

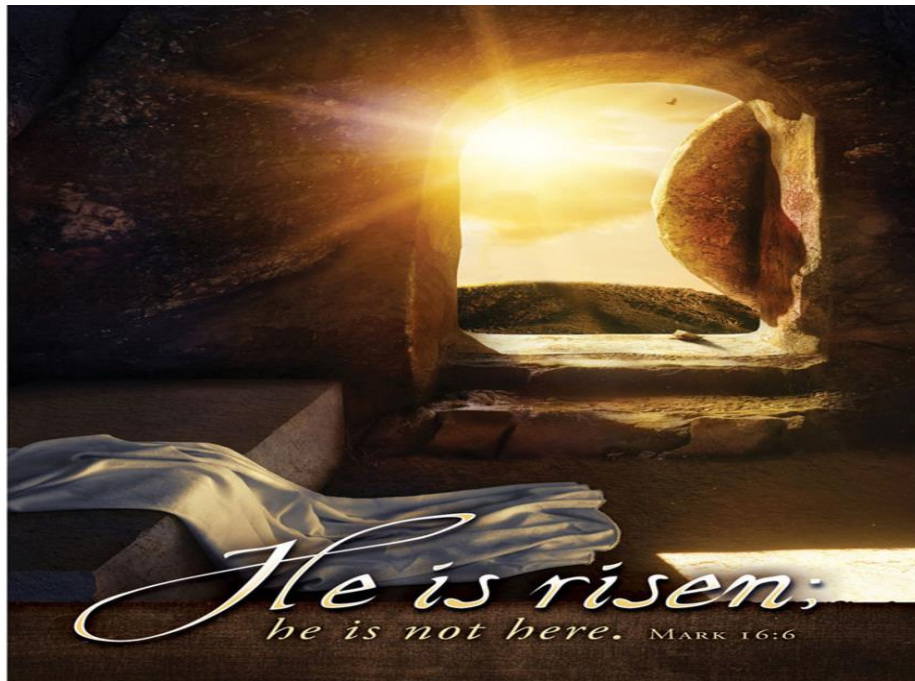


Christ HAS
BEEN *raised*
FROM THE
DEAD.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20B

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

March 31, 2024



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



The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

In Loving Memory of Marvin and Doris Pruden

Presented by Brooksie and Don Pruden

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Guest Musician:	Kerry Dietz
Worship Leader:	Beth Jackson
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Dick Graper
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper
Communion Servers:	Susan Durbin and Connie Miller

EASTER

“As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.’”

Mark 16:5-6a

March 31, 2024

10:00 a.m.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This is the day the LORD has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CENTERING MUSIC

“Tocatta in C Major”

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

If you are visiting with us today, please sign your name and USPS or e-mail address that we might acknowledge your presence with us today.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This very day, God has acted.

Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

We know the message that God sends to all people.

God’s peace, preached by Jesus Christ is available to all through the Lord of life.

The one who lived among us,

doing good and healing all,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

But God raised him on the third day.

This very day, God has acted.

Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 302, v. 1-4)

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hear now the good news of Easter. It spreads throughout the world.

It began with Jesus’ life, passion, death, and resurrection.

It continued with those who witnessed the risen Christ;

and now, it comes to us today as we listen to God’s word.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 10:34-43

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Resurrection Alleluias"
Chancel Choir

arr. Tom Fettke

MESSAGE

"You Are Looking for Jesus"

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

"Variations on 'Easter Hymn'"

from *Lyra Davidica*/arr. D. Edwards

Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has given us life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

OFFERTORY

"The Peaceful Garden"

C. Debussy/ arr. Smith

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 94)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*OFFERING PRAYER

**God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday,
we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message
of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives.**

**As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation
of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond
our own expectations.**

**Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power
of the living Jesus in our lives.**

In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may,
not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,
but because you need mercy and help.

Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.

Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we sometimes struggle to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.

You shall not die but live.

The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song.

Beloved, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the LORD be with you. **And also with you.**

*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 AND BLESSING THE CUP

*GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN (UMH 617)

"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

(TFWS 2269, v. 1-3)

"Come, Share the Lord"

DIVERNON

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Let our lives be proof of that good news.
Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness
to your resurrection power;
for the sake of our living LORD, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 310)

"He Lives"

ACKLEY

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go from here renewed and strong, knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty and present.
Look for the blessings that await you this week.

Tell the story of hope.

Easter people of Jesus Christ, this very day, God has acted.

Jesus is raised from the dead.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

When someone asks you, "What are you up to?", you can respond,

"With God's help, I'm up to something good!"

May the love of God,

the peace of Jesus Christ,

and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit

be within you and among you until we meet again.

Amen.

GOING FORTH

"Thine Be the Glory"

G. F. Handel/arr. Smith

Please remain seated until the GOING FORTH is concluded.

**please stand, as you are able*

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 the **Second Sunday of Easter**, April 7, 2024:

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

Next Sunday, members of the Health & Wellness Committee will be in the Workroom offering blood pressure checks.

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.

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!

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

200th Anniversary

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

Our next meeting will be April 14th at 11:30am.



Join us for a Friendly's Fundraiser on Monday, **April 8th from 5:00 to 8:00pm** at the Lantana Square Friendly's. Ten percent of all dine in, carry out and delivered purchases during this time will benefit the Ebenezer UMC 200th Anniversary Celebration. Hope to see you there! So that we get credit for your purchase, please give your server this flyer.

Thank you for your support!!!

