

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

March 12, 2023



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation*



*The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
In Loving Honor of Geoffrey's 34th Birthday*

Presented by his Mother

	Participating in Service
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Director of Music:	Mr. F. Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Stacy Gates
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Sandy and Geoffrey Steggell
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Don Pruden
Communion Servers:	Susan Durbin and Donna Dennis

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

“Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”
John 4:13-14

March 12, 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

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Wayne L. Wold

THRESHOLD MOMENT

“Show Us How to Love”

words: Mark Miller/music: Lindy Thompson
Chancel Choir

Hearts open, minds awake,
save 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.

Our worship series for Lent continues as we contemplate the ways we have looked for satisfaction in things that cannot satisfy. The Samaritan woman at the well in our scripture today found out that the water she came for was not really the water she needed so desperately. This woman had looked for love in many places, in many faces. When she was finally offered a soul-quenching love by Jesus, she became a powerful messenger of Good News. Just as the water given by God that flowed in the desert for the Israelites offered new life, the desert of our lives can be refreshed if we look for love regularly at the well of living water and offer life-giving water to others.

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

**Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water.
As we worship you this day show us who we are:
channels of your love and vessels of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 127) "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:5-42

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)"

Joseph Martin

Kathy Zinn, soprano; Calvin Keeler, Jr; Tenor

Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Misrere nobis
(Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us)

MESSAGE

"Look for the Thirst-Quencher"

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 your living water of life for this planet
and all its living creatures.

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 your living water's flow in
and through 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 your living water to make our homes
and relationships wells 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 your living water in our own lives.

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

See how the fields are ripe for harvest!

Already God is gathering fruit for eternal life.

With rejoicing, let us offer our lives and gifts to the Lord.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 641)

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

FILL MY CUP

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

"What Gift Can We Bring"

ANNIVERSARY SONG

*OFFERING PRAYER

God, our provider, in Christ you give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, so we want to worship you in Spirit and truth. Open our eyes to see the places in this neighborhood where our church's ministries could reach new people. Receive these offerings, that they may be for others the blessings we have received from your hand. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Here is the table of the Lord; we are gathered to his supper, a foretaste
of things eternal.

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.

Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.

Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.

Come, old and young, there is room for all

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 approval of others,
giving away the power to claim for ourselves that we are inherently beloved,
created by God.

**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
by affirming their worth and dignity.

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 reminds us that our God is the "rock of our salvation" in whose hand is the "depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains."

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.**

MISSION MOMENT

UMCOR Sunday Offering Video

NURTURING LOVE

*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 571)

"Go, Make of All Disciples"

LANCASHIRE

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

As you leave today, may you be blessed with thirst that produces compassion, with living waters that restore your soul, and with a heart flowing with the healing waters that our parched world desperately needs.

Look for signs of The Thirst-Quencher, sharing the life-giving water of God's love wherever you go.

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 "Awake the Trumpets Lofty Sound" G.F. Handel

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.††



As we celebrate Holy Communion, the offering plates at the front of the center aisle are 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.

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!

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

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

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

In Person Attendance for March 5-68

Upcoming Special Services

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

Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

Sponsored by the Ebenezer UMW to support local and global missions.

When: Saturday, March 18, 2023

5:00 pm Takeouts

5:30 pm Eat In

Cost: \$12 for 12 yr. olds to Adults: \$4 for 4-12 yr. olds;
3 and under free



Please reserve your meal so we have an accurate count.

Sign up form: in the church Narthex or by calling:

Church Office (731-9495) or Diane Clark (239-6835)

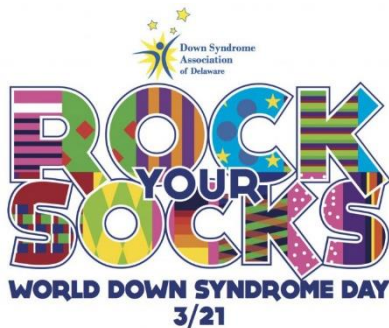
Orders due by 3/11/23

Our Prayers



Brandy ++ Lucy Broelmann ++ Colin ++++ Julie ++ Carrie Mack +	Richard Rudolph ++++ Marlene Tribbitt ++++ Lauren Vanderpool + Sue ++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Rick Browne Ron Case Marge Clark Judy Crescenzo Jeannette Jarrell	Kristin Gary Pierce Denise Reedy Olivia Richart Louis Simmons Joyce Simpson Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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**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.**



ROCK YOUR SOCKS DAY

**Tuesday, March 21
Supports Down Syndrome Association of DE**

For a \$3.00 donation, you can purchase a pair of pre-mismatched socks to wear in support of World Down Syndrome Day, (www.dsadelaware.org). Choose a pair of socks from the box on the table in the Narthex and leave your \$3.00 donation in the basket. On March 21 wear your socks to show your awareness and support of the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down Syndrome.

