

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

August 25, 2019



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



*Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and*

*In Loving Memory of Mark Reedy*

*Presented by Curtis Reedy and Family*

Welcome Ministers:	8:30	Margie Pankok and Kristin Moser
	11:00	John and Linda Stapleton
Greeters:	8:30	Peggy Dempsey
	11:00	
Ushers:	8:30	Curtis Reedy and Rick Guretsky
	11:00	William Broelmann and Don Grimes
Worship Leaders:	8:30	Beth Jackson
	11:00	Dennis Williams

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“You have not come to something that can be touched,  
a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest...  
But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God,  
the heavenly Jerusalem,...  
and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant...” Hebrews 12:18, 22a, 24a*

August 25, 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

“My Lord, What a Morning”  
Kathy Zinn, soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

With great rejoicing we come to the house of the Lord today!

**God is our refuge and our stronghold.**

The power and love of God flow through this gathering.

**We place our whole trust in God’s mighty compassion for us.**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

**Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place  
and in all our lives. Amen.**

\*PRAISE HYMN MEDLEY

(UMH 92 v. 1, 5)

(UMH 143 (x2))

(UMH 155 v. 1, 2)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

“On Eagle’s Wings”

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Dix

On Eagle’s Wings

Diadem

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God,**

**you know us better than we know ourselves.**

**By your word, give us wisdom,**

**by your Spirit, grant us healing,**

**and set us free to serve you with love.**

**We ask this through the One who heals in your name,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

Hebrews 12:18-29

**Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Steel Away to Heaven”  
Kathy Zinn, soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

(8:30) CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

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

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS (8:30 & 11:00)

Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children and youth gathered here.

These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework.

Notebooks, pencils, pens, protractors, compasses, crayons, rules, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for schoolwork will find their way in and out of these backpacks.

Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the student may find it difficult to walk.

Other days, they will be light and nearly empty.

But on each and every day,

these backpacks represent work required of the students gathered here.

And, as in every aspect of our life,

we lift before God these children and these backpacks

and pray God's blessing on them and this school year.

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students ready to commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead.**

**Give them peace when they feel nervous, focus when they feel distracted, energy when they feel tired.**

**Help them to make friends that build one another up and be friends to those who need them.**

**Be ever-present with them in the classroom, in their travels to and from school, on the playground and in their afterschool activities.**

**Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks.**

**They will hold the schoolwork of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again.**

**As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation which surrounds them each school day.**

**We pray as well for the teachers, administrators, and staff in our schools.**

**May they also be sustained by your blessing.**

**May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning**

**and surrounds them with love and care as well.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus whom we seek to follow day by day. Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

*UMH 191, v. 3*

**Jesus loves me, still today, walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

MESSAGE

"Trip Advice"

Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYER HYMN (*UMH 357*)

"Just as I am, Without One Plea"

Woodworth

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.**

RED BIRD MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,  
let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship  
with reverence and awe.

Offer to God the gifts of your life and labor  
and come into God's courts with praise.

OFFERTORY HYMN (*TFWS* 2282) "I'll Fly Away" I'll Fly Away

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

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of grace,  
we give thanks for your faithfulness to us,  
we give thanks for your hope in us,  
we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace.  
In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love,  
we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. Amen.**

\*SONGS OF SERVICE MEDLEY

(*UMH* 723 v. 1, 4) "Shall We Gather at the River" Hanson Place  
(*UMH* 733 v. 1, 4) "Marching to Zion" Marching to Zion

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

As we speak what we have heard,  
**God will give us the words.**  
As we go where we are sent,  
**Christ will lead the way.**  
As we love as we are loved,  
**the Spirit will work through our lives.**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

*\*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 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost,**

September 1, 2019:

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



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

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



*Fall Music Rehearsals Begin:*

*Chancel Choir, Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Sanctuary*

*Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12noon, Choir Retreat, Sanctuary*

*Good Chimes Handbell Choir, Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm*

*Youth Choir, Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm*



## Our Prayers

Leta Bachman + <b>Wayne Bogert</b> Bill Broelmann + Kevin Brownlee ++ Judy Crescenzo ++ Dwaine + Norman Hyett ++ Barbara Reed ++ Russ ++ Sue Stewart ++ Virginia + Ed & Becky Wolfe +		<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Joshua August Barbara Donald Bogert Roy Brown Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Tom Fort, Jr. Victoria “Bo” Fulton	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)

## 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 9/8/19 at 9:45am.**

Faith Class	Lounge	
"F.I.S.H"	Room 204	"Slaying the Giants in Your Life"
The "Hill Toppers"	Room with a view	"Everybody, Always"

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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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## **GRIEF SHARE 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.

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).

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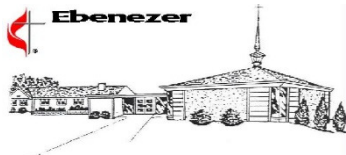
### **STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!**

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

Sun	08/25	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	8:30am	Worship Service/Blessing of Backpacks
	11:00am	Worship Service/Blessing of Backpacks
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Millcroft Ministries</b>
Mon	08/26	
Tues	08/27	11:30am AA Meeting -- Room 204
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Admin. Board Meeting -- CLC</b>
Wed	08/28	<b>10:00am Hope Dining Room</b>
	10:00am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
	11:00am	Intercessory Prayer -- Pastor's Office
	7:30pm	Al Anon -- Room 204
Thurs	08/29	9:45am TLC -- CLC
	10:00am	Visual Arts
	6:00pm	BSA50 -- CLC
	6:45pm	NA -- GHH & Old Kitchen
	7:00pm	Nomination Committee -- Room 204
Fri	08/30	8:30am Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
	8:00pm	2x4 Square Dancing -- CLC
Sat	08/31	9:30pm NA Meeting -- GHH & Old Kitchen

Sun	09/01	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	8:30am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	BSA50 -- Room 204
Mon	09/02	<b>Labor Day/Office Closed</b>
Tues	09/03	9:50am Bible Study Class -- Room 204
	11:30am	Social Senior Club -- GHH
	11:30am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>UMW Exec Board -- 211</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>COM -- Room 204</b>
Wed	09/04	10:00am AA Meeting -- Room 204
	11:00am	Intercessory Prayer -- Pastor's Office
	7:30pm	Al Anon -- Room 204
Thurs	09/05	9:45am TLC -- CLC
	10:00am	Visual Arts
	6:00pm	BSA50 -- CLC
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellness Committee -- Room 204</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Preschool Board Meeting -- Preschool</b>
	6:45pm	NA -- GHH & Old Kitchen
Fri	09/06	8:30am Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>GriefShare -- Room 204</b>
	8:00pm	2x4 Square Dancing -- CLC
Sat	09/07	8:00am Scrapbooking -- CLC
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Choir Retreat--- Sanctuary, Music Room &amp; GHH</b>
	9:30pm	NA Meeting -- GHH & Old Kitchen