

April 19, 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 Husband and my Fathers on their Birthdays
Presented by Ann Varey*

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Beth Jackson
Media Team:	Bill Clark
Greeter:	Marilyn Schnaars
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
John 10:10*

April 19, 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

"Blue Psalm"

Erik Bye

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our Shepherd.

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd.

Our Shepherd knows us and calls us by name.

We follow him because we know his voice.

Our Shepherd is completely trustworthy.

He leads us to that which makes for abundant life.

Verdant pastures, refreshing water and safe shelter.

These are the gifts of our Shepherd.

In trust, we follow our shepherd.

In peace, we rest secure.

In joy and thankfulness, we celebrate our Shepherd's goodness.

The Lord is our Shepherd. Thanks be to God!

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 454)

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

Torrey/Cooper

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Risen Lord, speak to us this day, that our hearts may burn within us.

**By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed
that we may receive you with joy. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 16

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 2:6-10

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:7-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
Chancel Choir

S. Paul

MESSAGE

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit”

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

Bountiful are God’s gifts to us.
What shall we return for God’s many gifts?
What praises shall we sing to honor God’s manifold blessings?
In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God’s service.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 175)

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Bernard of Clairveaux/Dykes

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 94)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor
and the offering of our lives.
May the offering we bring before you now bring healing
and hope to those in need of your mercy and your grace.
May we be an offering of thanksgiving in unison with our risen Lord,
who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 760)

“Abide with Me”

Lyle/Monk

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

We leave this place to hear — and heed — the voice of our Good Shepherd.
He will never lead us astray but will lead us only to life, abundant and everlasting.
Follow him with absolute confidence, for we are his sheep,
redeemed by his own blood, loved from the foundation of the world.

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
the love of God who raised him from the dead,

and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life bless and keep you.
Amen.

GOING FORTH

"In the Garden"

C. A. Miles

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 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, April 26, 2026:

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Scripture Readings for Worship, April 26, 2026:

Leviticus 19:9-18; John 13:34-35; Mark 12:28-34



*What to learn how to make
Scandinavian Star Ornaments? Julia
Hofer is willing to teach us. Please
let church office know if you are
interested. Possible dates would be
Saturday, May 23rd, 30th, June 6th or
13th.*



Our Prayers

Sharon Bey +++ Lori Brown ++++ Tom Crescenzo Brian Fulton Evelyn Ann Gebhart +	Moonyeen Klopfenstein Marybeth Miller ++ McKenna Mullin + Ann Varey ++++ Shirley Vanderpool Glen Walther ++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Rick Browne Judy Crescenzo Delia Irwin Helen Lynch Ginny Parker	Gary Pierce Denise Reedy 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 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!

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

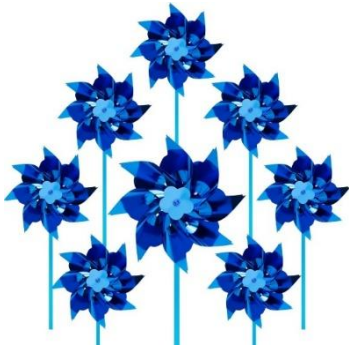
Faith Class

Lounge

“Help Is Here”

Max Lucado

In Person Attendance for April 12th – 66.



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.**

Join us for an Outback Fundraiser on **Monday, May 18th from 12:00 noon to 7:00pm.** Fifteen percent of all dine in meals during this time

will **benefit the Ebenezer UMC Vacation Bible School.** Hope to see you there! So that we get credit for your purchase, please give your server this flyer.

Thank you for your support!!!

Outback Steakhouse
27 Possum Park
Newark, DE 19711



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ENSEMBLE PRESENTS

AN AMERICAN TAPESTRY



CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE ORIGINS,
CULTURES AND TRADITIONS

PUBLIC CONCERTS



JONATHAN BEECH MEMORIAL CONCERT
KENNETT PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, MARCH 14/2PM



SHELEMIAH CHURCH
NORTH EAST, MD
SATURDAY, APRIL 25/7:30 PM



EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NEWARK, DE
SATURDAY, MAY 2/4 PM



ST PAUL'S UMC
FOULK RD WILMINGTON, DE
SUNDAY, MAY 10/4PM

PRIVATE CONCERTS UPON REQUEST

www.wilmingtonhandbellensemble.org
Kerry Dietz, Artistic Director



HOUSES OF HOPE TOUR

BENEFITING HOPE DINING ROOM

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*

Vacation Bible School Road Trip

June 22 – 26



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 26th** but we cannot have an adventure without YOU!

