



# 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:

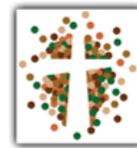
- Assistive listening devices are available in the narthex by the Sound Room.
- Nursery care is provided downstairs for children (Birth-Kindergarten)
- Parenting Room is accessible through the Library off of the narthex.
- Large print copies of the bulletin and hymns are available from the ushers.
-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

**Lead Pastor:** Jason O. Mohn  
**Choir Director:** Ginny Elson  
**Head Usher:** Steve Willette  
**Interim Ministry Associate:** Sheri Anderson  
**Office Manager:** Nancy Sullivan  
**Organist:** Susan Santry  
**Pianist:** Alice Fu  
**Sanctuary Keepers (December):** Gordon Mears, Nancy Hall, Judy Buck  
**Sound & Video Technician (Lead):** 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)

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## Announcements for the Week of December 10, 2017

### The Week Ahead

#### 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)

#### Monday - December 11

7:00 p.m. Knitting (Lib)  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

#### Tuesday - December 12

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (FS)  
 7:00 p.m. Mom's in Prayer (Chapel)

#### Wednesday - December 13

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 14

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

#### Sunday - December 17

8:30 a.m. Adult Choir (Sanctuary)  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (CI Rm)  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanc)/  
                   No Vacancy Play  
 4:30 p.m. Jr. YG Party  
 6:00 p.m. Sr. YG Party  
 7:30 p.m. Basketball (AC)



### Taize Introit

Our introit today, *Wait for the Lord*, Hymn 143, originated in Taize, a tiny village in Burgundy, France, the home of an ecumenical monastic community. In that community, a style of music evolved which has become especially popular among college-age worshippers. According to its founder, Brother Roger, Taize music "seeks to add a prayerful element to music, and a musical element to prayer." As we prayerfully lift our voices in song together and enter a time of worship, may we feel the power of this blending.

### 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!



## Children & Youth Ministry Updates -

After the resignation of our staff director, we are pleased to announce two new volunteers who recently started working with Children & Youth Ministry. Jenelle Markell will be coordinating our Sunday School curriculum and Rachel Mohn will be coordinating Nursery Care for children 5 and under.

One change to our programming, without a Children's Church Coordinator, we are placing Children's Church on hold for the foreseeable future. The children who are kindergarten through fifth grade will be integrated into the Worship Gathering on Sunday mornings and we will add to the frequency of Children's Sermons and other kid-friendly elements during our Worship Gathering.

If you are interested in assisting with this or any other element of our Children & Youth Spiritual Formation Ministry, please contact the chair of this ministry, Karen Short, for more information at [CYSFM@ecovchurch.org](mailto:CYSFM@ecovchurch.org).

### Moms in Prayer International -- Praying for Children and Schools

We will be starting a small group beginning in January 2018. Part of the purpose of this group is to stand in the gap for our children through prayer and to provide hope and strength to moms who carry heavy burdens for their children. Please attend a quick informational meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 to find out more.

Contact Cathy Zelinski at [CALZelinski@aol.com](mailto:CALZelinski@aol.com) with any questions.



### Buying any Gift Card this year? One stop shopping for all your gift cards this Christmas!

Do you shop at Target, Walmart, Old Navy, The Nike Store, UnderArmor, Home Depot, Lowes, or Amazon? Eat out at Panera, Subway, Starbucks, Dunkies, Chili's, or Bertucci's? If you buy your Gift Cards from the Sr. High Youth Group, a percentage of the card value goes to help defray the costs of CHIC and other youth events. Some retailers give as much as 14%.

The list of retailers is extensive. You can check them out at <http://www.glscrips.com>.

Directions and paper order forms are available at the display in the narthex.

Or, you can set-up your own on-line account using the enrollment code:

**7FC6DF233451.**

Orders can be placed weekly through Christmas. The cards are delivered that same week. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cathy Zelinski at [CALZelinski@aol.com](mailto:CALZelinski@aol.com).

### 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).



### Use the CHIC Post Office to deliver your Christmas Cards!

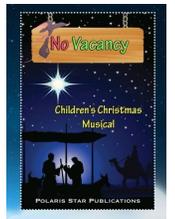
Drop off your postal addressed Christmas cards at the CHIC post office set up in the narthex (lobby) and help send out youth to CHIC (Covenant High in Christ, a national Covenant youth event.)

For a donation, the Sr. High youth will hand deliver your cards to church members after church each Sunday in Advent.

The post office is now open. You may drop off your cards in the marked basket until *before* morning worship on December 24. The earlier you drop them off, the better. Any cards not delivered by Christmas Eve will be sent via USPS. Please keep in mind that First Class postage is now .49 cents. All proceeds help defray the cost of CHIC.

### "No Vacancy" a Christmas Musical

Our Annual Christmas Children's Service led by the Sunday School Children will be on December 17th during our regular worship service.



Bethlehem is about to be overrun by "Tourists", coming into town for the tax. This is bad news for a stable full of animals. Together, the animals scheme ways to keep the "tourists" out of Bethlehem. However, before they know it, a young couple expecting a Baby, has taken up residence in their stable!

Practice times for the program will continue on December 13th at 4:45 pm. We will also continue practicing during Sunday School (9:15-10:15 am) on December 10th and 17th (the day of the performance).