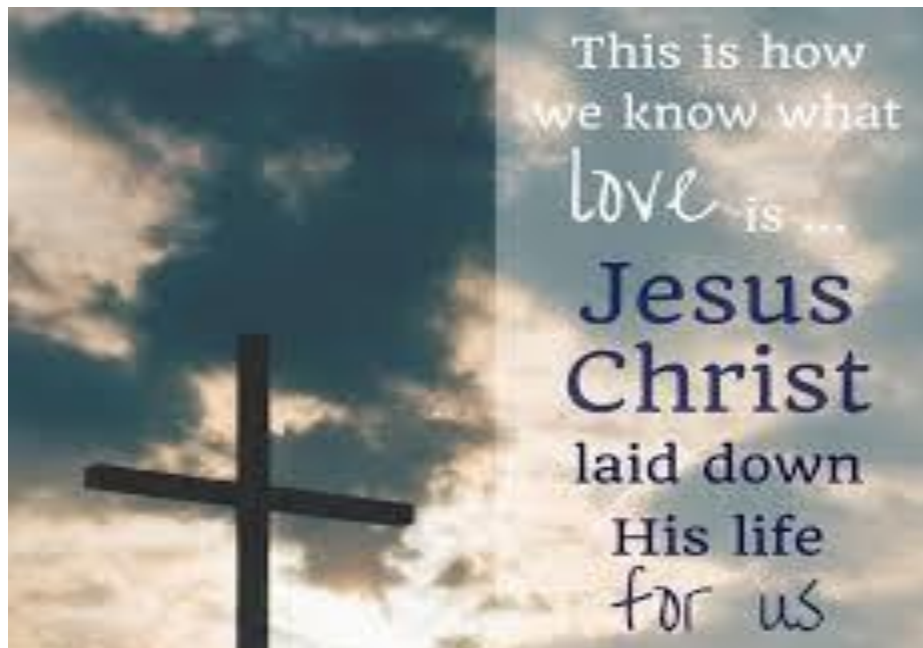


Ebenezer United Methodist Church

April 21, 2024



***Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation***



The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

***In Celebration of the Baptism of our Grandson,
Anthony Michael Catalano***

Presented by Pastor Mary and Rick Browne

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Guest Musician:	Jane Van Valkenberg
Guest Flutist:	Genevieve Hahn
Worship Leader:	Connie Miller
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Donna Dennis
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

*And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of Jesus Christ and love one another,
just as he commanded us.”*

1 John 3:18, 23

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly sign our pew register and pass to your neighbor.

If you are visiting with us today, please sign your name and USPS or e-mail address
as we would like to acknowledge you being with us today.

CENTERING MUSIC

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Michael Joncas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 140)

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord God, Good Shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit,
help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths
all the days of our lives; in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 John 3:16-24

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“We Abide in Christ”

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (TFWS 2226)

“Bind Us Together”

BIND US TOGETHER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the goods of the world
and sees a brother or sister in need, yet refuses to help?

With love for God and neighbor, let us offer our tithes, our offerings,
our very lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY "Then Sings My Soul" Hine/McDonald

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (UMH 94) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love
and light you've shown us.**

Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

**As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance
of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives.**

**May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ
and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom.**

Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT Rachel Metzger, A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Borning Cry" Ylvisaker/Kallman
Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM see insert
(UMH 618) "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" STUTTGART

*Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today is
Anthony Michael Catalano, son of Beth and Tony Catalano*

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 549) "Where Charity and Love Prevail" ST. PETER

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

We have seen God, heard from God, and experienced God today.

We are not the same as we were when we entered this place. Let us not forget that.

May every place we go, every life we touch be different because we bring Christ's love
in us and into them.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you today and always.

Amen.

GOING FORTH "This Little Light of Mine" Raney
Please remain seated until the GOING FORTH is concluded.

Following the service, all are welcome to join in a time of fellowship and snacks
at Social Hour in the Christian Life Center.

**please stand, in body or spirit*
bold text indicates congregation response

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal (red)
TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black)

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit.††

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**, April 28, 2024:
Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Genevieve Hahn, soprano and flutist
Jane Van Valkenberg, pianist and organist



Pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Pinwheels for Prevention began as a grassroots campaign in Georgia, Florida and Ohio. Their success and a desire to create a national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention led to this effort nationwide.

