



CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of the Ewing - Covenant Presbyterian Church – October 2021

Our Vision

Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church is called to be a church where people seeking hope find the light and love of Christ and together, joyfully serve the community with abiding love and purpose.

Our Mission - As a church

We find and share the light and love of Christ in prayer, in worship, in fellowship, and in service. We welcome the rainbow of God's children, and we embrace our differences. We gather to develop relationships with God, with each other, and with the world. We are inspired by the Word of God as proclaimed through music, and our love of music strengthens our relationship with the community. We empower others to embody grace, mercy, justice, and peace, guided by the light and love of Christ. We purposely demonstrate compassion, understanding, and generosity to others, inspired by the love of Christ. We open our hearts and our doors to those seeking hope, wholeness, wellness, acceptance, and a place to be seen.

Here's how to participate in the life of our church:

-Suggest a new name for our church. Submit them by snail mail using the form below, email them to churchoffice@ewingpres.org or call in to the church office by dialing 609-882-3673. Or tuck a suggestion into a box provided in the narthex.

-Attend the final CHURCH RETREAT on Saturday October 18th from 9 to noon, here at the church. Attendance at the earlier retreats is not required to join us!

-Look above the doorway to the Worship Space, and read the message there, and then tell Barb Brezak how much you appreciate her and let her know how this fine addition influences your entrance into worship time together!

-Find out "what's up" with the Vision Team! Continuing to "put flesh on the bone" of our new vision and mission statement, and mindful of the input during two retreats so far, the team identifies three strategic priorities: (1) strengthening engagement of the congregation to serve each other and the broader community (2) improving communication (both internal and external communication) and (3) creating a more

inclusive worship. Do you have questions, or want to know more? Speak with, call or email team members Joanne and Rich Durham, Barbara Brezak, Ralph Simms, and Don Lovett!

-Sign up to provide flowers for Sunday worship, and be a "lay reader" during worship. Sign -up sheets are in the narthex, or email/call the church office.

-Welcome our new staff: tech assistant for worship Reese Martinelli, temporary office assistant Julia "OB" Obst, and sexton Alton Powell. (Learn more about them below.)

-Pray for each other.

RETURN TO CHURCH COMMITTEE

Sunday Morning Guidelines

We welcome you as you enter for worship this morning. As you enter, we ask the following of you:

1. If you have not already done so, please fill out a "Hold Harmless" form. Remember that you only need to do this once. *
2. Fill out the Health Form for the day. This helps us know who is present so that we will be able to track who was in attendance should it

become necessary for any health-related reason.*

3. We ask that you remain masked until you leave the worship service and are again outside.

* For your convenience, an updated [COVID Screening Questionnaire](#) is now available on the church website.

WHY DO WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK?

First, know that the Return to Church Committee and the Session are continually examining our protocols and procedures related to the COVID Pandemic. We realize that the State of New Jersey has eliminated almost all restrictions for those who are vaccinated and recommends social distancing and masking for those not vaccinated be continued. Yet, the Pandemic continues to be with us, and the new variants of the disease is heavily striking the unvaccinated. And, while the effectiveness of the vaccine is incredibly high, it is still possible for a vaccinated person to contract Covid while suffering symptoms at a less dangerous level.

While the percentage of our congregation who have been vaccinated is high, we also know that there are those in our midst who are not able to be vaccinated for any number of reasons, including choice. We are an open congregation, welcoming any and all who come to gather with us in worship. We ask that all who attend our worship in person remain masked in order to respect and protect everyone, from the youngest child who cannot be vaccinated, to the oldest person who has been vaccinated but is still vulnerable to the Covid virus. It is for "the least of these" in our midst that we will continue to ask people to wear their mask during in-person worship.

We recognize that masking is difficult for some. If your mask becomes unbearable, we encourage you to step out of the worship service (yes, even during the sermon) and remove your mask once you have passed to the outside.

