The Highlighter DECEMBER

Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Newark, Delaware **December 2025**

Then Samuel took a stone, set it up…and said, "The LORD has helped us all the way," and he named it Ebenezer [Stone of Help]. 1 Samuel 7:12 GNB

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers:

As we continue in this season of gratitude, thanksgiving, anticipation and giving, I want to thank you for the support you have given throughout the year to the Community Emergency Support Fund by your financial gifts placed in the offering plates at the front of the church each time we celebrate Holy Communion. The Community Fund is for my prayerfully discerned use to assist Ebenezer members and members of the community who find themselves in a difficult situation and needing help with electricity, shelter, fuel for their vehicle, medical expense or prescription, or food. These needs generally arise because of unanticipated circumstances. It can be heartbreaking to hear the story of how the person or family came to be in need, and heartwarming to hear the relief and gratitude for the assistance we are able to give through your generosity. Thank you for your continued support providing tangible evidence that we are the light on the hill.

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In The United Methodist Church, we recognize two sacraments: Holy Communion and Holy Baptism; these are the only rites Jesus directly commanded in the Gospels (Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 22:19-20). A sacrament (think "sacred moment) is a Christian rite believed to be a means of experiencing God's presence and grace as a spiritual reality. Sacraments are intended to help us enter into a deeper relationship with God and communicate God's holiness in community. Pastors often speak of sacraments as "an outward, visible sign of an inward, spiritual grace (attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo)." In United Methodist speak, Holy Communion and Holy Baptism are "means of grace" through which God works invisibly in us, awakening and strengthening faith.

Holy Baptism marks the beginning of a person's lifelong journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Through water and the Holy Spirit, it symbolizes cleansing, forgiveness, and new life. Baptism is not something we do for God, but something God does for us. Through Baptism we become members of God's universal Church, are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation, are born by water and the Spirit (John 3:5), and are adopted into the covenant people (Galatians 3:26-29). John Wesley emphasized that baptism visualizes prevenient grace – grace that comes before we are aware of our need for God, begin to understand God's nature, or choose to be in relationship with God.

Our United Methodist understanding of baptism stands beside the rite of circumcision in the story of God's chosen people beginning with God's covenant with Abram and Sarai (Genesis 17:1-16). Circumcision was the sign of being a Jew, one of God's people. After Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, as the fulfillment of God promise to send the Messiah, the early Christian community discerned that Gentiles expressing their faith in Jesus did not have to become a Jew (through instruction in the Mosaic law and undergoing circumcision) before they could be baptized as the mark of entering into the new covenant in Christ (Acts 15). Our Baptismal Covenant liturgy begins with the affirmation that "through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church." God has done the work, God is the one who acts. God does not need to act again, when we are baptized – no matter how young or how old we are at the time – it is 'once and done;' United Methodists do not re-baptize. But we are encouraged to participate in a reaffirmation of our Baptismal Covenant; we are reminded of the vows that we made, or were made on our behalf if baptized as an infant, reaffirm our faith, and renew our commitment to Christ's Church.

United Methodists practice infant baptism as does the Roman Catholic Church and other Protestant denominations. The primary theological reason is

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that God's grace comes first, there is not a certain age at which God begins to love us and extend grace to us. 1 John 4:19 says, "We love because he first loved us." God's love and grace are with us preveniently – before we are aware of our need for God. Children were included in the Abrahamic Covenant; just so, children are included in the covenant of grace – Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me…for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 19:14)." In the New Testament, when we read the stories of Lydia (Acts 16), the Philippian jailer (Acts 16), and Stephanas (1 Corinthians 1), we see entire households being baptized – very likely including children. If baptism was dependent on our ability to properly and fully understand it, none of us could ever be sure we were ready to be baptized. Baptism is an act of God's faithfulness, not ours. In the Baptismal Covenant for infants and children, the parents, sponsor, and faith community make a promise to nurture the child in Christ's holy church until they are ready to affirm the baptismal vows for themselves.

