



CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of the Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church—February 2022

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.
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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.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP at E-CPC

Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church will continue to gather both in person and online for worship through the month of February. 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

February 6 5th Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Worship
Isaiah 9: 1-4, Matthew 4: 12-23
Installation of Elders and Deacons

February 13 6th Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Worship
Jer 17:5-10 and Ps 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 20 7th Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Worship
Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

February 27 Transfiguration of the Lord
10:00 am Worship
Exodus 34: 29-35 Luke 9: 28-36

ZOOM/IN PERSON MEETINGS EVENTS

Wednesday Nights at 7 PM Bible Study-Led by Sam Bonner

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82526065866?pwd=NU14N3FHZndTaFdBU2t0cVlnRFd2QT09>

.ID: 825 2606 5866

Passcode: 399123

Sunday Afternoon Adult Ed. - Following worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6762714701?pwd=TIhhdS9nR3J4dWxPaDc3RUFNVEg0Zz09>

By phone: 1 (929) 205 6099; Meeting ID: 676 271 4701; Passcode: 11103

Presbyterian Women

Tabitha Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 8th at 10 am. Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30 pm. The Ruth Circle meeting will be Hybrid. The link

is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944936942?pwd=cTlvZ2tzdUI2wjcjTVFbDH3WnlZQT09>

Passcode: 8833090

Meeting ID: 899 4493 6942

Phone: 1 929 205 6099

All women are invited. There will be devotions, a Bible study, refreshments and fellowship time. We have a great time, pray and learn and offer friendship and support to one another.

Mission Sewing will meet in the Adult Lounge on Tuesday, February 15 at 10 am. Bring a sandwich. Beverage and dessert will be provided. All are welcome. No sewing ability is required.

LAY READER SCHEDULE

The Worship and Music Committee is putting together a Lay Reader schedule for this church year. The Lay Reader will assist the Pastor during the worship service. If you are interested in being a Lay Reader, there is a **sign-up sheet** available on the table in the entrance to the worship space, or you can contact Pam Miller, Jane Perelli or the church office. Thank you!



Newly Listed

Betty Newberry and her daughter Carolyn Parham

Beatrice Mould, *friend of Will Olson*

The Anthonys

Judy Ecuyer, *friend of Betti Schubert*

Bill Stettler, *friend of Will Olson*

Doris Wiles, *sister of Harriet Berens*

Diane Watson, *niece of Harriet Berens*

Laura Papas, *cousin of Harriet Berens*

Carol Frantz, *friend of Harriet Berens*

Ronnie Reading, *friend of Harriet Berens*

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

Louise Burroughs

Jim Disler

Sam Weigh, *on death of his wife Peace*

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

Kathy DiGiacomo, *friend of Terri Harvey*

Jessica, *friend of the Harvey Family*

Michael Coleman, *son of Jerry Coleman*

Doug, Ian and Ethan Gwinn *son and grandsons of Sandy and Keith Gwinn*

Gloria Vernam

Kim Conti, *friend of Sandra Austin, with recurrence of cancer*



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We mourn the death of church member Joseph P. (Joe) Vigilante, he was a positive individual and a blessing to our congregation. and now in the Church Triumphant. Please keep the Vigilante family in your prayers. Please comfort one another in your grieving

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.

Grief Groups

Are you mourning a loss, or a series of losses? Here are two Grief Groups you might like to join.

At Central Church in Ewing—Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in-person (609) 882-0252

Griefshare is a community outreach support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one. Each session features a Christian-based video followed by a time of discussion with people who understand. Walk with others as you heal from the loss of a loved one.

At Ascension Lutheran Church near Washington Crossing—Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in-person

Grief Support Group: If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, it helps to know you're not alone. This group is a place to share your feelings while having the support and understanding of others who have felt their own grief. Together, we can help one another heal. Please come join us. For information, please call or email Clark Shuster at 215-539-9185 or clshuster@msn.com (It's actually just outside Washington Crossing.)

newly formed **Grief Support Group** will meet on
Wednesday **January 26 from 7-8:30pm** at the church

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All are welcome. No RSVP is required, but if you would like to let us know to expect you, or you have any questions about the group, please call or email Clark Shuster at 215-539-9185 or clshuster@msn.com.



