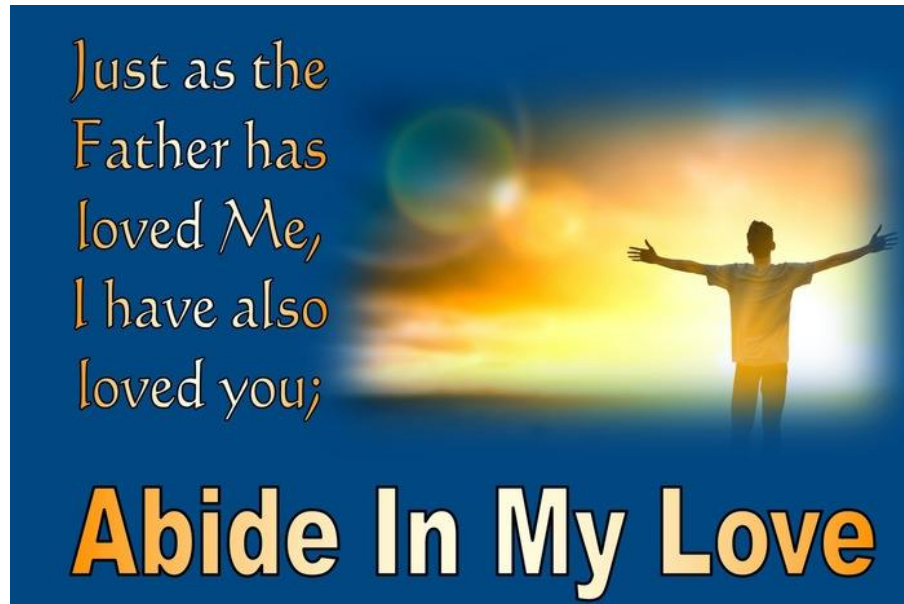


# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

May 5, 2024



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a  
Stephen Ministry Congregation*



*The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and  
In Honor of Phil and Shirley Gardner's 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Presented by their Children and Grandchildren*

*In Honor of Robby and Shane, my Grandsons  
Presented by Ge*

	Participating in Service
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Music Director:	Jennifer Willey
Worship Leader:	Connie Miller
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Terry Hohman
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper
Communion Servers:	Sherri Hodgson and Margie Pankok

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."* John 15:11-12

May 5, 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

"Aria"

Johann Kuhnau

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

**We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.**

Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

**We abide in Love because Love abides in us.**

Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy  
that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

**We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.**

Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

**We come to make our home with God and one another,  
bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.**

### \*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 89)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word,  
that we would hear what you have to say to us today.**

**May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

John 15:9-17

### A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Only a Shadow"  
Ron and Susan Durbin

Carey Landry

### MESSAGE

"Easter People Keep Loving"

Rev. Mary Browne

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD (UMH 548)

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offering what we have for the sake of others is a discipline of pruning—letting go of our possessions, our time, and even ourselves—to extend the gospel witness into the world.

Be generous in your ministry of giving.  
You need not fear, you abide in the vine.

OFFERTORY (*UMH 92*)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

KOCHER

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH 94*)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word.**

**Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings.**

**He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy.**

**Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another.**

**In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy.**

**In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO GOD'S TABLE

#### CONFESSION AND ASSUARANCE

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened.**

**We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.**

**We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.**

**Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence for personal confession*

Whenever we are afraid or overwhelmed, we have only to remember these truths:

God's love is the greatest power of all.

God's mercy is there for every one of us.

God's grace is present every moment of our lives.

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.

If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us?

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please join in singing as you wait in the pew and in line to receive Communion,  
and rejoin in singing as you return to your seat.*

(UMH 617)

"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

(UMH 614)

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

FOR THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which  
you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF SERVICE (TFWS 2130)

"The Summons"

KELVINGROVE

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Friends of Jesus, live in the joy of Christ's love.

Love one another as God loves each one of you.

Each day, seek a way to allow God's love and faithfulness that flows through you  
to bless the life of another person and increase their joy in Christ.

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

"Think about His Love"

Walt Harrah

*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**

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

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Ascension of the Lord**, May 9, 2024:

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Seventh Sunday of Easter**, May 12, 2024:

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

***Blood Pressure Checks today in the Workroom!***

**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.

**200th Anniversary**

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

**Our next meeting will be May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.**

**Wilmington Handbells Ensemble will be performing a free will offering concert at **Ebenezer on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Our Cemetery Association is in need of additional members. If you are interested and what to discuss joining this committee, please reach out to Paul Shunta at 302-304-1101**

# Our Prayers



<b>Barbie</b> Becca + Rev. Mary Browne + + Phil Gardner + Kay Kyler +++ Fran Lewis ++	Laird Logue + Carolyn Mills ++ <b>Patti Newcomb</b> 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

**Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.**

**Please continue to remember all who serve our country in the military, especially pray for those represented from our congregation.**

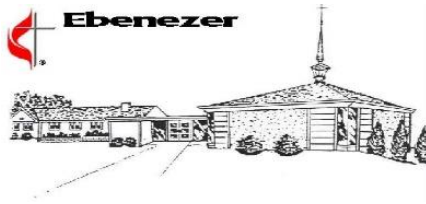
## Missionaries We Support:

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



**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.**



**On the Calendar, this week....**

Sun	05/05		<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>
		9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
		2:00pm	Private Event - Sanctuary
		4:00pm	BSA50 - Room 204
Mon	05/06	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		11:30am	Social Seniors Club - GHH
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	05/07	9:45am	Bible Study - Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room 204
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>COM - Room 204</b>
Wed	05/08	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
		4:00pm	Project Linus - GHH
		6:15pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
		6:15pm	Good Chimes - Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
Thurs	05/09	6:30pm	AI-Anon - Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting- GHH
Friday	05/10	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	05/11	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Wilm. Handbell Concert - Sanctuary</b>
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH

**“I like long walks,  
especially when  
they are taken by  
people who annoy  
me.”**

## Looking forward...

		<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	
Sun	05/12	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
		1:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	05/13	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Naomi/S&amp;S Circle - CLC</b>
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204, 211 & Lounge
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	05/14	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		11:00am	Stephen Ministry – Confirmation Room
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
		<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Priscilla Circle – Dinner Out</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Trustees – Room 204</b>
Wed	05/15	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	05/16	6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	05/17	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	05/18	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Kitchen Clean Up – CLC Kitchen</b>
		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH

### STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!



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