Baptism is always done within a setting of community because the covenant is one of community, Christ's universal Church. Baptism happens once in our lifetime, but we spend our whole lives living into the Baptismal Covenant – renouncing evil, accepting God's freedom and power, confessing Jesus as Savior and serving Him as Lord, growing in holiness, and participating in the community of Christ through our connection in a local faith community.
In baptism, God claims us, Christ incorporates us, and the Spirit empowers us. We spend the rest of our lives becoming what baptism says we already are: **beloved children of God.**

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mary

Gifts for the Christ Child

"Whoever receives on such child in my name receives me." Matt. 18:5

At Ebenezer Church's worship services on Sunday, December 7, 14, 21, and at each special service leading up to Christmas, you are invited to bring a gift of baby food for the Christ Child.

Members and friends who worship with us online can also participate by dropping off your baby food items at Ebenezer during the week or call the church office and arrange for your pick-up at your home.

The items we collect will be distributed to families in need through St Stephen's Food Pantry in Wilmington. Your food gifts will truly be a blessing to the young innocents amount us for whom our Lord has a special place in his heart. Please consider this ministry while shopping for your holiday meals and make a visit to the baby food isle.

Thank you and may God's Pease be with you this blessed season.

'Tis the Season at Ebenezer United Methodist Church 2025

November 30 After Service	Hanging of the Greens
December 6 4:00 pm	Wilmington Handbell Concert
December 14 9:15 am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant
December 21 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Blue Christmas Live Nativity
December 24 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Family Service Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve Services 3:00 pm

Family Service with Do-It-Yourself Pageant. Costumes for children and youth will be available in the CLC at 2:30p.m. We will sing "Silent Night" by candlelight in the service.

5:00 pm A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Service featuring Congregational Carols, Chancel Choir, Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble, String Quartet and Guest Singers including "Silent Night" sung by candlelight.

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble

Saturday, December 6
4:00 p.m.
"Olde World Christmas" Concert

Come enjoy and soak in the sounds of the season as Wilmington Handbell Ensemble presents familiar and not so familiar songs from beyond the boundaries of the U.S. And, yes, you will see new handbell equipment added this season. Freewill donations will be accepted.

Blue Christmas Service at Ebenezer Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 pm

Blue? Yes, blue, as in" the blues;" as in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities.

There is a growing attentiveness to the needs of people who are blue at Christmas. Increasing numbers of churches are creating sacred space for people living through dark times. Such services are reflective, accepting where we really are, and holding out healing and hope.

Ebenezer Church is holding a Service of the Longest Night (or Blue Christmas service) on Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 pm. It will include quiet carols, an inspiring message and Holy Communion. Please join us in worshiping our God of light, who meets us in our times of darkness and deepest needs. Our live Nativity will follow this service.

Everyone is invited to **Our Sunday School Christmas pageant**, **Sunday December 14** in the CLC at 9:15am. Refreshments will be available after the pageant.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Zingos

It is that time of year again where Ebenezer and friends will have the opportunity to ring the Salvation Army Bell at Zingo's.

Our dates will be Saturdays, November 29, then December 6, 13, and 20 with one-hour slots from 8 am to 8 pm.

It is a great way to help others and let your light shine by volunteering.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex

Any questions please contact Donna Dennis at hoosierd30@gmail.com

Sunday, December 21 at 5:30 pm is the annual **Live Nativity.**

Readings will be held every half hour. Youth of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. Participants should arrive no later than 5:00. A refreshment table will be located in the Narthex. This has become a very popular community event. We are asking for donations of goodies for the refreshment table. Please donate something if you can! Donations can be left in the kitchen any time prior to 5:00 on the 21st.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Following the 10:00 am. Worship Service

We will decorate the sanctuary and other areas of the church in preparation of the beginning of Advent. There are tasks for just about every level of skill. We need folks willing to climb the ladders and folks who can sit and hand out the Chrismons to be hung on the tree in the narthex.

