August 30, 2026

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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 on August 29th.

Presented by Brian, Cindy & Brianna Dempsey

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Beth Jackson
Media Team:	Bill Clark
Greeter:	Lucy Broelmann
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 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 "Love Is Like a Butterfly" Dolly Parton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Calling all children of the Living God:
the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.
Let us worship together, the young and the old.
The good news is proclaimed in God's words,
and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.
Let us worship together, every generation.
We come together with different abilities,
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.
Let us worship together, with our family of faith.
All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"
Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (*UMH* 528) "Nearer My God to Thee" Adams/Mason

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God our teacher, who helps us to understand the world around us, thank you for the privilege of education. We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for your blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them all. Today we remember those who begin school this year: those who have what they need to learn and grow in safety, and those who lack supplies, teachers, safe buildings, and accommodations for all needs and abilities. We come to worship together, to lift up our young people and all those who care for them and teach them. Open our hearts to what you are saying to us today. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 29:11-14

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:21-28

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

MUSIC MINISTRY "If We Never Meet Again" Brumley

"If we never meet again this side of heaven, As we struggle through this world and its strife, There's another meeting place somewhere in heaven, By the side of the river of life."

MESSAGE "Learn Your Lesson, Acceptance" 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

Contribute to the needs of God's people. Welcome strangers into this church home. These calls of hospitality are answered when we give of our time, talent, and treasure. Let us offer our gifts to God this day.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 448 v. 1, 4) "Go Down, Moses" trad. African American

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

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of new beginnings, we are prepared to give of ourselves and of our riches to help those we deem worthy of our gifts. Yet, you challenge us to so much more, saying: "Extend hospitality to strangers... [and] if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink." Such unconditional love is hard for us. May today's offering be a sign of our commitment to rise above our selfish nature and do what is honorable in the sight of all, that those in need may find solace and peace. **Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 338) "Where He Leads Me" Blandy/Norris

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Love, as Jesus has loved you.
We go to serve, as Jesus served.
Go with the peace that passes all understanding.
We go to heal the world, as Jesus healed. Amen.

GOING FORTH "I Believe" Graham, Stillman, Drake, Shirl

**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 23rd – 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.*

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.

Bowlers wanted!

The women's Christian bowling league needs another bowler for our season. We bowl on Mondays at 12:30 at Pleasant Hills lanes.

We bowl for fun and you do not have to be good at bowling. Please give Diane Clark a call if you're interested at 302-239-6835.

Our Prayers

Anita ++ Carol + Len Guretsky ++++ Rev. Vaughan Hayden +++	Michael Moreno ++++ Nancy Oxier ++++ 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

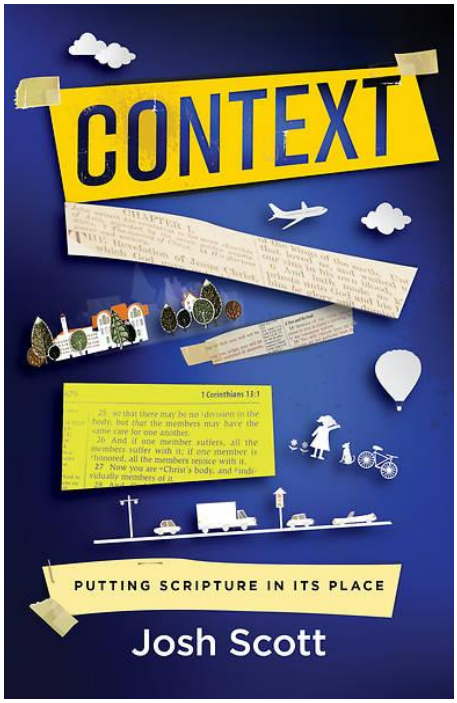
In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

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

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



Context looks at verses we know by heart but may not know the people, places, and times that give them meaning. Josh Scott delves into these well-known Scripture verses, exploring their true meanings by examining them in their original biblical context. Through this process, he unveils fresh and enlightening interpretations that are often missed when these Scriptures are taken out of context. Books are available in Church office for $14.00

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.

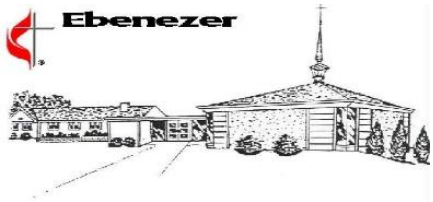
The mission was founded by Pastor Jim Powell, a former WCS Bible teacher.

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….

Sun	08/30	***14th Sunday after Pentecost***	
		10:00am	**Worship Service/Blessing of the Backpacks**
		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

Welcome to Delaware!

Looking forward ....

Sun	09/06	***15th Sunday after Pentecost***	
		10:00am	**Worship Service**
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
		4:00pm	BSA50 – Room 204
Mon	09/07	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	09/08	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		7:00pm	**Trustees – Room 204**
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		6:00pm	**Priscilla Circle - CLC**
Wed	09/09	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		11:00am	**Stephen Ministry – Library**
		4:00pm	**Project Linus – GHH**
		7:00pm	**Admin. Board – Room 204**
Thurs	09/10	**11:00am**	**Health & Wellness – Room 204**
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	09/11	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Square Dance - CLC
Sat	09/12	9:30am	De. Valley Historic Samplers - CLC
		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 to feature on the website, please contact Lori Brown at loribrown927@msn.com

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