

# This Week at Covenant Congregational Church

## Sunday, February 15

10:30 a.m.	Worship (sanctuary)
	Potluck Lunch (following service)
4:00 p.m.	Second Nurture (youth lounge & gym)
7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball (gym)

## Monday, February 16

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)

## Tuesday, February 17

	Deadline for Submissions to March Tidings
7:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Ministry Meeting (fireside)

## Wednesday, February 18

7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service (sanctuary)
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## Thursday, February 19

7:30 p.m.	Prayer Hour (chapel)
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## Friday, February 20

2:30 p.m.	Mahjong (fireside)
6:30 p.m.	Game Night (fireside)

## Saturday, February 14

10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (fireside)
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## Sunday, February 22

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)
5:30 p.m.	Trailblazers (youth lounge)
7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball (gym)



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## Ash Wednesday Service — February 18, 7:00pm

Join in a solemn service of prayer and song for the beginning of Lent.

## Game Night — February 20, 6:30-8:30pm

We invite you to an evening of fun, laughter, and games of all kinds. Games provided but we also invite you to bring along your favorites. All ages welcome!

## HMS Heart. Mind. Strength. — February 28th, 9am-12:30pm

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. — Mark 12:30*

Mark Your Calendars for this church-wide seminar on discovering the gifts, skills and passions each person brings to the congregation and how God can use it for his mission. Special guests will guide our discussion.

All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Help us plan for the day with an rsvp at  
[www.tinyurl.com/HMSseminar](http://www.tinyurl.com/HMSseminar)



HMS RSVP

## Secret Sisters

Secret Sisters is a ministry of sharing and caring with other “sisters” in our church family. You become her silent prayer partner and secret encourager. We invite you to join us as we encourage, support, and enrich one another in prayer.

 Register at [www.tinyurl.com/ss2026ccc](http://www.tinyurl.com/ss2026ccc)  
 or find paper copies in the narthex.

## Yard Sale Kickoff Meeting

It's that time again!! 2026 Yard Sale Kick Off meeting will be February 25 at 7pm in the fireside room. Everyone is invited to help plan for this upcoming fundraiser!!

## Shoe Drive

It's Time for all good shoes to come out their closets and be counted! Our Shoe Drive has officially begun. We're collecting your gently worn, perhaps worn once, or new shoes that just weren't right as a fundraising mission. Every shoe earns money for our church and is also a ministry to help micro entrepreneurs in small countries support their families. Drop off box located in the church entry way. Please contact Judy Buck if you need a pick up or have questions, 508-238-4082. Thank you for your support.

## Financials as of February 12, 2026

Income	40,993.72
Expenses	32,260.66
Net	8,733.06



## 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

## The Reality of Freedom in Christ at Our Church in Easton

When the congregation was formed in December of 1883, they chose the name “Swedish Christian Evangelical Ebed Melek Church”. The name “Ebed Melek” (literally “servant of the king”) comes from a few short chapters in the book of Jeremiah where an Ethiopian official hears of the Prophet Jeremiah’s imprisonment in a dungeon and works to set him free. He is an obscure Biblical figure but, nevertheless, this image of setting people free has served to guide the church in its early writings and vision. Many referenced the act of Ebed Melek and how the church could follow in his example in setting people free from sin and death to live and grow in Christ.

## **The Reality of Freedom in Christ**

The Covenant Church seeks to focus on what unites followers of Jesus Christ rather than what separates them. The center of our commitment is a clear faith in Jesus Christ. The first five affirmations form the parameters in which freedom is experienced.

Freedom is a frequently misunderstood concept. In western culture, freedom is often understood autonomy and independence. Authentic freedom, however, manifests itself in a right relationship with God and others. Freedom is a gift of God in Christ to all who are willing to receive it. By the power of his life-giving Spirit, Christ moves us into a new realm-a new kingdom where light and life and joy prevail. Thus empowered, the believer not only seeks to obey and follow God, but to effect the liberation of others from the sin and oppressions of their lives. This freedom is not for self-indulgence but to serve the community and the world out of love for God.

The Covenant Church has sought to honor the tensions inherent in this freedom. It has understood that God’s word is sovereign over every human interpretation of it-including its own. Within these parameters the principles of freedom applies to doctrinal issues that might tend to divide. With a modesty born of confidence in God, Covenanters have offered one another theological and personal freedom where the biblical and historical record seems to allow for a variety of interpretations of the will and purposes of God. This has at times led to controversy over such matters as baptism, the second coming of Christ, the precise nature of inspiration and atonement, and various matters of life and practice.

Freedom is not for self-indulgence or self-aggrandizement but to serve and love God, in whom alone is found true freedom. In this, we offer freedom to one another, as we share the gift of freedom God has given us in Jesus Christ.

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

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

