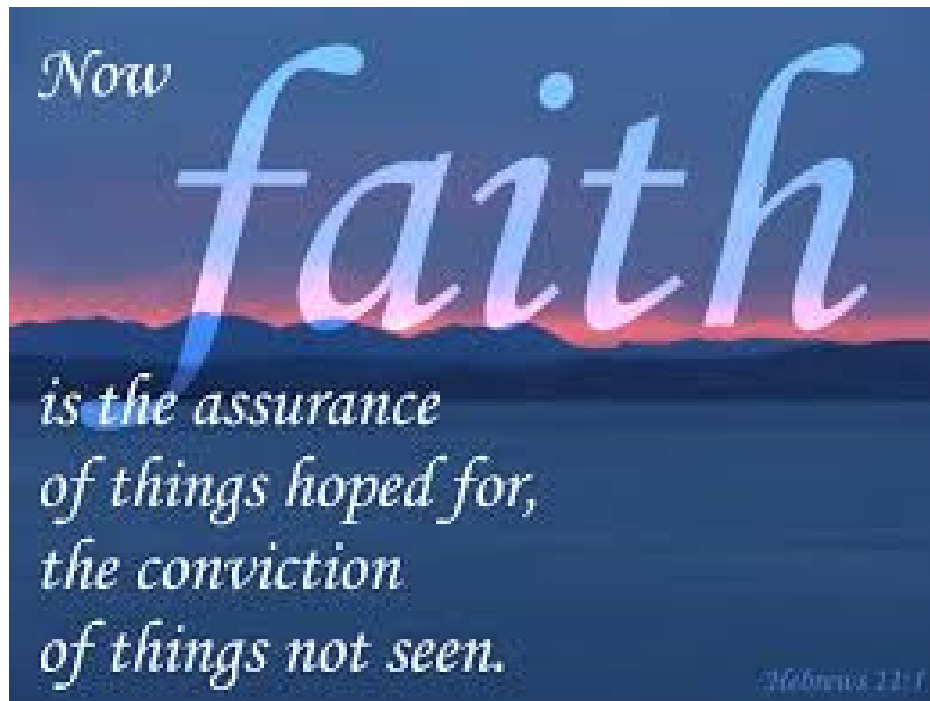


# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

August 11, 2019



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a  
Stephen Ministry Congregation.*



*Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and  
In Loving Memory of Olive and Norris Greenplate  
Presented by Suellen and Gary Ward and Family*

Welcome Ministers:	8:30	Dave Rodeheaver
	11:00	Dennis & Nancy Williams
Greeters:	8:30	Peggy Dempsey
	11:00	Deb August
Ushers:	8:30	Curtis Reedy and Rick Guretsky
	11:00	William Broelmann and Don Grimes
Worship Leaders:	8:30	Bill Clark
	11:00	Rick Browne

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.*

*Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.*

*By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,  
so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible...” Hebrews 11:1-3*

August 11, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Greeting & Announcements

Kindly sign our pew registers 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

Prelude on “Boylston”

Gordon Young

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 50

The mighty One summons us from sunrise to sunset.

**Out of perfect beauty, God shines forth.**

God calls to heaven and earth, "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me."

**The heavens declare the righteousness of God,  
the judge of people and nations.**

Let us not forget God, but with thanksgiving as our sacrifice,  
let us be a people of justice.

**We worship the God of our salvation.**

\*PRAISE HYMN MEDLEY

UMH 145, vs. 1, 3

“Morning Has Broken”

Bunessan

UMH 176

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

Majesty

UMH 189, vs. 1, 4

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

St. Elizabeth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of Hope, by faith we know that you created the world,  
and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible.**

**Open our eyes to your presence among us**

**that we may hear your word with clarity and a sureness of hope,  
as we follow you in all righteousness.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“What Does the Lord Require of You”

Jim Strathee

Ken Zinn, Kathy Zinn, Melanie Merritt and Lucille Merritt

Vocal Quartet

(8:30) CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

*Children K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Kids Own Worship in Goodley Helms Hall.*

MESSAGE

"Faith"

Calvin Keeler, Sr.

