



# CONNECTIONS

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



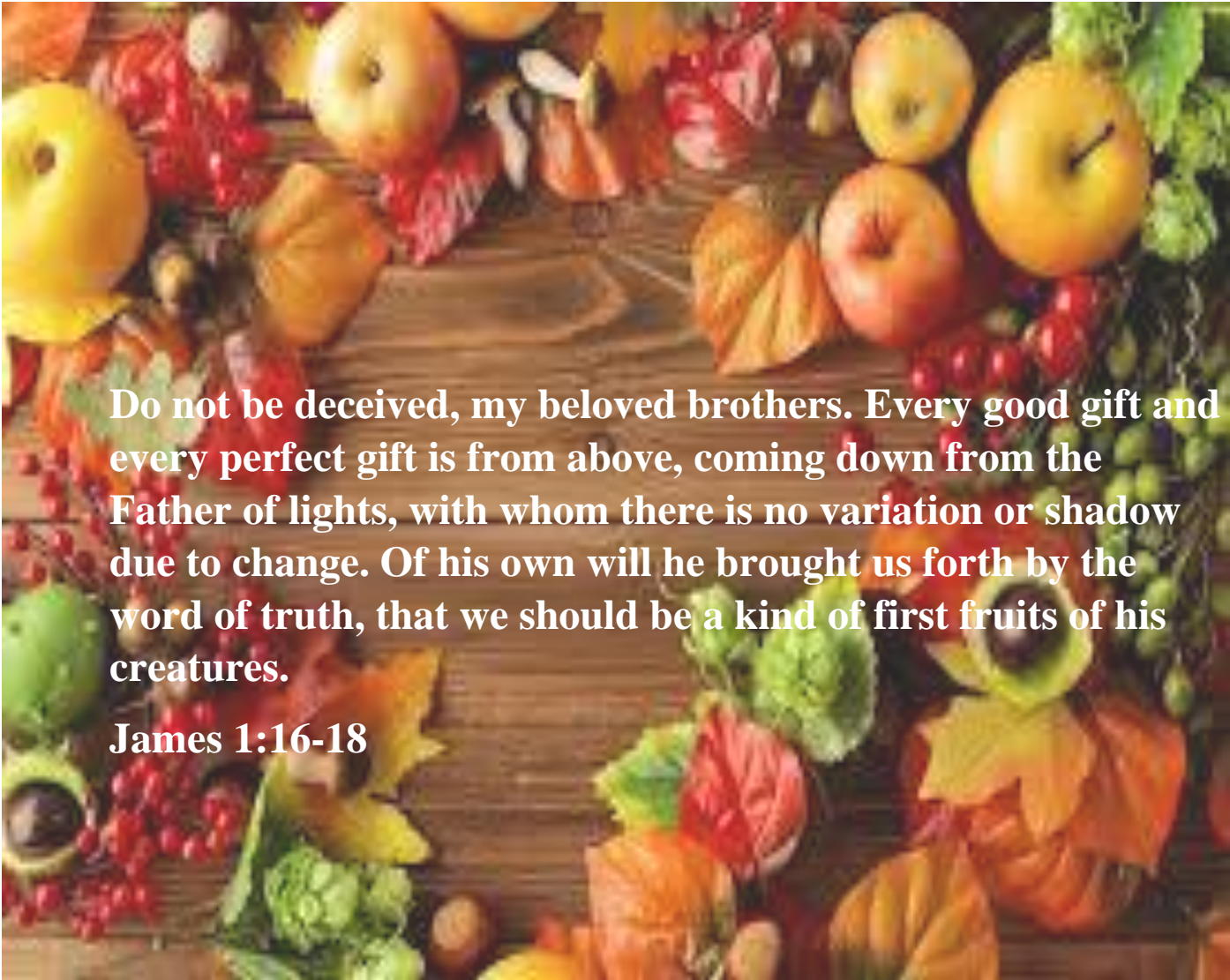


## **Our Vision**

**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.**

A still life arrangement of autumn fruits and leaves on a wooden surface. The scene includes several apples in various stages of ripeness (yellow, orange, red), clusters of red berries, green grapes, and several large, colorful leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The background is a rustic wooden table.

**Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.**

**James 1:16-18**





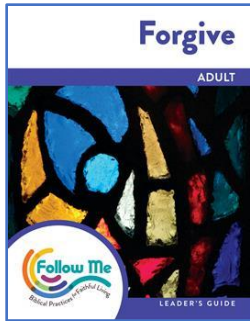
To keep the prayer list timely, listings will remain for 2 editions of the Newsletter and then be taken off. In the event you desire a listing to run longer, or for a shorter time, please advise the church office.

Prayer Request	Note
All people suffering because of the War in Ukraine	<i>By church family</i>
Charlie Magee	<i>brother of Judy Carapezza</i>
Emily Greschak	<i>Daughter of Barbara Greschak</i>
Eugene Freda	<i>By church family</i>
George Renwick	<i>By church family</i>
Gun violence in the US	<i>By church family</i>
Kevin Hecky	<i>By church family</i>
Louise Burroughs	<i>By church family</i>
Maryanne Eleuteri	<i>friend of Judy Carapezza</i>
Michael Brezak	<i>Son of Barbara Brezak</i>
Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)	<i>By church family</i>
Rita Freilinghaus	<i>sister of Judy Carapezza</i>
Wayne Allen	<i>By church family</i>

### ***NOVEMBER WORSHIP at ECPC***

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



*Jesus said, "Forgive One Another."*

Beginning in the month of November, the adult education class will begin a new 4-week study called **Forgive**. As we move toward the season of Advent during which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, it is appropriate to examine the things that separate us from God and from others.

