



# CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of the Ewing - Covenant Presbyterian Church

November 2020

## Connecting Thoughts

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks  
to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ,  
the Son.

November is a month that begins and ends with thanksgiving to God. We begin with All-Saints Day, as we give thanks for the lives of those who have died over the course of the past year. We celebrate the lives they lived, the gifts they shared, for the ways God touched us through their living, through their faith, through the loved they share. We also recognize that they are part of an endless throng of witnesses who have gone before, whose lives of faith testify to the presence and providence of God in and through all time. It is there long witness that teaches us to trust in the Lord, our God. They remind us that we are a part of that great cloud of witnesses; those who believe, those who will believe, and those who have left this life and now see the face of God. We give thanks.

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song  
of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter's storms  
begin.

God our maker doth provide for our wants to  
be supplied.

Come to God's own temple come; raise the  
song of harvest home.

This traditional hymn reminds us that the end of November is our official Thanksgiving holiday. A time of giving thanks to God for the harvest is a part of every culture. Rooted in our agrarian past, it notes the importance of the plentiful harvest as people prepared for the winter season. It is a time of gathering with family and friends, and of celebrating the ties that bind us to one another. That will make this Thanksgiving during the Covid 19 Pandemic all the more emotional.

Thanksgiving also celebrates the truth that God does and will provide. We give thanks.

Now thank we all our God with heart and  
hands and voices, with heart and hands and  
voices,

Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this  
world rejoices...

This will be a special season of thanksgiving for me this year. In the midst of all that is going on in this troubled world; the dual pandemics of Covid and Racism, the bitterness of our political climate, the growing impact of climate change and the devastation it brings, the growing worldwide crisis of migration and immigration, there is still much to be thankful for. And for me that realization, that God is still at work in this world, and still "doth provide", provides the firm foundation on which my, our, lives carry on. We give thanks.

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving season? Call it out, sing thanksgiving to God. For I believe that our ability to hold the

awareness of God's presence and providence in our lives shapes our ability to experience joy and know excitement for our lives. Thanksgiving frames our lives. It provides the lenses through which we will see and experience the world. Give thanks.

In thanksgiving to God,  
Pastor Paul



*We will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Encourage one another with these words. ---1  
Thessalonians 4:17-18*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this coming Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate communion and also remember the saints from our church who have gone before us and now belong to the church triumphant. Since last All Saints Sunday in 2019, sixteen persons (listed below) have died and now have everlasting life in Jesus Christ. And they take their place among the great cloud of witnesses which surround us, always.

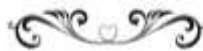
You may recall last year's celebration, which was in-person, and held in our worship space. Our bulletin from that Sunday's worship service contained two separate lists, one from Covenant Presbyterian Church and the other from Ewing Presbyterian Church. By the movement of the Spirit, as well as the subsequent work of the two church Sessions since that time, we are now one church, united together.

We truly do belong to one another. As you read over the list of saints, some tears are to be expected because we may still mourn. In the instances of those who have died most recently, our grief is just beginning to heal. Some of these persons impacted our congregational life together in years past, more so than in recent times. And due to the covid19 virus, we have missed being in others' physical presence in

these times. Yet, regardless of circumstances, each of these brothers and sisters in Christ proclaimed the gospel during worship in our midst and by sharing their gifts in discipleship and living out lives of faith. And our hearts fill with joy as remember all that these saints shared with us. We remember them.

The November 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday worship promises to be poignant and joyful as we lift up these saints with thanksgiving. All are invited to stay a bit longer after worship to experience a jazz concert given to us by Peter Lauffer. We celebrate because, as the apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, not even death cannot separate us from the love of God.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ann



**Remembering these saints  
on All Saints Sunday:** *H. Wayne Berens, Scott Forrest, Elizabeth E. Lamb, Jeffrey Laschever, Nancy Mooney, Marjorie A. Moore, Fred T. Pregger, Edwin S. Sandford, Elizabeth Schnerr, John E. Smith, Eugene S. Taylor, J. David Tregurtha, Vera Urbano, Elnora Harriet Williams, Winfield P. Yahn, Doris Strzelec*

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## **Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 22, 2020**

In accordance with the by-laws of the congregation, the Session has called for a meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church to be held immediately following worship on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the congregation to serve as Elders, Deacons, and as members of the Congregational Nominating Committee.

