

Pastor's Log 11-18-20

Sharing in this Pandemic Time

Our congregation has always been very generous during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. It is a mark of your faith, and of your caring generosity. Because of this Pandemic Season, some of the ways we will be giving this year will be different.

We will again be providing Thanksgiving meals for about ten Head Start families but will be doing so with gift cards that they can use to purchase what they need. To make a donation to this, simply mark your contribution "Deacon Thanksgiving Baskets. We will still accept donations of food, but they may be distributed in a different way. We will still accept donations of frozen turkeys, but only by contacting the church office to arrange a drop-off time.

You will be reading about many other opportunities to contribute to helping others during this Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. I hope what follows will help you understand how we are gathering things this year.

During this Covid Time the Scout Hut has become the place that we are using to gather donations. Many of you may not be familiar with what that is. If you take the back driveway that passes behind our buildings, go past the back door to the Education Wing, you will see a driveway that leads up into a small parking area. A one story, white building, with a flag before it, sits on the right side of that parking area.

This is the Scout Hut.



If you go up into that small parking area, you will see that the Scout Hut has two doors. The one on the right is for the Quoits Court (that is another whole story). The one to the left is the door for our donation site. The sign on the door says, "Food Donation Center." But anything can be dropped off.

And yes, the door is quite unattractive.



Here is what you will see when you open the door. To the left are tables where you will find Devotionals and other materials you can pick up, and where you can leave food donations that are not designated for a particular purpose.



Straight ahead you will find tables for donations to Head Start, and the box for donations for the patients of the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital.



And to the right you will find tables for donations to the Eastern Service Workers Association, and the Box for the “Mitten Tree” gifts of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves that will go to the Head Start Families, to Mercer St. Friends, and others. There you will also find a box for donations of books, and school supplies.



Remember, to donate any perishable items, contact the church office to schedule a time when someone will be present to receive the donation. (Because of state quarantine regulations, the Head Start staff is not able to assist with drop offs.)

The early church was renowned for the generosity of its people as they responded to God’s generous gift of God’s only Son. May we also be known for our response of generous love.

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Paul

Visioning Process to Continue

Please join with Pastor Paul on Wednesday evening, November 18, 25, and December 9 as we look to know God’s intent for the future ministry of this congregation. What are the priorities for our common life that we find through scripture, and in the living out of this faith we share.

Join each Wednesday evening at 7:00 at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86079729283>
By phone dial 1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 860 7972 9283

Our Scheduled Zoom Gatherings

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
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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

Sunday Afternoon Adult Ed.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81923102879>

By phone, dial 1-929-205-6099 , Meeting ID: 819 2310 2879

Tuesday and Thursday Chat's with Pastor Ann

Tuesdays at 10 AM to 11 AM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81010467123?pwd=UDNqWG5pNot3MFJUeDN5SFcvQnpzdzo9> 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 Vision Conversations with Pastor Paul 7:00 Nov.18, 25, Dec. 9

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