

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

November 19, 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 Dot Godwin

Presented by Her Family

	Participating in Service
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Guest Pianist:	Laurel Wirtz
Worship Leader:	Beth Jackson
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Linda Heller
Ushers:	Don Grimes and Don Pruden

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

*“For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance,
but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”
Matthew 25:29*

November 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

“Meditation in F”
Good Chimes Handbell Choir

Michael Helman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Every good and perfect gift comes to us from God.

Thanks be to God for the beauty and diversity of creation.

Thanks be to God for our ancestors of faith.

Thanks be to God for loving families and encouraging friends.

Thanks be to God for meaningful work.

Thanks be to God for the variety of talents within the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God for freedom of conscience, speech and worship.

Thanks be to God for calling us to covenant relationship.

With thankful hearts let us worship and praise the Lord our God!

*PRAISE SONG (UMH 101)

“From All That Dwells Below the Skies”

DUKE STREET

SCOUTING PRESENTATION

Mr. Dan White
BSA Troop 50
BSA Girl Troop 1050
Cub Pack 50

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day,

**that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together
as children of light.**

Show us your most excellent way; for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

This is the word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:14-30

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
Good Chimes Handbell Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun

MESSAGE

"Taking a Risk"

Rev. Mary Browne

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 entrusted us with a variety of gifts; let us return to the Lord
a generous measure of our bounty with thanksgiving and praise.

OFFERTORY

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (UMH 95)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

*OFFERING PRAYER

O God of constancy, you are our home and dwelling place forever.

**Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all value, the treasure
of eternal life.**

Bless our gifts that we offer you this day.

**With them may we share your love with others, that all may enter
into your eternal joy. Amen.**

MISSION MOMENT

United Methodist Student Sunday

STEWARDSHIP 2024 CALL TO COMMITMENT

Mr. Michael Lynch

As we share in the Hymn of Commitment, you are invited to come forward and place your 2024 Commitment Card in the Commitment box. The box remains on the bottom shelf of the altar throughout the year as a reminder of our individual and collective covenant to use the resources with which God has blessed us to support the ministry and missions of our church to draw others to God and build God's kingdom.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT "God, We See What You Have Given" NETTLETON (UMH 707)

God, we see what you have given; signs of grace are everywhere!

All around are gifts from heaven — gifts enough for all to share.

We are stewards of your bounty, called to give as we've received;

And your blessings have been plenty from the day we first believed.

**We are stewards of the richness that you send from heav'n above.
For in Christ, you gave up greatness, humbly showing us your love.
In a manger – gift from heaven! On a cross – with love and pain!
You proclaimed we are forgiven; now you send us in your name.**

**We are stewards of your welcome that you showed through Christ the Son.
In his living and his teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone.
To the outcast and the stranger, he showed hospitality!
By your Spirit, may we also give the welcome we've received.**

**We are stewards, sent out sharing, offering you our very best.
Through our serving and our caring may we give as we've been blessed.
God of love, may faithful living be much more than Sunday talk.
Send us loving, serving, giving; help us daily walk your walk!**

Biblical References: Psalms 148, 22, 100, 150; Luke 1:46-55
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CELEBRATION PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*SONG OF SERVICE (*UMH* 399) "Take My Life, and Let It Be" MESSIAH

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Beloved, God in Christ has given us the glorious treasure of eternal life.
Do not leave this treasure hidden, but rather share its abundance with everyone.
Go forth with hope to encourage one another.
Go forth in faith to build each other up.
Live in mercy...and abide in peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH

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

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit.††

Lectionary Scriptures for **Reign of Christ**, November 26, 2023:
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Our Prayers



David Bellflower ++ Bridgette Laura, Maddie and Kylie Chandler +++ Don ++++ Doris ++++ Gale ++ Jean Harlan ++ Erma Harris ++ Peter Garritano +	Jim ++++ Lauren ++++ Rose Marie Peoples ++ Cyndi Pitcher ++++ Richard ++++ Rita ++++ Robert Rudolph Phillip Stehman +++ Teddy Terzian Carolyn Wilhelm ++ Winkerman Family +++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Rick Browne Ron Case Judy Crescenzo Hack Delia Irwin Jeannette Jarrell	Rich Johnson 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 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)



