

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

May 14, 2023



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation*



The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

In Honor of all Mothers at Ebenezer

Presented by Your Church

*In Loving Memory of my mother, Lucy Recupero and
my mother-in-law, Florence Broelmann*

Presented by Lucy Broelmann and Family

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Director of Music:	Mr. F. Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Don Pruden
Media Team:	Bill Clark, Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Sherry Hodgson
Usher Coordinators:	Dick Graper and Don Pruden

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"...in your hearts, sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence."

1 Peter 3:15-16a

May 14, 2023

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

"Air" (Orchestral Suite No.3)

J.S.Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Psalm 66

Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-created a world
filled with the joy of light and hope.

Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.

Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world
filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.

Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship
and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all.

Glory and honour, power and dominion belong to God alone.

Amen.

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*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 98)

"To God Be the Glory"

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate:

Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence.

**Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others
as we seek to live Christ's love in the world.**

All this we ask in the name of God, who create, redeems, and sustains us.

Amen.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 66:8-20

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains, keep you steadfast in faith,
buoyant in hope, and abounding in love.

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH "The Rejoicing" (Music for Royal Fireworks) George Frideric Handel

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 **Ascension of the Lord Sunday**, May 21, 2023:

Acts 1:1-14; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Our Prayers



Barbie + Dottie Alexander + Pat Ayars ++ Joe Brown ++ Peggy Dempsey ++ Pat Grimes ++++	Zelda Harlan ++ Jim Merritt + Pearl Vanderpool Valerie Rodeheaver + Bruce Wilhelm	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Rick Browne Ron Case Judy Crescenzo Jeannette Jarrell	Kristin Gary Pierce Denise Reedy Olivia Richart Louis Simmons Joyce Simpson Zach Trexler 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.**

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)



Carolyn Wilhelm and our Sunday School team has requested that we have a churchwide covered dish luncheon after the May 21st service.

This would be to acknowledge the end of this year's Sunday School, the last Sunday our Chancel Choir will sing

till fall and also acknowledge our graduates.

The Wilhelm family will very generously be donating hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and a cake for this meal. I am writing to you to request that you please bring side dishes that would complete this picnic.

Please call the church office to let us know what you would be able to bring.

Everyone from the church is welcome and you do not have to bring a dish to attend. Let's start our summer off great with a great meal with good friends.

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 May 7-71.

Attention Graduates! If you or someone in your family is graduating from High School or College this spring please contact the church office and let us know the graduate's name, school graduating from and future plans. We will be honoring our graduates in the spring. **Deadline for submissions is May 17th.**

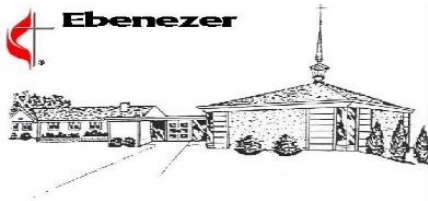


Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for VBS this summer. *Twists & Turns* is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, we'll play our way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. Even when we mess up, we'll discover that it's never "game over."

Hello faithful VBS volunteer teammates! It's time to start planning for VBS again and we hope we can count on you to get in on the fun!

Mark your calendar for VBS June 19-23 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon (yes, we are back to our normal June week) as we help the children discover how following Jesus changes the game. Our theme, *Twists & Turns*, is an old-fashioned game theme (*now do you get the "game" references???!!!*).

Please reply to let us know if you are able to help again and would like the same assignment you had last year, or if you want to roll the dice and try your hand at something new (*sorry, couldn't resist!*). Look for more information in the coming weeks. Camper and volunteer registration forms will be available by Easter, but we'd love to hear from you before then to know we can put you on our team! If I've missed anyone, please share this information. We want them on our team, too!



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	05/14	6th Sunday of Easter	
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:15am	Chancel Choir
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
		1:00pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
		3:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	05/15	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	05/16	12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room 204
		1:30pm	Stephen Ministry - Confirmation Room
Wed	05/17	9:00am	Missions Trip / Soujourner's Place
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		1:00pm	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
		6:15pm	Good Chimes - Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
Thurs	05/18	6:30pm	Al-Anon - Room204
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting- GHH
Friday	05/19	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
Sat	05/20	6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen



Looking forward

Sun	05/21	7th Sunday of Easter	
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:15am	Chancel Choir
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour
		1:00pm	Cub Scouts – GHH
		3:00pm	Youth Group – CLC
Mon	05/22	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	05/23	12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room 204
Wed	05/24	10:00am	Hope Dining Room
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		1:00pm	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
Thurs	05/25	6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	05/26	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	05/27	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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