PRAYER HYMN (*UMH* 452)

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Olivet

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

Mindful of the abundance we have received in Christ,  
we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

OFFERTORY HYMN (*TFSW* 2193) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Children Praying

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

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of love and mercy, as we lift these gifts to you,  
too many of us are thinking, "We are done for another week."  
Scripture reminds us that what you seek is so much more:  
"Do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow."  
You seek our offering in our actions,  
making your love and compassion real.  
Help us to bring to you the fullness of the gifts  
that demand we live differently,  
that your kingdom might be here in our midst.  
We pray in Jesus' blessed name. Amen.**

\*SONGS OF SERVICE MEDLEY

*UMH* 371, v. 1, 5

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

My Savior's Love

*UMH* 536, v. 1, 3

"Precious Name"

Precious Name

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pardoned by God's abounding grace,  
empowered by God's constant love and protected by God's peace,  
let us go forth to serve God and others,  
always humbly aware of our own shortcomings,  
but always encouraged by the faithful and loving presence of God  
in Christ Jesus.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord's face shine with love upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord's presence be always with you  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

\*GOING FORTH

Postlude on "Italian Hymn"

Gordon Young

*\*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. ††

*We offer our deepest gratitude to Mr. Calvin Keeler, Sr. for bringing the message today  
as Rev. Mary Browne is on the mission trip to Red Bird Mission.*

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**, August 18, 2019:  
Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

## **GRIEFSHARE Recovery & Support Group**

**Begins Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Ebenezer UMC 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**



GriefShare is a 13-week program of support for anyone who is grieving the loss of a family member or friend. It is structured around group discussion with focus, video seminars on a variety of grief and recovery subjects, and personal study and reflection.

GriefShare helps people meet the challenges of emotional struggles, confusion, and the isolation they may be feeling. It is the opportunity to connect with other people who can understand the deep hurt a person feels after the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is not only for people who may be feeling acute grief because of a recent loss, it is also a resource for people who may have experienced the death of a loved one some time ago but find they may have questions about the recovery process and feeling optimistic about the future.

Our GriefShare group will be facilitated by Sue Katzmire, a counselor with Daybreak Counseling. For more information or to sign-up to attend the group, you may contact Sue at (302) 272-0625 or [skatzmire@gmail.com](mailto:skatzmire@gmail.com), or contact church office at 302-731-9495 or [NewarkEbenezerUMC@verizon.net](mailto:NewarkEbenezerUMC@verizon.net).



## Our Prayers

<b>Judy Bogert</b> <b>Kevin Brownlee</b> <b>Judy Crescenzo</b> Norman Hyett <b>Barbara Reed</b> <b>Russ</b> <b>Sue Stewart</b>		<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Joshua August Barbara Donald Bogert Roy Brown Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Tom Fort, Jr. Victoria “Bo” Fulton <b>Dot Godwin</b>	Kristin Carrie Mack Howard & Louise Pierce Denise Reedy Haley Richart Zach Trexler Josh Vible 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 continue to remember all who serve our country in the military,  
especially pray for those represented from our congregation.**

### **Missionaries We Support:**

Matt & Erin Reinders	(Unalaska UMC)	Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)
Joy & Robert Vargas	(Paraguay)	Valentine Shutsha	(Congo)
Sue Givens	(Paraguay)	Jacquea Akasa Umembudi	(Congo)

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IT TAKES TWO!

Hockessin UMC  
Sunday, August 18 3:00 p.m.

Take some time on a summer Sunday afternoon to come and enjoy this piano/organ concert of favorite secular, patriotic, and sacred music.

There is a flyer posted on the Events bulletin board and on the door to the Music Room.

Concert is free and open to the public.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers:** As many of you may know, altar flowers can be dedicated "in memory of" or "in honor of" a family member or friend on any Sunday of the year. The dedication appears in the Sunday bulletin of your chosen Sunday. If you wish to make an altar flower dedication (\$40/Sunday), please contact Carol in the church office at 731-9495. Thank you!

