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# CONNECTIONS

*The Newsletter of the Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church—May 2022*



**"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever." Isaiah 40:8**

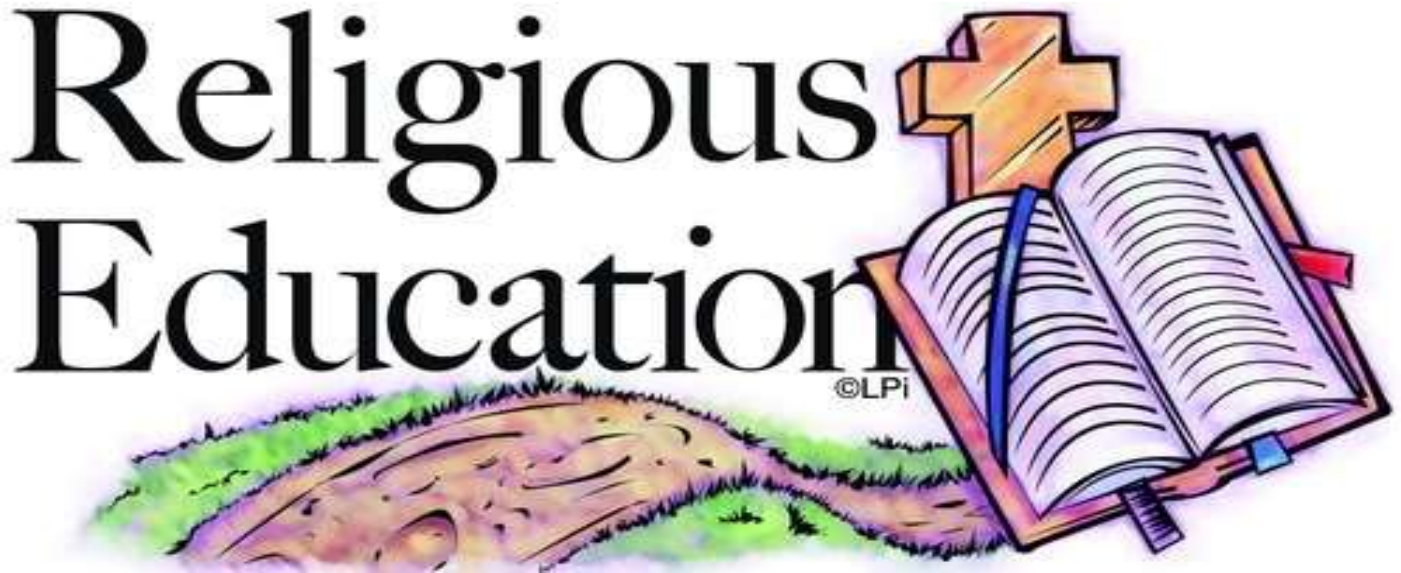
## **Our Vision**

**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.**

ZOOM/ IN PERSON MEETINGS EVENTS



**Adult Education in May and June**

As we near the close of the program year, please join us for these stimulating discussions!

- May 1 We are finishing discussion of A Time to Grow with a focus on Good Friday and Easter
- May 8 Mother's Day, no class.
- May 15 A surprise!
- May 22 What can WE learn from the way Trinity Episcopal Church reaches out to their neighborhood. Guest speaker Georgia Koenig
- May 29 Memorial Day weekend, no class
- June 5 Pentecost - Another exciting surprise! See how the Holy Spirit moves among us
- June 12 Anniversary Picnic (Save the date!)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 819 2310 2879

**Sunday Adult Education - Following worship**

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**Ewing Covenant  
Celebrates**

HomeFront's  
Diaper Challenge

Our Goal

Collect 100 packages  
of Diapers All Sizes

From April 24<sup>th</sup> through  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Diapers can be dropped  
off at the Scout Hut  
Behind the Church





I've seen these blankets used in homeless shelters. I've seen them wrapped around refugees. I've seen them handed out at food banks. It's more than just a blanket. It's an *act of love.*

- PATRICK WALKER  
SENIOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST  
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

[cwsblankets.org/mothersday](https://cwsblankets.org/mothersday)

Blanket Sunday and Mother's Day is just around the corner! Celebrate those special people in your life that are or have been a mother to you with a gift of a blanket or a tarp shelter in the world's disaster areas. The signup sheets will be in Fellowship Hall April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and May 8<sup>th</sup> so the names of those you wish to celebrate with these gifts will be published in the church newsletter and listed in the bulletin.

