August 16, 2026

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

In Loving Memory of Dick Hodgson
Presented by Sherri Hodgson

In Loving Memory of Olive and Norris Greenplate
Presented by Suellen and Gary Ward

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Connie Miller
Media Team:	Mark Miller, Sr.
Greeter:	Sherri Hodgson
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper

TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" Scholtes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How awesome it is when everyone gets along.
They'll know we are Christians by our love.
How great it is when everyone lives as God intends.
They'll know we are Christians by our love.
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*HYMN OF RESPONSE (*UMH* 140) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Chisholm/Runyan

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy bond of Love, part the veil that keeps us feeling isolated and afraid. Bind us together in unity. When our families hurt and betray us, help us let go of our pain and work for the healing of all. When we feel abandoned by those we love, grant us the ability to forgive and to seek peace and reconciliation with those who have wronged us. When our hearts are pierced with anguish, teach us to trust once more, that we may find solace and grace through your loving Spirit. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:10-28

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me" Burleigh

Did you ever see this before? King Jesus preaching to the poor.
Oh, wasn't that a happy day?

MESSAGE "*We Need A Miracle: Heal Us*" Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney

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
Our gifts today are an act of worship. May our offering make God's name known in places where you are needed.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 121, v. 1 & 4) "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Faber/Tourjee

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

*OFFERING PRAYER
We praise you, O Lord, for your wonderful works. As we bring our offerings before you this day, we rejoice in your saving love with hearts full of song. May our offering be a sign of our pledge to walk faithfully before you, each and every day of our lives. Amen

*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 374) "Standing On the Promises" Carter

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
The gifts of the Lord are irrevocable.
Praise the God of our salvation.
The calling of the Lord is steadfast and true.
Praise the God of our salvation.
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GOING FORTH "Bind Us Together" Gillman

**bold text indicates congregation response*
Please stand, as you are able

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit. ††
Following the service, all are welcome to join in a time of fellowship
in the Christian Life Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Faith Class Lounge "More To Your Story, Discover Your Place in God's Plan" Max Lucado

In Person Attendance for August 9th – 68.

***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 ($55/Sunday), please contact Carol in the church office at 731-9495. T*

***Tuesday Morning Bible Study**: **Starting September 8th**, will meet every Tuesday at 9:55am in Room 204.*

FALL CLEANUP

Our Trustees have scheduled an outside church wide cleanup for Saturday, **September 26th, starting at 9:00am**. Please consider joining them, they would very much appreciate any assistance.

School students and teachers join us at the 10:00 service on **Sunday August 30th**, and bring your backpacks! Pastor Mooney will give a special blessing for a great 2026-2027 school year!

Our Youth Sunday School starts up again on Sunday, September 13th. Classes are from 9:00am till 10:00am

Our Prayers

Anita Len Guretsky ++ Rev. Vaughan Hayden + Megan Jones ++++	Michael Moreno ++ Nancy Oxier ++ Michael ++++ Ann Varey +++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Deb August Rick Browne Judy Crescenzo Delia Irwin Helen Lynch Ginny Parker	Gary Pierce Denise Reedy Paul Roberts Joyce Simpson Zach Trexler Alex Wiant Reed Williams

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)
Catherine & Andy Kellogg (Florida)
Gaston Ntambo (Congo)
Joy & Robert Vargas (Paraguay)
Jeanne Ntambo (Congo)

Our Youth Group starts meeting again on Sunday, September 20th. They will meet every other Sunday from 1:00pm till 3:00pm

On the Calendar, this week….

Sun	08/16	***12th Sunday after Pentecost***	
		10:00am	**Worship Service**
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
Mon	08/17	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		6:00pm	Daybreak Counseling DBT - Lounge
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	08/18	12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
Wed	08/19	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
Thurs	08/20	12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	08/21	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 20
Sat	08/22	3:00pm	Private Event – CLC
		3:00pm	Scouts Sleep Over – Ball Field
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH

Looking forward ….

Sun	08/23	***13th Sunday after Pentecost***	
		10:00am	**Worship Service**
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
Mon	08/24	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		6:00pm	Daybreak Counseling DBT – Lounge
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204 & Workroom
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	08/25	12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
Wed	08/26	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		3:30pm	**Staff Meeting – Room 204**
		7:00pm	**Finance Committee – Room 204**
Thurs	08/27	12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	08/28	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 20
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	08/29	6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: www.EbenezerUMCNewark.org and **Facebook**: Ebenezer UMC Newark.

If you have information about an event which you would like featured on the website, please contact Lori Brown at loribrown927@msn.com

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