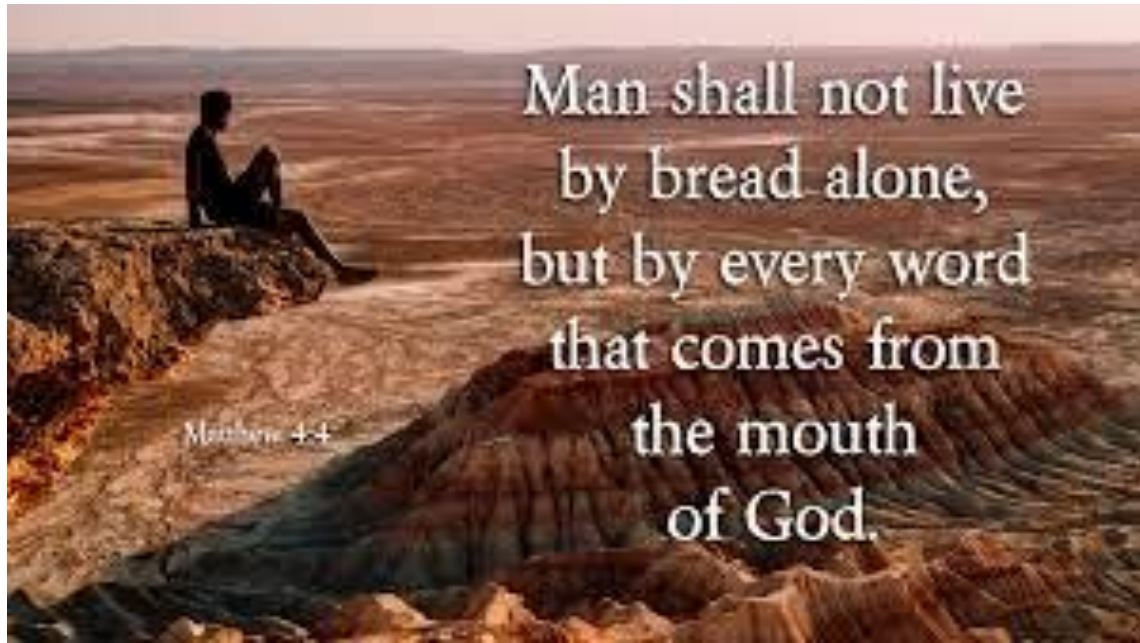


# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

February 26, 2023



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a*

*Stephen Ministry Congregation*

STEPHEN MINISTRY



*The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and*

*In Loving Memory of Thomas Jarrell*

*Presented by his Family*

	Participating in Service
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Director of Music:	Mr. F. Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Connie Miller
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Brooksie Pruden
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Don Pruden
Communion Servers:	Donna Dennis and Kristin Moser

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*“Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you, at a time of distress,  
the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.  
You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me  
with glad cries of deliverance.” Psalm 32:6-7*

February 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## WELCOME

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.

## PRELUDE

“40 Days in the Desert”  
Good Chimes Handbell Choir

William Peters

## THRESHOLD MOMENT

“Show Us How to Love”

words: Mark Miller/music: Lindy Thompson  
Chancel Choir

Hearts open, minds awake,  
change us now for heaven’s sake.  
Leave us not alone in hatred’s wake.  
Show us how to love.  
Show us how to love.  
Show us how, show us how to love.

Lent is a wonderfully reflective time to reassess where we are searching for meaning and purpose. A question for us this year is “don’t we often look for wholeness and happiness in places that offer only temporary ‘good feelings’ and satisfaction?”

We will discover that the stories of Jesus show us how to truly love.

This week we hear how Jesus resists evil in the desert. We see the futility of looking for love in empty highs, in tempting fate, and in mindless adoration. Rather, as Jesus demonstrates, it is in our resistance to evil that we find true communion with God. Resistance to evil starts with our own confession of complicit acts that move us further from love. Our groaning can turn to “glad cries of deliverance” as we choose good over evil time after time — even and especially if it isn’t the “popular” thing to do.

Eyes open, shocked awake,  
much to learn from our mistakes.  
Draw us closer in our heartache.  
Show us how to love.  
Show us how to love.  
Show us how, show us how to love.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Wild God of the wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you,  
shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord,**

**so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.**

\*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 269)

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

LAND OF REST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, may the word of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 32

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Carpenter"  
Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

A Carpenter from Galilee learned well His father's trade.  
The people gathered around to see the wonders that He made.  
With thoughtful care He laid His hands upon the rugged wood:  
And spoke when all His work was done, "It is finished, It is good."

The Carpenter from Galilee soon moved to other art.  
With loving touch He healed the sick and fixed the sinner's heart.  
With thoughtful care He shared His gifts with everyone He could:  
And spoke when all His work was done, "It is finished, It is good."

The Carpenter from Galilee know well His Father's will;  
And the people gathered around to see Him climb Golgotha's hill!  
With loving grace He took the nails and laid His hands to wood.  
Then spoke when all His work was done, "It is finished, It is good."