## **Nominating Committee seeks Your Recommendations**

The Nominating Committee seeks your suggestions for people to serve as Elders and Deacons, and on the Nominating Committee of the church. They should be people of faith, actively involved in the life and ministry of the church, communicate members. Please include why you think they would be good officers of the church. Please send your recommendations to the Church Office, or to Pastor Paul at [pastorpaul@ewingpres.org](mailto:pastorpaul@ewingpres.org), or Pastor Ann at [pastorann@ewingpres.org](mailto:pastorann@ewingpres.org) by November 11.

The current Elders are Barbara Brezak, Bette Schubert, Carol Hecky, Carol Taylor, Cindy Strain, Erica Cowan, Helen Kull, Isaac Mungra, Joanne Durham, Judy Carapezza, Laura Wallin, Michael Cieplechowicz, Mike Hecky, Nancy Coleman, Pam Hoffman, Pam Miller, Sandra Austin

The current Deacons are Jane Kidder, Lisa King, Rachel Morgan, Sandy Pezzillo, Bob Schofield, Katie Houghton, Patty Maisano, Jane Perelli, Suzie Wentworth, Dyshel Harvey, Nina Morgan, Maegan Strain, Julia Sobey, Ken Harvey, Mary Hough, Ruth Palmer, Liz Schofield, Ralph Sims



### **November Worship at Ewing-Covenant**

We will continue our virtual worship services, gathering on-line at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Due to increased security protocols you may be placed in a waiting room when you dial in by phone or connect by computer. You will then be admitted to the worship webinar as you have joined in the past. Here are the Zoom and Phone links for our worship:

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

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

Our recorded worship services can be viewed on You Tube at Ewing Covenant Worshipping Community.

### **Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Day**

10:00 Worship via Zoom

Sacrament of Communion - Celebration of our saints who died during the past year  
Pastor Paul preaching  
Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

### **Sunday, November 8 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 Worship via Zoom

Pastor Paul preaching

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 1-13

### **Sunday, November 15 - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 Worship via Zoom

Pastor Paul preaching

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

### **Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King Sunday**

10:00 Worship via Zoom

Pastor Ann preaching

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

### **Sunday, November 29 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

10:00 Worship via Zoom

Pastor Paul preaching

Isaiah 46:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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

<https://zoom.us/j/564813133?pwd=WxV3dk5zYlkvUGJDUUEwZEc2R3REDz09>

By phone, dial 1-646-558-8656 and enter when asked the meeting ID 564-813-133 enter passcode: 651735

### **Tuesday and Thursday Chat's with Pastor Ann**

**Tuesdays at 10 AM to 11 AM.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81010467123?pwd=UDNqWG5pNot3MFJUeDN5SFcvQnpzd09>

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=bTdYTUVV3S1MoR2xmenZSWlc5MnhMUT09>  
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

Check in with other folk, then view or listen to a short video and explore how our times have affected how we understand God, and Christ's command to love one another. Join by Zoom Link or phone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86079729283>  
By phone dial 1-929-205-6099 or 1-301-715-8592 enter Meeting ID: 251-970-464

Please remember that our **Worshipping Community will continue to need your financial support** during this unprecedented time. Your gifts, your tithes, your offering envelopes will continue to support us through this challenge. Your contributions can be mailed to the church office or dropped through the mail slot in the door of the church office. You can also contribute to the Ewing Church online through the congregation's website, [ewingchurch.org](http://ewingchurch.org), or use the more efficient route of arranging for your bank to make a direct deposit to the church. This would allow you to make regular contributions from your account to the church's. If you are interested in this, please contact the church office and we will provide more information.

**Note:** Kindly make all checks out to "Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church". This is important so that we can close out the old CPC bank account.

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## *Church* DEACONS DEACON'S DOIN'S

The holidays are coming and the Deacons are working to organize ways to reach out to those in need and to our own members during this special time of year, but also safely during this difficult time in the history of this nation and

world. As always, your board of deacons tries to keep in touch with the church family through calls, porch visits (though impending winter will end those) and cards. However, November and December are times when we ask you, the members of this wonderful church family, to donate and help make the holidays better for those in need.

