



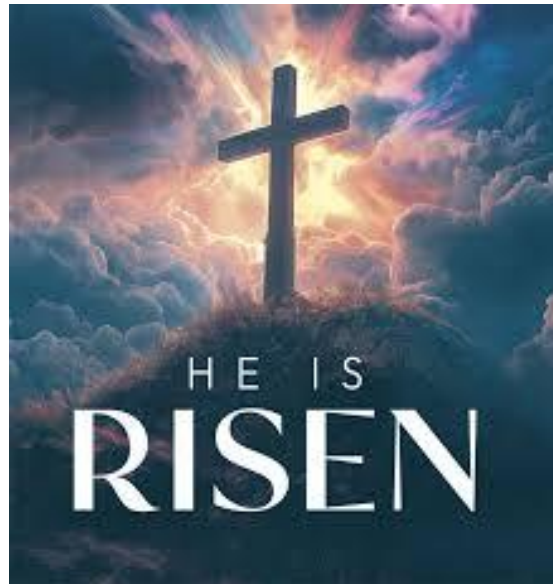
Hallelujah!

*The Lord
is risen indeed.*

LUKE 24:34

April 5, 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 Neal Vanderpool and
The Rev. Barbara Hebner***

Presented by Lori Brown and Margaret Badger

***In Honor of Virginia Parker's 90th Birthday
Presented by Her Family***

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Music Director:	Margaret Badger / Guest Organist: David Heinze
Worship Leader:	Connie Miller
Media Team:	Bill Clark
Greeter:	Donna Dennis
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper
Communion Servers:	Diane Bailey, Adele Madden, and Margie Pankok

EASTER

“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.’”

Matthew 28:5-7

April 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

People of God, we are witnesses to these things:

that Christ died hanging on a cross;

that God raised him from the dead on the third day;

that he is coming again in glory to reign.

This is the good news we tell to all the world:

Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CENTERING MUSIC

“An Easter Call to Praise”
Chancel Choir & Good Chimes

Martin/Nordmeyer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting with us today, please sign your name and USPS or e-mail address that we might acknowledge your presence with us today.

*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* 261) "Lord of the Dance" S. Carter/Shakertune

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, by the power of you Spirit roll away the stone
and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY "Because He Lives" G & W. J. Gaithers
Chancel Choir

MESSAGE "Easter Emojis" Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has given us new life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruits of our labors to God's kingdom.

OFFERTORY "Variations on 'Easter Hymn'" D. Edwards
Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 94) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
lasst uns erfreuen

*OFFERING PRAYER

**God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones.
You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure.
On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude
for the new life we have found in Christ.
Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently --
eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve.
May what we give today help announce to the world that hope is alive,
love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained.
Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed!
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may,
not because you are strong, but because you are weak.
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,
but because you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.

Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day,
we sometimes struggle to believe in the victory over death shown to us
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also
for faith, hope, and love.**

**Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and
your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost.**

**Forgive and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer
will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus'
resurrection is our rock and our salvation.

You shall not die but live.

The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song.

Beloved, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND BLESSING THE CUP

*GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

"Redeemer"

Coleman-Mullen

Sharon Keeler, vocalist

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy,
such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let our lives be proof of that good news.

**Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness
to your resurrection power;
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 310) "He Lives"

A.H. Ackley

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Beloved, you are witnesses to the resurrection; you are messengers of the gospel.
Go forth to tell the good news, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

May God's abiding love and hope give us new life.
May God's unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled.
And may God's restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace.
For Steadfast Love is risen!

Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.

GOING FORTH

"Low in the Grave"

Lowry/Smith

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 **Second Sunday of Easter**, April 12, 2026:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Scripture Readings for Worship, April 12, 2026

Psalm 119:1-8, Ephesians 4:11-16, Luke 5:1-11



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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Faith Class

Lounge

“Help Is Here”

Max Lucado

In Person Attendance for March 29 – 84.



Pecans

New crop pecans are available for sale!

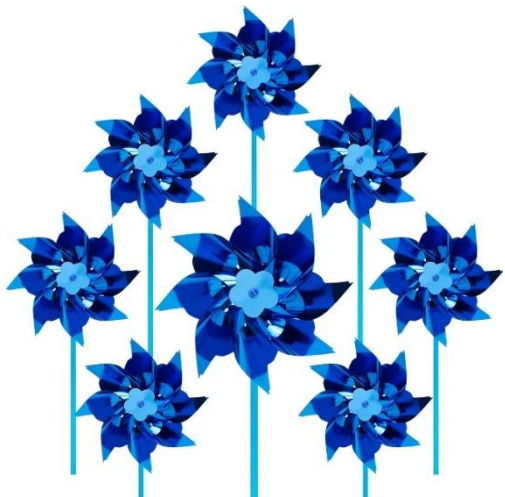
\$13 Pecan Pieces

\$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!

