

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

May 21, 2023



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation*



The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

In Loving Memory of Marjorie Clark

Presented by Bill and Diane Clark

Participating in Service	
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Director of Music:	Mr. F. Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Mary Minker
Media Team:	Bill Clark, Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Brooksie Pruden
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Don Pruden

ASCENSION SUNDAY

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’
When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” Acts 1:8-9*

May 21, 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 “Acclamation of “Azmon” Sherman/Glaser
Handbells, Chancel Choir, brass, organ, congregation
“O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace! Amen.”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,
for God reigns over all the earth!

God has gone up with a shout!

Sound the trumpet and sing songs of praise!

Let us pray:

**O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ
calls us to carry your message of life to all people.**

**Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we witness always to the hope
to which we are called as we share Christ’s love to the ends of the earth.
Amen.**

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 308)

“Thine Be the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds to see the power of Scripture to give life;
enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all whom we meet;
in the name of the one, holy and living God, to whom we give all glory.
Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY "When in our Music God is Glorified" Charles V. Stanford
Handbells, Chancel Choir, brass, organ, congregation
Please refer to the handout and join in the singing!

MESSAGE "Final Instructions" Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (*UMH* 584 v. 1, 5) "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"
ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

God has given us the gift of Christ, risen and ascended for the life of the world.
Therefore, let us offer our gifts in return, that others may know this glorious news.

OFFERTORY "Holy, Holy, Holy" Nigel Williams
Tyler Bouttavong, Alexander Holguin

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 95) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
OLD 100TH

*OFFERING PRAYER

**O God of all glory and majesty, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son,
 and his power at work in our lives and our gifts.
Bless these gifts for the benefits they afford in bringing life to others
 in your name.
Bless our lives that we may be your witnesses to the ends of the earth
 as we love and serve you, O God most high. Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE *UMH* 127 v. 1, 2) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
CWM RHONDDA

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Jesus ascended in a cloud and will return in God's time
 to establish God's kingdom forever.
In the meantime, Beloved, while we wait for his return, there is work to be done.
We go to share the love of Christ, to bind the wounds of the brokenhearted,
 to be peacemakers, to share what we ourselves have heard and seen:
 Jesus Christ offers forgiveness and salvation to all.

May the glory of God fill you with praise,
the beauty of Christ strengthen you in service,
and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace. **Amen.**

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 **Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023:**

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

Our Prayers



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



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 as we help the children discover how following Jesus changes the game. Our theme, Twists & Turns, is an old-fashioned game theme.

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!*). Camper and volunteer registration forms are available in the Narthex! If I've missed anyone, please share this information. We want them on our team too.

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

"Prophets and Kings"

In Person Attendance for May 14-63.

Vacation Bible School Fundraiser!

Wednesday May 24, 2023, anytime between
11:00am-9:00pm

Come join us at **Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza**
to support the Ebenezer UMC Newark/
Resurrection Parish VBS

4805 LIMESTONE RD PIKE CREEK, DE

Donating Back: 20% *must mention fundraiser when ordering*



2023 Graduates!

Virginia Parker is pleased to announce that her grandson, **Shane Lillie**, will be graduating from Saint Marks High School and is going to attend Del-Tech in the Seed Program.



Ann Varey has four grandson sons graduating. **Kenton DeLong** will be graduating from Duluth Geogia high school and attending college in the fall. **Jason DeLong** is getting his Masters in media and instructional technology from West Georia University. **Parker Marshall** will receive his B.S. for bio medical engineering from University Cincinitti. **Jeremy Marshall** will receive his Masters in school administration from Marian Unversity.

Rich Johnson is pleased to announce that his granddaughter, **Leagha Johnson**, will be graduating from the Delaware Military Academy in June and plans to enlist in the U.S. Navy after graduation.

Shirley Amato is pleased to announce that her granddaughter, **Payton Czerwinski**, will graduate from Alfred Learner School of Business at the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing in May. Payton will start working in July as a Business Analyst at J. P. Morgan Chase in Wilmington.

Adele Madden is pleased to announce that her grandson, **Noah Beckman**, will graduate from Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont this May. His major was Cyber Forensics and Cyber Security.

Gary and Suellen Ward are pleased to announce that their granddaughter, **Kylie Shelton**, is graduating from Cab Calloway School for Performing Arts. She plans to attend the University of Georgia, majoring in political science before entering law school.

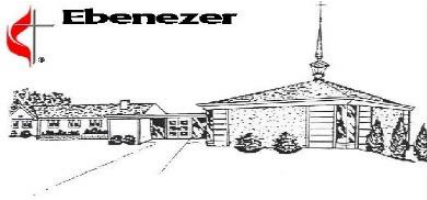
Sandy Steggell is pleased to announce that her granddaughter, **Jenna Russell**, is graduating from Charter School of Wilmington. She has been accepted into the Honor's program at University of North Carolina in Wilmington studying environmental science/marine biology.

Martha and Tomi Helojoki are pleased to announce that their daughter, **Hayden Helojoki**, is graduating from The Charter School of Wilmington and headed to the University of Miami as a health sciences major.

John and Donna Dennis are pleased to announce that they have two granddaughters graduating. **Jillian Dennis** is graduating from St Mark's Highschool and will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. **Mikayla Fort** will be graduating from Hodgson Vo-Tech School and will be enrolling in the EMT program in New Castle County next year.

Wayne and Mary Anderson are pleased to announce that their granddaughter, **Olivia Ormsby**, is graduating from St. Marks. She plans to attend the University of Delaware, majoring in accounting and finance.

**Don't forget to join us for the Church Wide
Potluck Luncheon after today's service!**



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	05/21	Ascension Sunday	
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:15am	Chancel Choir
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Church Wide Potluck - CLC
		1:00pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
		3:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	05/22	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		5:15pm	FCA Baseball - Ball Field
		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
		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



Looking forward

Sun	05/28	Pentecost Sunday	
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Social Hour - CLC
		1:00pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
		3:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	05/29	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	05/30	12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room 204
Wed	05/31	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
		7:00pm	Meeting House Hill - GHH
Thurs	06/01	6:30pm	Al-Anon - Room204
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting- GHH
Friday	06/02	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Square Dancing Meeting - Room 204
Sat	06/03	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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