COLD STORAGE PECANS HAVE ARRIVED. Please contact Brooksie Pruden at brooksiepru@gmail.com or 302-239-3191. Pecans will also be available in the church office. The prices are \$13.00 for a pound of mammoth halves and \$12.00 for a pound of medium pieces. Payment by check or correct cash amount would be appreciated. Thank you for supporting the United Methodist Women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Faith Class	Lounge	“Prophets & Kings of Israel”
Youth/Children’s Sunday School	Lower level	

Tuesday Bible Study: Next Study: *Because of Bethlehem* by Max Lucado
Meeting dates – November 28, December 5, 12 and 19 at 9:45am in Room 204.
Contact Church Office for a copy of the book (\$15.00 donation suggested).

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

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!

In Person Attendance for Nov 12th – 68.

Zingo Feathers for Free Turkeys: We are collecting Zingo feathers for free turkeys. The turkeys are used by our Youth Group for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy. We have an envelope for your feathers by the door of Room 204



We are asking all our friends at Ebenezer to join us on Monday, November 27th at 6:00 pm in the church parking lot. That will be Ebenezer’s night to assemble our gifts

for the Stockings for Soldiers. They are located in Brandywine Center near Bob’s furniture. Please RSVP to the church office or Ann Varey at (302) 234-2012.
Thanks again for your generous support of this endeavor.

Money donations and Christmas cards for the troops are always welcome. Cards would be a great project for the children.

Christmas Poinsettias



*In Memory
Or
In Honor*

We have a wonderful tradition at Ebenezer of celebrating the season of Jesus's birth by having poinsettias to decorate the chancel area in the sanctuary and the narthex. The poinsettias are donated by church members and friends and can be given in memory of or in honor of loved ones

In lieu of donating a poinsettia, you may make a gift that will Family Promise in memory of or in honor of loved ones.

The deadline to order is Wednesday, November 22nd. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.00. Please pre-pay your order by making checks to Ebenezer UMC, indicating in the memo line whether it is for poinsettias or a donation to Family Promise. Order forms are available in Narthex.

Thanksgiving Baskets Zingo's Feathers & Food Items

We are collecting food items and feathers from Zingo's Supermarket to be used in preparing food baskets to be shared for Thanksgiving with families in our community who have food insecurity. We will be collecting food items until November 15 and Zingo's feathers until November 25.



There is a red tub set just inside the front door of the church in which you can place your donations of the food items listed below. If you have Zingo's feathers, they can be placed in the identified envelope that is on the table next to the red tub or in the identified envelope in the holder on the wall outside of Room 204.

Here are the food items we are collecting:

instant mashed potatoes	stuffing mix	turkey gravy
cranberry sauce	boxed macaroni & cheese	canned vegetables
dessert/Cake, Brownies, etc. mixes	soup	peanut butter
shelve stable boxed milk	pasta	pasta sauce.

If you know of a family in our community who would appreciate the gift of a food basket, or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mary Browne



Pick Up your Thanksgiving Rolls Today!

The cost for a dozen is still \$8.00. Please pay by check (made out to EUMW) or have exact change when picking up.

Troop 50 Holiday Wreath Sales

Show your holiday spirit with locally sourced fresh high-quality wreaths while supporting our scouting program. Wreaths are made fresh and to order in New Jersey. They will be made the same week we offer them for delivery on Saturday, November 25th.



8-inch wreath with pinecones and bow	\$25
14 - inch wreath with pinecones and bow	\$35
18 inch - foot wreath with bow.	\$50
2 - foot wreath with bow *	\$70
3 - foot wreath with bow*	\$140
4 - foot wreath with bow*	\$200
Grave blanket with pinecones, bow, and white sticks	\$35
Door swag with bow	\$22

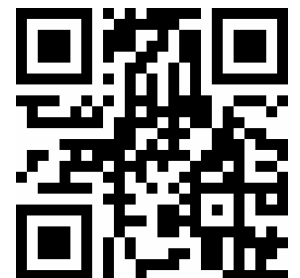
*Ring size, add 12" to overall diameter.