Below is a list of ways you can get in the holiday spirit and safely contribute:



A number of gift cards will be sent to our college students in the next couple of weeks. We don't want to miss anyone.

So, if you have not submitted the name or names of your family member away at college or working remotely this year, you have until Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to do so.



Thanksgiving baskets – we can't all get together to pack boxes for families from Head Start this year but know that their needs are greater than ever.

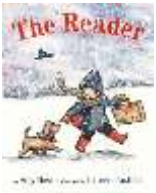
So, we are going to give them a gift card to buy food or whatever they feel is most needed to help mark that day. If you wish to contribute, make a check out to Ewing-Covenant Church and designate Thanksgiving basket in the memory line.



Our Giving Tree this year will be a decorated box in the Scout Hut where you can donate gloves, socks, hats, mittens, and scarves for both children and adults. They will be distributed to Head Start children, families from the Eastern Service Workers and also Homefront. The deacons will take money from their funds to help finance this Christmas giving.

We are also looking for donations to supply our Head Start families with gift cards to purchase food or necessities at Christmas time. Again, all checks should be made out to church but designated Deacon's Christmas gifts.





Lastly, be thinking about donating a children's book so that we can give each Head Start child a wrapped gift for the holidays.

Again, there will be a box in the Scout Hut for your donation or a check can be made out to church and designated Deacon's children's book donation. Look for a list of suggested titles in the near future.

Recognizing that even in our isolation, we can do much to bring holiday cheer to others, the Deacons thank you and wish you peace, health and many blessings of the season.

**Mission Doings:**

During this time every single part of our society and support services have been put under strain as we try to keep up with our biblical tasks of caring for those in need. Here are some of the things we have been doing:

- Offering ECHO a place to have their office in the Red and White Building (Senior Citizens).
- A successful school supplies campaign for ESWA in August and the delivery of food for members and other resources.
- Working on funding for local groups feeling the strain in the current crisis, particularly those groups with residential programs (LifeTies—young adults who have maxed out of the foster care system;
- Continue supporting the children and families of the Head Start Program housed in the Education Building.

**Adult Education:**

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/81923102879>

**Zoom meetings of Adult Education at 2PM on Sundays** have met with great discussions. These past two weeks we've focused on "What is means to be a Matthew 25 Church" with the study of Matthew 25 scriptures and on the possible directions we might go in the future. Some great ideas came out of the discussions.

*But All of Us Need to Know--*

What is the Matthew 25 vision? It's really simple. It is a call for the Presbyterian Church

(U.S.A) to be actively engaged in their communities by working toward:

- Building congregational vitality
- Dismantling structural racism
- Eradicating systemic poverty

To be a Matthew 25 church simple means that you are committed to pouring life, energy, and action into one or more of these three focuses. These urgent tasks are a direct response to the good news of Jesus and a faithful expression of what it means to be Christ's disciples in this time and place so the Session has voted that the Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian church join with others to become a Matthew 25 Church.

**In November:** Nov 1, 8, 15, 22

Over the next four weeks we will explore "structural racism" using *The Good White Racist?* by Kerry Connelly. Come and join the discussion but be aware it's ***Talking about Race "Willing to be Uncomfortable with an Uncomfortable Topic"***. This is one of the ways we are trying to continue our work as a Matthew 25 Church.

We have copies of the book available. Contact Pam Hoffman at 609-883-3772. A donation of \$10 per book is kindly suggested.



**TRENTON  
PSYCHIATRIC  
HOSPITAL**

***CHRISTMAS COLLECTION  
WITH PURPOSE***

*BELOW IS A LIST OF ITEMS THAT CAN BE COLLECTED. THESE ARE USEFUL, WELCOME AND MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE RESIDENTS.*

**GENERAL GIFTS FOR RESIDENTS**

Stuffed animals with embroidered features, long sleeved sweaters, blouses and sweatshirts, sweat suits, gloves, hats, knit hats

**ESPECIALLY FOR MEN**

Socks, Long sleeved sports shirts\*, Long

sleeved flannel shirts\*, \*sizes L, XL, XXXL needed.