OCTOBER WORSHIP at E-CPC

Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church will continue to gather both in person and online for worship through the month of September. Those who attend in person are asked to be masked and to continue to practice social distancing. For those who prefer to worship online, the Zoom Link remains the same:

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

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

October 10 20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Worship

Rev. Ann Schoonover preaching

Semicontinuous: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Ps. 22:1-15; Complementary: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Ps. 91:9-16; Heb. 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 17 21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Worship

Seminarian Rosa Ross Preaching

Semicontinuous: Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17 and Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Complementary: Isa. 53:4-12 and Ps. 91:9-16; Heb. 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 24 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Worship

Rev. Ann Schoonover preaching

Semicontinuous: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22); Complementary: Jer. 31:7-9 and Ps. 126; Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

October 31 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Worship

Guest Preacher

ZOOM/IN PERSON MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday Morning Bible Study - 9:00 AM

Led by Sam Bonner

<https://zoom.us/j/564813133?pwd=WxV3dk5ZlkvUGJDUUEwZEc2R3REdz09>

Meeting ID: 564 813 133

By phone: (646) 558-8656

Sunday Afternoon Adult Ed. - Following worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88440429513?pwd=ZzMzZ1B6ZVdaWVlVbjl2NHJIdXlMQTo9>

Meeting ID: 884 4042 9513

Passcode: 111035

Chats with Pastor Ann: Tuesday at 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81010467123pwd=UDNqWG5pNot3MFJUEDN5SFcvQnpzd09>

Meeting ID: 810 1046 7123

Passcode: 271785

By phone: (929) 436-2866

Grief Group with Pastor Ann – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00 PM

Grief Group will be meeting both in person in the parlor room of the Church Office Building and online via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85946835493?pwd=U1dBbHVVQlRVNnU1d25OMThrTmlUZz09>
Meeting ID: 859 4683 5493; Passcode: 891990;
By phone: (929) 436-2866

Lunch Together...from Church and/or Home is held every 3rd Thursday at 11:45AM in the Adult Lounge. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83279089163>
Meeting ID: 832 7908 9163; By phone: (929) 436-2866

Presbyterian Women

RUTH AND TABITHA CIRCLES

Ruth and Tabitha Circles will be meeting together at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 8th in the Adult Lounge. This will be both an in person and a Zoom/phone meeting. All are welcome. We will be reconnecting after a long year and planning our programs for the year. Come join us even if you have never participated in a Presbyterian Women's event before.

If you do not feel comfortable meeting in person or cannot attend for some other reason, the meeting will be accessible on Zoom. All are welcome. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81514129580?pwd=aFBINStaeDVUVGxaamZzU13c1pPQT09>



Meeting ID: 815 1412 9580;
Passcode: 580310
Or call in by phone by dialing: (929) 436-2866

NEW STAFF AND OFFICE

HOURS: Alton Powell is our new sexton, and is enjoying his work here. He invites everyone to stop in the church office and say hello! He looks forward to meeting you! Alton enjoys playing video games and reading James Patterson novels. He describes himself as being "down to earth" and looks forward to continued work here at the church. Julia Obst is also a new member to our staff in the office. She comes in a couple hours a week to help with 'tech stuff' and we are so glad



to have her on board! She is a student and soccer player at TCNJ. Welcome Julia! We also welcome Reese Martinelli into our community as he helps us as a tech assistant at our church services on Sundays. He is a student and football player at TCNJ. Thank you, Reese! As we move into the Fall season, office hours will change to **Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Jerry Coleman, our Financial Secretary will continue to be available to respond to any questions you may have regarding your contributions to the church.



MISSION SEWING

Mission Sewing will meet on **Tuesday, October 19th** for the first time since February 2020. We

plan to discuss future projects, ways to fund raise for Friends for Health in Haiti, have lunch together and just enjoy each other's fellowship. Meeting time is **10 am – around 2 pm in the Adult Lounge**. Bring a sandwich, but dessert and beverage will be provided. We will wear masks except when eating. You do not have to be able to sew to take part in this group. Hope to see many of you there – new as well as old members. This will not be a hybrid meeting.

DEACONS DOINGS

Welcome Fall! The Deacons have been hard at work! As our Congregation moves forward, we are mindful of our tasks, which need the help of all! Some plans for the future: Continue our financial support for Ewing Helping Hands through June 2022; Continue our support for the Head Start kids, which includes food baskets and gifts during the holiday season; Continue working with the Social Justice/Mission Group to identify areas where we could help.



As always, thank you for your support and prayers as our journey continues!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RESUMES

This year, we will explore "**Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living.**" And who among us wouldn't like to live more faithfully in response to God's love for us? The first four-week unit runs through **October 10** and explores how we can "Welcome All" in keeping with the mission statement: "**We welcome the rainbow of God's children, and we embrace our differences.**" Note: This

curriculum has something for all age groups!
Contact Carol Hecky for more info regarding
“**Welcome All**” curriculum for children and
youth.

