



April 2026

The TIDINGS

Covenant Congregational Church

Walking through the store the other day, I was pleasantly surprised to notice the display of garden seeds at the end of one aisle. It was a reminder that spring and summer are quickly approaching. Those who garden are beginning to plan and prepare for the upcoming season: choosing their seeds, watching the weather, preparing the soil and planning the dates when things can finally be planted.

The Bible often talks about our growth in Christ using the metaphors of fields and plants. Jesus talks about our connection to God being like a branch being connected to a vine. He talks about us hearing God's word like seeds being planted in different types of soil. Being a Christian means we grow: in depth of faith and love of God.

These past several months at Covenant Congregational have been an exciting time of growth. As we have heard people's stories, we have constantly been surprised by the depth and breadth of spiritual growth in our congregation. We hope you have become connected with a Bible Study or prayer night. The children are growing in weekly lessons at Sunday School. A group of five will finish the Confirmation curriculum next month. (Those interested in the ways our church assists children in their growth are encouraged to attend the zoom meeting on Spiritual Formation for children and youth on April 15th-details in the Tidings).

This spiritual growth is also matched by other types of growth, as we have been blessed with larger worship attendance, new members, and greater number of participants and volunteers. While this is exciting, it also demands flexibility and a willingness to do things differently. We might assume that when we have to move where we sit in worship because a new couple has taken our spot or when we have to discuss the event schedule with a new committee member or when we have to wait longer to get coffee (gasp!) -we might assume that we would be only grateful. But just as the greening landscape takes some getting used to as the seasons change; these changes can take some getting used to as the church grows and adapts. We can all take a step back and recognize the deep blessing God has given to us that we are in a season of growth and new fruit.

In this season of spring, it is good to remember Paul's words: "So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow." (1 Corinthians 3:7) May we give thanks to God, the giver of all good gifts, who grants us such blessings. May we be flexible to grow and change, connected to the True Vine, in order to become people of new life. And may we rejoice in a new season which is turning greener with each new day!

- Pastor Ryan

CCC Missions & Service Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in organizing a small group to serve for a day?

New England Seafarers Mission

NESM provides chaplains and services in Boston, Providence, and Narragansett Bay, and now reaches 35,000 people per year from 167 countries. They are an outreach ministry of the local church that serves the international seafarers of the maritime business community.

Volunteer online: Volunteer Online:

<https://neseafarers.org/volunteer/shift-sign-up-calendar/>



OR

Contact: Rev. Stephen Cushing

Executive Director and Senior Chaplain New England Seafarers Mission

1 Black Falcon Avenue Boston, MA 02210

Office: (617) 443-0282

Father Bill's and Mainspring

Provides hope to individuals and families facing a housing crisis on the South Shore and across Southern Massachusetts.

Volunteer online:

<https://helpfbms.org/volunteer/>



OR

Contact: Rachel Miller

Director of Volunteer Services

430 Belmont St. Brockton, MA 02301

Tel: 774-297-7993

If any questions,

contact the CCC Missions and Service Team:
Sandy Willette, Sally Poirier, Lita Kuipers, Sara Papetti, Lou Ann Falls



Adult & Teen Challenge

Adult & Teen Challenge Men's choir will visit on Sunday, April 12, 2026. There will be a freewill offering and lunch following the service. We are reaching out for help with food donations for the lunch such as salad, sandwiches, chips, desserts. The signup sheet for food donations will be in the Narthex.

In addition, there will be a box in the Narthex to collect regular and sample size toiletry donations.

Recommended list:

- deodorant; soap/body wash; shampoo
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash (non-alcohol)
- floss picks/dental floss
- Qtips
- nail clippers
- shaving cream
- Combs
- hand lotion in tubes
- disposable 3-blade razors

Non-toiletry items:

- notebooks
- Multi-pack men's briefs, boxers, T-shirts (all sizes)

Thank you! - Missions & Service Ministry

Meet Our New Members!



Joe Dorfler

Originally from Virginia, Joe met his wife Katie in graduate school and they moved to her hometown of Easton to raise their family. He spends much of his time with his young girls, Clara and Charlotte and sits on the preaching project group.



Katie Dorfler

Katie (Fiore) Dorfler grew up at the church, attending Sunday School, youth group and being confirmed here. She and her husband, Joe, settled in Easton. They have two daughters, Clara and Charlotte, and she helps out in the Wiggle Worship room.



