



June 2026

The TIDINGS

Covenant Congregational Church

“Curl up with a good book this summer!” The article flashed across my phone. It showed sandaled feet next to a pool with a novel open on the reader’s lap. The article contained a listing of the hottest titles of various genres coming out just in time for summer reading. The article put me at ease: I love relaxing with a good book, next to a pool on a lazy summer day. It is a favorite pastime of mine, to be sure.

Here at Covenant Congregational, we might have the same tag line—with a little twist: “*Curl up with THE good book this summer!*” The good book, of course, being the Bible. In the Bible you will discover poetry (read the Psalms), history (read the Kings), biography (read Ruth), inspiration (read Ephesians) and even legal documents (read Leviticus, if you’re really into it!) Reading the Bible is something which can transform our lives—not because the words are magic—but because the Holy Spirit uses those inspired words to speak into our lives today. This is a book which can change your life by connecting you to God himself, the giver of new life.

You may have noticed that we have kicked off the **Great Bible Giveaway!** At various church events and on Sunday morning, the giveaway will be aiming to get Bibles into the hands of those who don’t have the good book. There are children story book Bibles, Bibles for children, regular print Bibles and large print Bibles. There have already been great stories of people being touched by receiving a Bible and we are anticipating many more stories of how God works through his word this summer.

On the other side of the Great Bible Giveaway, is the *chance to repurpose your old Bibles and get them into new hands*—to Give-Away the Bibles we have but no longer use. We are partnering with a ministry to collect old Bibles and other Christian literature. This ministry will then take these materials and get them to places around the world where they can be used. More details will be coming soon, but we invite you to gather your unused materials and bring them to church to give them back to God’s work.

So, as you are putting aside the books to bring to the pool this summer, why don’t you add in the Bible. If you are new to reading the Bible, you can jump in anywhere. I would encourage either 1) starting with a small book like Ruth or First Peter and reading the whole thing or 2) reading something for a season, like the book of Luke one chapter a day during the month of June or July, and then moving on to Acts for the following month. (But if you get going, you are allowed to read more!)

One of our early leaders said: “The Word of God is the seed from which all that is good in us must grow.” May we have a summer of abundance where God’s word works wonders in our lives, our towns and our world.

– Pastor Ryan

A note on Bible translations: There are dozens of English translations of the Bible. Some are better than others, we suggest the following four:

NIV: A translation trying to balance specific wording and being readable. The one we typically read in worship.

NRSV: A detailed translation for exact study.

NLT: A translation which aims to be easy to understand.

The Message: A rewording of the Bible in everyday language.

(Many other translations are also good, but some have difficulties including exclusive, male-only language and biases around how certain passages should be understood).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY JOIN US



June 14th

Children's Sunday
Children lead
worship service



Followed by:

Potluck, Bounce house
Ice cream sundae bar &
Cornhole tournament!

Fellowship & Fun for All

August 10-13th

Register for VBS:
ecovchurch.org

Games, song, snacks, Bible
stories, crafts and science
experiments geared for
children ages K-5 grade.

Volunteers please register
at link above or contact
Laura Slomba

Save the date
VBS
8/10-8/13



Congratulations!

GRADUATES

Adi Clark graduated from Worcester State University with a Masters of Public Health in Nursing

Chris Allison graduated from Northeastern University with a Masters in Computer Science

Michael Fiore Jr. graduated from Fitchburg State with a Masters in Education

Natalie Fredericksen graduated from Boston College, B.S. in Biology

Morgan Vasiliou graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, B.S. in Bioinformatics & Computational Biology and a minor in Data Science and will attend the Applied Data Analytics graduate program at Boston University

Samuel Schumacher graduated from Northeastern University, Summa Cum Laude

Lexi Malasi graduating from Oliver Ames High School and will attend the University of New Hampshire

Vivian Ernst graduating from Oliver Ames High School and will attend UMass Dartmouth

Chris Hill graduating from Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School and will be working for Florence Electric

Charlie Long graduating from Oliver Ames High School and will attend Wheaton College

William Su graduating from Oliver Ames High School and will attend UCLA

Elise McCormick graduating from Mansfield High School and will attend Endicott College

Bella Overstreet graduating from Oliver Ames High School and will attend Quinnipiac College for Nursing

Christian McNeil graduating from Oliver Ames High School and will attend the University of Denver

The Great Bible GIVEAWAY!