Snap a picture of your feet in your RYS socks and post it our Ebenezer Facebook page (Ebenezer UMC Newark) or send picture to Pastor Mary (eumc_pastor@verizon.net) to post to our FB page.



Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop April 14 – 15, 2023 here at Ebenezer UMC

Childrens Disaster Services is a Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministry that involves volunteers from many faith communities who provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos that follows disaster by setting up & operating special childcare centers in disaster locations.

This workshop provides specialized training for all volunteers. It is a comprehensive 25-hour workshop that uses applied, experiential activities to help the participants integrate their learning.

We have a signup sheet available in the Narthex.

Save the Date April 29th 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.**



**Delicious UMW Soup Sale
Ham & Bean \$12.00/quart
Order sheet available in Narthex, call church
office or call Diane Clark at 302-239-6835 to
order.**

**Please order and pay in advance. Leave
payment in envelope and place in UMW mail slot
by March 19, 2023. Soup will be available for
pick up after worship on March 26th.**

The youth group decided that we'd like to concentrate on giving our time and talents for this Lenten season, but we need your help. Our mission this year is to concentrate on UMCOR relief kits for Hygiene. From Wednesday, February 26, through Easter, we need donations of materials. Hygiene kits will be assembled the week after Easter and sent to Mission Central.

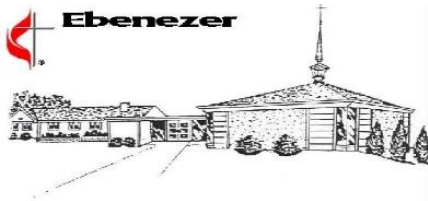


Hygiene Kit Material specifications:

- **hand towel** (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **washcloth**
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- **comb**
Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
No pocket combs or picks
Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- **toenail or fingernail clipper**
No emery boards or metal nail files
- **Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)**
No Ivory or Jergen's soap
Do not remove it from the packaging
- **adult toothbrush**
Do not remove it from the packaging
Personal advertising is not acceptable
- **adhesive bandages** (3/4 by 3 inches)
Common household bandages are acceptable
- **one-gallon size re-sealable bags**



Boy Scouts Troop 50 will be having a Free Ebenezer Car Wash on Saturday, April 8th, starting at 10:00. Free to all members of Ebenezer. We will have Scouts there ready to get the winter salt and dirt off their cars and ready for Easter Sunday morning!



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	03/12	3rd Sunday in Lent	
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:15am	Chancel Choir
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
		1:00pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
		3:00pm	Youth Group – CLC
		5:30pm	BSA50 – Room 204
Mon	03/13	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204, 211 & Lounge
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	03/14	9:30am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room 204
		6:30pm	Priscilla Circle – CLC
		7:00pm	Trustees – Room 204
Wed	03/15	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	03/16	6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room204
		5:30pm	CFA-Ball Team – Ball Field
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	03/17	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	03/18	5:30pm	UMW Chicken & Dumpling Dinner
		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH & Old Kitchen

Cats are like Music:
It's foolish to try to explain their
worth to those who don't appreciate them.



Looking forward

Sun	03/19	4th Sunday in Lent	9:00am	Sunday School
			9:15am	Chancel Choir
			10:00am	Worship
			11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
			3:00pm	Youth Group – CLC
Mon	03/20		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	03/21		9:30am	Bible Study – Room 204
			12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room 204
			1:30pm	Stephen Ministry – Confirmation Room
Wed	03/22		10:00am	Hope Dining Room
			10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
			1:00pm	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
			6:00pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
			7:00pm	Finance Committee – Room 204
Thurs	03/23		9:15am	BSFT – GHH & Old Kitchen
			6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room204
			7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	03/24		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	03/25		10:30am	Volleyball - CLC
			6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH & Old Kitchen

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, or Rick Browne at rbrowne646@gmail.com.



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