¡Hola!

Want to speak a little Spanish? Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA) has many members and volunteers that speak Spanish, and several of our English-speaking volunteers want to be able to speak with them! We've found a volunteer teacher and are working on details. If you are interested in participating, please let Sandra Austin know (609-658-2379). ¡Gracias!

Per Capita should be paid early in 2022

Attention all members of Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church of Ewing! The per capita assessment for 2022 is \$40.00 for each adult member of our Church. These funds are used to further the work of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, the Synod of the Northeast, and the General Assembly. Each church is required to pay the per capita.

Since these are really "pass through" funds, we ask that you pay your per capita by the end of January. Your prompt payment will be especially helpful in assuring that pledged dollars support the programs and activities approved for Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church, and don't have to be diverted to cover the per capita assessment. If you have questions, speak with Elder, Don Lovett or Bookkeeper, Jerry Coleman.

Sound System

If interested in training for the updated sound system, please contact Pam Miller at 609 731-2720

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7.



Throughout this Epiphany season, we've been discerning the ways in which we will commit to serve the Lord with hope, peace, joy and love, and how we will support the mission of our church financially. Pledge cards have been mailed to you. Don't let the word "pledge" scare you! It is simply recording your *intent* or plan for giving. If circumstances change, so can your pledge amount.

Please bring your completed pledge card with you to worship **on Sunday, February 20** or mail it to the church office. During that service we will dedicate our commitments and offerings to God.

Adult Education is starting a new series!



Starting February 6, Adult Education will begin a new, 4-week unit of the Follow Me curriculum called *Baptize*. In the sacrament of baptism, we are marked and set apart as children of God. But then what? The *Baptize* unit picks up where the baptismal event leaves off. The act of baptism is only the beginning of the practice of baptism—baptismal life. We will explore the *practice of baptism* for Christian disciples, and how baptism is exemplified in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will discover how baptized persons live into their identity as children of God through daily

acts of discipleship on a lifelong journey of growing in faith. Please join us immediately after worship beginning February 6.

Deacon's Doin's

The Board of Deacon's is a small but mighty group this year. Suzie Wentworth is Moderator, Carol Houghton is our Recording Secretary, Jane Perelli is our Social Secretary and Ralph Sims is our Treasurer. We also have Liz Schofield, Mary Hough, Jewel Hand and Ruth Palmer.

The Deacons are in need of Ushers during church services.

Ushering is simpler than in past years. Arrive around 9:15, place water bottles in the pulpit for the minister and assistant, light the altar candle, place bulletins in the hymnals and hand them out with a warm welcome. There are a couple of other small items as well. We will have instructions inside the closet door near the hymnals. If you would like to work with a deacon your first time in a while, we will be more than happy to accommodate that. Please contact Suzie Wentworth at 609-462-5090 if you can help with this very important activity.

HELPING OUT OUR COMMUNITY

Once again, our Martin Luther King Day of Service was a success! Twelve of us gathered to work on three projects- Separating the hats and mittens from the Giving Tree and sending them to Head Start and Arm in Arm, creating 160 breakfast bags for Arm in Arm and putting together 110 personal care kits for TASK. The teams worked together in assembly line fashion to do a job well done. Thanks to all that helped and to those who donated items for the kits.





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January 18, 2022

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Ms. Joanne Durham
Missions Committee
Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church
Via Email

Dear Joanne and Team,

Arm In Arm is thankful to you and our friends at Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church for supporting our low-income neighbors, especially at this time of sustained and mounting need. Your generous donation of 160 breakfast bags will be so appreciated by the clients who depend upon our Hunger Prevention program to feed themselves and their families. Your MLK Day of Service was a wonderful way to honor the legacy of Dr. King, serve your community, and engage your congregation. We are so grateful.

Year after year, Arm In Arm sees an increase in need during this season, and this year more than ever, your support ensured that families have food on their tables. **In December alone, our Hunger Prevention team welcomed more than 3,730 visitors to our food pantries, Mobile Pantry, and Grab 'n Go grocery events, providing 3 days' worth of healthy food for each member of a household per visit.**

The clients who turn to our Hunger Prevention program will truly benefit from your generosity. With the help of friends like you, we continue to tend to the basic needs of a community in crisis, and we could not do it without your very impactful support. Thank you for joining in our mission, and for proving that we truly are better together.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,

David R. Fox
Executive Director
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Partnering with our community to achieve stability for our neighbors in need.