MESSAGE

"Look for the Resister"

Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Grant to us your peace, Lord.**

"Kyrie" (HAVE MERCY)  
#3133, *Worship & Song* hymnal supplement  
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*Prayers for the World*

Loving Creator, we come to you asking for strength to resist injustice in this world.  
*Prayer continues...*

God have mercy. In this singing we lift up this world to you with our love:

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Grant to us your peace, Lord.**

Prayers for Our Community

Loving Sovereign, we come to you asking for strength to make a difference  
in our communities.

*Prayer continues...*

God have mercy. In this singing we lift up this community to you with our love:

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Grant to us your peace, Lord.**

Prayers for Our Relationships

Loving Parent, we come to you asking for strength to make our homes  
and relationships places of love.

*Prayer continues*

God have mercy. In this singing we lift up each other to you with our love:

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Grant to us your peace, Lord.**

Prayers for Our Selves

Lover of Our Souls, we come to you asking for strength to love ourselves.

*Prayer continues...*

God have mercy. In this singing we open ourselves to your love:

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Grant to us your peace, Lord.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ, let us respond with gratitude,  
offering our lives to God, and returning to God a portion of the treasures with which  
we have been blessed.

OFFERTORY

"Aglow"  
Good Chimes Handbell Choir

Jason W. Krug

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH 87, v. 4*)

"What Gift Can We Bring"

ANNIVERSARY SONG

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Merciful One, we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from  
your mouth.**

**Still, we seek your blessing upon this offering, for many are hungry  
and need food, many are naked and need clothes, many are homeless  
and need shelter.**

**May these gifts reflect the depth of our gratitude as they go into the world.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

If love seems to allude, come searching at this table.

For here you will find a host that does not disappoint!

The feast is laid for all who come "lookin' for love" and vow to spread that love around  
with others.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them.

We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the trappings of notoriety, popularity, and power that diminish others in order to gain for ourselves.

**We yearn for lives that matter, we desire relationships that thrive, we want less regret.**

At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance.

You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others.

You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better.

In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.  
(*silence*)

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says, "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

Let us respond together:

**We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit.**

**We are forgiven, loved, and freed!**

**Amen!**

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung responses: Musical Setting D (*UMH 23*)

### 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

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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 you Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## NURTURING LOVE

#### \*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH 277*)

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

STORIES OF JESUS

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Go with joy; go with hope; go with love as our hearts are uplifted  
by the tender mercies of our God.

Go forth into the world looking for love in all the right places!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

**Amen.**

**\*GOING FORTH**

“Variations on ‘Duke Street’”

arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Please remain seated until the SENDING 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 readings for the **Second Sunday in Lent**, March 5, 2023:

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers:** As many of you may know, altar flowers can be dedicated "in memory of" or "in honor of" a family member or friend on any Sunday of the year. The dedication appears in the Sunday bulletin of your chosen Sunday. If you wish to make an altar flower dedication (\$50/Sunday), please contact Carol in the church office at 731-9495. Thank you!

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

Faith Class	Lounge	"God Heard Their Cry"
Youth/Children's Sunday School	Lower level	

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

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### **In Person Attendance for Feb 19-80**

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## *Upcoming Special Services*

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Palm Sunday	10:00am	
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Thursday	7:00pm	
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	7:00pm	Tenebrae Service
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	6:30am	10:00am

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The UMW still has **new crop pecans** available for \$13.00 per bag (one pound). They are now stored in Brooksie Pruden's freezer. We would love for you to buy pecans to store in YOUR freezer and then they would be handy the next time you need them for baking, etc. Just email Brooksie at [brooksiepru@gmail.com](mailto:brooksiepru@gmail.com) or call her at 302-239-3191. Thank you!

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**Don't forget to pick up your  
Delicious UMW  
Chicken Noodle Soup today after  
the service!**

## Our Prayers



Jerry Avery +++	Rene Moreno +++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u>	Kristin
Barbara +++	Lloyd Robinson +++	Jade August	Gary Pierce
<b>Brandy</b>	Richard Rudolph ++	Clara Brelsford	Denise Reedy
<b>Lucy Broelmann</b>	Stephanie Simmons +++	Roy Brown	Olivia Richart
Colin ++	Geoffrey Steggell +++	Rick Browne	Louis Simmons
Inga Dillon +++	Sandy Steggell ++++	Ron Case	Joyce Simpson
Kristen Emmerl +++	Marlene Tribbitt ++	Marge Clark	Zach Trexler
Kitty Huber +++	Lauren Vanderpool +	Judy Crescenzo	Josh Vible
Holly Jagger ++++	<b>Sue</b>	Jeannette Jarrell	Alex Wiant
<b>Julie</b>	Tim Von Duyke +++		