This is a fun time of fellowship where truly, many hands make light work. We will begin with fellowship during Social Hour in the CLC with snacks before we set about the tasks that need to be done. We are also seeking volunteers to set up the stable outside. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Mary.

Santa, the people at Stockings for Soldiers, the soldiers, and I thank each one of you for your donations for this project. They plan to fill 10,000 stockings this year. All your donations helped a lot. Many thanks and Merry Christmas.

Ann Varey

The Trexler Prayer Support Service will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00pm.

From the MUSIC DIRECTOR

Some paths we have to walk alone, alone but, with God, who can ease the sorrows of the holiday season. As a widow, Christmas will never be the same for me, because not only is that marriage completed, but the joys that went with those decades of my life: the exhaustion of making Christmas happen as we attended to our children, to our local parents, to whatever stage of life we may have lost.

My best Christmas memories as a child involved my American grandparents, in a house and a time that I have not seen in a half century. I miss that every Christmas, as well as the Christmas miracles that happened when the years in between were particularly hard. I miss my family in Norway and if I go there, I miss my family and friends here. I play Norwegian Christmas carols at the piano and melt down into tears.

But, here at EUMC, we have an opportunity to lift that up, to hold space, in the quiet reflection of **our Blue Christmas Service, on Sunday 21 December at 4 pm**. Candlelight, kindness, moments of reflection, a beautiful service by Pastor Mary, and gorgeous singing by Good Company, our friends who form the all male quartet, who first visited us this past August.

We are all grieving something, are we not? We all have those we miss at Christmas, whether it be the estranged, the departed, or those with whom, for now, the relationships may not ever be solved. We miss peace, we worry about the strife, the discord, the suffering.

And there again, but God…we must join together in that most powerful prayer of all, when our many voices of prayer are not just for our own individual sorrows but for the world we want, the joy and hope we must visualize, so that we can help the manifestation of Christ's message for the world. Won't you come and join me?

"Death cannot kill what never dies. Nor can spirits ever be divided that love and live in the same divine principle…Death is but crossing the world as Friends do the Seas. They Live in one another still.. ~William Penn, 1682

Margaret Badger
Music Director

HEAVEN AND EARTH: ADVENT AND INCARNATION

by Bishop William Willimon

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 9:45 – 10:50 am

Our Advent Study this year will be a new book by UM Bishop Will Willimon, *Heaven and Earth: Advent and Incarnation. As the secular calendar year ends, the liturgical calendar year begins. Advent is the 4 Sundays and days in between before Christmas. The focus Scripture lessons remind us that as Christians, we mark time differently how the world marks time. Here is a chance to meditate on how God is making time for us and reminds us that God has come down because we cannot climb up. Study books are available in the church office; a donation of $15.00 is requested to cover the cost of the book; you can order the ebook from Cokesbury or Christian Book Distributors. Please contact Pastor Mary if you have any questions.*

Lighting Advent Candle Sign-up

We need individuals, couples, or families to light the Advent Wreath candles. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

The candle lighting liturgy for this year includes the Chancel Choir, Good Chimes and congregation. Your responsibility will be to light the candles.

11/30 @ 10:00 am service
12/07 @ 10:00 am service
12/14 @ 10:00 am service
12/21 @ 10:00 am service

12/24 @ 3:00 pm service
12/24 @ 5:00 pm service

Finance Committee Report

December is the last month of 2025. Please try to complete your pledges. Finances this year are running in decent shape.

The church has many large capital expenses currently. The Narthex roof needs to be replaced. Soffits, facias, and gutters need to be done with the roof for a total of $280,000.
Outside lighting is finished for less than the original estimate of $25,000. Electrical panels have been replaced for insurance requirements for over $11,000.

Thanks to each one of you for your financial support of our church. I wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Ann Varey
Finance chairperson

As we anticipate the holiday season, our Angel Tree tradition will be celebrated with opportunities to provide gifts for children of incarcerated parents.