All one needs to do to get their very own Bible is to ask and then pick it up. Requests can be emailed to Bibles@ecovchurch.org, or see Judy Buck.

There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

If you want to be a part of our Great Bible Giveaway, talk to Judy.

We're having a Great Bible Giveaway and it starts now! The Covenant Congregational Church is giving out Bibles to anyone who requests one, so please share with friends, neighbors, co-workers - everyone! We have:

- a Jesus Calling Bible Storybook for families with young children
- an NIV Adventure Bible for elementary students
- a softcover NIV Outreach Bible for adults.



CAMPFIRE

Songs & S'mores
SUNDAY
JUNE 7, 6PM

Join members of the worship band and the fellowship ministry for an evening around the campfire

Held in our outdoor chapel - path is at the back of the parking lot.

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HELP
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HEALING

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

GALATIANS 6:2

Stephen Ministers Care

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community experiencing challenges in life - grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties.

To learn how to receive care from a Stephen Minister - or how to become one - contact a pastor or Stephen Leader.

Cheryl Oppen: 781-254-2490
CherylStephenMinistry@ecovchurch.org

Ernie Ortega: 508-654-5042
ErnieStephenMinistry@ecovchurch.org

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Potluck Lunch
Wednesday, June 17
Noon to 2:00

Mark LeBlanc from Wheaton College will do a presentation - "AI for Everyone" - designed for those of us not very adept with technology.

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

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



Missions & Service

School Supply Drive

for students impacted by homelessness & poverty

Saturday, July 18, 2026 9:00AM to Noon

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

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Most Needed

- Quality backpacks for boys & girls K-12 (size 17" or larger to fit needed supplies and a lunchbox)
- Pocket Folders
- Single Subject Notebooks (wide ruled)
- Plastic Pencil Boxes (preferred size 8.4" x 5.6")
- Zippered Pencil Pouches (preferred size 9.5" x 5.6")
- Ear Phones or Ear Buds
- New books for all grade levels (pre-k through grade 12)
- Square Root Calculators
- Scientific Calculators
- Jumbo Pencils
- Washable Markers Broad Tip (8 or 10 pack) (must be washable)
- 3-Holed, Lined Paper (wide ruled)
- 1" Binders

Always Needed

- Glue Sticks
- Blunt Children's Scissors (must be blunt)
- Composition Notebooks
- Large Pencil Sharpeners (with cover)
- Pens (blue or black)
- Colored Pencils (12 pack)
- Highlighters
- Flexible Plastic Rulers
- Index Cards (100 pack)
- Binder Dividers
- Dry Erase Markers & "sock" for erasing

Other Supplies

- Crayola Crayons -- 24 box
- Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils

The Average Age
of a Homeless Person
in Massachusetts is **8**

Last year Massachusetts public
schools identified **33,000** students
impacted by homelessness.



Every school year
10,000+
Students
receive quality,
grade-level
customized
backpacks and
Tools for School



100 Laurel Street
E. Bridgewater, MA 02335
508-587-9091

The Mission of School on Wheels of Massachusetts is to promote the academic, social and emotional growth of students impacted by homelessness and poverty.

To Volunteer or
Stage a Drive
scan the QR code



The New England Seafarers Mission has revamped their website. Please check it out, especially the volunteer portion of the site. They need volunteers for a day to fill the open shifts for their Cruise Ship Ministry.

<https://neseafarers.org/volunteer/> under Cruise Ship Ministry select Sign up for a shift

Our own church Missions & Service team is already scheduled to volunteer in September.

If there are any questions, contact the Missions and Service team members (Sandy Willette, Sally Poirier, Sara Papetti, Lou Ann Falls or Lita Kuipers). Thank you.