In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

**Please keep the family of Robert Graper, Dick Graper's brother, in your prayers.**

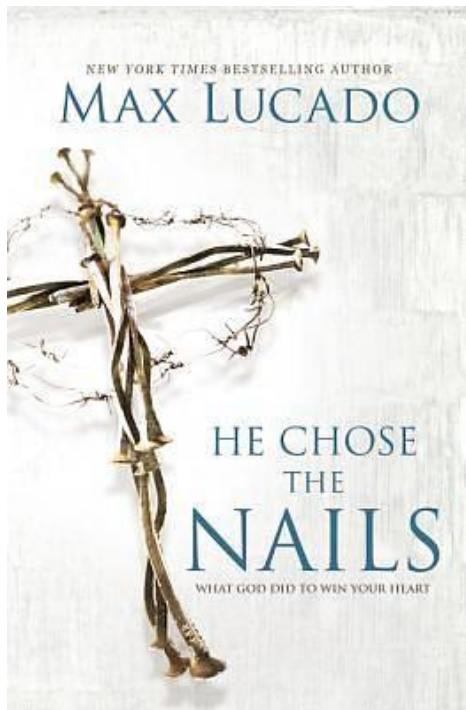
**Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.**

**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)	Michael Fisher	(I-Tec)
Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)	Joy & Robert Vargas	(Paraguay)
Gaston Ntambo	(Congo)	Jeanne Ntambo	(Congo)





***He Chose the Nails***  
**by Max Lucado**

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Room 204

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

In the author's words: "There were no accidents on the days surrounding Jesus' death. Jesus' last moments were not left up to chance. God chose the path; he selected the nails. God was never more sovereign than in the details of the death of his Son. God didn't have to do all these things, you know. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. So much more."

A suggested donation of \$13.00 helps to cover the cost of the book.

Please speak with Pastor Mary if you have any questions.

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**Save the Date April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rise against Hunger**

**Donations welcomed; Volunteers needed. Questions? Want to volunteer? There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Church Office with any questions or to sign-up now.**





# Easter Flowers Order Form

On Easter Sunday, an array of Easter flowers will adorn the chancel area, proclaiming through their beauty the glorious news that Christ

is risen indeed! If you would like to purchase one or more flowers to be part of the display, please complete the order form below. In lieu

of flowers, you may remember or honor your loved ones through a gift of equal amount to Family Promise to support their work with homeless and at-risk persons and families.

**The absolute deadline to order is Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> (no late orders can be accepted).** The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Please prepay your order by making checks to Ebenezer UMC, indicating in the memo line either Flowers and/or the Family Promise.

I want to order # \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies (white).

I want to order # \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths (assorted colors).

I want to order # \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips (assorted colors).

I want to order # \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils (yellow).

I want to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Family Promise.

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Cash enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT DEDICATION(S) FOR THIS YEAR.**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

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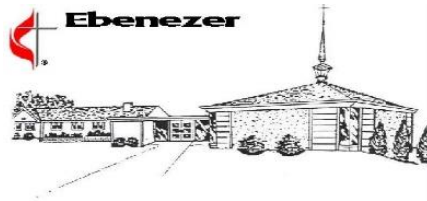
**IN HONOR OF:**

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**GIVEN BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_





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

Sun	02/26	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	9:00am	Sunday School
			9:15am	Chancel Choir
			10:00am	Worship
			11:00am	Social Hour - CLC
			3:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	02/27		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	02/28		9:30am	Bible Study - Room 204
			12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room 204
			5:15pm	Soccer Shots - CLC
			<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Missions - Room 204</b>
Wed	03/01		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
			1:00pm	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
			6:00pm	Good Chimes - Music Room
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
Thurs	03/02		9:15am	BSFT - GHH & Old Kitchen
			<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellness - Room 204</b>
			6:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
			6:30pm	Al-Anon - Room204
			7:00pm	NA Meeting- GHH
Friday	03/03		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
			5:15pm	Soccer Shots - CLC
Sat	03/04		10:30am	Volleyball - CLC
			6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen

A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the other one.

## Looking forward

Sun	03/05	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	9:00am	Sunday School
			9:15am	Chancel Choir
			10:00am	Worship
			11:00am	Social Hour - CLC
			3:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
			5:30pm	BSA50 - Room 204
Mon	03/06		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
			11:30am	Social Seniors - GHH
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	03/07		9:30am	Bible Study - Room 204
			12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room 204
			<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>UMW Board - Room 211</b>
			<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>COM - Room 204</b>
Wed	03/08		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
			<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Naomi/S&amp;S Circle - CLC</b>
			1:00pm	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
			4:00pm	Project Linus - GHH
			6:00pm	Good Chimes - Music Room
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
			<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SPRC - Room 204</b>
Thurs	03/09		6:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
			6:30pm	Al-Anon - Room204
			7:00pm	NA Meeting- GHH
Friday	03/10		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
Sat	03/11		10:00am	Delaware Valley Historic Samplers - CLC
			1:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
			6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen

### **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), or Rick Browne at [rbrowne646@gmail.com](mailto:rbrowne646@gmail.com).



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