### **FOR RECREATIONAL THERAPY**

Playing Cards, Current magazines (2months), Notepads, Christmas, Hanukah cards, Notepads, (No books, magazines or notepads with staples or Spiral binding please.) Colored Pencils

### **GOOD GROOMING AIDS**

Shampoo, conditioner, Hand and body lotion, Combs, Brushes, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Pocket Tissue Packs, Lipstick, Lip Balms, (Nothing with alcohol, in glass containers, or aerosol, please).

### **ALSO REQUESTED**

2021 Calendars, Watches, Wallets, Coin purses,

**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP GIFTS.** For more information, call the auxiliary: (609) 633-1595 Mondays between the hours of 10am – 2pm.



*Newly listed*

**Ken Hutchens**, *nephew of Dick Anthony*  
**John Hand**, husband of Jewell Hand  
**Christal Ruehule and Gerhard Zilz**, *sister and brother of Ingrid Pope.*  
**Corrine Cassidy and her husband David**, *sister and brother in law of Dick Anthony*  
**Berens family: Harriet Berens**, her daughters  
**Loren Ciccone, Dr. Mari Berens, and Kristen Berens-Smart**; grandchildren **Julie and Joseph Ciccone**; Harriet's sister **Doris Wiles, Diane Watson**, *niece of Harriet Berens*  
**Robert Markley, Sr.**, *father-in-law of Nancy Orhun*  
**Eleanor Everitt**  
**Gary Miller**  
**Eddie Multop**  
**John Breckenridge**  
**Helen Birchenough**

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**Bonnie Brandt**

**Michael Brezak**, *son of Barbara Brezak*

**Louise Burroughs**

**Steve Carter**, *friend of Mari Berens*

**Janet Corbin**

**The DeWees Family**

**Maryann Eleuteri**, *friend of Judy Carapezza*

**Eleanor Everitt**, *sister-in-law of Pam Miller*

**Rita Freilinghaus**, *sister of Judy Carapezza*

**Karen Fuchs**, *sister of Laura Wallin*

**Alice Haines**

**Kevin Hecky**

**Lydia Hill**, *cousin of Cathy Holland*

**Joan Hodak** – *Prayers for her continued healing after surgery.*

**Joe Hodak**

**Cathy Holland**

**Dan Hough**

**John Kelso**, *friend of Ginny Saiia*

**Nancy Kriegner**

**Charlie Magee**, *brother of Judy Carapezza*

**Paul Matyas**

**Maureen** – *Friend of Barbara Gigliello*

**Samuel Meservey**, *grandson of Lois Meservey*

**Aaron Morgan**

**Rachel Morgan**

**Carolyn Parham** – *daughter of Betty Newberry*

**Laura Ryan**, *niece of Sandra Gwin*

**Shirley Sandford**

**Michael Baily Schafer**, *grandnephew of Mary Hough*

**Brad Shropshire**, *Doug & Carol Taylor's brother-in-law*

**Dave Snedecker**

**Gwen Thomas**

**Travis Turner**, *nephew of Gay McGraw*

**Gloria Vernam**

**Kaitlynn Webster**, *granddaughter of Nancy Coleman*

**Sam & Peace Weigh**

*To keep the prayer list timely, listings will remain for two editions of the Newsletter (two months' time) and then be taken off. In the event you desire a listing to run longer, or for a shorter time, please contact Pastor Ann, or otherwise let your parish leaders know.*

**Remembering  
our Beloved Departed**

*May the souls of  
the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Marjorie Moore**  
*June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1924 – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020*



**ON NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> – REMEMBER!**



**FREE FLU VACCINATION CLINIC  
INFORMATION AND FORMS**



Ewing Township is hosting an Adult Drive-Thru Vaccination Clinic in November.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** - Adults aged 18 and up. Drive-thru clinic hosted at West Trenton Firehouse located at 40 West Upper Ferry Road from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

You will need to fill out registration forms. You can print out and fill in a form by going to the Township website: [ewingnj.org](http://ewingnj.org)

*On the Home page scroll down to NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, until you see*  
**\*UPDATED\* Free Flu Vaccination Clinic Information and Forms**

Click for more information and to download required Forms.

**ECHO, INC – Energetic Citizens Helping Others** by Jo Carolyn Dent-Clark, Executive Director

While having to move ECHO after 37 years in the same location was a challenge, it also allowed us to learn more of the history of this unique program. We discovered packed away



Contributions from the Ewing-Covenant Congregation to the Peace & Global Witness offering exceeded \$1,000.00. Twenty-five percent of this offering will stay with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our community.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**2020 Parish Directory - Changes**

Here are a few changes and updates that have come in. Please make these changes in your own directories and thank you.

