

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

November 5, 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 Rob  
Presented by his Mother*

*In Loving Memory of Ferris H. Dempsey  
Presented by the Dempsey Family*

	Participating in Service
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Guest Organist:	Kerry Dietz
Guest Cellist:	Ryan Wolfe
Worship Leader:	Kristin Moser
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Ann Varey
Communion Servers:	Donna Dennis and Adele Madden

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

*“After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!’”*  
*Revelation 7:9-10*

November 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! Here is our God, the One for whom we have waited.

**Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

We have come here as a people of faith,

**Thankful for all those who have gone before us.**

We stand in awe of so many who have served faithfully  
and shared and lived the good news.

**May their example and their courage be a guide and model for our living.**

Let us now remember and join in holy fellowship as we worship the Lord.

\*PRAISE SONG (UMH 711, v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place.**

**Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

This is the word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 7:9-17

## SCRIPTURE SONG (TFWS 2155)

“Blest Are They”

BLEST ARE THEY  
based on Matthew 3:1-12

## A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”

Words: Ada R. Habershon  
Music: Charles H. Gabriel

## MESSAGE

“The Communion of Saints”

Rev. Mary Browne

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT 2024

## MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

Living God, our Guide and Guardian, who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace.

We set aside this moment to remember those saints who are dear and precious to us who have died and entered into glory during the last twelve months.

Evelyn Stehman  
Howard Crossan  
Lois Hall  
Kathy August  
Joshua Vible  
Jim Merritt  
Deana Lindgren  
Clark Brown

Robert Pierce  
Alice MacDonald  
Crystal Jewell  
Robert Graper  
Ingeborg Dillion  
Elizabeth Beam  
Willa Jean Wiant  
Kay Spence

We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints and rejoice for them that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence.

We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples.

We honor them now by lifting their names aloud or in our hearts.

On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we, too, are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.

And so, we remember:

### **We are God's children.**

**What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

**So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With gratitude for God's blessings through the power of at work in Jesus Christ, we gather now our tithes, offerings, and gifts for the sake of the gospel.

OFFERTORY

"Ave Maria"

Franz Schubert

\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (UMH 95)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious One, you offer us the bread of life and the living water of Christ.  
We come before you to offer our hearts and the riches we have received  
from your hand.**

**Bless these gifts, that they may bring the Spirit's comfort to those whose eyes  
are wet with tears.**

**In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you call us as your own children and cover us with your love.  
We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do,  
but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.**

**Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace.  
Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ,  
until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting A (UMH 17-18)

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

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

**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 your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*SONG OF SERVICE (UMH 384) "Love Devine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Beloved, receive this good news: you are children of God, united as family  
with the saints of every tribe, nation, language, and generation.  
Go forth now in the company of the multitude who have put on the life of the Lamb  
that you may love and live after the imitation of Christ, our Savior.

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Choral Amen**

from "Total Praise"

arr. Richard Smallwood

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**

*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 **Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost,**

November 12, 2023:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13



***Family Promise week is coming soon -***

***November 12-18.*** We need to plan for dinners and which  
of those evenings Ebenezer will be serving. Please let us know  
how and/or when you'd like to help by calling the church office or  
Kathy Zinn (302-463-5428). This outreach from Ebenezer makes  
a real impact on the families we serve and you can make a  
difference!

# Our Prayers



Bonny +++ <b>David Bellflower</b> Laura, Maddie and Kylie Chandler + Don ++ Doris ++ Frank ++++ <b>Gale</b> <b>Jean Harlan</b> <b>Erma Harris</b> Jim ++	Jon Klair ++++ Lauren ++ <b>Rose Marie Peoples</b> Cyndi Pitcher ++ Richard ++ Rita ++ Robert Rudolph +++ Phillip Stehman + <b>Carolyn Wilhelm</b> 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](mailto: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	

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*Tuesday Bible Study:* Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in Room 204.  
Currently studying “Reckless Love”

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

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*Blood Pressure checks will be done on November 12<sup>th</sup>.*

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*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!

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*In Person Attendance for Oct 29<sup>th</sup>-112.*

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*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

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We will be collecting donations for the stockings from July through November. The box is out in the narthex and ready to accept your donations.

This month we will do **toothbrushes and small toothpastes, small candy, Slim Jims, lotions, chewing gum and trail mix.** Of course, we will accept anything else that is suitable. There are lists of all donations requested available in the Narthex. 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.