In 2015, Prevent Child Abuse Delaware, along with state chapters throughout the country, adopted a new logo – the pinwheel. A pinwheel represents the whimsical notion of childhood and reminds us that every child deserves the chance to have a healthy and happy childhood.

Keep an eye out for pinwheels throughout Delaware! We ordered pinwheels to display at church and for church members to take home. They are available in the Narthex. Help us spread the message about the power of prevention through the visual recognition of pinwheels throughout the community.

Remember...a pinwheel also needs wind to move forward, and with our actions and our intention, **we can be that wind.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Classes at Ebenezer, classes start at 9:00am.

Faith Class

Lounge

Youth/Children's Sunday School

Lower level

Tuesday Bible Study: Meets every Tuesday at 9:45am in Room 204.

Bible Study for Today: Meets every Thursday at 9:15am in GHH and Classrooms.

200th Anniversary

Helen Lynch and Michael Lynch /Co-chairmen 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee

Our next meeting will be May 19th at 11:30am.

Wilmington Handbells Ensemble will be performing a free will offering concert at Ebenezer on Saturday, May 11th at 4:00pm. All proceeds donated are going into our Anniversary Sunday Celebration.



Attention Graduates! If you or someone in your family is graduating from High School or College this spring please contact the church office and let us know the graduate's name, school graduating from and future plans. We will be honoring our graduates in the spring.



Time to dig out your hiking boots, pack your knapsack and fill your water canteen! We're headed to summer camp for Vacation Bible School this year – **Camp Firelight** – where Ranger Browne and her trusty helper Lu (short for Lumen) the lightning bug puppet will help us learn that whenever we're afraid, we should put our trust in God (*Psalm 56:3*). Thank you for your patience as we've worked to finalize a few details. We're sure there will be a lot of happy campers to know that the

Ebenezer/Resurrection VBS is now confirmed for our "normal" week following Father's Day, **June 17-21 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at Ebenezer.**

Our Prayers



Rev. Mary Browne + Phil Gardner Kay Kyler ++ Fran Lewis +	Laird Logue Jennie May Carolyn Mills + Valerie Rodeheaver Aram Terzian + Melissa Walther +	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Rick Browne Ron Case Judy Crescenzo Delia Irwin Jeanette Jarrell Kristin	Laird Logue Gary Pierce Denise Reedy Olivia Richart Louis Simmons Joyce Simpson Zach Trexler Alex Wiant
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In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

Missionaries We Support:

Matt & Erin Reinders	(Unalaska UMC)	Joy & Robert Vargas	(Paraguay)
Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)	Jeanne Ntambo	(Congo)
Gaston Ntambo	(Congo)		

The Pound Auction

Wednesday, April 24th 6:00pm in the GHH



Mark your calendars, get your creative juices flowing ... the Pound Auction is just around the corner! All you need to do is bring a bag (the more intriguing or prettier the better) filled with a POUND of something, then let the bidding wars begin! We bid on the bags, contents unknown.

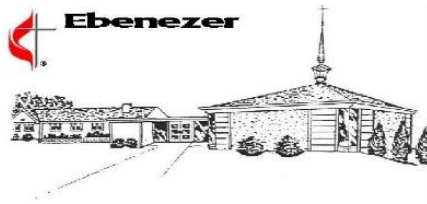
Light refreshments will be provided.

Everyone is welcome.

Bring a friend for an evening of hilarity!

All proceeds benefit students sponsored by Priscilla Circle

If you have any questions, please ask Donna Guretsky or Connie Miller.



On the Calendar, this week....

		4th Sunday after Easter	
Sun	04/21	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
Mon	04/22	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
Tues	04/23	7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
		9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	04/24	10:00am	Hope Dining Room
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
		5:00pm	Pound Auction - GHH
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
Thurs	04/25	7:00pm	Missions – Room 204
		9:30am	BSFT - GHH
		6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	04/26	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	04/27	1:00pm	Private Event - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH



Looking forward...

		5th Sunday after Easter	
Sun	04/28	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
		1:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	04/29	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	04/30	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	05/01	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
Thurs	05/02	11:45am	Health & Wellness – Room 204
		6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	05/03	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	05/04	1:00pm	Private Event - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: www.EbenezerUMCNewark.org and **Facebook:** [Ebenezer UMC Newark](https://www.facebook.com/EbenezerUMCNewark).

If you have information about an event which you would like featured on the website, please contact Lori Brown loribrown927@msn.com,



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