

Give thanks  
With a grateful  
HeART

November 2026

# The TIDINGS

Covenant Congregational Church

*How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.*

It is again election season and, if the onslaught of text messages and TV ads is any indicator, there is little chance of all of us living together in unity. Issues and ideas which divide us seem to consistently take the day, making others into an enemy rather than a fellow citizen, raising the temperature of conflict and lowering the bar of decency. I would like to think it will end with the election on November 3rd, but I am doubtful.

A vision of unity in the midst of discord and division is as old as King David. For the first half of David's adult life, he and the nation of Israel was divided between loyalty to King Saul and King David. King Saul was the father of David's best friend Jonathan but that did not stop the conflict and fighting which eventually spilled into outright war. No wonder David writes the verses above "*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*" (Psalm 133:1)

Even Jesus' very presence on earth failed to secure unity among people. His final prayer was for all of us who would follow after him focused on unity: *I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—<sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.* (John 17:22-23)

Jesus' prayer of complete unity among his followers reveals what happens when we are in unity—that the world will know Christ and his love.

We know the difference between "Unity" and "Uniformity." We do not all need to be the same and we will not always agree on all issues, but if we all remain together—with our eyes fixed on Christ our goal—will be united with one aim: Christ and his love.

This month, as we gather to remember Thanksgiving, we have a particular way to spread this unity into our world. **On Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00pm we will worship with the Easton Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.** This year we meet at Easton Baptist Church (197 Bay Road) and Pastor Devyn will be the featured speaker. All are encouraged to attend. This is a remarkable event of unity and common thanks. Each year the location of this event changes and the speaker switches between clergy of various backgrounds. In previous years, this service has been held at two different Jewish temples, a Catholic church, a Unitarian church, a Baptist church and our own congregation. For those who know the history of religious division this is a remarkable testament. I have counted individuals from ten different houses of worship (and beyond!) who have joined in a common prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for our town, nation and world.

In this season of increased division and rancor, may we commit ourselves anew to the prayers of David and Jesus: to be united in the work of love. And may we give thanks to the God who loves this whole world.

Amen

-Pastor Ryan



## The Can for Change

Please pick up a soup can in the church narthex. The Can for Change benefits Covenant World Relief and Development. The CRWD soup cans will be turned in during worship and a freewill offering will be taken on Souperfest Sunday, November 22, 2026.

Learn more about Covenant World Relief and Development at: [covchurch.org/cwrld](http://covchurch.org/cwrld)

## SOUPERFEST NOV. 22

**\$5/person or \$20/family**

**100% of donations benefit**

**Covenant World Relief and Development**

We are looking for donations of your favorite soups, breads and desserts. A signup sheet for soup donations will be available in the Narthex. Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. We will need volunteers as follows:

- Setup in the Activity Room the day prior on Saturday, 11/21 (5:00–7:00PM).
- Sunday, 11/22 one person to sell tickets at the door.
- Sunday, 11/22 Cleanup crew needed at the conclusion of the event.

If you wish to assist in any of these areas, please contact our Missions and Service Team - Sandy Willette, Sally Poirier, Sara Papetti, Lou Ann Falls or Lita Kuipers.



## New England Seafarers Mission Christmas Shoeboxes

We are accepting Christmas shoeboxes for the seafarers who visit our ports from around the world.

For more information about this mission please visit <http://neseafarers.org>

Please fill a shoebox with the following New England Seafarers suggested items:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ◦ Soap                  | ◦ Nail clippers              | ◦ Air fresheners            |
| ◦ Shampoo               | ◦ Lip balm                   | ◦ Sewing/mending kit        |
| ◦ Mouthwash             | ◦ Hand sanitizer             | ◦ Paper notepads and pens   |
| ◦ Toothpaste/Toothbrush | ◦ Winter knit hats           | ◦ Cough drops, gum,         |
| ◦ Deodorant             | ◦ Heavy duty gloves          | hard candy, vitamin C drops |
| ◦ Comb                  | ◦ Bandanas                   |                             |
| ◦ Tissue packets        | ◦ A pair of white crew socks |                             |

Add a Christmas card inside the box and wrap the box in festive paper.

