



So You Know!



Sunday, February 5, 2012
Community Covenant Church
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WEATHER ALERT!

During inclement weather, to find out if our worship and ministry events are cancelled, turn to television station WCVB, channel 5. Their website, www.thebostonchannel.com, will also have closing information. You may also sign up to have closing information delivered by email or text message.

THIS WEEK

Today	Sunday School for all ages	9:30 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
	Fellowship Time	12:15 pm
	Hi-League Super Bowl Party	6:00 pm
Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Thurs.	Stephen Ministers	7:00 pm
Sat.	CHIC Fundraiser	2:00 pm
Next Sun.	Sunday School for all Ages	9:30 am
	Worship Celebration	11:00 am
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LETTERS TO HONDURAS TODAY

There is still an opportunity to write to the children at Heart-to-Heart Village in Honduras. Mabel Sawyer has all the names, and can help you choose a child to write to if you haven't selected someone already. If you have already written something, you may bring that in to send, too.

Please contact Mabel with any questions and look for her in the Multi-Purpose room today.

HI- LEAGUE SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, Feb 5th 6:00—9:30 pm

At the Loft

- * Where: at Community Covenant Church
- * Who: All youth in grades 7 through 12
- * What to Bring: Yourself, a snack to share, and a friend



SENIOR SOCIAL

Sunday, July 29th 3:00 pm

Sign-up TODAY for group rate tickets

“PARAGON PARK—THE MUSICAL”

at The Company Theater, Norwell



Tickets: \$32 per person

To reserve our group rate tickets, we need to know now how many folks will plan to enjoy this new musical based on the famous amusement park at Nantasket Beach. Just sign up on the clipboard on the table in the narthex and then please return a check for \$32 made out to: “Community Covenant Church” ASAP. Please see Mabel Sawyer or Kathy Clements with any questions.

CHANGE IN FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Wednesday Feb. 8th 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Union Congregation Church has announced that the community food pantry will now be open on the second and last Wednesdays of each month from 12:30 to 2:00 pm.

“PAMPERED CHEF” FUNDRAISER FOR CHIC TEENS

Saturday, Feb. 11th 2:00 pm

We hope you will plan to attend and support our teens (Kim, Josh, Kersty, Jenna, and Lindsay) who will be heading to CHIC (Covenant High in Christ) at the University of Tennessee in July.



CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:
Bernice Bond
c/o Epoch Nursing Center
111 Headwaters Drive
Harwich, MA 02645

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, February 12th 11:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- **Pastor Don Olson, preaching**
“Obedience First .. then comes Blessing”
Text: 2 Kings 5:1-14
- **God’s Word for God’s Children**

Childcare During Worship

On next Sunday, February 12th Esther Garland will be providing care for the Nursery; Janet Fredlund will be in the Toddler Room, with assistant, Janet Ek.

Children’s Church

The leader for Children’s Church next week will be Candi Keith.

COVENANT KIDS CLUB

Friday, Feb. 17th

Covenant KIDS CLUB, a fun program for kids in grades 1 through 6, is a great opportunity to learn more about God and hang out with your friends! The next meeting is February 17th.

Parents drop off Covenant KIDS CLUB members at 7:00 pm and pick them up (promptly) at 8:30 pm. Children are supervised by responsible adults at all times!

For more information, please e-mail Jolie LaValle at joliemorin@yahoo.com.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sunday, February 19th

All those interested are welcome to come to the library following worship on the third Sunday of each month for a blood pressure check. This service is provided to help us care for our health.

FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER NEEDS

Requests can be made by calling the church office at 508-583-3360 or e-mailing to office@communitycovenant.com; or by calling Candi Keith at 508-583-1227 or e-mailing to cskeith@comcast.net.

Requests will be forwarded to prayer chain participants.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Nancy Ohlen - recovering at home from successful hernia surgery on Tuesday, January 31
- Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan - witness for Christ and agent for peace among tribal warfare
- The Children's Village in Honduras
- Philippines island of Mindanao – Typhoon Washi; Covenant World Relief responding
- World Peace
- Dave Buzzee - in Afghanistan, working for Raytheon
- Roy Gray - at home
- Japan - earthquake and tsunami; Covenant World Relief responding
- U.S. military personnel & their families
- Seth Gillis – US Marine Corps, North Carolina
- Spc. James Gignac (Nicole Aguirre’s brother) - U.S. Army, Afghanistan
- Spc. James Adams (Jo-ann Coles' son) – US Army, Georgia
- Ministry at Community Covenant – Michelle Peebles, Leadership Team member
- Our world-wide mission – Daniel & Andrea Kaiser, Uganda (currently in the USA)
- Our ministry in East Coast Conference – Worship Frontier, Lexington, MA; Kiho Lee, pastor
- Marion Schill – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Pat Gillis - Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro





DAYTONA 500 PARTY
Sunday, Feb. 26th 2:00 pm

“Gentlemen, mark your calendars!!” All men are invited to our annual Daytona 500 party on February 26th at 2:00 pm, to be held at Dave Sawyer’s home in South Middleboro.

We still don’t know what time the race starts but it doesn’t really matter. With apologies to the racing enthusiasts among us, most only watch the last few laps and spend the rest of the time playing pool, darts or Wii games, talking and eating.

Everyone is asked to bring something to share. Please let Dave know if you plan to bring a hot dish, snack food, drinks or a dessert. This is a great event to bring a friend, son, grandson or anyone else that you’d like to introduce to the “mighty men” of EB CCC!

SAVE THE DATE
Senior Fellowship

Luncheon
Saturday, March 17th
11:00 am

Come, bring a friend and enjoy a little taste of Ireland as we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. A corned beef dinner will be served.



‘NOT GOOD CHURCH MATERIAL’ IS CHRIST’S MATERIAL

By Stan Friedman

CHICAGO, IL (January 31, 2012) – The lives of people considered “not good church material” can be transformed if the church will build bridges across troubled waters to reach whosoever, wheresoever, howsoever and whensoever, Bishop Vashti McKenzie told the gathering at the opening worship service of the Midwinter Conference (Evangelical Covenant Church).

“Jesus came preaching a whosoever message at the time when everyone had a me-so-ever attitude,” McKenzie said. Unfortunately, the church too often reflects the latter. Christians are just interested in the whosoever who are just like them, and the rest are outsiders who the church keeps that way, she added. McKenzie drew on the text from Matthew 15:21-28, in which a Canaanite woman begged Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter.

“Girlfriend was not church material,” McKenzie said. “She was on the fringe of humanity, helpless and homeless.” She was an outsider of outsiders. The disciples were as eager to get rid of the annoying and unclean woman as were the religious leaders, she observed. “There seemed to be more interest in building barriers than bridges,” McKenzie said.



McKenzie, the first woman to be elected bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, acknowledged the text has often troubled Christians because of Jesus’ seemingly cold-hearted and bigoted response to the woman’s pleas. But Jesus was setting up the disciples and others who thought they were righteous, she suggested.,,,

Aside from obviously broken individuals who are outside the church, Christians must remember the whosoever also means those who agree with my opinions theologically or politically. “When we go to church, we are looking for confirmation, not confrontation,” McKenzie said, quoting author Peter Gomes...

“Maybe if we stop waiting for a tragedy to occur, we will realize there is more uniting us than divides us,” she said. “Let’s build bridges over troubled waters.” Unity is built on the memory of the love God has shown each of us, “remembering always there was a time when you weren’t church material. There was no search party looking for you to bring you in.”

“Yes, for all of us, there was a time when we were not church material, but thank God we have always been Christ material.”