable situations are able to learn basic life skills like cooking, budgeting and shopping. Volunteers from the church teach these skills to those who were supported by School on Wheels. The next event is Saturday, October 10th.

What a blessing to be a part of a congregation who comes and follows Jesus. May Christ bless these seeds which are planted this fall to spread love and the truth of the Gospel throughout our world. We don't need to stand on one foot and tap our head, but we are so blessed when we do "what Jesus Says!"

In Christ, Pastor Ryan



Help Build a Bridge

Saturday, October 10

noon to 5pm

We are hosting a 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.

Donations of the following new items are needed:

Cooking Oil, 10-12oz (1)	Measuring Cups	Mini First Aid Kits
Peanut Butter	Measuring Spoons	Screw drivers
Chocolate Chips	Spatulas	Philip's head screw drivers
Ziti Pasta (1 box)	Vegetable Peelers	Measuring tape
Plastic Wrap (1 box)	Can Openers	Dryer sheets
Aluminum Foil (1 box)	Pot Holders	Flashlights

Kindly drop off items in the Narthex, in the Bridge Box by October 4

Volunteers to help set up tables and chairs are needed.

Many thanks,

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



GRANT & MIHO BUCHHOLTZ

Japan

Ministry Overview:

Our ministry's focus is on church planting in Tokyo. In January 2015, we officially launched Tokyo Life Church in the Ikebukuro area of Tokyo, home to the second-largest train station in the world. Together, we pastor this new community. Our passion is to empower our people to share God's love and hope with our community.



We are co-pastors of Tokyo Life Church, allowing us to be engaged in regular preaching ministry, cast vision to our team, lead staff and interns, and shepherd those in our community. As a young church, we have been highly involved in all aspects of planning and programming, as well as training volunteers in various roles.

overview from:

<https://giving.covchurch.org/personnel-detail/GrantandMihoBuchholtz>



**Visiting Covenant Congregational Church
for worship on October 18!**

grantmiho.com

tokyolifechurch.com



CCC serving with Common Cathedral in Boston

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated lunch items and gave their time to help provide 100 bagged lunches for the unhoused members of Boston's Common Cathedral. A group from our church had the opportunity to serve the lunches, making for a meaningful time of connection and service.

We are grateful for everyone who helped make this mission possible through the partnership of our Children & Youth and Missions & Service Ministries. Thank you for helping us put our faith into action!

Prayer Hour

Thursdays, 7:30pm, in the Chapel

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, 10:00am, in the Fireside room

Men's Bible Study

Mondays, 7:00pm, at the Cidado's home:
11 Winthrop Street, North Easton

Bible basics: the Old Testament

Join Pastor Ryan for a walk through the basics of the Old Testament - with Jesus at the center of it all!

Sundays, 6:00pm, throughout the fall

Souperfest!

SAVE THE DATE



November 22

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

This is also the date that
CWRD cans will be turned in.

Look for new cans in the church
narthex in mid-October.

BENEFITS COVENANT
WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

October 21, 12pm

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Join us for a potluck lunch and comedy by local comedian Alan Ames

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

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

Tupperware BINGO NIGHT



OCTOBER 20, 6:30PM

\$10 per person
no registration required

Covenant Congregational Church
204 Center St N. Easton

Invite Your Friends!

Win Tupperware!

Weekly Events

All are invited, bring a friend!

 Yoga: Mondays at 5:30pm
\$10 per person
*no class on 10/12

 Knitting: Mondays at 7:00pm

 Mahjong: Fridays at 2:30pm

 Men's Basketball: Sundays at 7:30pm

Fellowship Game Night
all ages welcome!



Friday
November 13
6:30pm

GOOD
THINGS
AHEAD

Please join the women of Covenant Congregational Church at a Saint Lucia Christmas Tea to be held on Saturday, December 5th at 10 am. We hope you can bring your moms, daughters and granddaughters as we share the Christian story of Saint Lucia, celebrate the Swedish roots of our church, and share a time of fellowship as we sample some traditional Swedish treats. Sign up will be available soon, and all women are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or reach out to Ruth Carrigan at rwcmed@gmail.com



Children & Youth Clothing Drive

We are collecting clothes, accessories and household textiles. Your donations help support children & youth programs at CCC. Please drop off bagged items in the bin at the front door by October 12. Thank you for your support!

If you can help deliver the donations on October 17, please contact the church office

Women Ministries Fall Retreat at Pilgrim Pines

October 16-18

All women are invited to retreat from their daily lives and enjoy a time of refreshment, laughter, and God's joy. Our speaker is Pastor Ancy Post who will be speaking on *Leading Like Lydia*, from Acts 16.