**Drop off shoeboxes at the church during business hours or after church services.**

**The deadline to drop-off shoeboxes is December 6, 2026, after Sunday service.**

Also, a free will donation box will be available at the conclusion of Sunday Service on December 6, 2026.

The shoebox gifts are presented and opened by the seafarers as a group. Due to the seafarer's limited storage space, the recommended shoebox size is roughly 12" x 7" x 5". The above suggested items have been reviewed by New



England Seafarers Mission but feel free to add additional items. Examples are sunscreen, hand cream, rain poncho, deck of cards, mini flashlight. **Need an empty shoebox to fill?** There will be a table in the Narthex with a limited supply of empty shoeboxes.

Please reach out to our Missions & Service team (Sandy Willette, Sally Poirier, Sara Papetti, Lou Ann Falls or Lita Kuipers) if you have any questions. Thank you.



Be sure to  
include  
a card!





## Friendship Club

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, NOON

There will be a potluck lunch. Guests are encouraged to bring along a dish to share – not a requirement though as the goal is being with each other as friends. This month Ed Hands will join us and share Easton ghost stories.

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Any questions, contact Sue Plante

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## East Coast Conference WOMEN'S RETREAT AT PILGRIM PINES

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

Our Holiday Fair is fast approaching! 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. We will also have multiple tables of our own – we have been busy making handmade ornaments and cookie jars.



We need your help to make this day a success. We are in need of volunteers –

- Friday, Nov. 20 after 3pm: to setup
- Saturday, Nov. 21
  - 8-10am: finish setup
  - 10am-4pm: various roles during the fair
  - 4-5pm clean up

We are also looking for donations to our bake sale table – keeping in mind that Thanksgiving is the following week, so pies and pumpkin or cranberry bread would be great.

If you can help in any way, please be sure to use the sign-up found at the following link. Thank you!

<https://tinyurl.com/CCCHolidayFair>



## Saint Lucia Christmas Tea Saturday, December 5 at 10:00am

Please join the women of the Covenant Congregational Church at a Saint Lucia Christmas Tea. 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. **Please RSVP to attend no later than November 30th** so that we can plan appropriately. You can sign up two different ways - use the rsvp sheet in the Narthex or rsvp online at <https://forms.gle/QeflFXFBjYM67sm9> or scan the QR code. All women are welcome to join us. If you have any questions or would like to help out with baking or set up, please reach out to Ruth Carrigan ([rwcmed@gmail.com](mailto:rwcmed@gmail.com)) or Nancy Waugh ([N\\_Waugh@msn.com](mailto:N_Waugh@msn.com)) or contact the church office.



## Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 20  
10:30am

Kids of all ages welcome.  
Practices Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & 13

Please visit the link for more  
information and to register  
your child(ren) to participate:

<https://forms.gle/ZhcvTVLGmGE52DSE7>



## Holiday Parade Live Nativity

### Volunteers needed!!!



CCC will again be part of this year's Easton Holiday Parade. We need volunteers (of all ages!!) to dress as Mary, Joseph, and other nativity characters. We also need volunteers to carry the CCC sign. **The parade is immediately after worship December 6th.** This is a great way to be present in our community! Contact Pastor Devyn or Diane Cidado if you would like to join the parade.



**Sunday  
November 15  
5:30-6:30pm**

All kids Grades 5-8 are invited to join us for youth group in the youth lounge and gym.



Youth Corn Maze Trip

## Trunk or Treat 2026!



## Children & Youth Fundraiser – *Deadline extended!*

We are collecting clothes and accessories, household textiles, **books and media**. Your donations help support children & youth programs at CCC. Please drop off bagged or boxed items in the bin at the front door **by November 10**. Thank you for your support!

## 2027 Ministry Teams

The nominating committee is beginning its prayerful work of filling the various committees and teams at the church. If you are sensing the call to join a team or know of a person who might be interested, please contact the church office

Worship & Music: Work with pastors and Music Director to plan & coordinate worship. Choir, musicians, worship tech, scripture readers, ushers all fall under this ministry.

Whole Life Stewardship: Encourages the congregation to be good stewards of our time, talents, and treasure. Coordinates yearly pledge drive.

