

Pastor's Log August 19, 2020

What is the story you have to tell? What is the story that this story will tell?

That is a question that has been resonating lately. You can hear it in the speeches of the convention this week. Years from now, when your children, your grandchildren, your great children, ask you about this dark time, what will you tell them? When they ask what you did, what will you say?

It's a question that I have been asked by the reading I have been doing preparing for our visioning process, and I have prepared for my teaching this fall. What is your story, what is the story of your faith? What is the story of the pain you are in? What is the story of the joy you have found? What is your story?

What happens when we take the time to tell our story, or better yet, take the time to listen to another telling their story. As we listen, or are listened to, connections are made. We learn about the other as we listen, and as we are listened to, we learn trust. Relationship deepens, and understanding of the other comes, simply through the telling of the story.

We have stories to tell, we have a particular story to tell that is needed in our particular times. It is the story of our faith. But, even more it is the story of how we have experienced the grace of God who is present here, now, in our lives. That is the story that our neighbors, our community, our nation, our world needs to hear in these traumatic times.

Alan Grant has written the hymn, *The World Is Full of Stories* that includes this verse:

It tells of the anguish God's love was bound to bear,
To conquer death and evil and fathom our despair.
As we repeat the story hope comes to life and thrives,
To make the love of Jesus the story of our lives.

What is your story, what is our story that we shall tell into the death, evil and despair, bringing hope alive?

In Christ's service,

Pastor Paul

Remember to participate in naming of this congregation's future. Go to ewcov.vision@gmail.com to share your vision for the future of the congregation, how it can share the story of our faith, and what you think a good name would be for this congregation as it moves into the future Christ has in store for it.

Please note that all donations to the Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church should be made out to that name.

See the attached flyer below regarding our effort to gather school supplies, uniforms, and backpacks for the families connected to the Eastern Service Workers Association in Trenton.

Join us for Zoom worship, Bible Study, and conversations at the following links:

Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church at Worship

Every Sunday, 10:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/910100569>

Or by telephone dial 1-929-205-6099, if asked, enter the Webinar ID: 910 100 569

Sunday Morning Bible Study - 9:00 AM Led by Sam Bonner

<https://zoom.us/j/564813133?pwd=W XV3dk5zYlkvUGJDUUEwZEc2R3REdz09>

By phone, dial 1-646-558-8656 and enter when asked the meeting ID 564-813-133

Tuesday and Thursday Chat's with Pastor Ann

Tuesdays at 10 AM to 11 AM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81010467123?pwd=UDNqWG5pN0t3MFJUeDN5SFcvQnpzdz09> Meeting ID: 810 1046 7123 Password: 271785

By phone +1- 929- 436-2866 enter password: 271785

Thursdays at 7 PM to 8 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/960150849?pwd=bTdYTVV3S1M0R2xmenZSWlc5MnhMUT09>

Meeting ID: 960 150 849 Password: 079496 By phone dial 1-929 -436- 2866 Password: 079496

Wednesday Evening Faith Conversations with Pastor Paul 6:30-7:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/251970464>

By phone dial 1-929-205-6099 or 1-301-715-8592 enter Meeting ID: 251-970-464

See below for School Supply Flyer. ↓↓

Urgent Need: Back to School supplies for ESWA

requested list:

backpacks (variety of sizes, middle-school/high school age kids is top priority.)

pocket folders

spiral note books (~150 college ruled)

3 ring binders (variety of sizes)

pairs of scissors (sharp and safety)

Crayons

pencils

glue sticks

erasers- pink and pencil cap

children's educational activity books (English and/or Spanish), School clothing...particularly

black tennis shoes, white or navy polo shirts, khaki pants



Supplies can be dropped off at the Scout Hut or church office

by Friday, August 28th!

Monetary donations to go towards the purchase of supplies are appreciated as well. Mark as donation for ESWA Back to School

Questions call Carol Hecky or Don Lovett