The hybrid sessions will begin right after
worship. Zoom link provided earlier in
Newsletter.

Thank you to Dyshel Harvey (and Ken Harvey,
too) for help recently in the office. A shout out to
the Dyshel for her work on the Sunday bulletin....
we all appreciate it!

It is with deep sadness that we mourn **Mari
Berens**, who died on the evening of October
2nd, after a long illness. Mari had been a lifelong
member of our church. Friends and family are
invited to Mari’s service which will be held this
Friday at **Wilson Apple Funeral Home**
beginning at 10 am with a brief service at 11 am,
and burial to follow at **Ewing Church
Cemetery**. We lift up Mari’s family and pray
that God’s comfort and solace sustain them in
this time.



Newly Listed

Charlie Magee, brother of Judy Carapezza
Maryanne Eleuteri, friend of Judy Carapezza
Caitlyn Webster, granddaughter of Nancy
Coleman
Carol Martin, friend and former Covenant
member
Winifred Smith, friend of June Scott

Wayne Allen
Judy Carapezza
Ingrid Pope
Esther Clark, friend of Janice Rockmore
Pam Miller
Marjorie Burtis
Loise Burroughs
Jim Disler
Peace Weigh
Carol Martin
Lois Miller, sister of Joan Hodak
Trey Byrd, friend of Bette Schubert
John Hodak, husband of Joan Hodak
Mike Cieplechowicz

Jane Crane, Lucy Smith, Anita Swallow,
friends of Betty Ranson
JoCarolyn Dent-Clark
Margie Burtis
Kathy DiGiacomo, friend of Terri Harvey
Jessica, friend of the Harvey Family

*To keep the prayer list timely, listings will remain for 2
editions of the Newsletter 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.*

A Day with the Blawenburg Band!



Memorial Flowers – Now Scheduling



We are now scheduling Sunday Memorial Church Flowers, beginning Sunday August 8th. If you would like to schedule for a loved one, please fill out the form below. Please make your check for \$48 out to E-CPC and indicate "Sunday Flowers" in the memo line.

DONATED BY: _____ Requested Sunday Date: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (phone or email): _____

NAME OF PERSON(S) FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF: _____

Flower Memorials will be in the Sunday Bulletin

Please cut this form out and send or bring into to the church office along with your donation.

Questions? Please contact the church office at churchoffice@ewingpres.org or 609-882-3673

Suggestion Box!

NEW CHURCH NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (phone or email): _____

Submit this form by snail mail to the church office, email it to churchoffice@ewingpres.org, call into the church office by dialing 609-882-3673, or put this suggestion into a box provided in the narthex!

Follow the **YELLOW BRICK ROAD** (to calling a new pastor)
..... Are we there yet? Not quite, but the news is good!



Here's an update on our whereabouts on this journey together: We had already reached step #25 on this rather winding and challenging road when I became Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff in August. Two months hence, we are at step #28, and just on the cusp of footfall onto step #29. (Of course, there is some need to revisit earlier steps briefly in response to some unanticipated surprises! No big deal, we are a resilient and determined bunch.)

The work now, at this point in time, is to roll up our sleeves and document: how does our church work? and listen: what are you the congregation saying to us?

Once that is accomplished, the vision team will write a report to the Session...for its approval. . .and then the COM (at the Presbytery level) reads and responds....and then I will ask the nominating committee to find "a diverse and representative group of people willing to serve as the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee).

And that, my friends, will eventually put us just past step #33 on this road with a total 64 steps! Keep walking the walk! You are doing great!!! I will continue to let you know where we are 😊

LET'S ALL MEET AT THE FARM!



On Wednesday, October 20 at 1:00 pm, Seminarian Rosa Ross and Jane Kidder are inviting you to join us for a fun afternoon at Howell Living History Farm. You will be given a group tour, can meet the animals (sheep, chickens, horses, pigs, cow and the farm cat and puppy. You can learn about the history of the farm, the farm's mission to teach about farming as it was in the early 1900's and compare it with farming today and about the farm's efforts to supply food to local food pantries. The tour will be geared to your questions and interests.