Fellowship: Oversee & recruit volunteers for weekly fellowship coffee hour. Plan other events to help the congregation connect with one another

Missions & Service: Coordinates service opportunities for the congregation—connecting us with the needs of the community. Makes regular contact with our global missionaries and local partners.

Youth & Children: Oversee the spiritual formation of children & youth. This committee oversees Sunday school, youth group, Vacation Bible School, Wiggle Worship & special events.

Care: Organize meals & rides for those in need. Coordinate collations-funeral receptions- for members. Prayer shawls, Stephen Ministry, visitation

Evangelism & Outreach: Oversees outreach events that connect CCC with the community. Sends mailings 3x a year to new Easton residents.

Adult Formation: Oversees adult formation opportunities. This includes Adult Sunday School, Bible studies and special events.

Properties: Oversee upkeep of the building & parsonage. Organize work days. Receive bids for repairs

## Stewardship Sunday is November 15

The Whole Life Stewardship Ministry mailed and emailed 2027 Pledge packets in mid-October.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your support of Covenant Congregational Church and it's ministries. Submitting a pledge card helps the teams prepare the 2027 budget and make plans for the coming year.

Pledge cards may be turned in during service on November 15 or sent to the Financial Secretary.

If you need a card, there are copies available at church.



EASTON INTERFAITH  
*Thanksgiving* SERVICE  
November 22, 2026 at 6:00pm  
Hosted by: Easton Baptist Church at 197 Bay Rd N. Easton

All are welcome to gather in a spirit of thankfulness and prayer. Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson of Covenant Congregational Church will be speaking.

Join clergy and participants from  
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Temple Chayai Shalom,  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Easton Baptist Church,  
Unity Church of Easton, Immaculate Conception Church,  
Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church, and  
Covenant Congregational Church.

### 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 Trunk or Treat, the women's retreat and our visit with the Buchholtz family (missionaries).
- For several new Sunday School teachers!
- For our post-confirmation students who serve the church by assisting with Children's Ministry, Worship Ministry and Missions & Service Ministry.

### Prayers of Petition

- 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.  
Rev. James Tang (Africa- South Sudan/Ethiopia) - Rev. James has asked for prayer as his communities face violence, famine and disease.
- For the families and friends mourning the losses of Anna Goodwin, Bill Plante, and Gini Cushman.
- For the conflict in Israel and Gaza, Ukraine, Iran and South Sudan. May God bring peace!
- Continued prayers for those with health challenges: Joyce Nelson, Kym Silva, Karen Bassett, Dana Morse, Rebecca Carroll, Tony Ivaldi's uncle Tony Vandermeel, Ginny & Jim Elson, Andrea Siciliano, 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.
- Please give parents wisdom and strength.
- The health of marriages in the church and for those who long to be married.

