

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

June 9, 2024



Ebenezer United Methodist Church is Stephen Ministry Congregation



The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

*In Loving Memory of my Father,
Donald Bowers*

Presented by Donna Bowers Bennett

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary Browne
Music Director:	Ms. Jen Willey
Worship Leader:	Paul Kelley
Media Team:	Mark Miller and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Donna Dennis
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*"But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people
and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried.*

*May the Lord do thus to me, and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!"*

Ruth 1:16-17

June 9, 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

"O Praise the Name"

Richard Kingsmore

The All-American Alumni Band

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this family of faith, we have a place where we will always belong.

Here we find friends who will love us as children of the Most High.

In this house of God, we worship a King who rules with equity.

Here we follow One whose steadfast love endures forever.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

We give thanks for one another and in the unity of the Spirit, we pray:

Heavenly Father, we gather this morning with those who love You,

that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another.

You have shown Your faithfulness to us every day in ways that we do not

always recognize, so we gather today in order to thank You

for Your constant watch-care over us.

Help us to entrust our lives to You and Your purposes as we pray

in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 61)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Carolyn Wilhelm

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us as we hear your Word,
for in your Word is our hope.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we hear your voice and be attentive
to what you will say to us today.**

In the name of Christ, we ask this and all things. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ruth 1:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art"
The All-American Alumni Band

Ed Dickerson

MESSAGE

"Camp Firelight – Ruth Chooses to Go"
"Whenever I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (TFWS 2176)

"Make Me a Servant"

MAKE ME A SERVANT

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 brothers and sisters of Christ, let us give joyfully from our bounty;
that all God's family may find hope and strength through the blessings
we share this day.

OFFERTORY

"Morning Song"

Cornelius Gurlitt

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

"What Gift Can We Bring"

ANNIVERSARY SONG

*OFFERING PRAYER

**God of all creation, in humble gratitude, we offer our gifts,
celebrating your steadfast love that endures forever.
As we reflect on your faithfulness, help us align our hearts
with your divine rhythm.
Guide us to sing your praises boldly, inviting others to join in the song
of your love.
Amid trials and triumphs, may our worship be a testament
to your enduring grace.
As we acknowledge our human frailty, reassure us
of your unwavering presence.
Lead us in the work of your hands, empowering us to love as you do.**

**Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond.
Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 572)

"Pass It On"

PASS IT ON

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Created in the image of God, redeemed by the cross of Christ,
empowered by God's Spirit, we are sent – sent to live as faithful, loving stewards
of God's gracious gifts of life, hope and joy.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

GOING FORTH

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Gordon Young

Beth Jackson and The All-American Alumni Band

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 **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**, June 16, 2024:

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

VBS CAMP FIRELIGHT SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

June 16 – Luke 2:41-52

June 23 – Mark 4:35-41

June 30 – Acts 8:26-40

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Faith Class

Lounge

In Person Attendance for June 2nd – 64.

200th Anniversary

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

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

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.

The Paralyzed Veterans Association of Newark would like to send out a huge thank you to Joan Wiant for her generous donation of a power wheelchair/scooter.



All-American Alumni Band

Conductor - Carl Trevathan

Flute - Deb Evans
Clarinet - Kevin Beery
French Horn - Daniel Klugman
Trumpet - Don Wayne
Trumpet - Paul Howard
Trombone - Mitch Kaufman
Trombone - Bryan Corbett
Tuba - Jeff Sowden
Keys/String Synth - Beth Johnson
Bass - Kim Townsend
Harp - Donna Bennett

Flute - Sandra Funk
Clarinet - Mary Ann Swiatek
Trumpet - Gene Poole
Trombone - Mike Engstrom
Piano - Karen Altmann
Drum set - Tom Blanchard



Our Prayers

Sharon Bey ++ Rev. Mary Browne ++ Steven Gant ++++ Kay Kyler Julie Mack ++++ Carol Pointon ++ Edith Puican ++++ Rebarthak Brothers ++	Roberts Family ++ Kristen Robinson ++ Louis Simmons Teddy Terzian +++ Melissa & Glen 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)		

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: 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,



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2024 Graduates!



Joseph and Carolyn Mills are pleased to announce that their son, **Cameron Mills**, will be graduating from University of Delaware and is going to work at Fulton Bank in their management program. Camerson's girlfriend, **Brooke Stempel** is also graduating from University of Delaware's Nursing Program and will be working at Christina Hospital in Labor and Delivery.

Kendra DiOrio is pleased to share that **Emily DiOrio** is graduating from University of Delaware and **James DiOrio** is graduating from Salesianum High School.

Sherri Hodgson is pleased to announce that **Colin Hodgson** will be graduating from Saint Joseph's University in May. He will start working in West Chester in Commerical Real Estate.

Shirley Amato has two grandchildren graduating: **Haley Amato** graduating from University of Alabama with degree in Business and Entrepreneurship and **Anthony Amato** graduating from Charter School of Wilmington and will attend University of South Carolina majoring in Exercise Science.

John and Dorothea are please to announce that **Jordan Ormsby** is graduating from the University of Delaware with a B.S. in Health Behavior Science with a concentration in Psychology. She will be continuing to La Salle University to obtain the Doctorate ib Clinical Psychology.

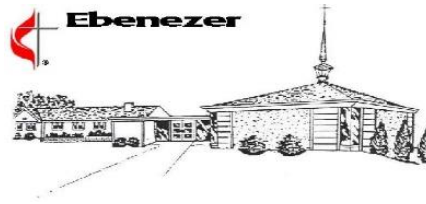
Laurel Wirtz is pleased to announce that her grandson, **Simon Dance** graduated from Penn State University, school of buisness and will be working at an acoounting firm in Hunt Valley. Her granddaughter, **Tallulah Wirtz** is graduating from Stonebridge High School in Chesapeake Virginia and plans to attend Covenant College.

Lori Brown is pleased to announce that her neice, **Lauren Vanderpool** will be graduating from Mooresville Hill High School, North Carolina and will be attending Liberty University for their nursing program in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Don and Brooksie Pruden are please to announce that **Kelly Pruden** garduated on May 11th with a Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree from West Chester University. She will continue to work as the Advanced Practice Supervisor in the Division of Surgery at Nemours Children's Health in Wilmington.

Martha and Tomi Helojoki are pleased to announce that **Ellen Helojoki** is graduating from Alexis I. du Pont High School's Early College Academy and will attend the Endicott College Cummings School of Nursing and Health Sciences in Beverly, Massachusetts.

Donna and Rick Guretsky and Kevin and Tanya Brownlee are pleased to announce that their granddaughter and daughter, **Skylar R. Brownlee** is graduating from University of Delaware where she studied Education and Human Development,



On the Calendar, this week....

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	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

Looking forward...

Sun	06/16		4th Sunday after Pentecost
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
Mon	06/17		Vacation Bible School Week
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		4:00pm	Outback Fundraiser
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	06/18	12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	06/19	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Special Music/Rehearsal
Thurs	06/20	6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	06/21	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	06/22	6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH