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The Newsletter of the Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church—August 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.**

Isaiah 65 17-25

The Glorious New Creation

17 "For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth;
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice for ever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing,
and her people a joy.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

20 No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the child shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

23 They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;^{1a}
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their children with them.

24 Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

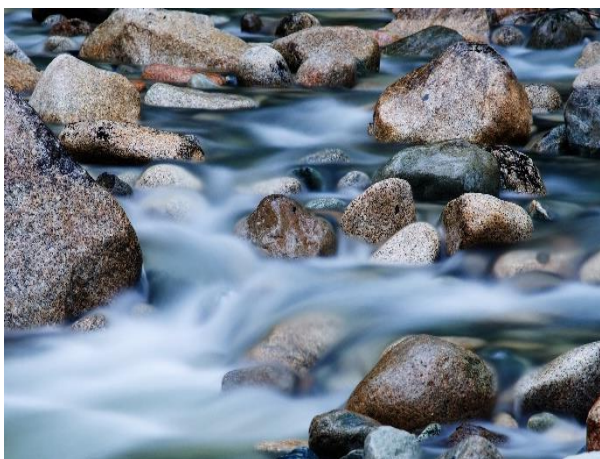
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,
says the LORD."





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.

Prayer Request	Note
All people suffering because of the War in Ukraine	
Betty Ranson	<i>By church family</i>
Charlie Magee	<i>brother of Judy Carapezza</i>
George Renwick	<i>By church family</i>
Kevin Hecky	<i>By church family</i>
Linda and Dick Anthony	<i>By church family</i>
Louise Burroughs	<i>By church family</i>
Maryanne Eleuteri	<i>friend of Judy Carapezza</i>
Rita Freilinghaus	<i>sister of Judy Carapezza</i>
Ruth Palmer	<i>By church family</i>
Gun violence in the US	
Wayne and Sylvia Allen	<i>By church family</i>



Elva Pillsbury 2016 -2022

Elva Pillsbury passed away peacefully on July 20 at the age of 105, just 8 days before her 106th birthday. She was under hospice care at the Sherrill House in Boston, a long term care facility run by Trinity Episcopal Church in Copley Square. She moved to Boston in 2007 to be closer to her sister and son as she was living alone in Ewing prior to that. She lived independently in an apartment in Boston until she had a stroke in 2014 that reduced her mobility. Since then, she has lived at the Sherrill House. Elva got Covid-19 in 2020 at the age of 103 but soon recovered with no severe symptoms.

Elva Pillsbury spent most of her adult life in Trenton and Ewing and became a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church soon after it opened in the 1960s. In recent years, Elva followed from a distance, and with great interest, the challenges and changes to both Ewing and Covenant and their eventual blending. She was glad to hear that the two congregations found a way to come together for the benefit of both in difficult times.

The family has a plot at the Ewing Church Cemetery. There was a graveside ceremony on July 28 arranged by Poulson and Van Hise of Lawrenceville

AUGUST WORSHIP at ECPC

Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church will continue to gather both in person and online for worship. Those who attend in person, masks are optional but encouraged for your safety and those around you.

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

A personal message from Carol Hecky

Now is the time for us to join together as a congregation to continue our good work. **If you are not currently on a committee**, please consider stepping up and being a part of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The session needs your help to find a pastor that will lead us on our mission and vision to serve others.

HELP US CREATE A PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) The Commission on Ministry of the Coastlands Presbytery agreed on July 5 that the Session of the Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church may proceed to call a congregation meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. This opens the door to the next big step forward in calling a new pastor! ***We have five nominees but need at least two (2) more.***

If you would like to be considered to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee or have questions, please contact Carol Taylor, the Clerk of Session. She can be reached at ctaylor227@gmail.com OR 609-915-5524

Update from RTCC

The Session approved the discontinued use of both the Hold Harmless form and the sign in forms. Hold Harmless forms already completed will be kept on file. We can always return to both forms if we need to in the future. Masks will remain optional but should be encouraged to be used during this uptick in Covid cases.



Kathy Jordan

Farewell Jerry and Welcome Kathy

Earlier this year Session approved the redefinition of the position of Financial Secretary and Bookkeeper to that of Financial Administrator and Bookkeeper. The new responsibilities added to the redefine position include developing a digital filing system for all financial records, learning all of the details of record-keeping for our cemetery (both financial records and deeds for cemetery plots) to assist our Cemetery Office Manager Barb Greschak, and to implement a digital record-keeping system for all cemetery records.

