

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

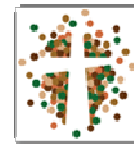
For more information, please see Weekly Email Blast or
The Monthly Newsletter called The Tidings or
visit our website at www.ecovchurch.org

YTD Financials as of November 25, 2017-

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

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Announcements for the Week of December 17, 2017

The Week Ahead

Sunday - December 17

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal (Sanc)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanc)/
No Vacancy Play
- 4:30 p.m. Jr. YG Party (Nelson's)
- 6:00 p.m. Sr. YG Party (FS)
- 7:30 p.m. Basketball (AC)

Monday - December 18

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

Tuesday - December 19

- 12:00 p.m. Friendship Club (FS)

Wednesday - December 20

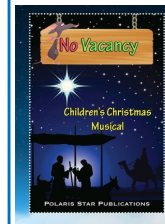
- 8:45 a.m. Tiny Tot Holiday Show
- 10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study (FS)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Journey (FS)
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga (Narthex)

Thursday - December 21

- 8:45 a.m. Tiny Tot Holiday Show
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Hour (Chapel)

Sunday - December 24

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (CI Rm)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanc)
- 3:30 p.m. Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
(with Children's Message)
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service



"No Vacancy" a Christmas Musical

Today, during our worship service, we will have our Annual Christmas Children's Service led by the Sunday School Children. 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!

On **Sunday, December 24**, we will have three services:

The **10:30 service** will include a joyful entrance processional with trumpet as the congregation sings "O Come All Ye Faithful." Our Festival Choir will sing the anthem "Christmas Jubilation" as we mark the Advent Sunday of Love.

The **4 p.m. & 11 p.m. Candlelight Services** entitled "Finding Christ in the Carols," will explore the deeper meaning behind the songs. A special Children's Message will be shared by Pastor Jason at the 4 p.m. service and the carols will be accompanied by the choir and a variety of instruments. At both services, Jeff Goldberg, will sing a beautiful rendition of "O Holy Night."





News from the Nursery: There will be no nursery care for our littlest ones TODAY, as all ages are invited to the sanctuary for a service led by our older children! Additionally, we are looking for people who might be interested in serving in the nursery (children ages 0-5) one Sunday per month, from 10:15 a.m. until the end of the service (approximately 11:30-11:45 a.m.). Volunteers will receive a brief training on procedures as well as some helpful resources. As children are near and dear to God's heart, we are committed to providing a warm, welcoming place for them (and their families). Last week we had seven children in the nursery and we expect more during Christmas! Would you consider helping us be the hands and feet of Jesus in this special way? Please contact Rachel Mohn at keepingitrachel@gmail.com if you would like to learn more.



Friendship Club

Please join us Tuesday,
December 19th at Noon

in the Fireside Room for Friendship Club.



The December luncheon and meeting of the Friendship Club will be held on December 19th, at noon in the Fireside Room. After lunch we will be traveling to Southeast Rehab and Nursing Facility on Lincoln Street, Easton to sing Christmas Carols. Bring a dish or dessert to be shared and your plates/utensils.

Please bring in small gifts (up to \$15) to be distributed to the veterans at the VA Hospital in Brockton. Suggested items are:

- * personal comfort items such as socks or underwear,
- * puzzle books,
- * gift cards to Walmart, MacDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, or Wendy's

Bring the gifts in small gift bags to be handed out to the patients. Owen and Hazel Hayes will be taking them over to the veterans.
All are Welcome!

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.



2017 Annual Report Deadline

Please turn in your annual report information into the church office by January 7th, so that the collective Ministries, Committees and Council information may be compiled/copied for the Annual Church Meeting. Thank you.