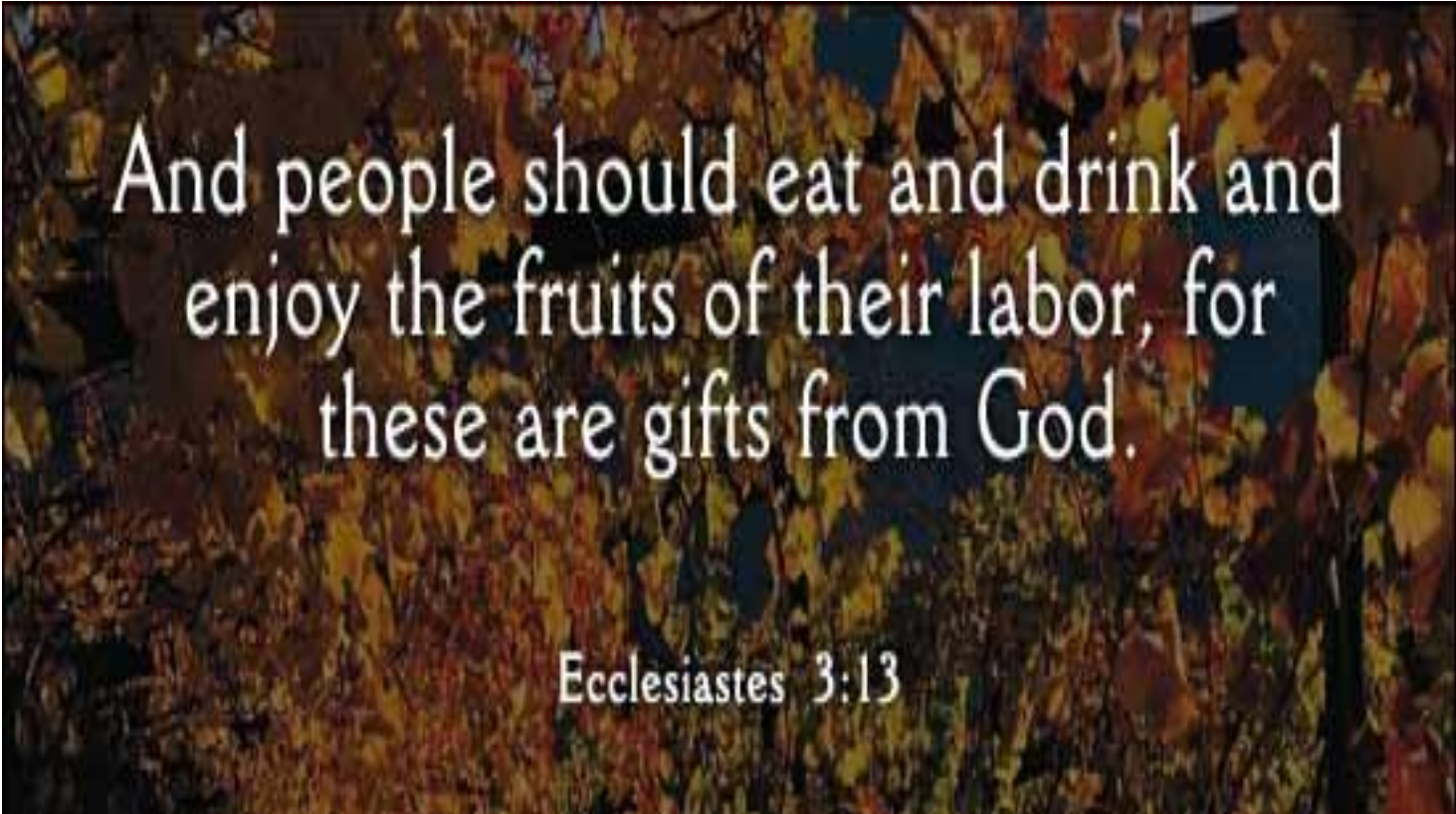



CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of the Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church—September 2022



And people should eat and drink and
enjoy the fruits of their labor, for
these are gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13



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.**



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>
Eugene Freda	<i>By church family</i>
George Renwick	<i>By church family</i>
Gun violence in the US	
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>
Trey Cimorelli	<i>Carol Hecky's nephew</i>
Wayne and Sylvia Allen	<i>By church family</i>



Arthur Arena

January 13, 1934 - July 29, 2022

We mourn the death of church member Arthur Arena. He was a blessing to our congregation and is now in the Church Triumphant. Please keep the Arena family in your prayers.

Psalm 19: 1-10

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

A Psalm of David.

**1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

**2 Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

**3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;**

**4 yet their voice [a] goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

**5 which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

**6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and there is nothing hid from its heat.**

**7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;**

**the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;**

**8 the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

**9 the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever.**



WORSHIP FLOWERS

Contact the Church Office or sign the form outside the worship space if you would like to donate towards the flowers which are a part of worship each Sunday, in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Presbyterian Women

Ruth and Tabitha Circles will be meeting together on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm in the Adult Lounge. Come join the group for fellowship, Bible study, and devotions. The group will also be sharing a summer memory.