Jerry Coleman joined us in June 2020 and has served ECPC well. Unfortunately, Jerry did not have the background and experience necessary to take on the additional responsibilities of the new position. Sadly, Jerry's time with ECPC ended on July 15. He will be remembered for his humor, helpfulness, and dedication to the congregation. A roomful of well-wishers gathered on July 14th to bid Jerry a fond farewell.

The Session approved the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to hire **Kathy Jordan** as our Financial Administrator and Bookkeeper. Kathy brings extensive experience in bookkeeping, as well as training in the record-keeping that is required by the State of New Jersey for all cemeteries. Some of you may already know Kathy, as she is a former member of Ewing Presbyterian Church. As a Deacon and Elder, she served on the EPC Nursery School Board Finance Committee, and Cemetery Board. Her professional backgrounds are in software engineering, working as an engineer for the U.S. Air Force, the Institute for Defense Analyses, and Princeton Video Image. Originally from South Jersey, her family moved to Ewing in 1972. After working in Washington, D.C., she returned to the Ewing area in 1997 with her daughter, Lauren, and joined EPC in 2000. Kathy and her husband, Tim, currently reside in Ewing. Kathy says she is looking forward to reconnecting and working with this very special and beloved faith community. Please join us in welcoming Kathy!

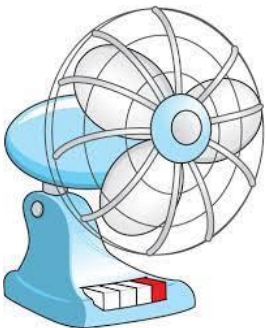


Save the Date

for Our Ice Cream Social!

The Ice Cream Social is set for **Sunday, September 11th at 4 p.m.** The Blawenburg Band will be entertaining us with their wonderful music as we listen, eat, and enjoy one another's company on a September evening.

Plan to bring your chair and your choice of food. Ice cream, toppings, bowls, and spoons will be provided. Setting up for the event will be done immediately after church service. There will also be a voluntary donation collection during the Ice Cream Social.



Join the Fan Club!!

There are many people in our community and maybe even in our congregation who live without fans or air conditioning. Please consider becoming a member of the fan club and donate either a fan or a window unit. During this heat wave it is imperative that we help others in need.

Please see Carol Hecky or Sandra Austin if you can help.



Thanks everyone for your prayers and many cards, after my recent surgery. I also received fruit and beautiful flowers at church! I am recovering well after my shoulder replacement surgery and am so thankful for my church family.

Pam Miller

Choosing Between Household Bills or School Clothing and Supplies for Your Kids?

It is a reality for more families than you think!

Help make the beginning of the school year a time of hope and excitement for ESWA members and their children!



They Need:

Backpacks

Spirals

Folders

Crayons

Markers

Scissors- safety and for older kids

3 ring notebooks and lined paper

Summertime...but the livin' ain't easy!

To narrow the year-round gap between incomes and necessary expenditures, ESWA members have built ESWA's budget-saving Benefit Plan II, including distributions of clothing and school supplies for children of enrolled members, so they can use their already stretched funds for food, utilities, medical care, and other necessary expenses.

*Donations can be dropped off in the Scout Hut until August 25th. You may also make a financial contribution which will help purchase supplies if you are unable. Checks made out to the Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church noting in the memo: **ESWA school supplies.***

EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS ASSOCIATION (ESWA) is a free and voluntary membership association of low-paid service, temporary and domestic workers and others organizing to end poverty conditions. ESWA members enrolled in ESWA's budget-saving Benefit Plan II program can save more than \$500 for their families through our Back-to-School clothing and supply distribution — gaining more stability so we can organize to end the root cause of our poverty conditions.

Care Team

Members of the Care Team got together on Saturday, July 23 to prepare treat bags with fresh fruit bowls and angel food cake.

Twenty-five (25) bags were distributed to church members on Saturday and Sunday.



The Visioning Team Update

The *Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church Mission Study* has been reviewed by the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry and it was approved by ECPC Session on July 20th. We thank the Visioning Team for its months of hard work; and now it is dissolved.

An electronic copy of the Mission Study and the Appendices was sent to everyone in the congregation on July 26 via email. In addition, a few print copies are available in the Church Office and the back of the Worship Space for those who do not have electronic communications.

It is the request of the Session that this document be kept within the Church Family for personal use. Please do not post the document on social media or make it available on the internet.

Thank you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 10am	8 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space	9 1:30-3:30 pm ESWA Mission Service Group Lower Lounge	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 10am	15 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space	16 10am-2:00 Mission Sewing Adult Lounge	17	18 11:45-1:30 Lunch Together Lower Lounge	19	20
21 Worship 10am	22 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space	23 1:30-3:30 pm ESWA Mission Service Group Lower Lounge	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 10am	29 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space	30	31			