Register by October 8 at pilgrimpines.org/ecc-womens-fall-retreat



HOLIDAY FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 10AM - 4PM

We are excited to bring back just a little piece of nostalgia, a smaller scaled down version of the Swedish Fair. It will feature Vendors who make their own crafts and rent space and tables from us.

Because this is a fundraiser for our church, we need to also have a few tables to sell items to make it profitable for us.

1. Baked goods table - featuring special home good items keeping in mind Thanksgiving (which will be the following Thursday). We will be looking for homemade pies, pumpkin bread, Cranberry breads Etc.
 2. A white elephant table- these items have already been selected from your donations for the yard sale. They are all Christmas themed.
 3. A cookie/ and soup in a jar craft- this is dry goods in a jar with instructions to add wet ingredients
We will publish a list of ingredients that you can donate.
 4. A craft table featuring small Scandinavian ornaments and any other small hand made donations you may like to donate.
- Thursday evenings in October, we will meet in the Fireside room, 6:30-8:30pm, for craft workshops as we make ornaments to sell at the fair. All materials will be provided—come for any time you're available and lend a hand! We hope you'll join us!
- We won't be making meatballs but we would like to offer a light lunch such as homemade soups and sandwiches. We will be looking for donations there as well.

Fair setup will be: Friday, Nov. 20, 3pm-7pm and Saturday, Nov. 21, 8am-10am

There is plenty to do for anyone who would like to be a part of this exciting committee!



COVENANT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

JAR MIX

MIX INGREDIENT DRIVE

**CHOCOLATE CHIP**
COOKIE MIX IN JAR

**COUNTRY SOUP**
MIX IN A JAR



Flour, All-Purpose Flour

Baking Soda

Ground Cinnamon

Salt

Rolled Oats

Packed Brown Sugar

Granulated White Sugar

Chocolate Chips



FINANCIAL DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

PLEASE MARK YOUR ENVELOPES "CHRISTMAS FAIR"



SPONSOR A TABLE: \$35

\$35 SPONSOR



Barley Split Peas

White Rice

Dry Lentils

Dried Minced Onion

Dried Parsley

Salt

Lemon Pepper

Beef Bouillon Granules

Small Macaroni Noodles



LEAVE FOOD DONATIONS IN BOX IN NARTHEX

Together, we can support our community.
The Christmas Fair will be held on Nov 21st.
office@ecovchurch.org | 508.238.6423

"Finding Our Why" Yearly Ministry Review

As a church, we want be growing in our love of Christ and his world. We do this through various ministries of the church. The goal is progress not perfection.

You can help by reviewing the ministries - keeping a special eye towards whether it meets our goals to be rooted and reaching.

Please visit the link below or scan the QR code to complete the survey by **October 25**. Thank you!



<https://forms.gle/2VySqN58eAUJX8aH6>



October Birthdays



2	Michael Fiore	16	Scott Finlayson
4	Myles Johnson	16	Marcia Johnson
7	Susan Santry	19	Marlena Silva
8	Alex McIlhatten	23	Grace Driscoll
9	Kameron Burton	24	Sharon Finlayson
10	David Sproul	26	Peter Burch
11	Megan Plante	28	Sarah Bean
12	David Hayes	28	Cathy Zelinski
14	Beth Abreu	30	Thomas McCormick
14	Robert Driscoll	31	Priscilla Driscoll

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

- Thanksgiving for the baptism of John Wilson.
- For God's continued providence and the generosity of church members.
- For several successful ministry events including the food drive at Shaw's and the ministry trip to Common Cathedral in Boston.

Prayers of Petition

- For the conflict in Israel and Gaza, Ukraine, Iran and South Sudan. May God bring peace!
- Please pray for our missionaries abroad and their families:
Grant & Miho Buccholtz (Japan) - They have requested prayers as they connect with churches while on Ministry Assignment in the US. Including a visit to us on October 18.
Rev. James Tang (Africa- South Sudan/Ethiopia) - Rev. James has asked for prayer as his communities face violence, famine and disease.
- Continued prayers for those with health challenges: Joyce Nelson, Kym Silva, Karen Bassett, Rebecca Carroll, Tony Ivaldi's uncle Tony Vandermeel, Ginny & Jim Elson, Andrea Siciliano, Dana Morse, Bob Carroll, Gordon Mears, and Lyn Carroll.
- Those dealing with addiction, isolation, financial trouble, and loss.
- Would we read and pray the Bible and trust that the Lord is with us.
- 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.
- For the families and friends mourning the loss of Brian Edlund.
- Please give parents wisdom and strength.
- The health of marriages in the church and for those who long to be married.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01 6:30pm Fair Craft Workshop (fireside) 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel) <u>reserved</u> 9a-11:30 Fireside	02 2:30pm Mahjong (fireside) <u>reserved</u> 5:30pm-7 Classroom	03 10:00am Women's Bible Study (fireside)
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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)

Co-Pastors

Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson
Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson

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