# NOVEMBER 2026



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | TUESDAY                                                                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                           | SATURDAY                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>01</b><br><b>9:00am</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:15am</b> Adult Sunday School (youth lounge)<br><b>10:00am</b> Youth Choir (chapel)<br><b>10:30am</b> Worship<br><b>6:00pm</b> Bible Basics Study (fireside)<br><b>7:30pm</b> Men's Basketball                                                                      | <b>02</b><br><b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (fireside)<br><b>6:30pm</b> Missions Meeting (zoom)<br><b>7:00pm</b> Knitting (fireside)<br>Men's Bible Study (offsite)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 7p-9 Sanctuary<br>7p-9 Gym, classroom    | <b>03</b><br><b>5:00pm</b> Worship + Music Meeting (zoom)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> Gym: 3pm on | <b>04</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><b>6:30pm</b> Stewardship Meeting (fireside)<br><b>7:00pm</b> Stephen Minister Training (library)<br><b>7:30pm</b> Finance Meeting (fireside)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> Gym: Whole Day<br>7pm-8 Classroom | <b>05</b><br><b>12:30pm</b> Choir (sanctuary)<br><b>7:30pm</b> Prayer Hour (chapel)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> Gym: until 3pm<br>9a-11:30 Fireside | <b>06</b><br><b>2:30pm</b> Mahjong (fireside)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 5pm-6 Classroom                                                      | <b>07</b><br><b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study (fireside)                                                                  |
| <b>08</b><br><b>9:00am</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:15am</b> Adult Sunday School (youth lounge)<br><b>10:00am</b> Youth Choir (chapel)<br><b>10:30am</b> Worship<br><b>6:00pm</b> Bible Basics Study (fireside)<br><b>7:30pm</b> Men's Basketball                                                                      | <b>09</b><br><b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (fireside)<br><b>7:00pm</b> Knitting (fireside)<br>Stephen Minister (youth lounge)<br>Men's Bible Study (offsite)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 7p-9 Sanctuary<br>7p-9 Gym, classroom          | <b>10</b><br><b>6:00pm</b> Church Council Meeting (Fireside)                                        | <b>11</b><br><b>7:00pm</b> Stephen Minister Training (library)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 6pm-7 Gym                                                                                                                                             | <b>12</b><br><b>7:30pm</b> Prayer Hour (chapel)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 9a-11:30 Fireside<br>5:30p-7 Classroom                                  | <b>13</b><br><b>2:30pm</b> Mahjong (fireside)<br><b>6:30pm</b> Fellowship Game Night (fireside)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 5:30pm-7 Classroom | <b>14</b><br><b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study (fireside)                                                                  |
| <b>15</b><br><b>9:00am</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:15am</b> Adult Sunday School (youth lounge)<br><b>10:00am</b> Youth Choir (chapel)<br><b>10:30am</b> Worship<br><b>4:00pm</b> Second Nurture<br><b>5:30pm</b> Youth Group<br><b>6:00pm</b> Bible Basics Study (fireside)<br><b>7:30pm</b> Men's Basketball         | <b>16</b><br><b>Deadline</b> for Submissions to December Tidings<br><b>5:30pm</b> Yoga<br><b>7:00pm</b> Knitting (fireside)<br>Men's Bible Study (offsite)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 7p-9 Sanctuary<br>7p-9 Gym, classroom | <b>17</b>                                                                                           | <b>18</b><br><b>12:00pm</b> Friendship Club (fireside)<br><b>7:00pm</b> Stephen Minister Training (library)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 6pm-7 Gym                                                                                                | <b>19</b><br><b>7:30pm</b> Prayer Hour (chapel)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 9a-11:30 Fireside<br>4:30p-6:30 Classroom                               | <b>20</b><br><b>2:30pm</b> Mahjong (fireside)<br><b>3:00pm</b> Fair Setup<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 5pm-6 Classroom                          | <b>21</b><br><b>10:00am</b> Holiday Fair<br><b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study (fireside)<br><b>5:00pm</b> Souperfest Setup |
| <b>22</b><br><b>9:00am</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:15am</b> Adult Sunday School (youth lounge)<br><b>10:00am</b> Youth Choir (chapel)<br><b>10:30am</b> Worship<br><b>11:30am</b> Souperfest<br><b>6:00pm</b> Easton Thanksgiving Service<br><b>7:30pm</b> Men's Basketball                                           | <b>23</b><br><b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (fireside)<br><b>7:00pm</b> Knitting (fireside)<br>Stephen Minister (youth lounge)<br>Men's Bible Study (offsite)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 7p-9 Sanctuary<br>7p-9 Gym, classroom          | <b>24</b>                                                                                           | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>26</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><div><u>reserved</u></div> Narthex/Fireside                                                                      | <b>27</b><br><b>2:30pm</b> Mahjong (fireside)<br><b>Office Closed</b><br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 5:30pm-7 Classroom                           | <b>28</b><br><b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study (fireside)                                                                  |
| <b>29</b> 1st Sunday of Advent<br><b>9:00am</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:15am</b> Adult Sunday School (youth lounge)<br><b>10:00am</b> Youth Choir (chapel)<br><b>10:30am</b> Worship<br><b>6:00pm</b> Bible Basics Study (fireside)<br><b>7:30pm</b> Men's Basketball<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 3:30p-5 Classroom | <b>30</b><br><b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (fireside)<br><b>7:00pm</b> Knitting (fireside)<br>Men's Bible Study (offsite)<br><div><u>reserved</u></div> 7p-9 Sanctuary<br>7p-9 Gym, classroom                                             |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |



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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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