Each child receives two gifts, typically a toy or game and an article of clothing. Caregivers are contacted to provide appropriate gift suggestions. Gift deliveries will be made to families within nearby zip codes.

Our Christmas tree with sign-up tags will be available in the Narthex soon. If you have questions or need assistance, please email Donna at **hoosierd30@gmail.com**

Share the Joy!
Donna Dennis

Thank You!

Our family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone, notably Pastor Mary and Calvin, for your prayers, visits, kind words, and messages of comfort following the passing of Ralph Culver. Your love and support have been a great source of strength and peace during this difficult time.

Thank you.
Beverly Culver

Winter Worship
Warm Hearts, Cold Days

Even when the weather turns cold, our church family stays warm through worship, fellowship, and faith. Join us on Sunday and be reminded that there's no better place to find warmth than in God's presence and among His people.

wellness NEWS

Greetings from your Health and Wellness Ministry

Thank you to all who attended the Visual Caption phone lecture. We will have no more lectures until after the Holidays. We will continue taking blood pressures through the holidays. If you feel you need your blood pressure checked at any time please flag down any of us and we will assist you.
It was suggested I do an article on The Christmas Blues.

"Christmas blues" refers to feelings of sadness, anxiety, or depression that some individuals experience during the holiday season, often due to unrealistic expectations, loneliness, or stress.
Understanding Christmas Blues

Christmas blues is a term used to describe the emotional distress that can occur during the Christmas season. While many people associate the holidays with joy and celebration, others may feel overwhelmed by feelings of sadness, anxiety, or loneliness. This phenomenon is often linked to several factors:

1. Unrealistic Expectations: The media and societal norms often portray an idealized version of the holiday season, leading individuals to feel inadequate or disappointed when their experiences do not match these expectations.
2. Loneliness and Isolation: For those who may not have family or friends to celebrate with, the holiday season can exacerbate feelings of loneliness. Even individuals surrounded by others may feel disconnected or unsupported.
3. Increased Stress: The demands of the holiday season, such as gift shopping, party planning, and family gatherings, can lead to heightened stress levels. This stress can contribute to feelings of anxiety and overwhelm.
4. Reflection on the Past: The holiday season often prompts reflection on the past year, which can lead to feelings of regret or sadness, especially if personal goals were not met.

Symptoms of Christmas Blues

Symptoms may include:

- Persistent feelings of sadness or anxiety
- Changes in appetite or sleep patterns
- Increased irritability or frustration
- Feelings of loneliness or isolation.

Coping Strategies

To manage Christmas blues, individuals can consider the following strategies:

Set Realistic Expectations: Acknowledge that the holidays may not be perfect and allow yourself to feel a range of emotions.
Seek Social Support: Reach out to friends or family or consider joining community activities to combat feelings of isolation.

Practice Self-Care: Engage in activities that promote well-being, such as exercise, relaxation techniques, or hobbies that bring joy.

Understanding and acknowledging the Christmas blues can help individuals navigate their feelings during the holiday season and seek support when needed.

Holiday Blessing
To All,

Your Health and
Wellness Ministry

Trustee's Capital Program

In the late twenty teens, the Trustees recognized that the current method of funding major projects with a yearly budget would not work for the large projects needed to maintain our church. Yearly budgeting was fine for replacing residential sized appliances, the occasional air conditioner or hot water heater, and so on. But it was not suited to replacing commercial sized HVAC equipment, parking lot repaving, roof replacements, and major building repairs. What was needed was a continuous Capital Program that could accumulate funds over a period of years to build up a larger balance that would handle the major expenditures.

