

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

June 2, 2024



***Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation***

STEPHEN MINISTRY



***The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
In Honor of our Family***

Presented by Victor & Shirley Amato

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary Browne
Music Director:	Jen Willey
Worship Leader:	Connie Miller
Media Team:	Mark Miller and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Sherrri Hodgson
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper
Communion Servers:	Sandy Steggell, Donna Dennis & Adele Madden

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOSST

*“Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land,
for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”*

Genesis 28:15

June 2, 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

“La Florentine”

Francois Couperin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 29

In the presence of God,

We are filled with hope,

We are overwhelmed by love,

We sense a holy mystery.

In the presence of the holy God,

We know our sin,

We fall on our knees,

We are made new.

In the presence of the living Christ,

We stand in awe,

We sing for joy!

We worship in awe and wonder, with thankful hearts.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 369)

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God, come now in power and write your word on our hearts.

Make us a love letter of Christ to the world, a document of your grace,

for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” A. Sullivan, arr. R. Graham
Laurel Wirtz and Jennifer Willey

MESSAGE

"Camp Wilderness – God Goes with Jacob" Rev. Mary Browne
"Whenever I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (UMH 328)

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

WOLFE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Sisters and brothers, we cannot help but become like what we worship.
We bring our gifts this day as a sign that we worship *not* what we hoard in our pockets;
we worship the One who is revealed in the act of self-giving.
Let us offer our gifts, and our lives, in joy.

OFFERTORY

"Serenade"

Daniel Gottlob Turk

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

"What Gift Can We Bring"

ANNIVERSARY SONG

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious God, in awe of your omniscience, we offer our gifts today.
Just as you intimately know us, help us understand and trust in your vastness.
As we reflect on our beliefs, may our stewardship reflect our trust
in your guiding hand.
Guide us to embody our creed, living as a community of faith in love, service,
and action.
Though your essence surpasses our comprehension, we find comfort
in our relationship with you.
As we declare our faith, may it ignite our actions, echoing your love and care
for all creation.
Bless these offerings as a symbol of our commitment to live out our beliefs.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and each other.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God who formed our inward parts and knows our hearts, forgive us.
Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we make our own idols.
Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord, we proclaim ourselves.
Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit we attempt to attain your way
in our own understanding.
Redirect our wrong ways and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible
in our lives. Amen.**

In Christ, we died to our old selves and became new creations.
Therefore, we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord, and the life of Jesus is within us.
In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.*

(W&S 3169) "You Feed Us Gentle Savior" MERLE'S TUNE

**You feed us, gentle Savior, the bread that makes us whole,
the wine of your compassion poured out into our soul.
The food of your own presence, your Spirit, strong, within,
the grace that heals us deeply and overcomes our sin.**

**You bind us gentle Savior, and weave us into one,
one flesh and blood made holy, the Body of your Son.
We gather here in hunger, one hunger, all the same;
and with one grace you bless us together in his name.**

**You call us, gentle Savior, and send us in your name.
You teach and heal and show us how we can do the same.
So, strengthened by your Spirit and nourished by your grace,
we go to be your presence in love, in every place.**

(UMH 614) "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" FOR THE BREAD

*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.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 374) "Standing on the Promises" PROMISES

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

The extraordinary power of God leads us on our journeys of faith.
With the blessing of Sabbath rest and the healing of God's love,
go to be a blessing sharing the hope and joy of life in Jesus Christ.

May the love of our creator,
the peace of the Lord of Sabbath,
and the power of the Holy Spirit be upon you and shine through you today
and all the days of your life. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH

"St. Anthony's Chorale"

Franz Joseph Haydn

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 **Third Sunday after Pentecost**, June 9, 2024:

1 Samuel 8:4-20, (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

VBS CAMP WILDERNESS SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

June 9 – Ruth 1:1-18

June 16 – Luke 2:41-52

June 23 – Mark 4:35-41

June 30 – Acts 8:26-40

200th Anniversary

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

Our next meeting will be June 23rd at 11:30am.

Please join the Boy Scouts and us on **June 8th** for a **Car Wash** and **Yard Sale** in the front parking lot of the church from 9:00am till 12 noon.

We are also having a fundraiser at **Outback Steak House** at 27 Possum Park, Newark, DE 19711 on **June 17th** (please note date change) from 4:00pm to close.

Our Anniversary Sunday will be held on **October 27th** so please save that date! We are also requesting that you pre-register with the church office for the meal after service on the 27th. **Pre-registration** does **NOT** commit you to anything, we are just trying to get an estimate of the number of people attending.

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.

[In Person Attendance for May26th – 65.](#)



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. June 4th is the last day to register!**

Boy Scouts Troop 50 will be having a **Car Wash** on Saturday, June 8th, starting at 9:00am and ending at 12 noon. We will have Scouts there ready to get the winter salt and dirt off your cars. We will also be having a **Yard sale** for the church at the same time as the proceeds will benefit our 200th Anniversary celebration.



Blood Pressure screenings are available today in the Workroom.

As we will celebrate Holy Communion, the offering plates at the front of the center aisle are there to receive your gift to the pastor's discretionary account used to help members of our community with utility, rent, food, and other appropriate expense assistance.





Our Prayers

Barbie +++++ Sharon Bey + Rev. Mary Browne + Steven Gant +++ Julie Mack +++ Patti Newcomb +++++	Carol Pointon + Edith Puican +++ Rebarthak Brothers + Roberts Family + Kristen Robinson + Teddy Terzian ++ 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	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)		

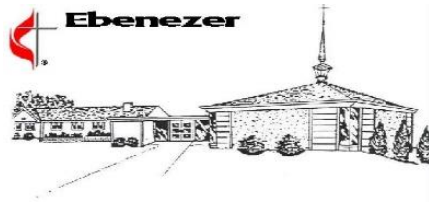
FINANCE COMMITTEE

I hope each of you have a wonderful summer. Ebenezer church continues with many programs during the summer.

So far this year income from pledges, tithes, and giving is about \$10,000 above budget. The capital/ building fund is running \$1,670 below budget. The trustees are researching the solar project for our church.

Please know that we are grateful for your offerings. We will have more expenses as the year continues. Thank you for all you do and give to our church. I hope you will continue your generous giving

Ann Varey
Finance Chairperson



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	06/02	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
		4:00pm	BSA50 – Room 204
Mon	06/03	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		11:30am	Social Seniors - GHH
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	06/04	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	Trustees – Room 204
Wed	06/05	9:30am	Band Practice – CLC, GHH, Music Room
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Special Music/Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Admin. Board – Room 204
Thurs	06/06	9:00am	Band Practice – CLC
		11:45am	Health & Wellness – Room 204
		6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	06/07	9:00am	Band Practice - CLC
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	06/08	9:00am	BSA50 Car Wash & Yard Sale – Front Parking Lot
		5:00pm	Band Practice/Meal - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH

Checking on your Summer Body
and finding you have plenty



Looking forward...

Sun	06/09	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour/Luncheon with All American Alumni Band
		1:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	06/10	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204, 211 & Lounge
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	06/11	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		11:00pm	Stephen Ministry – Confirmation Room
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	06/12	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Special Music/Rehearsal
		4:00pm	Project Linus - GHH
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
Thurs	06/13	6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	06/14	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	06/15	6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!



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