## Deacon's Doin's

Deacons Jane Perelli, Carol Houghton, Liz Schofield, and Suzie Wentworth created the beautiful arrangement of flowers that graced our worship space on Easter Sunday. Thank you to all of you whose donations of flowers for your loved ones made this display possible.



# THANK YOU ALL WHO SUBMITTED DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS

## EASTER FLOWERS

### MEMORY OF

Bill & Beverly Kidder  
Dad (Frank Miller Sr) & Mom (Georgiana Miller)  
Deceased Everitt & Miller members  
Dick & Dottie Schenck  
Dr. Chuck Burroughs MD  
Dr. Mari S. Berens  
Eleanor & Jack Bahan  
Ellie Freda  
Emily & Colin Durham  
Gene & Ruth Taylor  
George & Neomi Mungra  
H. Wayne Berens  
Harry N. Corbin  
In memory of our Loved Ones  
Joan Sanders (Sister)  
  
John R. Hand Jr.  
  
Joyce & Bryan King  
June B. Scott  
Loved Ones  
Loved ones from our families & church family  
  
Members of the Healy family & extended family members  
  
Miriam & Charles Inman  
Mr & Mrs. Robert Taylor  
Our loving parents & our brothers (Budd A. Robertson,  
John Q Stoker and James R. Stoker)  
Our Mom, Dad and Sister  
Peace Weigh  
Peggy & Bill Micklewright  
Randall P.F. Scott  
Robert H. Corbin  
Robert Tantum  
Roy, James, Edward & Lettice Barran  
Sue Milstead  
Vivian Best

### GIVEN BY

Jane & Larry Kidder  
(daughter) Betty M. Newberry  
Pam & Gary Miller  
Doug & Carol Taylor  
His wife and Children  
Harriet Berens  
Jill and Jim Tantum  
Gene Freda  
Rick & Joanne Durham  
Doug & Carol Taylor  
Isaac & Niomi Mungra  
Harriet Berens  
Jent Corbin  
The Perelli & Walsh Families  
Sandra Gwin  
Jewell L. Hand (wife) daughters &  
grandchildren  
Barbara Brezak  
June B. Scott  
Alice Haines  
Helen & Bob Kull  
  
Joan N. Hodak  
  
The Tantum family  
Ginny & Joe Saiia  
  
Robert & Nancy R. Stoker, Jonathan Q. Stoker  
  
David, Jane Snedeker  
Samuel Weigh  
Jane & Larry Kidder  
June B. Scott  
Jent Corbin  
The Tantum family  
Isaac & Niomi Mungra  
Mary Hough  
Suzie Wentworth





Mark your calendar

# Church Picnic



## **Church Picnic on June 12 – Save the Date!**

Save Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Church Picnic! This year we will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and beverages but invite you to bring a side dish (potluck). Please mark your calendar to attend with your friends and family. More details to follow in the next newsletter, Constant Contact and church bulletin.



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 advise the church office.

## Newly Listed

Prayer Request	Note
Alice Haines	<i>By Church family</i>
Albert Curving	<i>from his friends Bob Schofield and Will Olson</i>
All people suffering because of the War in Ukraine	
Alton Powell	<i>By Church family</i>
Betty Ranson	<i>By Church family</i>
Dick Anthony	<i>as he recovers from surgery</i>
Kevin Hecky	<i>requested by Carol Hecky</i>
Louise Burroughs	<i>By Church family</i>
Marjorie Burtis	<i>By Church family</i>
Sgro Family	<i>friends of Jane and Vince Perelli</i>
Wayne Allen	<i>By Church family</i>

### Presbyterian Women

**Ruth/Tabitha Circle** will meet on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 pm in the Adult Lounge. The group will continue their study entitled "What Our Grandmothers Taught Us."

This meeting will be hybrid. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944936942>

**Mission Sewing** will meet on Tuesday, May 17 at 10 am in the adult lounge. Bring a lunch and beverage and dessert will be provided. Everyone is invited! Rides can be provided if needed. See you there!

## Visioning Team Update - May

The Visioning Team remains committed to completing the Mission Study so that it can be submitted to the congregation and Session for review and approval.

During the past month, the team has met on Zoom and in person to work on making our documents – as well as the overall narrative -- more focused and cohesive. We appreciate Moderator David Redman sacrificing a beautiful Sunday afternoon to work with us recently.

The month of May will involve regular meetings as we finalize this Mission Study. As always, we want to present a description of the congregation and its vision for the future of our church that represents the thoughts and feelings of our congregation to potential applicants for the position of Installed Pastor.

Yours in Christ,  
The Visioning Team

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

## RETURN TO CHURCH COMMITTEE

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 are 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.

**With this being said, The RTCC and the Session have updated its protocols and procedures:**

- 1. Hold Harmless forms still need to be filled out, if not done.** This is a one-time form that we keep on file. We will be discussing this form's continued use.
- 2. New and easier sign in sheets:** No longer will you be required to fill out an individual sheet when you come into the building. There is now a sign-in list. If you *can answer No* to the usual 3 questions, sign in on the list.
- 3. There is also a new sign in sheet for groups at the church such as Circle and choirs.** Please look for "the groups" form to fill out for your group meeting. (Separate from the worship form).
- 4. The biggest announcement is: Starting at the May 1st service, masks will become optional in the worship space and church offices.** We want to remember to keep ourselves and others healthy so do what is comfortable for you and the welfare of others.

**Sunday Worship Flowers – Please Sign Up**

**We are now scheduling Sunday Worship Flowers. If you would like to schedule for a loved one, please fill out the form below. Please make your check for \$48 out to ECPC 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 HONOR OR MEMORY OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Worship Flowers 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](mailto:churchoffice@ewingpres.org) or 609-882-3673**

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

**MAY 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1</b> <b>Worship 10am</b> <b>11:15 Adult Ed</b>	<b>2</b> 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10 am-ECHO Red/White Office	<b>5</b> 6:00 -7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Regular Choir Worship Space	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 2:00-4:00 Visioning Team Meeting Upper Conference room
<b>8</b> <b>Worship 10am</b> <b>MOTHER'S</b> <b>DAY</b> 	<b>9</b> 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space	<b>10</b> 1:30 ESWA Mission Service Group-Upper Lounge	<b>11</b> 6:30-7:30 pm Ruth/Tabitha Circle Lower Lounge 10 am-ECHO Red/White Office	<b>12</b> 6:00 -7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Regular Choir Worship Space	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:15-8:00 pm Marianne Lauffer Recital – Worship Space 2-4pm Visioning Team Meeting Upper Conference Room
<b>15</b> <b>Worship 10am</b> <b>11:15 Adult Ed</b>	<b>16</b> 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space	<b>17</b> 10:00-12:30 pm Mission Sewing Lower Lounge	<b>18</b> 10 am-ECHO Red/White Office	<b>19</b> 11:45-1:30 Lunch Together Lower Lounge 6:00 -7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal worship space 7:30 Regular Choir Worship Space	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Worship 10am</b> <b>11:15 Adult Ed</b>	<b>23</b> 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space	<b>24</b> 1:30-3:30 pm ESWA Mission Service Group-Upper Lounge	<b>25</b> 10 am-ECHO Red/White Office	<b>26</b> 6:00 -7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal worship space 7:30 Regular Choir Worship Space	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Worship 10am</b>	<b>30</b> <b>MEMORIAL</b> <b>DAY</b> 	<b>31</b>				