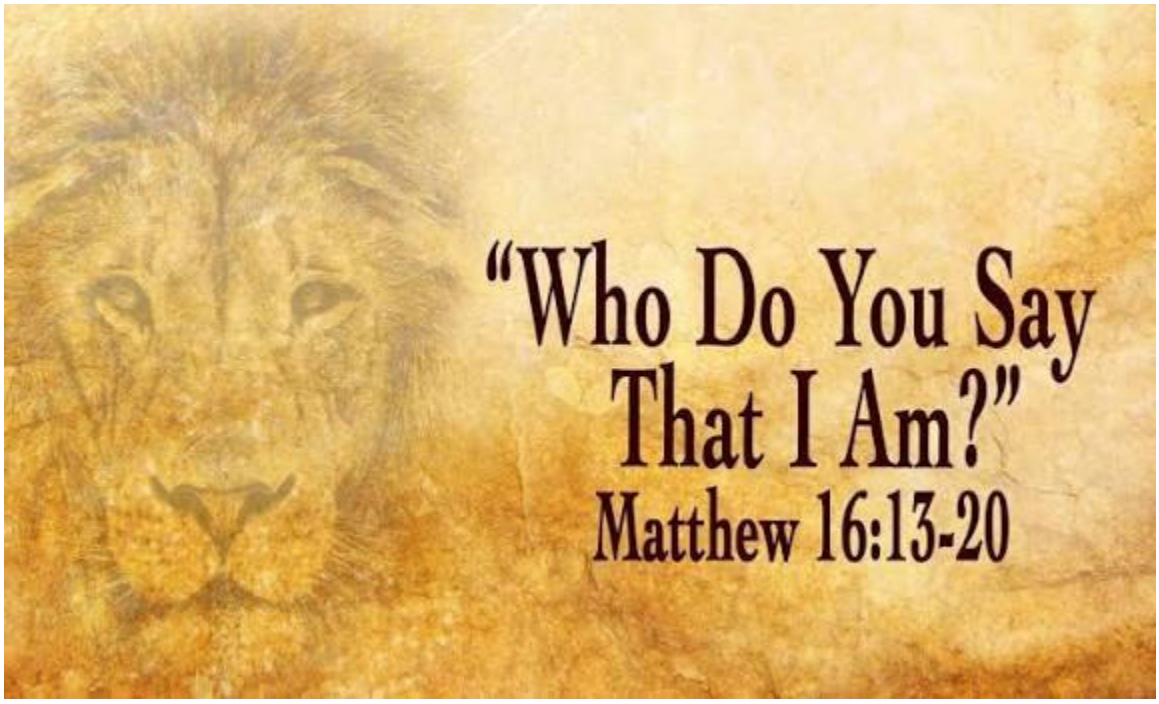
August 23, 2026

# 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 Honor of my Mother's Birthday.***
***Presented by Lucy Broelmann***

***In Honor of my Wife's birthday, Suzanne R. Connell***
***Presented by Chuck Connell***

Participating in Service:

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| Pastor: | Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney |
| Music Director: | Margaret Badger |
| Worship Leader: | Stacy Gates |
| Media Team: | Bill Clark |
| Greeter: | Margie Pankok |
| Usher Coordinators: | Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper |

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 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 "You'll Never Walk Alone" Rodgers/Hammerstein

*CALL TO WORSHIP

If it had not been for God, where would we be?

**If it were not for God in our lives,**
**what kind of people would we be now?**

Thank God that we are not left to our own devices.

**Thank God that we do not walk alone!**

We are not alone.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Come! Let us worship the God who is our Sustainer,
our Redeemer, our Creator, and our Friend!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (*UMH* 399) " Take My Life" Havergal/Herold

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, we come this day, to present our minds and bodies to you as a holy and living sacrifice. We seek the blessings that come from the renewal of our minds. May we discern your will and come to know what is good and acceptable and perfect in your sight. Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-20

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

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY "Let Me Walk With Thee" Avery-Stuttle/St. Catherine
Sharon & Calvin Keeler, Jr., vocalists

MESSAGE "*We Need a Miracle: Be Our Messiah"* 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
God's light shines through our giving hearts and our generous spirits. Christ's voice calls us to heal the wounded and to keep the forces of death at bay. In our sharing, let us bring the kingdom to a world in need.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 378 v.1,5,6) "Amazing Grace" Newton/ 19th cent. Amer

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

*OFFERING PRAYER
Loving God, we thank you for every gift, large and small, that has been offered to you today and ask for your blessing upon us. Receive these gifts, O God. Receive also the gifts of our time and our service, as we pursue your great work. Receive our presence as a testimony to your goodness and bless our acts of loving kindness in places that have known only trouble. Amen.