Purchase from the Troop 50 Company Store!

<https://5610e6-3.myshopify.com>

New date for pancake breakfast!

The 46th annual Troop 50 Pancake breakfast is on for **December 16th** at Limestone Presbyterian. Tickets for the event and also for world famous sausage for carry out can be bought on the Troop 50 Store!



Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Zingos

It is that time of year again where Ebenezer and friends will have the opportunity to ring the Salvation Army Bell at Zingo's.



Our dates will be the Saturdays of November 25th, then December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd with one-hour slots from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are available in Narthex. It is a great way to help others and let your light shine by volunteering.



GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 28

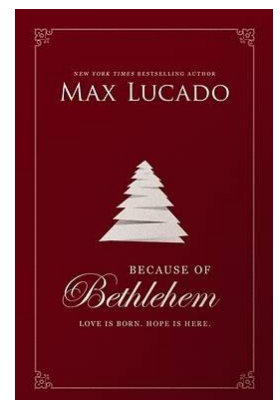
Giving Tuesday started in 2012 as a grassroots movement to encourage, support, and celebrate donations of money, time and/or goods to charities and non-profit organizations. The Tuesday after Thanksgiving was chosen as a balance to the furor of Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

If you were to consider participating in Giving Tuesday, you may have a favorite charitable organization or cause that you would want to support. To offer one suggestion, consider making a gift to UMCOR to support our connectional ministry to communities around the world devastated by significant natural disasters that have been experienced in this year. UMCOR has two funds, one for domestic disaster relief and one for international disaster relief to which you can make a donation. Go to umcmission.org/give to make a donation and enter Advance Special numbers **901670** – U.S. Disaster Response or **982450** – International Disaster Response. Remember, that 100% of your gift to a specific Advance Special project or missionary goes directly to the program you select; all administrative costs for UMCOR are funded through other giving streams in our United Methodist connection.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY November 28, December 5, 12, 19 9:45 – 10:50 a.m.

In *Because of Bethlehem*, Max Lucado unwraps the enduring promises of Christmas and discovers a lifetime of hope--all because of one baby born in Bethlehem. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates: the child in the cradle who goes on to become the King on the cross. Because of Bethlehem, we have a place on earth and a Savior in heaven.

Contact the Church Office for a copy of the book
(\$15.00 suggested donation)





HANGING OF THE GREENS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Following the 10:00 am. Worship Service

This year we are making an adjustment in the timing of this annual activity of fellowship and ministry in which everyone is invited to participate. We will decorate

the sanctuary and other areas of the church in preparation of the beginning of Advent.

There are tasks for just about every level of skill. We need folks willing to climb the ladders and folks who can sit and hand out the Chrismons to be hung on the tree in the narthex. This is a fun time of fellowship where truly, many hands make light work. We will begin fellowship during Social Hour in the CLC with snacks before we set about the tasks that need to be done. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Mary.

Everyone is invited to **Our Sunday School Christmas pageant, Sunday December 3rd** in the CLC at 9:00am. Refreshments will be available after the pageant.



Lighting Advent Candle Sign-up

We need individuals, couples, or families to light the Advent Wreath candles. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. The litany for lighting the candles will be provided to you ahead of your service. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mary.