## Connie's Rolls EUMW Fund Raiser

It's time for Connie's famous rolls for Thanksgiving! If interested in purchasing rolls, please place your order by **November 12, 2023**.  
**Call Connie: 302-737-4411**  
**or Carol 302-731-9495**

**Samples available Today!!!**

No late orders will be accepted. Pick up will be on November 19, 2023.

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

If you are interested in helping, contact Connie directly at 302-737-4411

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### Delicious UMW Soup Sale

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup \$13.00/quart  
November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Order sheet available in Narthex or call church office to order.

Please order and pay in advance. Leave payment in envelope and place in UMW mail slot by November 5, 2023.

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## TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN YOUR BOXES!

### Operation Christmas Child Returns for Another Year!

Please consider filling a shoebox this year. **Boxes are available in Narthex**, or you can use a shoe box from home. Put small toys and items in the box, NO liquids, war toys, toothpaste, candy, food, breakable items, or used items.

**You can go to**

**[https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/)**

**[christmas-child/buildonline/](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/) (or search for Operation Christmas Child build online) to donate a box in under 5 minutes.**



As we are getting a late start this year, we have two options: Create your shoebox online or get your box together quickly and bring it to the church where Diane Clark will gather them together and take them to St. Mark's UMC so that they can be shipped with their order.



# 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.** 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.

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## 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

# Troop 50 Holiday Wreath Sales

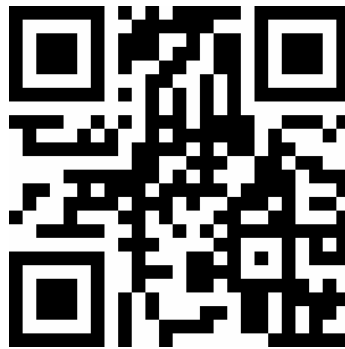
Show your holiday spirit with locally sourced fresh high-quality wreaths while supporting our scouting program. Wreaths are made fresh and to order in New Jersey. They will be made the same week we offer them for delivery on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

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>

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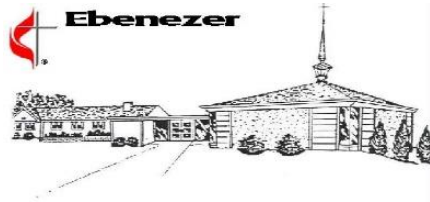
## Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Zingos

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 25<sup>th</sup>, then December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**On the Calendar, this week....**

Sun	11/05	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ All Saints</b>
		9:00am Sunday School
		10:00am Worship
		11:00am Social Hour - CLC
		1:00pm Youth Group - Youth Room
		5:30pm BSA50 - Room 204
Mon	11/06	10:00am AA Meeting - Room 204
		11:30am Social Seniors - GHH
		7:00pm 2 x 4 Classes - CLC
		7:00pm NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	11/07	9:45am Bible Study - Room 204
		12:00pm AA Meeting - Room 204
		<b>12:30pm UMW Exec. Board - Room 211</b>
		6:30pm Volleyball - CLC
Wed	11/08	10:00am AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am Chancel Choir
		<b>10:30am Naomi/S&amp;S Circle - Room211</b>
		4:00pm Project Linus - GHH
		6:30pm Good Chimes
		7:00pm 2 x 4 Class - CLC
		<b>7:00pm Finance Committee - Room 204</b>
Thurs	11/09	9:15am BSFT - GHH & Old Kitchen
		6:30pm Al-Anon - Room 204
		7:00pm BSA50 - CLC
		7:00pm Cub Scouts - Rooms 108 & 110
		7:00pm NA Meeting- GHH
Friday	11/10	10:00am AA Meeting - GHH
		7:00pm 2 x 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	11/11	<b>9:00am PEO - CLC</b>
		6:30pm NA Meeting - GHH



## Looking forward...

Sun	11/12	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	9:00am	Sunday School
			10:00am	Worship
			11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
Mon	11/13		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Classes – CLC
			7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards – Rooms 204, 211 & Lounge
			7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	11/14		9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
			<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Stephen Ministry – Confirmation Room</b>
			12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
			<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Priscilla Circle – CLC</b>
			<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Trustees – Room 204</b>
Wed	11/15		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
			10:00am	Chancel Choir
			6:30pm	Good Chimes
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
Thurs	11/16		9:15am	BSFT – GHH & Old Kitchen
			6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
			7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting– GHH
Friday	11/17		10:00am	AA Meeting – GHH
Sat	11/18		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH

## STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: [www.EbenezerUMCNewark.org](http://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](mailto:loribrown927@msn.com), or Rick Browne at [rbrowne646@gmail.com](mailto:rbrowne646@gmail.com).



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