*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 188) "Christ is the World's Light" Green/Paris Antiphoner

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
Go from this place, with the assurance
that God is in control of every situation.
**We go forth remembering God's faithfulness.**
**We go to be a living reminder to the world**
**of the glory of God! Amen.**

GOING FORTH "Sanctuary" Scruggs

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

††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 16th – 63.***

***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

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| Anita + | Michael Moreno +++ | <u>Ongoing Concerns</u> | Gary Pierce |
| **Carol** | Nancy Oxier +++ | Deb August | Denise Reedy |
| Len Guretsky +++ | Ann Varey ++++ | Rick Browne | Paul Roberts |
| Rev. Vaughan Hayden ++ | | Judy Crescenzo | Joyce Simpson |
| | | Delia Irwin | Zach Trexler |
| | | Helen Lynch | Alex Wiant |
| | | Ginny Parker | 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 the family and friends of Marilyn Schnaars' brother, Gilbert.**
**Please remember the friends and family of June Marie Lanzi in your prayers.**
**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:***

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| Matt & Erin Reinders | (Unalaska UMC) | Joy & Robert Vargas (Paraguay) |
| Catherine & Andy Kellogg | (Florida) | Jeanne Ntambo (Congo) |
| Gaston Ntambo | (Congo) | |

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

Brianna Dempsey, Wilmington Christian School, March 25 - April 5, 2027

# Africa Missions Trip 2027

## Happy Life Orphanage, Nairobi, Kenya

Brianna's going on a missions trip!

Thank you for your support and prayers!

**March 25 – April 5, 2027**

**Read about the incredible mission of Happy Life at www.happylifemission.org.**

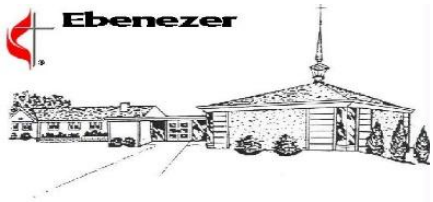
The mission was founded by Pastor Jim Powell, a former WCS Bible teacher.

In the past 20+ years, hundreds of discarded babies have been provided with loving homes at Juja Farm, where they receive Christian education, vocational training, and eventually a high school degree.

## How much does it cost?

Students have until May 26 to apply for the trip. Once accepted, we will notify them and a $125 non-refundable deposit will be due by Monday, June 1, 2026. The total cost will be $2,950, but we will help students with fundraising by providing letters, sharing a link for online donors, and

Here's the online link and gifts are 100% tax deductible: https://secure.qgiv.com/for/2026kenyamissionstrip/




## *On the Calendar, this week….*

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| 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 |
| | | 5:00pm | Creekside HOA – Room 2054 |
| | | 6:00pm | Support Group – Classroom |
| Wed | 08/26 | 7:30am | AA Meeting – GHH |
| | | 10:00am | AA Meeting - Room 204 |
| | | **10:00am** | **Hope Dining Room** |
| | | **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 |

## *Looking forward ....*

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|---|---|---|---|
| Sun | 08/30 | ***14th Sunday after Pentecost*** | |
| | | **10:00am** | **Worship Service** |
| | | 11:00am | Social Hour – CLC |
| Mon | 08/31 | 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 | 09/01 | 10:00am | Social Seniors – GHH |
| | | 12:00pm | AA Meeting – Room – 204 |
| | | **12:30pm** | **UMW Board – Room 211** |
| | | 6:00pm | Support Group – Classroom |
| | | 6:00pm | Creekside HOA – Room 204 |
| Wed | 09/02 | 7:30am | AA Meeting – GHH |
| | | 10:00am | AA Meeting - Room 204 |
| | | 7:00pm | District Committee BSA – Room 204 |
| Thurs | 09/03 | 12:00pm | ACOA – Room 204 |
| | | 7:00pm | BSA50 – CLC & Room 211 |
| | | 7:00pm | NA - GHH |
| Friday | 09/04 | 10:00am | AA Meeting – Room 20 |
| Sat | 09/05 | 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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