

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

February 28, 2021



Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a

Stephen Ministry Congregation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
*In Loving Memory of my Husband, Bob Menghi and
my Son, Michael Roncarati*

Presented by Mary Ann Menghi

In Honor of our daughters, Wendy and Michelle

Presented by Sandy and Ben Berk

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Organist:	Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Boy Scouts
Live Stream Team:	Richard Browne, Bill Clark, and Reed Williams
Ushers:	Dorothy Towery and Sherri Hodgson
Song Leader/Soloist:	Boy Scouts

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

*"The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Isaiah 40:28b-29*

February 28, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

CENTERING MUSIC

"God Bless America"

Eklude/Ward/Berlin

*PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

*BOY SCOUT OATH AND LAW

*OPENING MEDLEY

"America the Beautiful" & "America"

(UMH 696, v. 1)

"America the Beautiful"

MATERNA

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

(UMH 697, v. 1)

"America"

AMERICA

**My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!**

*OPENING PRAYER

**As we gather here in the harbour of your safety,
we thank you for fellowship and family.**

**We ask that you will strengthen us, restore us, and inspire us with your love.
Lord, would you fill us with your peace so that as we journey onwards
we would pour out your love and grace to others.**

**We ask that our souls would catch the wind of your spirit
so that we would take your promises to all the earth. Amen.**

*PRAISE HYMN (TFWS 2008)

"Let All Things Now Living"

THE ASH GROVE

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,**

**A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread,
and may the leading of your Spirit become our way;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 40:27-31

*GOSPEL LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:29-39

MESSAGE

Mr. James Smith, Scoutmaster

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (*TFWS* 2004, v. 1) "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"

HYFRYDOL

**Praise the source of faith and learning
that has sparked and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning
how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing
from the wonders we survey
keep our faith forever growing
and renew our need to pray.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Christ's justifying love brings peace to those who love God.

Turn to your neighbor and share the wondrous gift of God's peace in Christ.

Cross your hands over your heart then extend toward your neighbor as you say:

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT AND INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN (TFWS 2055) "You Are My Hiding Place"

HIDING PLACE

You are my hiding place.

**You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you.**

**Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord.
I will trust in you."**

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (UMH 87, v.1)

"What Gift Can We Bring"

ANNIVERSARY SONG

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it-- the joy of this day?

**When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?**

OFFERING PRAYER

God, you have created the universe.

Everything we see has come into being because of you.

Your glory is beyond our comprehension.

**Yet, you give us the most precious gift imaginable,
your everlasting love and faithfulness.**

**With great joy we now offer our own gifts—puny in comparison,
but given with grateful hearts that belong to you, now and always.**

**We are thankful for the opportunity to put these gifts to work
proclaiming your gospel of love. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN (TFWS 2070)

"He Is Exalted"

HE IS EXALTED

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

**He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.**

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

*RETIRING THE COLORS

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Though life is full of temptation, God will see us through.

We rejoice in the One who strengthens us.

Though life is full of times of trial, Christ walks with us every step of the way.

We rejoice in the One who shares our journey.

Though life is full of obstacles to faith, the Spirit eases our burden..

We rejoice in the One who leads us home.

Go with God.

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the LORD lifts up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Please be seated

SENDING FORTH "In Christ There is No East or West" arr. F.R.Rudolph

*Please remain seated until the SENDING FORTH is concluded
and you are dismissed by an usher.
You will be dismissed by rows, starting at the back of the sanctuary.*

**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
TFWS: The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Third Sunday in Lent**, March 7, 2021
Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

"Holy Vessels" Worship Series Scripture: Matthew 9:27-33

The Scouts of BSA Troop 50 participating in the service today are:

Maceo Clark
Cameron Green
Brett Kaden
Harrison "Frank" Rathof
Parker Ryan
Karl Schermerhorn
Kewane Schermerhorn
Harry Smith
Alex Walck
Jamie Yonko



Our Prayers

<p>Michele Berk Sharon Bey Tommy Bey ++++ Elaine Bruce ++ Michael Bruce ++ Nancy Connell Becky Devestine Bob Devestine</p>	<p>Sara Leah ++ Bob Vible Becky Wolfe</p>	<p><u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Barbara Anna Marie Beasom Donald Bogert Clara Breslford Roy Brown Judy Crescenzo Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Victoria “Bo” Fulton Ken Johnson</p>	<p>Kristin Howard & Louise Pierce Curtis Reedy Denise Reedy Jeannette Richart Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant</p>
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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 the family and friends of Gail Chase.

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.**

**Your giving envelopes for 2021 are available for pick
 up in Room 211.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

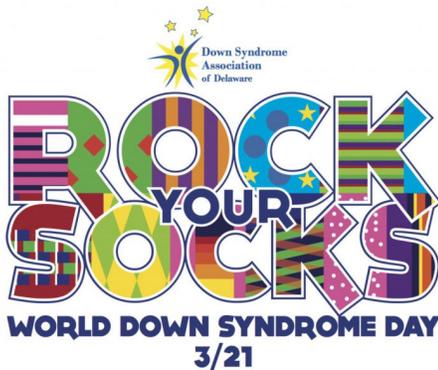
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in the CLC.

Bible Study for Today: Meets every Thursday at 9:15am in GHH. If you would like to attend, you need to please contact Nancy Williams at mtnanax3@yahoo.com or (406) 381-8304.

ROCK YOUR SOCKS DAY

Wednesday, March 21

Supports Down Syndrome Association of DE



For a \$2.00 donation, you can purchase a pair of pre-mismatched socks to wear in support of World Down Syndrome Day, (www.dsadelaware.org). Choose a pair of socks from the basket on the box in the narthex and leave your \$2.00 donation in the basket. On March 21 wear your socks to show your awareness and support of the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down Syndrome. Snap a picture of your feet in your RYS socks and post it our Ebenezer Facebook page (Ebenezer UMC Newark) or send picture to Pastor Mary (eumc_pastor@verizon.net) to post to our FB page.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 50 YARD SALE & CAR WASH



On **Saturday, April 3rd**, Troop 50 will be having a **car wash and yard sale** at Ebenezer to benefit the church and troop. The Boy Scouts will be collecting donated items and setting up a sale in the field behind the church. If you wish to donate any items for the sale (e.g., toys, electronics, games, sports equipment, instruments, tools, etc.), please bring them to the sheds on Friday, April 2nd or make alternate arrangements with **Mr. Smith**. **Any items that don't sell will be donated to charity following the sale.** Questions may be directed to Jim Smith, Scoutmaster, at jimsmithbsa50@gmail.com.



Since we could not attend the Youth Rally this year, the Youth at Ebenezer wanted to do a service project. We would like to gather and assemble hygiene kit items that will be donated to UMCOR. Once we receive items, the youth will meet to assemble them to be sent off to the HUB or Mission Central.

We need the congregation's help in gathering these items. Here are the things we need down to the exact specifications. Linens must be new and not washed:

Hand towels, Washcloths, Combs, Toenail or fingernail clippers, Bath-size soaps, Adult toothbrushes, Adhesive bandages and One-gallon size re-sealable bags.

Detailed lists are available in Narthex near the drop off bin.

Thank you!

Here is a link to [UMCOR's](#) website if you need to pull pictures or logos.

Mike and Meg

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!



Website: www.EbenezerUMCNewark.org and **Facebook:** [Ebenezer UMC Newark](#).

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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