

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

May 7, 2023



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation*



*The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
In Honor of Robby's and Shane's Birthdays
Presented by Ge/Virginia Parker*

	Participating in Service
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Director of Music:	Mr. F. Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Beth Jackson
Media Team:	Bill Clark, Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Ann Varey
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Don Pruden
Communion Servers:	Susan Durbin and Margie Pankok

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,...’ 1 Peter 2:6-7

May 7, 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

“Prelude in C Major”

J.S. Bach

*OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God, our refuge and our strength, train our hearts on the words
of your Son,**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

**Feed our souls with your spiritual milk and build our very lives
into spiritual houses that neither famine nor storm can shake
the foundation of our faith.**

In the name of the master builder and the chief cornerstone, we pray. Amen.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 545)

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELLA

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power
of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us
into your marvelous light. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”
Chancel Choir

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MESSAGE

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (TFWS 2220)

“We Are God’s People”

SYMPHONY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As people of God, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor for God's work in the world.

OFFERTORY

"Aria"

J.S. Bach

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (UMH 94)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*OFFERING PRAYER

Redeeming God, the gifts we bring to you this day, we dedicate to the work of kingdom building.

Even more, we offer ourselves as living stones for this work.

Imperfect as we are, we know with Christ as the cornerstone, you can build your vision of mercy, justice, peace, and compassion here in our midst.

In Christ, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

Mr. Richard Green, Gideons International

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The God who made heaven and earth has created us in God's glorious image.

Come to God's table and partake of Godself.

Remember the blessings we have received and the blessings we are called to be.

Come to be blessed. Come to be fed.

Come, for the Spirit is calling, inviting us to be nourished and born anew.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power.

Our prayers are anemic and our faith is shallow.

We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family life and play.

We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms.

We fail to be good stewards of your creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures.

Gracious God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust.

Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world.

Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are working all things for good and that because of the empty tomb,

we have nothing to fear. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung responses: (TFWS 2257) B, C, D responses.

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

COMMUNION HYMN (UMH 618)

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

*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.

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 582)

"Whom Shall I Send?"

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Beloved, we have been fed by God's spiritual milk; let us now go as living stones, bound by faith to Christ the chief cornerstone.

May all that we do in thought, word, and deed show God's love, grace, and mercy as we work to build God's kingdom.

May Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you.

May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name.

May God, who raised Christ from the dead, keep you forevermore. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH

"Fugue in C Major"

J.S.Bach

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 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, May 14, 2023:

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Our Prayers



Barbie Dottie Alexander Gerry Avery +++ Pat Ayars + Joe Brown + David +++++	Peggy Dempsey + Pat Grimes +++ Zelda Harlan + Jim Merritt Valerie Rodeheaver Sandy Steggell +++++	<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 the family and friends of Ingeborg Dillon (Denise Reedy's Mom).

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)

Volunteers Needed!!

We are in search of some good men to host our Mother's Day Social Hour on May 14th at 11:00 in the CLC. We are also in need of egg casseroles and baked goods; they can be homemade, or store bought. Please rsvp to Rick Guretsky at 302-239-4911



As we will celebrate Holy Communion. The offering plates at the front of the center aisle are there 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 April 30-73.

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.**

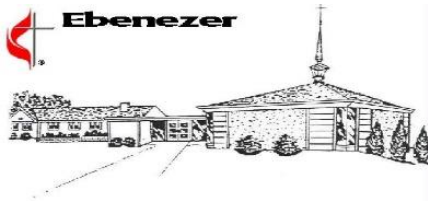


Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for VBS this summer. *Twists & Turns* is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, we'll play our way through VBS while learning that Jesus 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	05/07	5th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Sunday School
			9:15am	Chancel Choir
			10:00am	Worship
			11:00am	Social Hour
			1:00pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
			1:30pm	Private Event - GHH
			3:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
			5:30pm	BSA50 - Room 204
Mon	05/08		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
			7:00pm	Eagle Scout Board - Room 204, 211
			7:00pm	NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	05/09		12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room 204
				Priscilla Circle - Banquet
			7:00pm	Trustees - Room 204
Wed	05/10		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
			10:30am	Naomi/S&S Circle - CLC
			1:00pm	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
			4:00pm	Project Linus - GHH
			6:15pm	Good Chimes - Music Room
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class - CLC
Thurs	05/11		9:15am	BSFT - GHH & Old Kitchen
			6:30pm	Al-Anon - Room204
			7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting- GHH
Friday	05/12		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
Sat	05/13		10:00am	Delaware Valley Historic Samplers - CLC
			6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen

**Mr. Rogers did not
adequately prepare
me for the people
in my neighborhood.**

Looking forward

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
Tues	05/16	7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
		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	AI-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

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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