Candi Keith

Candi is glad to have found this church community after she began attending around a year ago. Candi attends the weekly adult Sunday School class.



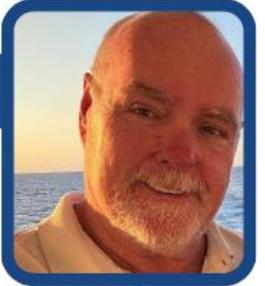
Lindsey Ivaldi

Lindsey was invited to a worship night by her brother-in-law Tony, and quickly found a place which felt like a spiritual home. She brings both her two children, Aiden and Allision, and her grandmother Carole, to worship each week. She serves as a member of the Wiggle Worship Team.



Brian Ernst

Brian is grateful to be "paying it back to this wonderful community." He and wife Tori have three children: Vivian, Carter and Caroline; and he serves on the Children and Youth Formation Committee.



Joe Comeau

Joe began attending church with his wife Lisa (Byrnes) who grew up in the congregation. You can catch Joe at the many church events where he volunteers as a member of the fellowship team.



Carol Neville

Carole was first invited to church by her granddaughter, Lindsey Ivaldi, and is grateful to have found a loving and caring church family.



Samantha Hill

Sam's son Cameron first became involved at CCC through Vacation Bible School and the family soon found a great fit. She appreciates the spiritual support of sons Cam and Christopher.



Christine McLaughlin

Originally from New Jersey, Catherine moved to Easton with her husband Chase who grew up here. Their son Griffin was baptized in February and she looks forward to making this their church home.

puzzle night!

APRIL 18, 6PM \$5 PER PERSON

SIGN-UP BY APRIL 12

here on the board or
by emailing fellowship@ecovchurch.org

Each team will have the same 500 piece puzzle. The goal: finish as fast as you can - the first team to finish wins! You're also welcome to take your time and just enjoy completing a puzzle.

Teams can have up to 4 people.

When emailing, please indicate if you are registering a full team or want to be added to one.

Are you interested in being part of Worship?

How about reading Scripture?

Every week there is an opportunity to participate by sharing the weekly readings from the Old and New Testaments. If you're interested please reach out to Lisa Comeau

via email at

lisabyrnes@verizon.net

or text/call 629-200-5638

Thank you!



Women's
**POTLUCK
BRUNCH**
APRIL 25, 10AM

Ladies and girls of all ages are invited to a morning of delicious food and time together. Please feel free to bring a friend.

RSVP BY APRIL 19
Sign-up on the board at church or by email: Fellowship@ecovchurch.org





Friendship Club

Wednesday, April 22 at noon

Bob Peoples will share a presentation on Japan. Anyone who has objects or stories about Japan is welcome to augment his talk.

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

Any questions, call Sue Plante
508-944-8781

Spiritual Steps for Children & Teens

What is confirmation?

When should my child take communion?

What if my child isn't yet baptized?

Join the Pastors for an overview of the steps of spiritual discipleship at Covenant.

We will go over and answer questions about baptism, dedication, taking communion, confirmation and other ways young people grow in faith.

Wednesday, April 15 at 7pm

Join the live meeting on ZOOM

(or watch the video available after)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89882389065>



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, Kym Silva, Ginny & Jim Elson, Andrea Siciliano, Dana Morse, Bob Carroll, Lyn Carroll, Sara Papetti and Pastor Devyn's father Jay Chambers.
- 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, Iran 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 the Willis family as they mourn the loss of Ed's mother Carole DesLauriers, for the Poirier family as they mourn the loss of Sally's sister Louise, and for the Waugh family as they mourn the loss of Nancy's sister Susanne.
- For the upcoming Holy Week and Easter services.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

- For God's provision for both finances and volunteers at CCC! We ended the year financially strong thanks to the congregation's faithful generosity.
- Thanksgiving for the baptisms of Griffin McLaughlin, August Illobre, and Elena Anderson.
- Prayers of praise for our church leadership including Judy Towne our new chair and Mark Clark our new vice-chair! We are grateful for the faithful leadership of Cheryl Opper and Tom McCormick as they end their term as chair and vice-chair.
- Thanksgiving for many new faces at CCC and for a well attended New Members/Inquirers Class.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

EGG HUNT

APRIL 4, 10:00AM
TODDLERS - GRADE 5

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- Wiggle worship for toddlers & preschoolers
- Sunday school for grades k-7
- Confirmation grades 8+

