

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

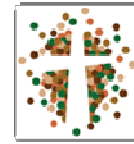
For more information, please see Weekly Email Blast or The Monthly Newsletter called The Tidings or visit our website at www.ecovchurch.org

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 31, 2017

The Week Ahead

Sunday - December 31

9:15 a.m. Group Sunday School (CI Rm)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanc)

Monday - January 1

New Year's Day

Wednesday - January 3

10:30 a.m. Midweek Bible Study (FS)
6:00 p.m. The Journey
7:00 p.m. Yoga (Narthex)

Thursday - January 4

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

Friday - Jan. 5 thru Sunday - Jan. 7

SR. HIGH WINTERFEST

Sunday - January 7

8:15 a.m. Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. Sunday School (CI Rm)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanc)
11:45 a.m. Calling All Kids

Calling All Kids!

Come join us for a four week introductory music class for kids grades PK-5 who love to sing, dance, play instruments and just make some joyful noise! All are welcome, regardless of any church/religious affiliations, free of charge!



January 7, 14, 21, & 28 @ 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Parents are welcome to attend with their children and we encourage kids to bring friends! To register contact Jenelle Markell at jenellemark29@gmail.com



As of **December 15**, the Nominating Committee is still looking for leaders to chair six of our eleven Ministries for the 2018 Ministry Season.

Leadership roles include Church Council Chair, Finance, Evangelism & Outreach, Care Ministry, Mission & Service, and Whole Life Stewardship Ministries. These leadership roles essential for the continuation of our ministry in its current form and are reserved for current members of the congregation.

If you have any interest in exploring one of these opportunities, please talk with Pastor Jason, or any of the Nominating Committee members, Elmore Dyer, Hazel Hayes, Joyce Nelson, or Jerry Marsan.

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 prior to the Annual Church Meeting. Thank you.

The Covenant Bible Reading Experience returns to CCC with new focus called Beginnings. Like the rebuilders of Ezra and Nehemiah, we will embark on a new adventure together by the Torah--the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). The reading challenge starts Sunday, January 7th with participants encouraged to gather with multiple small groups to discuss four open-ended questions:



1. What stood out to you this week?
2. Was there anything confusing or troubling?
3. Did anything make you think differently about God?
4. How might this change the way we live?

The first group discussions will begin with the **Adult Spiritual Formation Class** held on Sunday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m.. The **Monday Night Men's Group** will also be discussing these readings starting January 15th at 7 p.m.. Join Evangelical Covenant Church's all over the world in reclaiming our identity as "people of the book" through this communal reading exercise.

Specially formatted Bibles for this reading challenge are available digitally online at <http://immerse.covchurch.org> or hardcopy versions are for sale at the Welcome Center in the narthex for \$10.

Moms in Prayer International -- Praying for Children and Schools

Invitation: To Moms, Grandmothers, Aunties, Sisters, or any woman wanting to cover our kids, teachers & schools in prayer

What: Moms in Prayer International Group

When: Saturday, January 13, 2018

Where: Chapel

Time: 8:00 am-9:00 am

Come as you are for one hour of conversational prayer with God to stand in the gap for our children to provide hope & strength to moms who carry heavy burdens for their children. When we place them into God's care, He calms our fears and fills us with peace and hope. Questions? Contact Cathy Zelinski by email CALZelinski@aol.com or call 508-272-1586



Prayer Vigil: From Brokenness to Wholeness Friday, January 12, - Saturday January 13

At Christmas we celebrate the Light which is our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Yet we are also surrounded by the darkness of this broken world: recent acts of senseless gun violence, rising opioid deaths, natural disasters, division within our government and our own personal struggles. We can become overwhelmed and broken hearted with despair.



In John 10:10, Jesus says, "I came that they might have life and might live abundantly." Through faith and prayer, let us join together in seeking that abundant life and wholeness for ourselves, our church and others.

The Vitality Team will be hosting a 20 hour Prayer Vigil on Friday, January 12 beginning at 12:00PM and ending Saturday, January 13 at 8:00AM. You are invited to come to the sanctuary where a number of different prayer stations will be set-up with ideas, activities and resources to focus your prayer if that is helpful to you. We also hope to offer a remote access on-line "prayer room" option for those who wish to pray at home.

You are encouraged to ask friends and neighbors if they have specific prayer requests that they would like us to pray for during this time. Friends are also welcome to participate in the vigil. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. We are hoping to have at least one person sitting vigil through each hour of the night. Together, let us seek God's light and wholeness.

For more information, please contact Sandy Willette or Judy Buck.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Covenant Congregational Church?

We have a membership class scheduled for Sunday, January 21st from 12:30-4:00 p.m. It includes lunch and discussion. We have others interested in this class, so we should have a good group.

If this time and date do not work for you, please let the Church Office know and we will schedule an additional date that might accommodate your schedule.