12/03 @ 10:00 am service

12/10 @ 10:00 am service

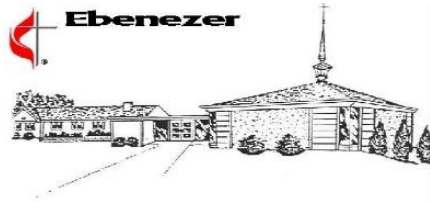
12/17 @ 10:00am service

12/24 @ 10:00am service

12/24 @ 4:30 pm service

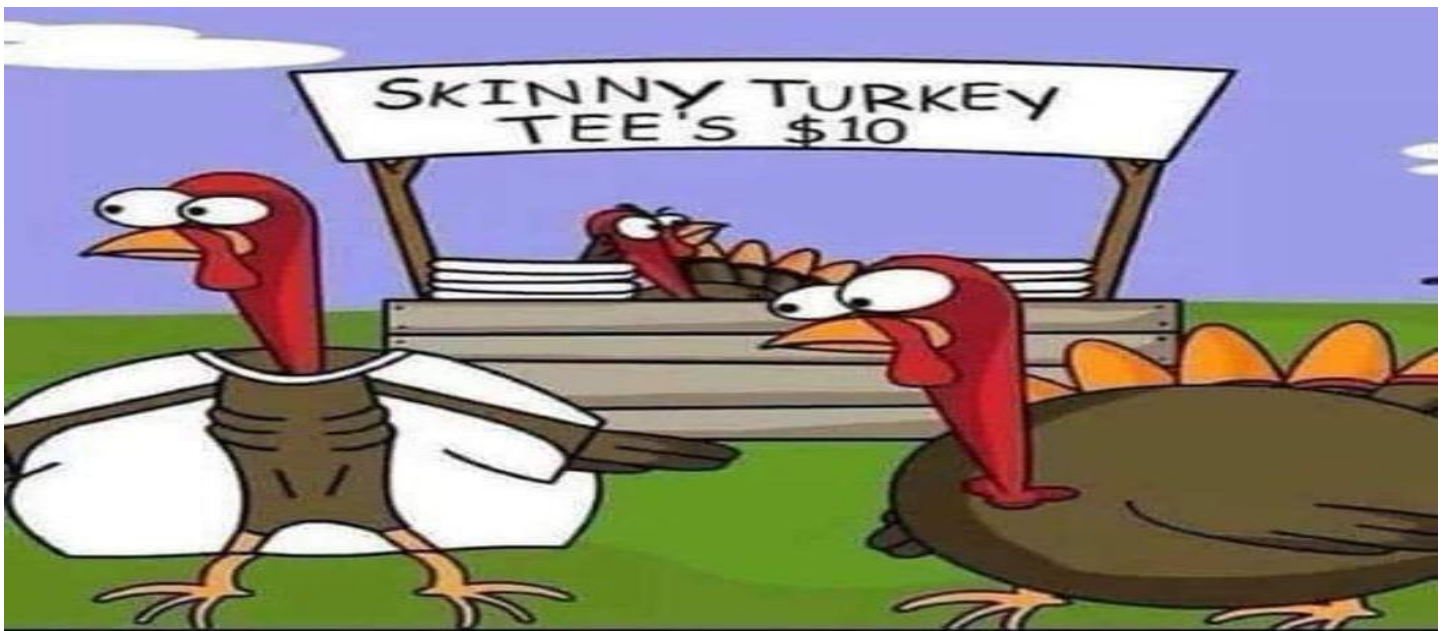
12/24 @ 7:00 pm service

12/25 @ 10:00am service



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	11/19	24th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Sunday School
			10:00am	Worship
			11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
			1:00pm	Youth Group – Youth Room
Mon	11/20		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Classes – CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	11/21		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
			1:00pm	Private Event - CLC
			6:30pm	Volleyball – CLC
Wed	11/22	10:00am Hope Dining Room	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
			10:00am	Chancel Choir
			6:30pm	Good Chimes
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
Thurs	11/23	THANKSGIVING	6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
			7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	11/24		10:00am	AA Meeting – GHH
Sat	11/25		12:00pm	FCA Ball Team – Ball Field
			6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH



Looking forward...

Sun	11/26	25th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Sunday School
			10:00am	Worship
			11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
		Hanging of the Greens		
Mon	11/27		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Classes – CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	11/28		9:45am	Advent Study – Room 204
			12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
			6:30pm	Volleyball – CLC
Wed	11/29		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
			10:00am	Chancel Choir
			6:30pm	Good Chimes
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm		Admin. Board – Room 204
Thurs	11/30		9:15am	BSFT – GHH & Old Kitchen
			6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
			7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Friday	12/01		10:00am	AA Meeting – GHH
Sat	12/02		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH

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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