You might even get to pet a horse or gather an egg. There is a golf cart available for up to 5 people and it's not a difficult walk for those who wish to enjoy some exercise. The trip is limited to the first 15 people who sign up with either Jane or Rosa and the cost is \$10 a person. You can either meet at the farm at 12:45 that day or form a carpool from church, leaving at 12:15. Jane and Rosa will meet you at the Visitor's Center at the farm. If you need directions, speak to Jane, or google Howell Living History Farm, 30 Wooden's Lane, Lambertville, NJ. Rain date, Friday, October 22nd, same time, same info.



Join the Ewing Police Department and Ewing-Covenant presbyterian Church as we partner together to promote community and safety during National Faith and Blue Weekend!

Saturday, October 9, 2021



8:00am – 12:00pm

**Ewing-Covenant
Presbyterian Church**

100 Scotch Road

Ewing, NJ 08628



**Child Safety Seat Inspections by our Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians
Ensure your child's seat is properly installed, while also checking for expiration and
manufacturer recalls**

**Food Drive Drop Off to support Ewing Helping Hands Food Bank
Support local families in need by donating non-perishable food items**

Celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday

October 3rd

And join us in the

Peace and Global Witness Special Offering.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Peace at all times in all ways

The Peace and Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

25% of this Offering

Stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our won community.

25% of this Offering

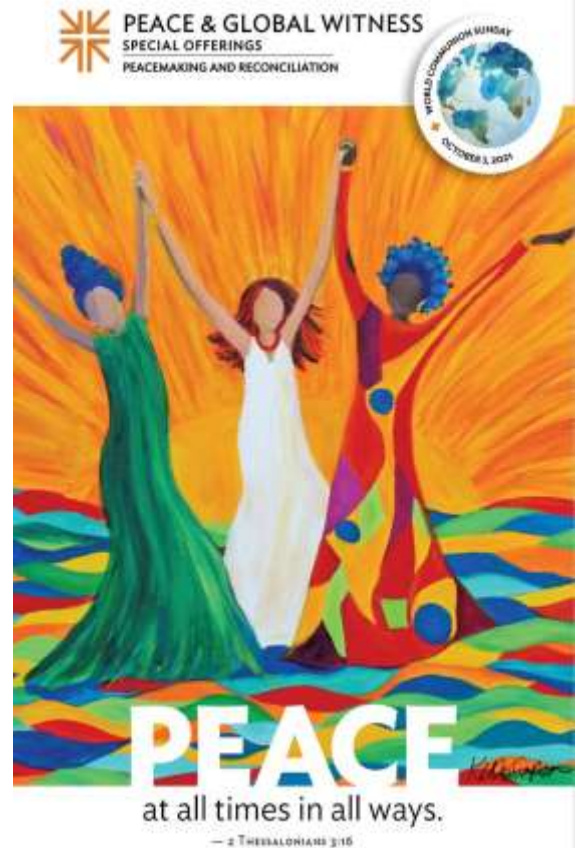
Will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region

50% of this Offering

Supports the work of peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Please give generously

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP A LOT!





2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Bible Study 9am Worship 10am Adult Ed. 19th Sunday after Pentecost	4	5 Grief Group 2:00pm Big Committee 7pm ESWA Mission Service-1:30pm	6 Allocation Team 6pm	7	8 Vision Team 7pm	9 Faith and the Blue event 8am- 12pm (food donation)
10 Bible Study 9am Worship 10am Adult Ed. 20th Sunday after Pentecost	11	12 Chat with Pastor Ann 10:00am	13 Pres. Women 6:30pm hybrid	14 Return to Church Committee	15	16 Church Retreat 9-12pm
17 Bible Study 9am Worship 10am Adult Ed. 21st Sunday after Pentecost	18	19 Chat with Pastor Ann 10:00am Grief Group 2:00pm Mission Sewing 2pm	20 Trip to Howell Living History Farm 1pm	21 Lunch Together 11:45am hybrid	22 Rain date for Howell farm	23
24 Bible Study 9am Worship 10am Adult Ed. 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	25	26 Chat with Pastor Ann 10:00am ECPC Mission Service group	27	28	29	30
31 Bible Study 9am Worship 10am Adult Ed. 23rd Sunday after Pentecost					N.A. 7PM – 3 rd Mon. ea. Month C.A. Tues. – 8PM New Way to Live - Thurs.– 8PM	Fri. Night Lights - 8:30PM Venture to Help - Sat.– 3PM

Please refer to the worshipping schedule portion of this newsletter for all Zoom and phone-in connections.