

April 26, 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 Antonietta and Gabriele Flocco*  
*Presented by Terry and Jim Hohman*

	Participating in Service:
Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Youth Group
Media Team:	Bill Clark
Greeter:	Terry Hohman / Youth Group
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"...and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God."*

*1 Corinthians 3:23*

April 26, 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 (*UMH 593*)

"Here I Am ,Lord"

Schutte

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today, not to prove ourselves...not to perform, impress, or measure up...

**...but to remember who we are.**

Before success, before failure, before expectations—

before anything we have done or let undone—

**We belong to God.**

Not because we earned it, not because we deserve it, but because He has claimed us as His own.

Hear this truth, spoken over you even now.

**We are His.**

**We are loved.**

**We are chosen.**

### \*PRAISE HYMN

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

M. Redman & J. Myrin

Refrain:

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before, O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning**

**It's time to sing Your song again**

**Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me**

**Let me be singing when the evening comes**

Refrain

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger**

**Your name is great and Your heart is kind**

**For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

Refrain

**And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

Refrain – sing 2 times

**Yes, I will worship Your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name**

Coda:

**Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name**

#### OPENING PRAYER

**God of grace,  
You knew us before we knew ourselves.  
You loved us before we earned anything.  
Today, quiet the noise that tells us we are not enough.  
Remind us that our identity is not in what we do, but in whose we are.  
Open our hearts to hear Your voice again:  
"You are mine. You are loved. I am pleased with you."  
Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 37:2-9

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:23

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN (*UMH* 451)

"Be Thou My Vision"

Trad. Irish melody

MESSAGE

"Belonging"

Ebenezer Youth Group

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 don't give to earn God's love.  
We give because we already have it.  
God has already called us His own, already claimed us, already said, "You are Mine."  
Because we belong to Him, we live differently—we give differently.  
Our generosity flows from identity, not pressure—from knowing we are loved,  
chosen, and secure in Him.

OFFERTORY

"Give Me Jesus"  
Sharon Keeler, vocalist

arr.Ortega

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (UMH 94) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**God, everything we have is already Yours.  
You are the giver of every good gift, and we recognize that all we bring today  
first came from Your hand.  
Receive these gifts as an act of trust and gratitude, not out of obligation, but as  
a response to Your love.  
Shape our hearts through our giving, and teach us to rely more fully on You.  
Use these gifts to bless others, to bring hope, and to remind all who receive  
that they belong to you, too.  
Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 369)

"Blessed Assurance"

F.J. Crosby/P.P. Knapp

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go into the world not asking, "Do I belong?";  
not searching for approval, not chasing validation—but knowing, deep in your heart,  
"I am His."

Go with the confidence that you have already been claimed, already been loved, already  
been called by name.

And when the world tries to rename you—when it calls you not good enough, too much,  
or something you are not—when doubt creeps in and voices rise against you—

Stand firm in the truth that does not change.

Remember what God has already spoken over you.  
Remember who you are and whose you are.

**We belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.  
Amen.**

GOING FORTH

“Reckless Love”

Asbury, Culver & Jackson

*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 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**, May 3, 2026:

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

Scripture Readings for Worship, May 3, 2026:

Psalm 100; 1 Peter 4:8-11



*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 23<sup>rd</sup> or  
June 6<sup>th</sup>.*



## Our Prayers

<b>Deb August</b> Sharon Bey ++++ Tom Crescenzo + Brian Fulton + Evelyn Ann Gebhart ++	Moonyeen Klopfenstein + Marybeth Miller +++ McKenna Mullin ++ Ann Varey <b>Shirley Vanderpool</b> 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](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 19<sup>th</sup> – 85.

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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.**

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Join us for an Outback Fundraiser on **Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 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

WILMINGTON HANDBELL  
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](http://www.wilmingtonhandbellensemble.org)  
Kerry Dietz, Artistic Director



# **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*

## Vacation Bible School Road Trip

June 22 – 26



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

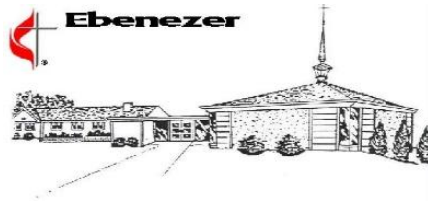
Wear your mittens and come sliding in! Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) adventure, **"Snowball Mountain Challenge,"** is skiing in on **June 22nd through June 26<sup>th</sup>** but we cannot have an adventure without YOU!

**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	04/26		<b>4<sup>th</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
		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
		<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>SPRC – Room 204</b>
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Cemetery Association – Room 204</b>
Wed	04/29	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		1:00pm	Daybreak Counseling -n Lounge
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
Thurs	04/30	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	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Wilmington Handbell Concert - Sanctuary</b>
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH



## Looking forward ....

		<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
Sun	05/03	9:00am Choir Practice – Music Room <b>10:00am Worship Service</b> 11:00am Social Hour - CLC 2:00pm Youth Group – CLC <b>2:30pm Grange Meeting – GHH</b> 4:00pm BSA50 – Room 204
Mon	05/04	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 <b>11:30am Social Seniors - GHH</b> 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	05/05	9:45am Bible Study – Room 204 12:00pm AA Meeting – Room – 204 <b>12:30pm UMW Exec Board – Room 211</b> 6:00pm Support Group – Classroom
Wed	05/06	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 Admin Board – Room 204</b> 7:00pm District Committee BSA - GHH
Thurs	05/07	<b>11:00am Health &amp; Wellness – Room 211</b> 12:00pm ACOA – Room 204 7:00pm BSA50 – CLC & Room 211 7:00pm NA - GHH
Friday	05/08	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 7:00pm 2 X 4 Dance – Room CLC
Sat	05/09	9:30am Delaware Valley Historic Samplers - CLC 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)

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