Arm In Arm is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY TAMALE BENEFIT BOWL TAMALE BENEFIT

*Even if your Super Bowl party is virtual this year...
Enjoy the game with authentic homemade tamales!*

A benefit for Eastern Service Workers Association's WINTER SURVIVAL CAMPAIGN

Call to schedule to volunteer, place an order or arrange delivery.

Order a dozen (or two or three or more) delicious homemade tamales and ask your friends and family to order. Suggested donation: \$20 a dozen, \$10 a half dozen. Your choice of chicken, vegan or vegetarian tamales.

All orders should be given to Sandra Austin by the 9th of February.

Many of the 90,000 temporary workers living in New Jersey package and process products for the largest corporations in the world for as little as \$13/hour. Even before the pandemic, this created extreme gaps between our incomes and the costs of food, rent, medical care and utilities. Now the situation is dire, as workers who lost jobs in the pandemic struggle to make it through the winter, and as government stimulus programs and moratoriums preventing evictions have ended. Utility shutoff moratoriums are also about to end.

EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS ASSOCIATION (ESWA), a free and voluntary, unincorporated private membership association of service, temporary and other low-paid workers in Central New Jersey, organizes a free-of-charge, self-help Benefit Program, including emergency food, preventive medical care, non-emergency dental care, legal assistance and more, forging unity among membership families and allies to collectively fight to eliminate our poverty.

ESWA's Winter Survival Campaign includes our Benefit Plan II program, where enrolled members can receive supplemental food, warm clothing and blankets, and other resources to help budget mandatory household expenses. With this added stability, members can better participate in organizing projects to advance the fight to end poverty at its root.

Call ESWA today about the Super Bowl Sunday Tamale Benefit and the Winter Survival Campaign!

YES, you can count me in. I want to join ESWA!

- Call me about how I can help with ESWA's Super Bowl Sunday Tamale Benefit.
- Call me to volunteer full-time part-time, starting _____.
- I can join ESWA's door-to-door membership canvasses and/or utility advocacy sessions.
- I can make phone calls for ESWA's Operation Winter Watch to check in on elderly & disabled members.
- I can drive with my car van truck 4-wheel-drive vehicle.
- I can arrange for ESWA volunteers to speak (socially-distanced or remotely) to my class, club, organization or place of worship.
- I can help publicize the need for collections of blankets, winter clothing, heaters, and/or nonperishable, nutritious foods.
- I can host a "socially-distanced" neighborhood food drive.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

Fill out and return to: Eastern Service Workers Association

6 West End Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618

For more information call: (609) 695-9562

Labor donated

Visioning Team's

FEBRUARY UPDATE

The Visioning Team continues to work steadily towards its goals without interruption. The draft Mission Study Report we began in December is nearing completion. In the New Year, we compiled the *Survey of Personal Characteristics Desired in Our New Pastor* which was submitted by the congregation online and on paper. We will share the results with Session in a special meeting so they can determine which are the top qualities we should seek in a new pastor. Also, the Session will discuss the current temporary name of our blended congregations and consider a possible new name for our church. This is being considered now that we have been blended for more than 18 months and have opened new bank accounts by the Asset Allocation Team which require the new corporate name to be registered with the state. We also need a visual identity in the community based on the chose name.

Lastly, we plan to meet with our new Consultant, David Redman, affiliated with the Presbytery. He will guide us on next steps in preparing the Mission Study for approval by the Committee on Ministry.

Yours in Christ,

The Visioning Team:

Sandra Austin, Barbara Brezak, Joanne Durham, Rick Durham, Don Lovett and Ralph Sims

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



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 NA 7:00 Big Committee Night by zoom 8:00 Cocaine Anonymous	2 9:00-12:00 Echo Weekly Mtg	3 6:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Regular Choir 8:00 New Way to Live (AA)	4 8:30 pm Friday Night Lights (AA)	5 3:00-5:00 PM Venture to Help (AA)
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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

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