Mission Sewing will meet at 10 am on Tuesday, September 20th in the Adult Lounge. Bring a sandwich. Beverage and dessert will be provided. It's a time to work together making items for those in need while enjoying each other's company.

2022 Anchor House Ride for Runaways

A Big Thank You to All Who Donated to the 2022 Anchor House Ride for Runaways

Thank you to all who donated to my Anchor House ride again this year! Thanks in part to the generosity of members of Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church, riders were able to raise over \$460,000 so far this year! (I exceeded my personal goal of raising \$1,500 thanks to many of you!). This year was also extra special to me as it was my fifth year as a rider and I received my "Five Year Award"!

Anchor House supports homeless, abused, runaway and at-risk youth, including those who are aging out of the child welfare system, in the Trenton area. Anchor House's programs help connect youth to support systems where they live and help them gain the skills they need to become productive and independent adults. To learn more about this great organization, please visit <https://www.anchorhousenj.org/>

I can't say enough good things about the staff at Anchor House and all the good they do in the community (check out the testimonials from kids and this year's scholarship winners on their website). So, thank you again for your continued support this year. I'm always so touched by your generosity.



Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 11th

The session of the Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church, at its meeting on August 17, 2022 voted to call a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, September 11, 2022, immediately following the regular worship service for the sole purpose of electing a slate of seven (7) nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Although session develops and recommends the slate of nominees, the Pastor Nominating Committee functions as a committee of the congregation and so the congregation has the duty and responsibility to elect its members. Session believes that this group has the gifts, dedication to our church, and openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance to serve in this role. PNC nominees are John Damrau, Pam Hoffman, Jane Kidder, Carol Houghton, Don Lovett, Jennifer Magdelinskas, and Will Olson.



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. More information will be coming as we near the date!

Welcome Back to Church Picnic - September 18

You are invited to join us for a "welcome back to church" picnic around 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 18. The Church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and beverages. You are asked to bring side salads, baked beans, and desserts. The sign-up sheet is on the table immediately outside the Worship Space.





Volunteer at Community Fest - Saturday, September 24

Do you like to talk to people? Ewing is hosting a Community Fest on the campus of The College of New Jersey on September 24. Our church has a table there and would like volunteers to come "man" it for two (2) hours each segment to talk about why we love our church. No experience necessary - just a love for our church family! The sign-up sheet is on the table immediately outside the Worship space and in the Church Office.

Volunteer Pack School Supplies for ESWA

Thank you, all the volunteers, helping pack the School Supplies for ESWA



ECPC member and ESWA leader Sandra Austin speaks with Awar Salandy and Christine Huang about distribution during the backpack stuffing event held at our church in late August.



ECPC member Nancy Orhun (far left) works with volunteers to collect items to stuff backpacks for children of ESWA families.



ECPC members Jane Schwilk and Carol Hecky with Princeton University graduate student Evan Underhill makes assignments of backpacks based on each ESWA family's specific need.



Ken Harvey would like to thank everyone for your calls and cards. They were really appreciated. Things are progressing, in rehab. More challenging work ahead.

Are You Caring for a Loved One and Need Some Support?



Caregiver Support Group

If you are a caregiver for a senior at home or in a facility, then please join us for our caregiver support group

- This support group offers caregivers a little breathing space and a chance to just talk
- Share your feelings with other's who understand.
- Develop friendships
- Receive emotional support
- Discuss solutions to common caregiving issues with other caregivers

Where: Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church

When: Tuesday September 27th at 10am. Presented by Oaks Integrated Care, Senior Well-Being Program.

This program is funded through the older American's Act and Mercer County Office on Aging/ADRC.

Deadline for October newsletter is Tuesday, September 23

If you have an article or photo for the church's September newsletter, *Connections*, should send it to the church office by Friday, September 23. For more information, you can contact the Church Office at 609-882-3673 or email office@ewingpres.org or contact Joanne Durham on the Communications Committee at jedurham99@mail.com



Worship Assistant Needed on Sundays

Have you considered volunteering as a Worship Assistant -- even once? You would help the guest preacher and lead the congregation during a Worship service: Everyone is invited to volunteer, and we'll support you. No experience is necessary!

Here are the duties:

- Introduce the guest preacher (script provided)
- Read the Call to Worship
- Lead the Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon
- Introduce passing of the peace
- Affirmation of Faith
- Offering and Prayer of Dedication

You can sign up for a specific date on the sign-on sheets located in the foyer behind the Worship Space.

For more information, contact Pam Miller at Pammiller1@verizon.net or 609-585-0205.



Hearing Impaired Devices

If you wish to use a hearing-impaired device during service, please ask the greeters. Devices are compatible with earbuds and headsets if you wish to bring your own.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Worship 10am	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 10am 11:00 am Congregational Meeting	12 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space 6:30-9:30 Central NJ Choral Society	13 1:30-3:30 pm ESWA Mission Service Group Lower Lounge	14 6:30-7:30 Ruth and Tabitha Circles. Lower Lounge	15 11:45-1:30 Lunch Together Lower Lounge	16	17
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