In 2019, a formal Capital Program was approved by the Administrative Board to fund the major projects that would be facing the Trustees. It is funded by an annual deposit of $45,000 from the Fort Endowment Fund, an average of about $15,000 per year from the annual Capital Campaign, and occasional memorial donations. As of May 30th of this year, nearly $413,000 has gone into the fund, while $310,000 has been spent and roughly $60,000 has been encumbered for projects that are underway. A representative list of projects completed and funded so far by the Capital Program include:

- Repair and future prevention of the 2018 and 2019 flooding of the lower level of the church $61,300
- Replacement of the HVAC in the Narthex $8,800
- Removing hazardous trees along the property line $5,000
- Converting the Parsonage from propane to natural gas and replacing the hot water heater $7,400
- Replacement of old heated brick sidewalk entrance $109,000
- Various door repairs $15,500
- Repair/patch/replace roof leaks and lightning rods $15,600
- Furnish and install 2 safety stanchions on the Altar $2,250
- Parking lot repairs and install speed bump $5,200

The projects that are underway, or in the que, include replacing the unrepairable fire door in the hallway ($25,000), replacing 2 unsafe electrical panels along with related electrical repairs ($15,000), and upgrading our outside safety and security lighting ($25,000). Also underway is a $20,000 design project to replace our leak prone flat Narthex roof and redo all of our roof gutters, soffits, and facias. The anticipated construction cost of this project is in excess of $200,000. This is far more than the Capital Program is able to handle.

The Trustees, along with the Finance Committee and the Administrative Board, are looking for ways to fund these projects. In addition to our normal funding mechanism, we are actively looking for grants that might be available. If a grant can be obtained, there is generally a local funding requirement that ranges from 10% to 50% or more – money we currently do not have.

Because of the urgent need to continue with the above repairs and renovations of our 50 year old church, we are asking that anyone who can, and feels moved to do so, contribute anything you can to help in this endeavor.

Thank you.

1 Barbara Beasley
Elizabeth Peoples
4 Beverly Culver
Florence Gregg
Marissa Hohman
Johnathon Momot
Jerome Stewart
Jennifer Wilde
5 Aaron Bey
8 Mary Minker
Beverly Shunta
9 Craig Bailey
Linda Stapleford
Elaine Williams
10 Christie Koontz
12 Jeff Peoples
Robert Sylvester, Sr.
14 William Mills
Grace Tackett
15 Mark Hafer
Michael Kefauver
16 Brian McAdams
Meri Ann Spears
17 David Patterson
18 Cain Taylor
20 John Castle
Becky Knowles
Danny White
21 Donna Guretsky
25 Sabrina Helsel
Nicholas Jackson
Josaphine Whiteman
26 Cora Sowden
Aaron White
28 Tiffany Combs
Makiyah Drby
Viraj Mehta
Cameron Mills
29 Barbara Kryza
Leanne Phillips
Kyle Shelton

January

1 Judy Hanus
Dennis Williams
2 Heather Lumb
Michael Smith
3 Henna Castle
Brian Dempsey
Shannon McAdams
5 Mark Hodgson
6 Alison Gibney
Caleb Wood

December

10 Michael & Jennifer Wilde (20 Years)
13 Dallas & Cindy Roberts (11 Years)
29 Suellen & Gary Ward (53 Years)
31 Lamar & Sandra Smith (20 Years)

January

20 Christopher & Alexis Brookens (13 Years)

A Route (DECEMBER)
1 Sharon Keeler & Gail Donaldson
8 Sharon Keeler & Gail Donaldson
15 Paul & Beverly Shunta
22 Donna Sperow and Belita Duncans
29 Sharon Keeler & Gail Donaldson

B Route — (DECEMBER)
1 Mary Ann Menghi
8 Ann Sylvester & Sue Stewart
15 Sherrie Hodgson & Mary Minker
22 Kathy and Doug Gibney
29 Adele Madden & Mary Minker

A Route (JANUARY)
5 Sharon Keeler & Gail Donaldson
12 Sharon Keeler & Gail Donaldson
18 Paul & Beverly Shunta
25 Donna Sperow and Belita Duncans