YOUTH GROUPS

<u>Trailblazers, grades 4-6</u>	<u>Jr and Sr High</u>
• Sundays, 5:30pm-8:30	• 5:30pm-8:00
• April 12 and April 26	• April 12 in Attleboro

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date: August 10 - 14
9:00am-12:00pm

April Birthdays

2 Lu-Ann Besse	17 Judy Buck
2 Owen Hayes	17 Devyn Chambers Johnson
3 Joyce Ribelin	18 Katie Abreu
4 James McSherry	19 Rick Papetti
4 Zac Zelinski	20 Joyce Nelson
6 Brian Cidado	22 Elisabeth Driscoll
7 Heather Raduazzo	22 Julia Dyment
9 Jonathan Raduazzo	22 Julie Pick
10 Doug Falls	24 Ann Cummings
10 Lilly Driscoll	24 Linda Wainwright
12 Lynda Valenzuela	28 Elmore Dyer



**Planning Meeting: April 30, 7pm
in Fireside Room**

Donations collected in downstairs classrooms. Please follow the “not wanted” items. Call Priscilla Driscoll or Sara Papetti regarding furniture donations.

All weekday donations must take place after Tiny Tots is dismissed at 3pm. Do not bring them earlier as this is against regulations



Help Build a Bridge

Saturday, May 30
noon to 5pm

We are hosting our second 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.

**Volunteers to help set up tables and chairs are needed.
Donations of the following new items are needed:**

Measuring cups
Mini First Aid Kits
Flour-2, small bags
Spatulas
Baking powder-1 can
Bisquick-1 box
Peanut butter 16 oz
Hershey's Baking Cocoa-1
Plastic wrap-1 box
Vegetable peelers

Measuring spoons
Reusable food shopping bags
Sugar-3 pounds
Baking Soda 1 box
Cooking Oil-10-12 oz
Chocolate chips- 2 bags.
Tuna fish 2 cans
Confectioners Sugar-2 boxes
Aluminum Foil-1 box

Screw drivers
Philip's head screw drivers
measuring tape
small hammers
dryer sheets
flashlights
can openers
pot holders

Kindly drop off items in the Narthex, in the Bridge Box by May 24

Many thanks,

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>05 Easter Sunday 6:00am Sunrise Service at NRT 8:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship</p>	<p>06 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Stephens Minister Training (youth lounge) 7:00 Offsite:Men's Bible Study 7p-8 Gym, classroom 7p-9 Sanctuary</p>	<p>07 5:00 Worship + Music Meeting (zoom) 6:30 Missions + Service Meeting (zoom) reserved 4p-5 Gym 5:30p-7 Classroom</p>	<p>08 7:30pm Prayer Hour - chapel 09 6:15pm Choir Practice - sanctuary reserved 9a-11:30 Fireside 4pm-6 Gym 5:30p-7 Classroom</p>	<p>02 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service reserved 9a-11:30 Fireside 4p-6p Gym</p>	<p>03 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners-fireside 10 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners-fireside</p>	<p>04 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Women's Bible Study - chapel 11 10:00am Women's Bible Study-fireside reserved 1:00p-5:00 Sanctuary + Fireside</p>
<p>12 9:15 Adult SS- youth lounge 10:30 Worship - Teen & Adult Challenge Visit 5:00 Confirmation-fireside 5:30 Trailblazers-gym/yl 5:30 Offsite: Connect Youth Group 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym</p>	<p>13 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Offsite:Men's Bible Study reserved 7p-8 Gym, classroom 7p-9 Sanctuary</p>	<p>14 7:00 Church Council Meeting-Fireside/Narthex reserved 4p-5 Gym</p>	<p>15 7:00pm Spiritual Steps for Children + Teens (zoom) 7:30pm Prayer Hour - chapel 22 12:00pm Friendship Club - fireside 7:30pm Prayer Hour - chapel</p>	<p>16 23 Deadline for Submissions to May Tidings reserved 9a-11:30 Fireside 4:30p-6:30 Classroom</p>	<p>17 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners-fireside 24 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners-fireside</p>	<p>18 10:00am Women's Bible Study-fireside 6:00pm Puzzle Night - fireside 25 10:00am Women's Podluck Brunch - fireside</p>
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204 Center Street
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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)

www.ecovchurch.org
508-238-6423

Staff

Co-Pastor: Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson
Co-Pastor: Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson
Choir Director: Alice Fu
Office Administrator: Erin Gomes
Custodian & IT Wizard: Nick Zelinski