*We forgive because God first forgives us.* When we forgive one another, we participate in God's way of being in the world. At its root, the word *forgiveness* draws on a Greek word meaning "to let go." When we forgive one another, we let go of anger over wrong; we let go of a desire for getting even; we let go of the burdens of shame and guilt. To forgive is not to forget; it is an active decision to not live in the past and to build toward a future. Forgiveness does not deny the realities of sin: betrayal, violence, anger, jealousy. It ensures that wrongs do not have the last word. The final word in forgiveness is God's grace, available to those who seek to forgive and to move beyond separation and brokenness toward restored relationship with God and one another. Adult Reflection Guides will be available for participants. Join us immediately after worship!

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Ruth and Tabitha Circles will hold a joint meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday, November 9th in the Lower Lounge. Rick Durham will be leading the group in the final study of "Mary Magdalene: Myths & Meaning." There will also be devotions, refreshments, and fellowship. All are welcome.**

**Mission Sewing will meet at 10:00 on Tuesday, November 15 in the Lower Lounge. The group is working on pillowcases for cancer patients, receiving blankets for the Children's Home Society and planning a sale of donated and homemade items to raise money for Friends for Health in Haiti. Bring a sandwich; dessert and beverages are provided. You do not need to sew to be part of this group. It is both a time of fellowship and work to help those in need.**

## Spreading Christmas Joy!

*“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10*

*“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdone another in showing honor.” Romans 12: 9-10*



***Your Missions Team hopes you can support the Christmas Joy Offering this year!***

This is one the Presbyterian Church’s special offerings which you can learn more about on their website: [www.pcusa.org/christmasjoy](http://www.pcusa.org/christmasjoy) During the Advent season, pick up the *Christmas Joy Offering* brochure and envelope in our Worship Space or Church Office.

### What do these funds support?

- 50% of your gift assists current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs, and the remaining
- 50% makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

### How do I give?

Write a check to *Ewing-Convenant Presbyterian Church* and put “Christmas Joy” on the memo line and mail to the church at 100 Scotch Road, Ewing, New Jersey 08628.

**THANK YOU** for spreading Christmas joy to others!

## **EWSA Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Collections**

*Please Help support the ESWA*

*Holiday Food Campaign*

**Needed items that can be dropped in the Scout Hut before November 20 and then December 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Shopping list**

- **frozen turkeys and hams**
- **pasta**
- **canned or dried beans**
- **rice-white or wheat**
- **pasta sauce**
- **tuna**
- **mayonnaise**
- **canned fruit**
- **canned vegetables**
- **potatoes**
- **yams**
- **cereal**
- **peanut butter**
- **jelly**
- **gravy**
- **stuffing**



## "Head Start Gift Card Collection"



The Deacons are collecting monetary donations in an effort to supply at least 10 Head Start families with \$100 grocery store certificates to help them with the expense of Thanksgiving dinner. The Deacons provided most of the funds for the certificates in the past, but they have less in their coffers this year. If you are interested in helping the Deacons support families in need, just drop your check at the church office or in the offering plate with "Deacons - Head Start" on the memo line. The contributions should be in by to Sunday, Nov. 13. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Suzie Wentworth 609-462-5090.



### Pastor Nominating Committee

We are busy working our way through the *Mission Information Form* which is the general form through which churches search for new pastors and other church officials. You are all in our prayers as we seek going forward. Please keep the PNC in your prayers.

### **Congregational Meeting is Sunday, November 20 at 11:00 a.m.**

All members are encouraged to attend a Congregational Meeting to vote on the new classes of Elders, Deacons and appointments to the Nominating Committee on Sunday, November 20 following worship.

Your participation is important to the lifeblood of our church. If you have any questions or wish to nominate yourself for a position, please notify the Clerk, Carol Taylor, at 609-915-5524 or email her at

[ctaylor227@gmail.com](mailto:ctaylor227@gmail.com)







## 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.

### **Deadline for December newsletter is Monday, November 21, 2022**

If you have an article or photo for the church's December newsletter, *Connections*, should send it to the church office by Monday, November 21. For more information, you can contact the Church Office at 609-882-3673 or email [churchoffice@ewingpres.org](mailto:churchoffice@ewingpres.org) or contact Joanne Durham on the Communications Committee at [jedurham99@gmail.com](mailto:jedurham99@gmail.com)

# "ECPC at Community Fest at The College of New Jersey"



Carol Hecky and Joanne Durham  
Carol and Mike Hecky





## **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](mailto:Pammiller1@verizon.net) or 609-585-0205.

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

**NOVEMBER 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Worship 10am</b>	<b>7</b> 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space 6:30-9:30 Central NJ Choral Society	<b>8</b> 1:30-3:30 pm ESWA Mission Service Group Lower Lounge	<b>9</b> 6:30-7:30 Ruth Circle Lower Lounge	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>12</b>
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