Directory changes

Katie Houghton & Holden Biel  
1943 Utah Street  
St. Louis Missouri 63118

Andrea Zasoski  
157 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Roebing, NJ 08554



in boxes and bins, items of ECHO's history, some dating back to the early '70s, including correspondence, board minutes, brochures, reports and newsletters. We learned that the adage, "some things change, and some things stay the same", certainly applies to ECHO.

ECHO seniors continued to meet, greet, eat, play, and most of all, travel. As we face up to the limitations of the 2020 Pandemic, we are limited in what we can offer nowadays. We saw names that we recognized including some who are still involved with ECHO after more than four decades. They are not doing all of what they used to do but continue to stay connected and support ECHO in many ways. Donna Amick is one such member who has "grown old gracefully" with ECHO. Here is some of the message she shared in ECHO's Newsletter after

resigning from the Board of Directors back in 2015. It encapsulates ECHO's early history and her own experience throughout the years in a unique way.

**A Message from Donna Amick** (*Reprint from ECHO News, November 2015*)

Dear ECHO friends,

It was with great sadness that I resigned from the ECHO Board. As some of you may know, I was there at the beginning, and I was only in my thirties.

I dropped in at my church, Covenant, on a different errand one day in 1972 and found Ken Shirk, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, and Geoff Hunter, assistant pastor at Covenant, hard at work on a document. They said what they needed at the moment was a writer, and how fortunate that I had turned up! So I sat down with them and we came up with a proposal to extend the Lutheran senior program and make it an ecumenical one. It was a simple concept: five churches would each provide one-fifth of the funds to hire a staff person who would develop programs for senior citizens. This person would present a program each weekday at a different church -- Monday, Covenant; Tuesday, Trinity Cathedral; Wednesday, Blessed Sacrament; Thursday, Redeemer, and Friday, Grace.

The rest, of course, is history. Over the years at ECHO, I have taught Bible classes and served on the board (whenever my work schedule would

permit), helped prepare meals, gone on trips, and, at one time, when ECHO was not yet computerized but I was, kept the membership rolls up to date and printed labels once a month for the newsletter. And oh, yes, from 1996 to 2000 served as Executive Director. The latter was my favorite job, but also the worst-paying one! As I told both of my successors, Jane and Jo Carolyn, it's not a job, it's a ministry. *With love, Donna*

## DID YOU KNOW.....



Fred Rogers, better known as Mr. Rogers, was an ordained Presbyterian minister. "I went into television because I hated it so, and I thought there was

some way of using this fabulous instrument to be of nurture to those who would watch and listen," he said.

- **Age:** Dec. at 75 (1928-2003)
- **Birthplace:** Latrobe, Pennsylvania, United States of America







# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>All Saints Day</i> <b>Adult Ed. 2pm –</b> Discussion “Good White Racist” <b>Zoom</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Election            Day</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastor Ann’s Evening Conversation 7pm Zoom Webinar	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <u>Zoom Webinars</u> Worship 10am Bible Study 9am <b>Adult Ed. 2pm –</b> Discussion “Good White Racist”	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pastor Ann’s 10am Fellowship/ Prayers <b>Zoom            Webinar</b>	<b>11</b> Supper Conversation with Pastor Paul 6:30PM Zoom <b>Webinar</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> Pastor Ann’s Evening Conversation 7pm Zoom <b>Webinar</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> <u>Zoom Webinars</u> Worship 10am Bible Study 9am Social Justice 5pm <b>Adult Ed. 2pm –</b> Discussion “Good White Racist”	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Pastor Ann’s 10am Prayers/ Fellowship <b>Zoom            Webinar</b> <i>Session Meeting</i>	<b>25</b> Supper Conversation with Pastor Paul 6:30PM Zoom <b>Webinar</b>	<b>26</b> Pastor Ann’s Evening Conversation 7pm Zoom <b>Webinar</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b> <i>United            Nations            Day</i>
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Please refer to the Worshipping schedule portion of this Newsletter in the above pages for all zoom and phone in connections.