June Birthdays

1 Sarah Dennehy

1 Caroline Ernst

1 Brody Lake

2 Jared Buckley

3 Greyson Mulholland

5 Frank Ribelin

5 Matthew Silva

6 Aiden McLaughlin

8 Tori Ernst

11 Melanie Driscoll

13 Robert Buckley

13 Dan Giberti

14 Alison Santry Last

15 Christian McNeil

18 Jason Sutton

19 Laura Slomba

22 Tina Legare

22 Melissa McCormick

22 Judith Sabin

23 William Carlson

24 Gordon Mears

25 Judie Fuller

25 Elaine Lundberg

26 Jenna Nelson

27 Carol Schigg

28 Joseph Davis

30 Karen Anderson

30 Wyatt Fritchman

30 Amanda Hayes

30 Linda Johnson

30 Kayden Siciliano



Care Ministry





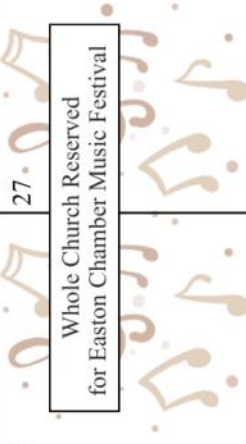
Prayers of Petition

- 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, Gordon Mears, Sara Papetti, Lyn Carroll, Bob McIlhatten 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 Covell and Poirier family as they mourn the loss of Dolores.
- For the Vacation Bible School preparations and needed volunteers.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Celebration

- Thanksgiving for the baptisms of Aiden Ivaldi, Allison Ivaldi, Pierre Clark, Eloise Starr, Elena Anderson.
- Thanksgiving for many new faces at CCC and for a well attended New Members/Inquirers Class.
- For the wedding of Katie Abreu and Anthony Basa.
- For a successful yard sale! We were able to be a welcoming community to our neighbors while raising money!
- Greatful for the faith journeys of our confirmation students: Gunnar McNeil, Pierre Clark, Luke Malasi, Antonio Gomes and Rosie Johnson.

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>01 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 6:30 Missions + Service Meeting (zoom) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Stephens Minister Training (youth lounge) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (chapel) 7p-8 Gym, classroom</p>	<p>02 5:00 Worship + Music Meeting (zoom) 5:30p-6:30 Gym ^{reserved}</p>	<p>03 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel)</p>	<p>04 8a-11:30 Fireside ^{reserved}</p>	<p>05 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners (fireside) 5:30pm-7 Classroom ^{reserved}</p>	<p>06 10:00am Women's Bible Study (fireside)</p>	
<p>07 9:00 Choir Rehearsal-sanct. 9:15 Adult SS-youth lounge 10:30 Worship 11:30 Kids Choir Practice - chapel 12:00 Youth Worship Band Practice - sanctuary 6:00 Campfire & Songs - outdoor chapel 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym</p>	<p>08 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (chapel) 7p-8 Gym, classroom ^{reserved}</p>	<p>09 7:00 Church Council Meeting-Fireside/Narthex 5:30p-6:30 Gym ^{reserved}</p>	<p>10 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel)</p>	<p>11 5:30p-7 Classroom ^{reserved}</p>	<p>12 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners (fireside)</p>	<p>13 10:00am Women's Bible Study (fireside) </p>
<p>14 Children's Sunday 9:15 Adult SS-youth lounge 10:30 Worship 11:30 Children's Sunday Party + Potluck 4:00 Second Nurture-youth lounge, gym, tiny tots 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym</p> 	<p>15 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Stephens Minister Training (youth lounge) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (chapel) 7p-8 Gym, classroom ^{reserved}</p>	<p>16 5:30p-6:30 Gym ^{reserved}</p>	<p>17 12:00pm Friendship Club (fireside) 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel)</p>	<p>18 </p>	<p>19 2:30pm Mahjong for Beginners (fireside) 5:30pm-7 Classroom ^{reserved}</p>	<p>20 10:00am Women's Bible Study (fireside)</p>
<p>21 10:30 Worship 6:00 Preaching Class - fireside 7:30 Men's Basketball-gym</p>	<p>22 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (chapel) 7p-8 Gym, classroom ^{reserved}</p>	<p>23 5:30p-6:30 Gym ^{reserved}</p>	<p>24 7:30pm Prayer Hour (chapel)</p>	<p>25 Deadline for Submissions to Summer Tidings</p>	<p>26 Whole Church Reserved for Easton Chamber Music Festival </p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 10:30 Worship Following Worship Service: Whole Church Reserved for Easton Chamber Music Festival</p>	<p>29 5:30pm Yoga (fireside) 7:00 Knitting (fireside) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (chapel) 7p-8 Gym, classroom ^{reserved}</p>	<p>30 5:30p-6:30 Gym ^{reserved}</p>				



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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)

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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