Our Prayers



Craig Bailey ++ Rev. Mary Browne ++++ Kay Kyler ++	Laird Logue ++ Bob Pierce ++ 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 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 the family and friends of Ann Estey.

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)



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.**

2024 Easter Flowers Dedications

In Memory of:

Shirley Shoop and
Flossie Shoop

Hack

My Parents, Melvin & Peg Dempsey

Jessica L. Knowles

Our Parents

Eve Lodge-Helojoki,
Thomas, Doris and Jean Lodge

Loved Ones

Bill and Ruth Dore

Mom, Ethel Horsey

Louise Gillette

Sam and Irma Slemmons and Ken Hurley

Janet's Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Carlos W. Elliott
Paul's mother, Erma M. Lewis and stepfather, Milford.
Russell Brelsford and Paul Smoker – a friend to everyone
Rev. Bill and Ruth Dore – faithful servants to the Lord

Milmo and Alvin Laman

J. Thomas Jarrell

Our Parents, Jane Pankok

Peggy Feldmann

Loved Ones

Michele Cooper

Loved Ones

Victoria Fulton, My Parents and Brother

In Honor of:

Our Children

Rebecca Knowles

Our Ebenezer Family

Our Family

Geoffrey Steggell

Susan & Jenna Russell

Donations

Given by:

Ben Shoop

Ann Varey

Brian, Cindy and Brianna

Phil and Shirley Gardner

Terry, Jim and Marissa Hohman

Willard and Beth Jackson

The Helojoki Family

Dave and Valerie Rodeheaver

Diane and Craig Bailey

Nancy Wissinger

Frank, Donna and Skylar

Maria and Steve Gillette

Marty and Diana Bienkowski

Paul and Janet Kelley

Pam Reed

His Family

Margie and Carl Pankok

Margie Pankok

Ron and Carolyn Klein

Sandy Berk

Mr. and Mrs. Mark L. Miller Sr.,
Marybeth Miller,
Elyse, Wright and Mark Miller Jr.

Sandy Steggell

Dick Hodgson, My Husband
Katherine and George Skinner, My Parents

Sherri Hodgson

Rodney and Barbara Reed

Their Family with Love

Marvin and Doris Pruden and
Marion and Louisa Williams

Don and Brooksie Pruden

Harold and Lucille Dexter
Tom Crescenzo, Jr.

Tom and Judy Crescenzo
His Family

Gladys La Fountain
Gerald and Marion Lynch
Chad and Karla Stephenson
Anthony Blanco
Curtis Reedy
Harry Nelson
Richard Allen
John Humphreys
Howard and Louise Pierce
Peggy Dempsey
Ken Johnson

Michael and Helen Lynch

Our Parents: Robert and Catherine Irving and
Leonard and Mary Guretsky

Tanya and Kevin Brownlee and Granddaughters
Erica and Eric McCreary

Rick and Donna Guretsky

My Husband Jay and Loved Ones

Jay and Sarah Thomas

Zelda Thomas

Harold and Marian Hagemann,
Ralph and Jackie Julian and
Ray and Jay Browne

Pastor Mary and Rick Browne

2024 Donations to Family Promise in lieu of Flowers

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Gladys La Fountain
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Our Grandparents

Paul and Beth Manchester

My parents, Nora and Robert Mays

Marlene Tribbitt

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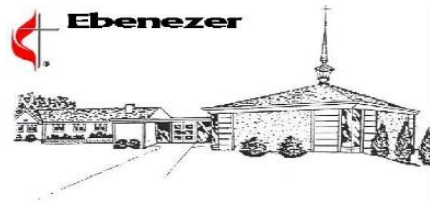
Zelda Thomas

Michele Cooper

Sandy Berk

Loved Ones

Ron and Carolyn Klein



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	03/31		Easter Sunday
		7:00am	Sunrise Service and Breakfast to Follow
		9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship
Mon	04/01	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		11:30am	Social Seniors - GHH
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	04/02	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
		12:30pm	UMW Board – Room 211
		7:00pm	COM – Room 204
Wed	04/03	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
Thurs	04/04	11:45am	Health & Wellness – Room 204
		6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	04/05	10:00am	AA Meeting/ Easter Meal– GHH
Sat	04/06	6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH



Looking forward...

		2nd Sunday after Easter
Sun	04/07	9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 4:00pm BSA50 - CLC
Mon	04/08	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 5:00pm Friendly's Fundraiser 7:00pm 2 x 4 Class – CLC 7:00pm Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204, 211 & Lounge 7:00pm NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	04/09	9:45am Bible Study – Room 204 11:00am Stephen Ministry – Confirmation Room 12:00pm AA Meeting – Room 204 6:30pm Priscilla Circle - CLC 7:00pm Endowment Committee – Room 204
Wed	04/10	10:00am AA Meeting - Room 204 10:00am Chancel Choir – Sanctuary 10:30am Naomi/S&S Circle – CLC 4:00pm Project Linus – GHH 6:00pm Cub Scouts - GHH 6:15pm Good Chimes – Music Room 7:00pm 2 x 4 Class – CLC 7:00pm Finance Committee – Room 204
Thurs	04/11	9:30am BSFT - GHH 6:30pm Al-Anon – Room 204 7:00pm BSA50 – CLC 7:00pm NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	04/12	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 7:00pm 2 x 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	04/13	9:30am Delaware Valley Historic Sampler Guild - CLC 6:30pm NA Meeting – GHH

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: www.EbenezerUMCNewark.org and **Facebook:** [Ebenezer UMC Newark](https://www.facebook.com/EbenezerUMCNewark).

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