B Route — (JANUARY)
5 Mary Ann Menghi
12 Ann Sylvester & Sue Stewart
18 Sherrie Hodgson & Mary Minker
25 Kathy and Doug Gibney

Substitutes

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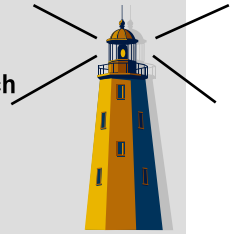

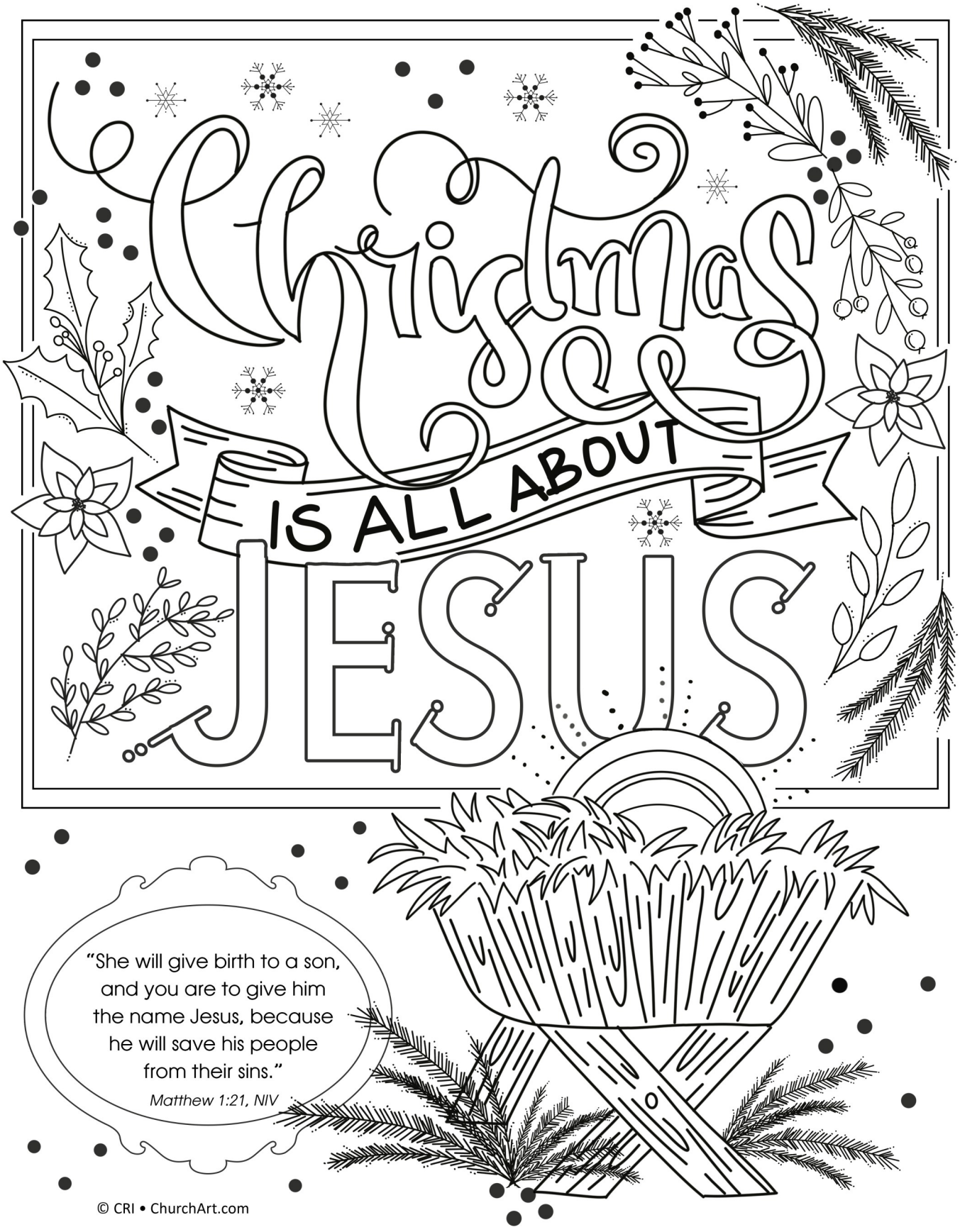
Christmas
IS ALL ABOUT
JESUS
"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21, NIV
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Pecans are back!