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### **Adult Sunday School Classes at Ebenezer, classes start at 9:45am.**

Faith Class	Lounge	All classes start 9/6/19
"F.I.S.H"	Room 204	
The "Hill Toppers"	Room with a view	

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**Have you done your READINESS 360 yet?** Please help by completing this survey as soon as possible. The survey will be live through August 30.

**log in      Readiness360.org/survey/login**  
**password    6211643399**

If you require assistance, please call Carol in the church office at 302-731-9495.

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All year long we collect items for **Stockings for Soldiers.**

Suggested items of the month:

**AUGUST** More socks - white or black crew socks (men's and women's).

The collection box is in the narthex. Thanks for your contributions for this worthwhile project. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Ann Varey 302-540-7488



**School students and teachers** join us for either our 8:30 or 11:00 service on **Sunday August 25th** and bring your backpacks! Pastor Browne will give a special blessing for a great 2019-2020 school year!



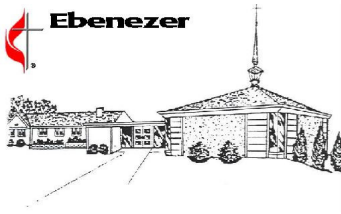
Blessing  
of the Backpacks

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**"The Hilltoppers"** will devote their opening session in September to considering topics for future studies throughout the year. Bring your wishes and recommendations.

Then, for several weeks, we will dig into a second study by Bob Goff, "EVERYBODY ALWAYS". (We completed his first book, "LOVE DOES" last spring.) In this study, Bob continues sharing a Christian message with his uniquely disarming and unconventional witness. Bob states that the focus of this study is "understanding what it truly means to love everybody the way Jesus loves them, without fear, insecurity or restrictions".

For full details, e-mail Dennis Williams <[williams@udel.edu](mailto:williams@udel.edu)> or call him at 302-985-7748."



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

Sun	08/11	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Red Bird Mission Trip this week</b> <b>Family Promise Here all week</b>
	8:30am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Worship Service
Mon	08/12 6:30pm	4-H -- CLC Kitchen
Tues	08/13 11:30am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
	5:45pm	Soccer Shots -- Ball Field
Wed	08/14 10:00am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
	7:30pm	Al Anon -- Room 204
Thurs	08/15 9:45am	TLC -- CLC
	10:00am	Visual Arts
	6:00pm	BSA50 -- CLC
	6:45pm	NA -- Room 204
Fri	08/16 8:30am	Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
	8:00pm	2x4 Square Dancing -- CLC
Sat	08/17 9:30pm	NA Meeting -- Room 204



Troop 50 will be holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony in the back Ebenezer parking lot (weather permitting) on August 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:15pm. All Ebenezer members and family are invited to attend, especially our veterans. Also, if you have any well used and/or worn out American Flags please put them in the Scout mailbox at Ebenezer or in the room with a view by Thursday, 8/22.

Thanks Dan White, T50 Scoutmaster

## Looking Ahead

Sun	08/18		<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
		8:30am	Worship Service
		11:00am	Worship Service
Mon	08/19		
Tues	08/20	10:30am	Staff Meeting -- Workroom
		11:30am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Stephen Ministry -- Room 204</b>
Wed	08/21	10:00am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
		11:00am	Intercessory Prayer -- Pastor's Office
		7:30pm	Al Anon -- Room 204
Thurs	08/22	9:45am	TLC -- CLC
		10:00am	Visual Arts
		6:00pm	BSA50 -- CLC
		6:45pm	NA - GHH & Old Kitchen
Fri	08/23	8:30am	Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
		6:00pm	BSA50 - GHH/sleepover
		8:00pm	2x4 Square Dancing -- CLC
Sat	08/24	12:00am - 4:00pm	BSA50 -- GHH
		9:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen



### **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 [loribrown927@msn.com](mailto:loribrown927@msn.com), or Rick Browne at [rbrowne646@gmail.com](mailto:rbrowne646@gmail.com).



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