

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

April 14, 2024



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a  
Stephen Ministry Congregation*



*The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and  
In Loving Memory of our Parents,  
Mr. & Mrs. Grier Goodheart and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Graper  
Presented by Dick Graper*

*In Loving Memory of my Husband and  
Father on their birthday  
Presented by Ann Varey*

Participating in Service

Guest Speaker:	Don Pruden
Guest Musician:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Michael Lynch
Media Team:	Mark Miller, Sr. and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Ann Varey
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God...  
What we do know is this: when [Christ] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.  
And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.”  
1 John 3:1, 2b, 3*

April 14, 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

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Turn to Christ,  
**who calls us here.**  
Place your trust in God,  
**who protects our lives.**  
Lean into the Spirit,  
**as we worship in Spirit and truth.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**God of miracles and truth, bless us, as we gather for worship, with the power  
of your Holy Spirit.  
Reveal your presence in our midst and open our hearts and minds  
to receive your miraculous love.  
Strengthen our faith this day, that we may go forth as witness  
of your miraculous love poured into the world through Christ Jesus.  
Amen.**

#### \*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 318)

“Christ Is Alive”

TRURO

#### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love;  
come to us through your holy word and let us hear what you are saying.  
Amen.**

#### \*GOSPEL LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 10:1-23

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Lone Wild Bird"  
Zinn/Keeler Quartet

David N. Johnson

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

"Are we there yet"

Mr. Don Pruden

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (*UMH* 175)

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

ST. AGNES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As we have been loved, we are invited to love. As God has given generously to us,  
we are invited to give generously to God and to God's church.

May our hearts brim with love and generosity for all as we enter this time of offering.

OFFERTORY

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 94)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings.**

**We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us  
your children.**

**Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources  
you've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment  
to this holy transformation.**

**May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for you  
and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings.**

**Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely.**

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

\*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 454)

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

SCOTT

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The word of God assures us: what we will be has not yet been revealed.

Live therefore with hope; share your joy, withhold your anger,  
shed your disappointments, turn to all people with gentleness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you,  
shine upon you with grace and mercy,  
and give you what is needed for each new day.

**Amen.**

GOING FORTH

*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 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, April 21, 2024:

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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## 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 at having 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

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

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

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### **200th Anniversary**

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

**Our next meeting will be TODAY at 11:30am.**

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**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



Craig Bailey +++++ <b>Rev. Mary Browne</b> <b>Phil Gardner</b> Kay Kyler + <b>Fran Lewis</b>	Laird Logue +++++ <b>Carolyn Mills</b> Bob Pierce +++++ <b>Aram Terzian</b> <b>Melissa Walther</b> Bruce Wilhelm +++++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Rick Browne Ron Case Judy Crescenzo Delia Irwin	Jeanette Jarrell Kristin 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)		

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## 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.

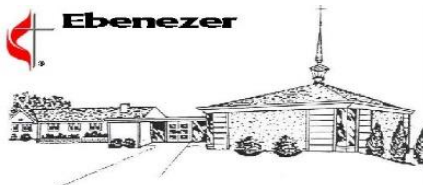
Everyone is welcome.

Bring a friend for an evening of hilarity!

All proceeds benefit students sponsored by Priscilla Circle

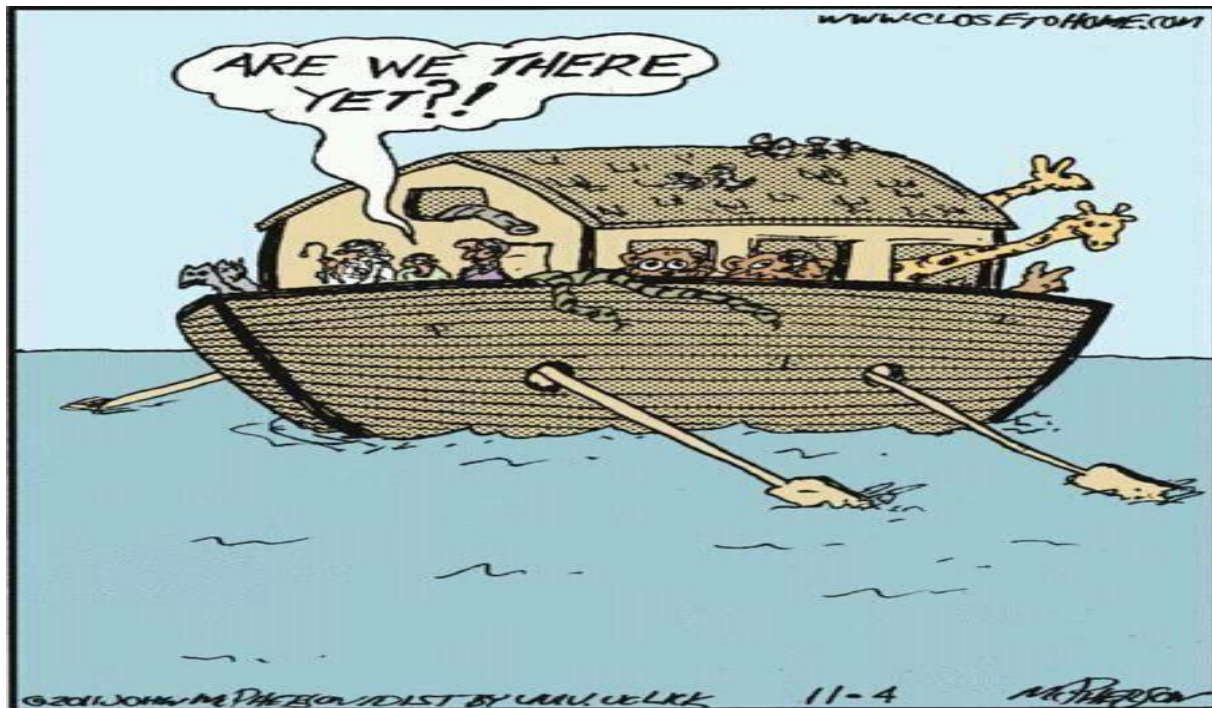
If you have any questions, please ask Donna Guretsky or Connie Miller.





On the Calendar, this week....

		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	
Sun	04/14	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Anniversary Committee Meeting – Room 204</b>
		1:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	04/15	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	04/16	12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	04/17	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
Thurs	04/18	9:30am	BSFT - GHH
		6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	04/19	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	04/20	6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH



The famous question is asked for the first time.

## Looking forward...

Day	Date	Time	Event
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
Wed	04/24	12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Hope Dining Room</b>
Thurs	04/25	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
		<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Pound Auction - GHH</b>
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Missions – Room 204</b>
		9:30am	BSFT - GHH
Friday	04/26	6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Sat	04/27	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Dance - CLC
		1:00pm	Private Event - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH

### STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: [www.EbenezerUMCNewark.org](http://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](mailto:loribrown927@msn.com),



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