New crop pecans are available for sale!

$13 Pecan Pieces
$16 Mammoth Pecan Halves

See Carol in the Church office or contact Diana Bienkowski
dianab6@verizon.net
302-463-1653

Payment by check to Ebenezer United Methodist Women or correct cash amount would be appreciated.

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Thank you for supporting the United Methodist Women!

Connie's Rolls

EUMW Fundraiser

Place your order for Connie's famous rolls for Christmas! If interested in purchasing rolls, please place your order by December 14.

Call Connie: 302-737-4411 or Carol 302-731-9495

No late orders will be accepted. Pick up will be on December 21.

The cost for a dozen is still $8.00. Please pay by check (made out to EUW) or have exact change when picking up. If you are interested in helping, contact Connie directly at 302-737-4411.

Scout Troops 50 & 1050

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, December 13, 2025 • 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Limestone Presbyterian Church • 3201 Limestone Rd., Wilmington, DE

All-you-can-eat pancakes! • To-go orders available! • Famous Troop 50 Sausage!

Adult Ticket $8
Youth Ticket $6
Donate a breakfast $8

Donated tickets distributed to senior centers, homeless shelters/support organizations

Tickets also available online at https://5610e6-3.myshopify.com Or scan the QR code

WILMINGTON HANDBELL ENSEMBLE PRESENTS

AN OLDE WORLD CHRISTMAS

EBENEZER UMC
NEWARK, DE
SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER 4PM

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL
WITH THE NEWARK SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA AND GUESTS
SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER 3PM

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
WILMINGTON, DE
SATURDAY, 20 DECEMBER 4PM

Private concerts upon request.
www.wilmingtonhandbellensemble.org
Kerry Dietz, Artistic Director

TROOP 50 & 1050 Holiday Wreath Sale

Support Scouting!

All donations support
boys and girls camping and learning life skills

Offering Wreaths, Door Swags & Grave Blankets

Show your holiday spirit with these locally-sourced, fresh wreaths while supporting our Scouting program! Wreaths are made fresh only days before we offer them for pick up on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Pick up times at Ebenezer United Methodist Church (525 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark, DE, 19711): Saturday 11/29 2-4pm, Sunday 11/30 10am-12pm, Thursday 12/4 6pm-7:30pm

8-inch wreath w/pinecones & bow	$25
14-inch wreath w/pinecones & bow	$35
18-inch wreath w/pinecones & bow	$47
2-foot wreath w/ bow*	$70
3-foot wreath w/ bow*	$150
4-foot wreath w/ bow*	$220
Grave blanket w/ pinecones, bow, white sticks	$45
Door swag w/bow	$25

Place your wreath orders at our online store at:

https://5610e6-3.myshopify.com

Or scan the QR code

Important!

When ordering wreaths please make sure to use the comment box and type in Scout's name

THANK YOU!

The Scouts of Troop 50 and Troop 1050 very much appreciate your support.

We have a wonderful tradition at Ebenezer of celebrating the season of Jesus's birth by having poinsettias to decorate the chancel area in the sanctuary and the narthex. The poinsettias are donated by church members and friends and can be given in memory of or in honor of loved ones

In lieu of donating a poinsettia, you may make a gift that will Family Promise in memory of or in honor of loved ones.

The deadline to order is Thursday, December 5th. The cost of each poinsettia is $13.00.
Please pre-pay your order by making checks to Ebenezer UMC, indicating in the memo line whether it is for poinsettias or a donation to Family Promise. Place your completed form with payment in the basket on the table in the narthex or send it to the church office.

