



# CONNECTIONS

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



**Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.**

[Psalm 25:4](#)



### **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.**

# PRAYER

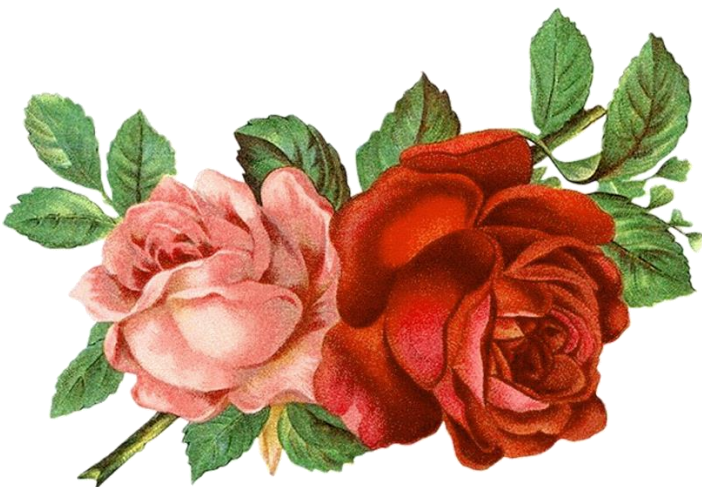
*changes things*



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	
All people suffering because of the War in Ukraine	
All those in the path of Ian	
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>
Jennifer Slovak	<i>sister of Joanne Durham</i>
Kevin Hecky	<i>By church family</i>
Maryanne Eleuteri	<i>friend of Judy Carapezza</i>
Rita Freilinghaus	<i>sister of Judy Carapezza</i>
Wayne Allen	<i>By church family</i>
Gun violence in the US	



Ruth Palmer  
9/22/2022

We mourn the death of church member Ruth Palmer; she was a blessing to our congregation. and now in the Church Triumphant. Please keep the Palmer family in your prayers. Please comfort one another in your grieving.

***So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. (Deuteronomy 11:13-15)***



## WORSHIP FLOWERS

Contact the Church Office at 609-882-3673 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 hold a joint meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday, October 12th in the Adult Lounge. Rick Durham will be leading the group in a 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, October 18th in the Adult 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.



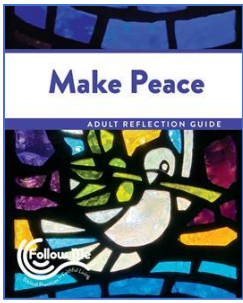
### Hearing Impaired Devices

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 November newsletter is Monday, October 24

If you have an article or photo for the church's November newsletter, *Connections*, should send it to the church office by Monday, October 24. 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)

## Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you."



The first Sunday in October is sometimes known as "Peacemaking Sunday." What better time to explore God's vision for peace, true shalom! Join us after worship for 4 weeks beginning October 1.

*Make Peace* focuses on Jesus' words in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9), which have been the centerpiece of Christian social ethics for centuries. People, throughout history and still today, have chosen different paths to peace, but certain skills of peacemaking have emerged from their journeys: cultivating inner peace, seeking to understand where others are coming from, and having the courage to overcome fear. By practicing these skills, peacemakers work to embody Jesus' teachings in the midst of conflict. Adult Reflection Guides will be available for participants.

## Welcome Back Picnic – September 18, 2022

Thank you all that who supported and attended our Welcome Back Picnic!



## Ice Cream Social – September 18, 2022

Although the Ice Cream Social had to be postponed until September 18, 2022, all had an enjoyable time with perfect weather.



Blawenberg Band



Wayne and Sylvia Allen



Larry Kidder



Ken Harvey



Suzie Wentworth, Leader



Carol and Doug Taylor



Jane Perrelli, Suzie Wentworth and Bruce Wentworth

## Nominating Committee Request

It is that time of year to step right up and nominate either yourself, or someone who is a member of Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church to become a part of the board of Deacons, Session, or the Nominating Committee. Please reach out to me, or a member of either Deacons or Session to find out what we do.

We are asked each Sunday, at the time of the offering, to consider not only our financial contributions, but also the offering of our time and talents.

We celebrate and rejoice that we now have a Pastor Nominating Committee. However, we continue to be without a full-time pastor. In the meantime, many people are working very hard behind the scenes to continue running our church without a head of staff. We need to fill the vacancies on our boards - - we need you!

A pastor who is considering our church will be more confident in seeing this as a call if he/she witnesses a team of congregants working together.

Please prayerfully consider this invitation to serve our church.

In Christ,

Carol Taylor  
609-915-5524



The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) had its first meeting in late September. At that meeting, the PNC received training and information from Rev. Jessica Dixon, co-Moderator of the Commission on Ministry (*with the Coastlands Presbytery*) and gave everyone a chance to ask questions. David Redman, Interim Moderator to the Session, will be our facilitator.

The PNC has scheduled its second meeting, in person, to begin its work in earnest.



## 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.



**MAGIC LANTERN PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS A STAGED READING**

**AFTER  
THE DUST SETTLES**  
BY JASON IMMORDINO

**DIRECTED BY**  
Maureen Heffernan

**PERFORMERS:**  
Eileen Dillon Meara  
Danielle Grosso  
Jason Immordino  
Nicole Poccia  
Judith Robinson  
Michael Schraft  
Janet Weakley

**Friday, September 30 • 7:30pm**  
1867 Sanctuary • 101 Scotch Road • Ewing NJ  
website: <https://1867sanctuary.org>

**1 PERFORMANCE ONLY • FREE!**

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

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 10am	3 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space 6:30-9:30 Central NJ Choral Society	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 10am	10 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space 6:30-9:30 Central NJ Choral Society	11 1:30-3:30 pm ESWA Mission Service Group Lower Lounge	12 6:30-7:30 Ruth and Tabitha Circles Adult Lounge	13	14	15
16 Worship 10am	17 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space 6:30-9:30 Central NJ Choral Society	18 10am-Mission Sewing Adult Lounge	19	20 11:45-1:30 Lunch Together Lower Lounge	21	22
23 Worship 10am	24 11:30-1:00 Echo Line Dancing Worship Space 6:30-9:30 Central NJ Choral Society	25 10-11:30 Care Giver Support Group Upper Mtg Room 1:30-3:30 pm ESWA Mission Service Group Lower Lounge	26	27	28	29
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