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.**

2026 Easter Flowers

In Memory of:

Shirley M. Shoop and
Flossy C. Shoop

Iris Zebrook

My Loved Ones

My Husband

My parents, Isabel and Ed Carmichael
My Husband, Greg

Loved Ones

Our Parents and Peggy Feldmann

Phil and Shirley Gardner

Victor Amato

Norwood and Betty Graff
Weldon and Judy Leventry

Richard, Muriel and Russell Roese

Alexis, Dylan, Tyler Delaney and
William and Sadie Stewart

My Husband, Ron

Loved Ones

Melissa Walther and Frances Watson

Janet's Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Carlos W. Elliott
Paul's mother, Erma Marie Lewis and stepfather, Milford.
Russell Brelsford and Paul Smoker – a friend to everyone
Rev. Bill and Ruth Dore – faithful servants to the Lord

Our sisters, Dolores Culver, Ruth Ann Dobson and Mary Balbi

Milmo and Alvin Laman

J. Thomas Jarrell

My Sister, Victoria "Bo" Fulton

Donations and Dedications

In Honor of:

Our Family

Their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Mr. & Mrs. Mark L. Miller, Sr.
Marybeth Miller, Elyse, Wright and Mark Miller, Jr.

Given by:

Ben Shoop

Her Family

Ann Varey

Diane Bailey

Kay Weeks

Carl and Margie Pankok

Shirley Amato and Family

Skip and Kay Leventry

Sue Stewart

Carolyn Klein

Willard and Beth Jackson

Glen Walther

Paul and Janet Kelley

Pam Reed

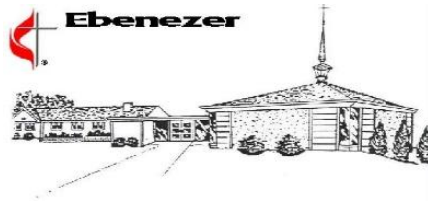
His Family

Geoffrey and Sandy Steggell

Dick Hodgson, My Husband Katherine and George Skinner, My Parents		Sherri Hodgson
Rodney and Barbara Reed		Their Family
Norris and Olive Greenplate Burton and Helen Ward		Suellen and Gary Ward
Marvin and Doris Pruden and Marion and Louisa Williams		Don and Brooksie Pruden
Loved Ones	Jay and Sarah Thomas	Zelda Thomas
Our Parents: Robert and Catherine Irving and Leonard and Mary Guretsky	Tanya and Kevin Brownlee and Granddaughters Erica and Eric McCreary	Rick and Donna Guretsky
Harold and Marian Hagemann, Ralph and Jackie Julian and Ray and Jay Browne	Our Children and Grandchildren	Pastor Mary and Rick Browne

2026 Donations to Family Promise in lieu of Flowers

<i>In Memory of:</i>	<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Our Grandparents		Paul and Beth Manchester
My parents, Nora and Robert Mays		Marlene Tribbitt
Our Loved Ones		Kathy and Doug Gibney
My Husband	Our Family	Diane Bailey
James H. and Rosita Leasure-Wilson		Scott Wilson
Victor Amato		Shirley Amato and Family
Loved Ones		Mary & Jack Minker
Loved Ones	Jay and Sarah Thomas	Zelda Thomas
	Sunday Sisters	Ann Varey
Marvin and Doris Pruden and Marion and Louisa Williams		Don and Brooksie Pruden



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	04/05	Easter Sunday	
		6:30am	Sunrise Service
		7:30am	Easter Breakfast - CLC
		10:00am	Worship Service
		4:00pm	BSA50 - Room 204
Mon	04/06	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		11:30am	Social Seniors Club - GHH
		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	04/07	12:00pm	AA Meeting - Room - 204
		12:30pm	UMW Board - Room 211
		6:00pm	Support Group - Classroom
		7:00pm	COM - Room 204
Wed	04/08	7:30am	AA Meeting - GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir - Music Room
		11:00am	Stephen Ministry - Confirmation Room
		4:00pm	Project Linus - GHH
		6:15pm	Good Chimes - Music Room
Thurs	04/09	12:00pm	ACOA - Room 204
		2:00pm	GriefShare - Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	04/10	10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	04/11	9:30am	De. Valley Sampler Guild - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH



Looking forward

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun	04/12	9:00am	Choir Practice – Music Room
		10:00am	Worship Service
		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
Tues	04/14	7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
		9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		3:00pm	Endowment Committee – Room 211
Wed	04/15	6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		6:00pm	Priscilla Circle - CLC
		7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Thurs	04/16	10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		9:30am	BSFT - GHH
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
Friday	04/17	7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	04/18	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

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Margaret Badger, Music Director contact @ eumc_music@aol.com

Megan & Mike Jones, Youth Ministry

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