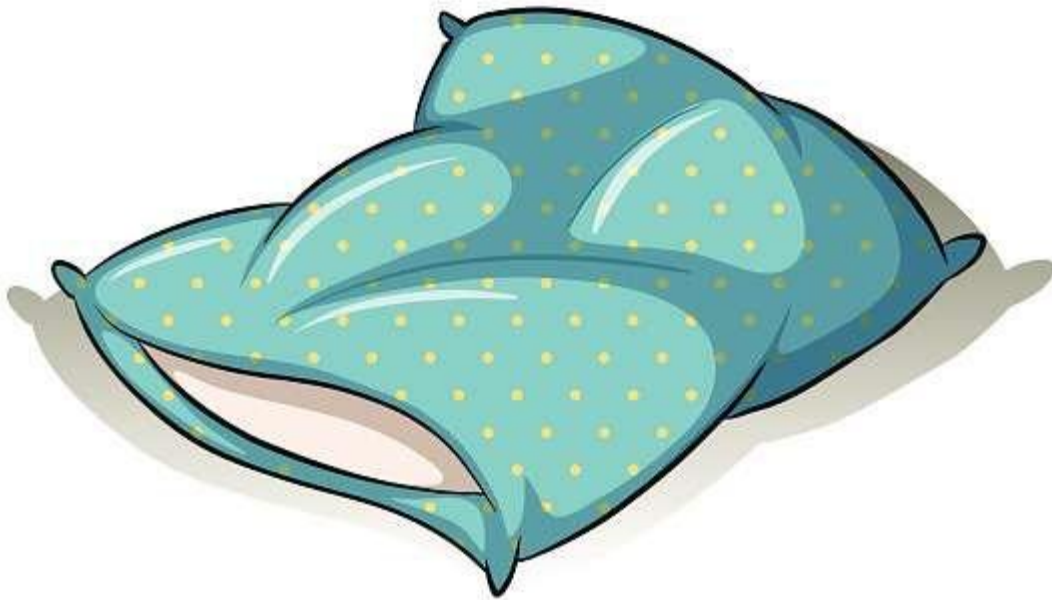
To volunteer or register your child,

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!

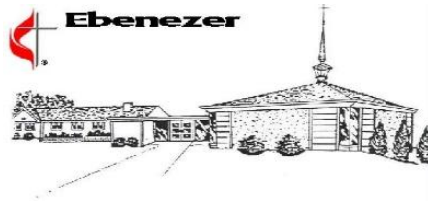


St. Mark's United Women in Faith are sponsoring
a Cases For Smiles event on
Saturday, April 25, 2026
(9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall.

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; (302)650-0262 or Emilia Machulski (ladyemilia6@aol.com; (302)995-1779 to confirm or for more information. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



On the Calendar, this week....

		3rd Sunday of Easter	
Sun	04/19	9:00am	Choir Practice – Music Room
		10:00am	Worship Service
		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
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	04/21		Carol Off
		9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		6:30pm	Cub Scouts - CLC
Wed	04/22	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	Hope Dining Room
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		11:00am	Stephen Ministry - Confirmation
		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

I'm pretty sure my spirit animal is a sloth.



Looking forward

		4th Sunday of Easter	
Sun	04/26	9:00am	Choir Practice – Music Room
		10:00am	Worship Service
		11:00am	Social Hour - CLC
		2:00pm	Youth Group – CLC
		2:30pm	Private Event - Sanctuary
Mon	04/27	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	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	04/28	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		4:00pm	SPRC – Room 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		7:00pm	Cemetery Association – Room 204
Wed	04/29	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
Thurs	04/30	9:30am	BSFT/Spring Luncheon - GHH
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	05/01	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	05/02	4:00pm	Wilmington Handbell Concert - Sanctuary
		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 at loribrown927@msn.com

All our members, ministers

Rev. Mary H. Browne, Senior Pastor contact @ eumc_pastor@verizon.net

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