

April 12, 2026

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is Stephen Ministry Congregation*

The Flowers today are presented to  
the Glory of God and  
*In Loving Memory of my Sister, Carol Patterson*  
*Presented by Wayne Patterson and Family*

Participating in Service:	
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Guest Pianist:	Evan Liszewski
Worship Leader:	Connie Miller
Media Team:	Bill Clark
Greeter:	Brooksie Pruden
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*“O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!  
Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.  
I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.  
I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.  
Psalm 119:5-8*

April 12, 2026

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

Original Composition by Evan Liszewski

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

They were looking for a dead friend,  
**Mourning a loss,**  
Caught up in grief,  
**Worrying about stone-cold tombs.**  
They were prepared for death,  
**But not for life.**  
They were ready for sadness,  
**But not for joy.**  
Yet, Easter turned it around!  
**Turned the world upside down,**  
Set love on the throne,  
**Hope on the horizon,**  
Joy in each moment.  
**Easter still turns darkness around,**  
Makes our lives different,  
**Renews our hope,**  
Fills us with courage,  
**Gives us a song to sing.**

\*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 189)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

traditional *Gesambuch/Volkslieder*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word  
that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence  
where there is fullness of joy. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 119:1-8

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4:11-16

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Mercy Tree"

Neale, Nordhoff/arr. Martin

MESSAGE

"Formed by Jesus Christ"  
Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously

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

We are blessed with what Psalm 16 calls a "goodly heritage."

We are disciples and heirs in the family of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God.

Let us give generously, so that others may know the faithfulness of Jesus,

alive in our lives, alive in their lives, the very source of healing, joy, and delight.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 420)

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

E. Hatch/R. Jackson

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 94)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Jesus our Protector and Savior, we thank you for every gift you have given us  
that brings us delight and joy in this life.**

**We thank you for every gift that comes to us in times of despair  
to lift us up and tend to our sorrows.**

**May these gifts that we offer reach out to the world,**

**that others may know your joy, your caring,**

**your deep understanding of despair—and your Life that defeats death. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 384)

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

C. Wesley/J. Zundel

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Serve our Triune God with patience and passion.

Be deliberate in enacting your faith.

Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit's power.

And may peace be your way in the world.

May the Lord Jesus Christ be near to defend you, within you to refresh you,  
around you to preserve you, before you to guide you, behind you to justify you,  
above you to bless you.

May the God who loves and resurrects us give you a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit  
and new birth into a living hope. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH

Original Composition by Evan Liszewski

*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 **Third Sunday of Easter**, April 19, 2026:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4,12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Scripture Readings for Worship, April 19, 2026:

Psalm 16; Colossians 2:6-10; John 10:10



## Our Prayers

Sharon Bey +++ Lori Brown ++++ Tom Crescenzo Evelyn Ann Gebhart +	Moonyeen Klopfenstein +++ Marybeth Miller ++ McKenna Mullin + Ann Varey ++++ Glen Walther ++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Rick Browne Judy Crescenzo Delia Irwin Helen Lynch Ginny Parker	Gary Pierce <b>Denise Reedy</b> Paul Roberts 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 remember all who serve our country in the military, especially pray for those represented by our congregation.**

### Missionaries We Support:

Matt & Erin Reinders	(Unalaska UMC)	Joy & Robert Vargas (Paraguay)
Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)	Jeanne Ntambo (Congo)
Gaston Ntambo	(Congo)	

**Please pick up your 2026 Giving Envelopes in Room 211.**



**Attention Graduates!** If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring please contact the church office and let us know the graduates name, school graduating from and future plans.



### **Pecans**

New crop pecans are available for sale!

**\$13 Pecan Pieces**

**\$16 Mammoth Pecan Halves**

See Carol in the Church office or contact Diana Bienkowski  
[dianab6@verizon.net](mailto:dianab6@verizon.net) 302-463-1653

Payment by check to Ebenezer United Methodist Women or correct cash amount would be appreciated. Thank you for supporting the United Methodist Women!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you wish to sponsor altar flowers the cost is \$55 per Sunday, please contact Carol in the church office at 731-9495 to sponsor flowers.  
Thank you!

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

Faith Class

Lounge

“Help Is Here”

Max Lucado

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### In Person Attendance for April 5<sup>th</sup> -

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## Pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention

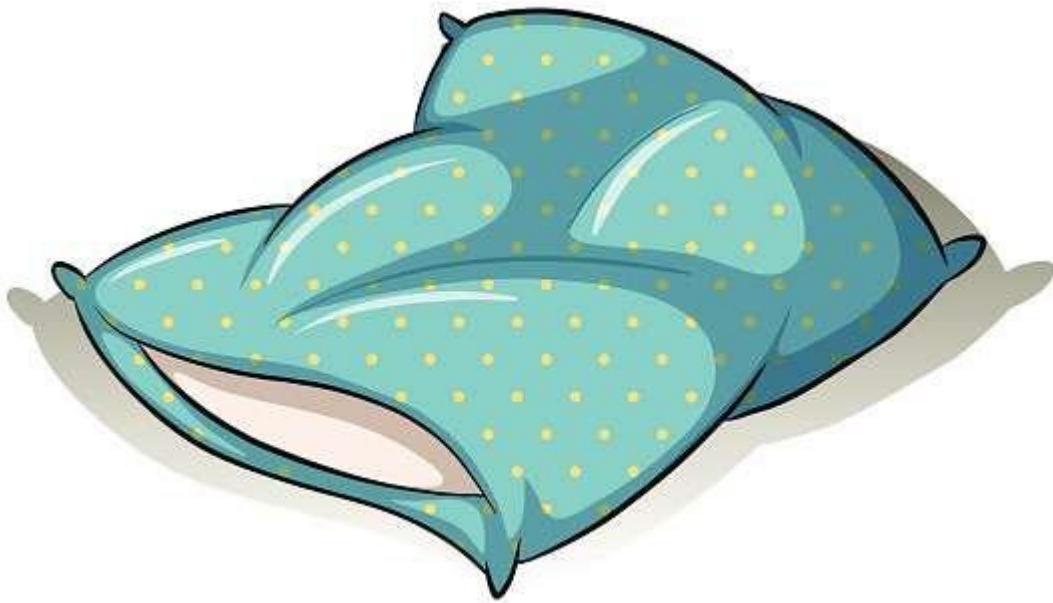


April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Pinwheels for Prevention began as a grassroots campaign in Georgia, Florida and Ohio. Their success and desire to create a national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention led to this effort nationwide.

In 2015, Prevent Child Abuse Delaware, along with state chapters throughout the country, adopted a new logo – the pinwheel. A pinwheel represents the whimsical notion of childhood and reminds us that every child deserves the chance to have a healthy and happy childhood. Keep an eye out for pinwheels throughout Delaware! We ordered pinwheels to display at church and for church members to take home.

They are available in the Narthex. Help us spread the message about the power of prevention through the visual recognition of pinwheels throughout the community.

Remember...a pinwheel also needs wind to move forward, and with our actions and our intention, **we can be that wind.**



St. Mark's United Women in Faith are sponsoring  
a Cases For Smiles event on  
Saturday, April 25, 2026  
(9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall.

1700 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

We are in need volunteers. Volunteers are needed to iron, pin, sew, or package the finished pillowcase. The pillowcases go to Nemours Hospital, CHOP, and/or Ronald McDonald House. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Diane Troiano ( [ditroiano622@gmail.com](mailto:ditroiano622@gmail.com); (302)650-0262 or Emilia Machulski ( [ladyemilia6@aol.com](mailto:ladyemilia6@aol.com); (302)995-1779 to confirm or for more information. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



# **HOUSES OF HOPE TOUR**

## **BENEFITING HOPE DINING ROOM**

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**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**  
**NOON – 4:00**

VISIT SIX CHURCHES WHO SERVE AT HOPE DINING ROOM. LEARN INTERESTING FACTS – HISTORY, ARCHITECTURE, STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, COMMUNITY GARDEN, LABYRINTH WALK, RESALE SHOP, RECIPES AND MORE.

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15

- \*KINGSWOOD UMC - 300 MARROWS ROAD - REGISTRATION & MAP**
  - \*CALVARY BAPTIST - 215 E. DELAWARE AVENUE**
  - \*EBENEZER UMC - 525 POLLY DRUMMOND HILL ROAD**
  - \*NEW ARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - 300 E. MAIN STREET**
  - \*NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST - 91 SALEM CHURCH ROAD**
  - \*NEWARK FRIENDS (DISPLAY TABLE AT KINGSWOOD)**
  - \*ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST R.C. - 200 E. MAIN STREET**
  - \*ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL - 276 S. COLLEGE AVENUE**
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\*See website for details: <https://hopediningroom.org>



*\*Tour Website will be available on April 1st*



**Get Ready for an ice-cold summer adventure, packed with cool winter activities**

Wear your mittens and come sliding in! Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) adventure, **"Snowball Mountain Challenge,"** is skiing in on **June 22nd through June 26<sup>th</sup>** but we cannot have an adventure without YOU!

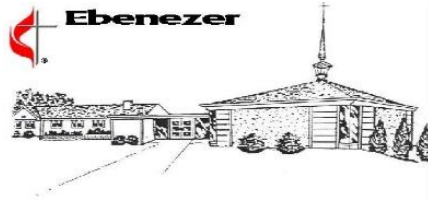
**To volunteer or register** your child,

please contact the church office or send us an email.

Church office is at 302-731-9495 Ext 10

Send emails to: NewarkEbenezerUMC@verizon.net

All aboard for faith, fun, and fellowship!



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

Sun	04/12		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
		9:00am	Choir Practice – Music Room
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
		11:00am	Social Hour - CLC
		2:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	04/13	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		4:30 pm	Daybreak Counseling - Lounge
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204, 211 & Workroom
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	04/14	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Endowment Committee – Room 211</b>
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Priscilla Circle - CLC</b>
Wed	04/15	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Finance Committee – Room 204</b>
Thurs	04/16	9:30am	BSFT - GHH
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	04/17	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	04/18	6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH

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**On Sunday nights, my  
 couch and I become one**



## Looking forward ....

		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Sun	04/19	9:00am	Choir Practice – Music Room
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
		11:00am	Social Hour - CLC
		2:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	04/20	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		4:30 pm	Daybreak Counseling - Lounge
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Class – CLC
Tues	04/21	7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
		9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
Wed	04/22	6:30pm	Cub Scouts - CLC
		7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Hope Dining Room</b>
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Stephen Ministry - Confirmation</b>
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
Thurs	04/23	9:30am	BSFT - GHH
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	04/24	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	04/25	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 at [loribrown927@msn.com](mailto:loribrown927@msn.com)

All our members, ministers

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