

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

April 7, 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 Amy Chamberlain Keeler Esty
Presented by the Family of Donna Beers*

*In Loving Memory of my Sister, Carol Patterson.
Presented by Wayne Patterson and Family*

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Guest Musician:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Jean Harlan
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Diane Woodman
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper
Communion Servers:	Donna Dennis and Susan Durbin

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"...but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."*

1 John 1:7

April 7, 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

It is good for God's people to gather together in unity.

We are here at the invitation of God.

In this place God's love and grace flow into our lives.

In this place God's blessings abound.

Praise be to God!

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*OPENING PRAYER

**Holy One, we gather with grateful hearts to remember the blessings
of your light and love as they flow through our lives each day.**

In this moment, open our heart to you Holy Spirit.

Open our minds to the truths of your story.

Open our hands to welcome the risen Christ among us.

And open our eyes to your glory—a glory reflected in the faces around us.

In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 304) "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Risen Christ, may the words we speak and the stories we hear invite us into a
deeper relationship with you and with one another. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Redeemer"
Sharon Keeler, vocalist & guitar

Nicole Mullen

SERMON

“We Walk in the Light”

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (*UMH* 188) “Christ Is the World’s Light” CHRISTE SANCTORUM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The love and light of God flow through our lives, bringing us joy and hope.
With thanksgiving in our hearts, let us offer our gifts to God,
the source of all our blessings.

OFFERTORY

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

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Generous God, as we gather to offer our tithes and offerings,
we are reminded of the words of the apostle John about the Word of life.
Just as your Word brings light into our lives, may our giving be an act
of generosity, a reflection of the abundance of your grace and love.
We thank you for the forgiveness and grace offered through your Son,
Jesus Christ, and as we give, may we also steward these gifts wisely
for the betterment of your kingdom.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

MISSION MOMENT

Native American Ministries Sunday

INVITATION TO GOD’S TABLE

CONFESSION AND ASSUARANCE

**God of grace and mercy, we want to continue singing the alleluias of Easter,
but there are days we just don’t feel like singing.
Sometimes we lock ourselves away, fearful of what has happened
or what the day may bring.
Sometimes we allow our doubts to overwhelm our faith.
Sometimes we forget about the needs of our neighbors because
we are so focused on ourselves.
Forgive us.
Draw us back to you and to one another.
Help us walk in your love and light, that others may see in us
the loving presence of the risen Christ. Amen.**

Silence for personal confession

We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous one—who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.

This is the good news of the gospel: 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 636)

"Christian People, Raise Your Song"

AVE VIRGO VIRINUM

(UMH 614)

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

FOR THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creative God, we thank you for revealing your love to us in bread and juice.

**We recognize your presence in us and all around us, and we ask that you
continue to reveal your love for all Creation to the ends of the Earth
through our lives.**

**Make us your people and use us to reveal the inbreaking of your kin-dom
here and now: a world of justice and peace. Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 144)

"This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

We are a chosen people, called for the purpose of being sent.

Go, therefore, to shine the light of Christ into the darkness, to speak truth to falsehood,
to love in the midst of hatred and to live as those who belong to another.

Let your life be a sign of Christ's life so that others may come to believe
that the Lord is risen indeed.

May the love of God,

the peace of the risen Christ,

and the power of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts, now and always.

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

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 **Third Sunday of Easter**, April 14, 2024:

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48



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

[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 April 14th at 11:30am.



Join us for a Friendly's Fundraiser on Monday, **April 8th from 5:00 to 8:00pm** at the Lantana Square Friendly's. Ten percent of all dine in, carry out and delivered purchases during this time will benefit the Ebenezer UMC 200th Anniversary Celebration. Hope to see you there! So that we get credit for your purchase, please give your server this flyer.

Thank you for your support!!!

[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 +++ Rev. Mary Browne Kay Kyler Fran Lewis	Laird Logue +++ Bob Pierce +++ Melissa Walther + 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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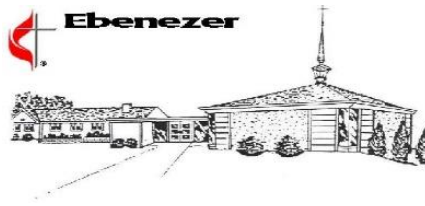
In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

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)		



On the Calendar, this week....

		2nd Sunday after Easter	
Sun	04/07	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
		4:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
Mon	04/08	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		5:00pm	Friendly's Fundraiser
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204, 211 & Lounge
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	04/09	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		11:00am	Stephen Ministry – Confirmation Room
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
		6:30pm	Priscilla Circle - CLC
		7:00pm	Endowment Committee – Room 204
Wed	04/10	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
		10:30am	Naomi/S&S Circle – CLC
		4:00pm	Project Linus – GHH
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Finance Committee – Room 204
Thurs	04/11	9:30am	BSFT - GHH
		6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	04/12	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	04/13	9:30am	Delaware Valley Historic Sampler Guild - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH



Looking forward...

		3rd Sunday after Easter	
Sun	04/14	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
		11:30am	Anniversary Committee Meeting – Room 204
		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	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	04/17	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	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

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

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

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