

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

September 17, 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 Ellen and Edwin Brown*

Presented by Sharon Keeler

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don’t see things the way you do. And don’t jump all over them every time they do or say something you don’t agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department.

Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently..

So where does that leave you when you criticize a brother? And where does that leave you when you condescend to a sister? I’d say it leaves you looking pretty silly — or worse.

*Eventually, we are all going to end up kneeling side by side in the place of judgment, facing God.
Romans 14:1, 10 (The Message)*

September 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

“Air” (Water Music)

George Frideric Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of peace.

This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.

Come to the table of peace.

*Worship & Song, #3168, v. 2
(Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 2011)*

We gather today to listen, to learn, and to love.

We are ready to share and to hear what others have to say.

Though we are all different, we yearn to find a mutual understanding.

We are standing on common ground.

We take our place at the Table of Peace.

We know that God is already here.

*PRAISE HYMN (TFWS 2172)

“We Are Called”

WE ARE CALLED

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (from *The Message*)

Romans 14;1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
Chancel Choir

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You
Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul
Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul
Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
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MESSAGE

"The Table of Peace"

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (*UMC* 560)

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

ACCEPTANCE

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 is unfailing in blessing and love.

With thankful hearts, let us offer up to God a portion of what God has given us.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 389)

"Freely, Freely"

FREELY, FREELY

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (*UMH* 621)

"Be Present at Our Table, Lord"

OLD 100TH

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts.
Savior God, you look at our world with compassion.
You also look at our world with clarity and a zeal for justice and peace.
Use the gifts we bring to you today and our lives to fight for justice and peace
with mercy and compassion in the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Make us and our gifts part of the healing of the world. Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 383) "This is the Day of New Beginnings" BEGINNINGS

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

This Table of Peace requires much of us.
It asks us to listen to others when we are bursting with words of our own.
It asks us to speak with courage and grace when perhaps we would rather stay silent.
It asks us to be patient when we are raring to go!
It asks us to save a seat for people whose opinions differ from ours
and to treat everyone with kindness and dignity, because we need each other
— all of us — to survive.

The grace of God abounds!
The invitation of Christ is wide!
The power of the transforming Spirit will surprise us every time!
May the blessings of peace you find here go with you and move through you to others
wherever you go this week.

Choral Amen

Richard Smallwood

GOING FORTH "Rondo" John Bull
Please remain seated until the GOING FORTH is concluded.

*All are welcome to a time of fellowship and refreshment 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.††

*UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal (red)
TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black)*

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost,**
September 24, 2023:

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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	Room 204	“Reckless Love”

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 Sept 10 – 84.

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 **lip balm, pretzels / trail mix, foot powder, ramen noodles (bricks only, no cups) and jerky.** 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.



Boy Scouts Troop 50 will be having a Free Ebenezer Car Wash on Saturday, September 23rd, starting at 9:00am. Free to all members of Ebenezer.

Delicious UMW Soup Sale
Homemade Beef Vegetable Soup
\$13.00/quart October 22nd.

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 October 15, 2023.

Our Prayers



Mary Anderson +++ Bernie August Bill Bedient +++ Mary Bowers ++++ Lois Chamberlain + Hack +	Jenna +++ Elliott Jones Wrenly Rea + Susan ++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Rick Browne Ron Case Judy Crescenzo 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)



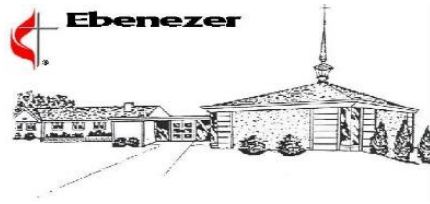
FAMILY PROMISE BREAKFAST

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
7:30 – 9:00**

**White Clay Creek Country Club
879 Delaware Park Blvd**

Ebenezer & Resurrection Parish are hosting a table for this free breakfast. Hear about the vision and plans Family Promise has for expanding its programs to serve twice as many families with children experiencing housing insecurity. There will be an opportunity to support Family Promise through a donation/pledge.

Contact Kathy Zinn, 302-463-5428, or zinn.kk@gmail.com to reserve a seat at our table.



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	09/17	16th Sunday after Pentecost
		9:00am Sunday School
		10:00am Worship
		11:00am Social Hour - CLC
		3:00pm Youth Group - Youth Room
Mon	09/18	10:00am AA Meeting - Room 204
		7:00pm 2 x 4 Classes - CLC
		7:00pm NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	09/19	9:30am Bible Study - Room 204
		12:00pm AA Meeting - Room 204
		2:15pm Stephen Ministry - Confirmation Room
Wed	09/20	10:00am AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am Chancel Choir
		6:30pm Good Chimes
		7:00pm 2 x 4 Class - CLC
Thurs	09/21	6:30pm Al-Anon - Room204
		7:00pm BSA50 - CLC
		7:00pm NA Meeting- GHH
Friday	09/22	10:00am AA Meeting - GHH
		7:00pm 2 x 4 Square Dance - CLC
Sat	09/23	6:30pm NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen



Looking forward...

Sun	09/24	17th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Sunday School
			10:00am	Worship
			11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
			3:00pm	Youth Group – Youth Room
Mon	09/25		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
			7:00pm	2 x 4 Classes – CLC
			7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	09/26		9:30am	Bible Study – Room 204
			12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
			7:00pm	Missions Committee – Room 204
Wed	09/27		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
			7:00pm	Drummond Farm Maint. Corp – Room 204
Thurs	09/28		6:30pm	Al-Anon – Room 204
			7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
			7:00pm	Finance Committee – Room 211
			7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Friday	09/29		10:00am	AA Meeting – GHH
Sat	09/30		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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