I want to order _____ (indicate number) poinsettias.

Red ____ White ___

I want to donate _____ (indicate $ donation) to support Family Promise.

Check enclosed _____ **Cash** enclosed _____

*[Please print **Please complete…we do not keep information from previous year)***

IN MEMORY OF:

_____

IN HONOR OF:

_____

GIVEN BY: [envelope number_____] _____

___ I would like my poinsettia delivered to a home bound member after 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 21.
____ I will pick up my poinsettia on December 24 after the last service.
____ I am willing to leave my poinsettia in the sanctuary through December 31.

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00am AA **11:30am Social Seniors** 4:30pm Daybreak Counseling 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm NA	2 9:45am Bible Study 12:00pm AA 6:00pm Support Group	3 10:00am AA 10:00am Chancel Choir 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:15pm Good Chimes 7:00pm 2 x 4 Class 7:00pm District Committee BSA	4 **11:00am Health & Wellness** 12:00pm ACOA 7:00pm BSA50 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm NA	5 10:00am AA	6 **4:00pm Wilmington Handbell Concert** 6:30pm NA
7 **2nd Sunday of Advent** 9:00a, Choir 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Social Hour 11:30pm Choir	8 10:00am AA 4:30pm Daybreak Counseling 6:00pm Cub scouts 7:00pm Eagle Scout Boards 7:00pm NA	9 9:4 5am Bible Study **11:00am Stephen Ministry** 12:00pm AA 6:00pm Support Group **6:00p Priscilla Circle**	10 10:00am AA / Christmas Party 10:00am Chancel Choir **4:00pm Project Linus** 6:15pm Good Chimes 7:00pm 2 x 4 Class	11 7:00pm BSA50 12:00pm ACOA 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm NA	12 10:00am AA 7:00pm 2 X 4 Dance / Christmas Party	13 9:30am DE Valley Historic Samplers 4:00pm Private Event 6:30pm NA
14**3rd Sunday of Advent** 9:00am Choir **9:15am Sunday School Pageant** 10:00am Worship 11:00am Social Hour 11:30am Choir 2:00pm Youth Group **4:00pm Healing Service**	15 10:00am AA 4:30pm Daybreak Counseling 5:00pm Soccer Shots 6:00pm Cub scouts 7:00pm NA	16 9:45am Bible Study 12:00pm AA 6:00pm Support Group 6:30pm Cub Scouts	17 10:00am AA 10:00am Chancel Choir 6:15pm Good Chimes 7:00pm 2 x 4 Class	18 7:00pm BSA50 12:00pm ACOA 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm NA	19 10:00am AA 1:00pm Rona Creek Christmas Play	20 6:30pm NA
21 **4th Sunday of Advent** 9:00am Choir 10:00am Worship 11:00am Social Hour 11:30am Choir 1:00pm Private Event **4:00pm Blue Christmas** **5:30pm Live Nativity**	22 10:00am AA 4:30pm Daybreak Counseling 5:00pm Soccer Shots 6:00pm Cub scouts 7:00pm NA	23 9:45am Bible Study 12:00pm AA 6:00pm Support Group	24 **Christmas Eve** **10:00am Hope Dining** 10:00am AA 10:00am Chancel Choir 3:00pm Family Service 5:00pm Lessons & Carols	25 ***Christmas Day***	26 10:00am AA 7:00pm 2 x 4 Dance	27 6:30pm NA
28 **1st Sunday after Christmas** 9:00am Choir 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Social Hour 11:30am Choir 2:00pm Youth Group	29 10:00am AA 4:30pm Daybreak Counseling 5:00pm Soccer Shots 6:00pm Cub scouts 7:00pm NA	30 9:45am Bible Study 12:00pm AA 6:00pm Support Group	31 10:00am AA 10:00am Chancel Choir 6:15pm Good Chimes 7:00pm 2 x 4 Class			

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