



# COVENANT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

...a place to belong  
...a place to believe  
...a place to become

Established as a local congregation in 1884, we are grateful to God for the opportunity He has given us to serve Jesus Christ among the people of Easton and the surrounding communities.

### For Your Information:

- Assistive listening devices are available in the narthex by the Sound Room.
- Nursery care is provided downstairs for children (Birth-Kindergarten)
- Parenting Room is accessible through the Library off of the narthex.
- Large print copies of the bulletin and hymns are available from the ushers.
- White offering envelopes are available in the pews for donations to our Benevolence Fund which we use to support each other financially.

<b>Lead Pastor:</b>	Jason O. Mohn
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Ginny Elson
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Steve Willette
<b>Interim Ministry Associate:</b>	Sheri Anderson
<b>Office Manager:</b>	Nancy Sullivan
<b>Organist:</b>	Susan Santry
<b>Pianist:</b>	Alice Fu
<b>Sanctuary Keeper (December):</b>	Open
<b>Sound &amp; Video Technician (Lead):</b>	Adam Buckley

For more information, please see Weekly Email Blast or  
The Monthly Newsletter called The Tidings or  
visit our website at [www.ecovchurch.org](http://www.ecovchurch.org)

### YTD Financials as of November 25, 2017–

Income \$249,729.98, Expenses \$254,609.15, Net Deficit (4,879.17).

### Covenant Congregational Church

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## Announcements for the Week of December 3, 2017

### The Week Ahead

#### Sunday - December 3

8:30 a.m. Adult Choir (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School (CI Rm)  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanc)  
3:45 p.m. La Salette YG Outing  
7:30 p.m. Basketball (AC) Mo

#### Monday - December 4

7:00 p.m. Knitting (Lib)  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
(Chapel)  
7:30 p.m. Gathering of Comfort &  
Hope Stephen Min(Sanc)

#### Tuesday, December 5

7:00 p.m. Child/Youth Ministry Mtg

#### Wednesday - December 6

10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study (FS)  
4:45 p.m. No Vacancy Rehearsal  
6:00-8:00 p.m. The Journey (FS)  
7:00 p.m. Yoga (Narthex)

#### Thursday - December 7

7:30 p.m. Prayer Hour (Chapel)

#### Sunday - December 10

8:30 a.m. Adult Choir (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School (CI Rm)  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanc)  
1:30 p.m. Cocoa, Cookies & Carols  
for Kids  
5:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. YG Carols  
7:30 p.m. Basketball (AC)

### Advent Season Preview

Sunday, December 3, 10:30 AM—Advent  
Worship—HOPE.

Unity Church Hand Bell Choir

Sunday, December 10, 10:30 AM—Advent  
Worship—PEACE.

1:30 PM—Cocoa, Cookies, and Carols for Kids

5:30 PM—Jr. & Sr. High Caroling to the Elderly

Sunday, December 17, 10:30 AM—Advent Worship—JOY.

During our regular church service, our Sunday School Children will be performing a program called NO VACANCY: A Children's Christmas musical.

Sunday, December 24, 10:30 AM—Advent Worship—LOVE, with  
Advent Candle Lighting

Sunday, December 24, 4:00PM—Family Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24, 11:00PM—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.





## Unity Church Hand Bell Choir of North Easton

We are pleased to welcome the Unity Church English Hand Bell Choir of North Easton to play for our service TODAY, as we joyfully and expectantly ring in the Advent season!

The choir was founded in 1991 upon receipt of a gift of Schulmerich hand bells by Elizabeth Ames. The bell choir was directed by Richard Hill for 25 years until his retirement in 2015, and has since that time been directed by Susan Maffa, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, who has also been the soprano soloist at Unity Church for nearly 30 years. The bell choir has performed throughout Southeastern Massachusetts, including concerts at Borderland Manson, Fanueil Hall, with the Brockton Symphony, and at many local church and Grange events.

Members are Anne Hutchinson, Anne Fredericks, Dottie Cummings, Sandra Hill, Diane McKay, Peggy O'Loughlin, Cindy Olson, Sarah Morse, and our own Joy Larson, Marilyn Mears, and Linda Wainwright.

**LaSalette, this evening, December 3rd**, the Jr. and Sr. High will be going to LaSalette to view the Christmas Lights. Please meet at the church at 3:45 pm. Bring money for hot chocolate or food. Friends welcome.



## New England Seafarers Mission



The Missions Ministry invites you to fill a shoebox with travel-size items such as soap, shampoo, mouthwash, toothpaste, combs, razors, gum, candy, cough drops, nuts, winter hats, warm socks, gloves, air fresheners, Bible and a Christmas card.

Wrap the box in festive paper and bring the boxes to church by December 17. Don't have a shoebox?? Please contact Lita Kuipers at [lk83cw@verizon.net](mailto:lk83cw@verizon.net).

## A Gathering of Comfort & Hope

Monday, December 4, 2017

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Stephen Ministry of Covenant  
Congregational Church



*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18*

Christmas is perceived to be a time when we are to experience extraordinary joy: the joy of the birth of Our Savior, Jesus; the joy of gathering with loved ones; the joy of giving and receiving.

Yet, because of the very nature of this season, many people are suffering with the great pain of grief, loneliness, anxiety, and depression. The source of our greatest joy becomes the source of our greatest sadness. It is at this most difficult time that we can experience a deep awareness of a true meaning of Christmas: **God is with us.**

Emmanuel means "God with us." The significance of Christmas is that we celebrate our God being with us. Jesus was born. Jesus died. But Jesus rose and promised to be with us always. The Good News is that although there is death, there is resurrection. Let us remember that Christmas is the celebration of the fact that we are not alone. God is present to comfort and heal us. Emmanuel, our God, is with us.

Please come and join the Stephen Ministry for Comfort & Hope.



## Music Makers "Cocoa, Cookies and Carols Event" for Kids

Ms. Jenelle Markell invites all children in pre-school through primary school (Approximately) to join her for Cocoa,

Cookies, and Carols on Sunday, December 10, at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room. There will be bells for ringing and songs for singing as we joyfully celebrate the Christmas season with our youngest Music Makers and their friends! Open and free to all!