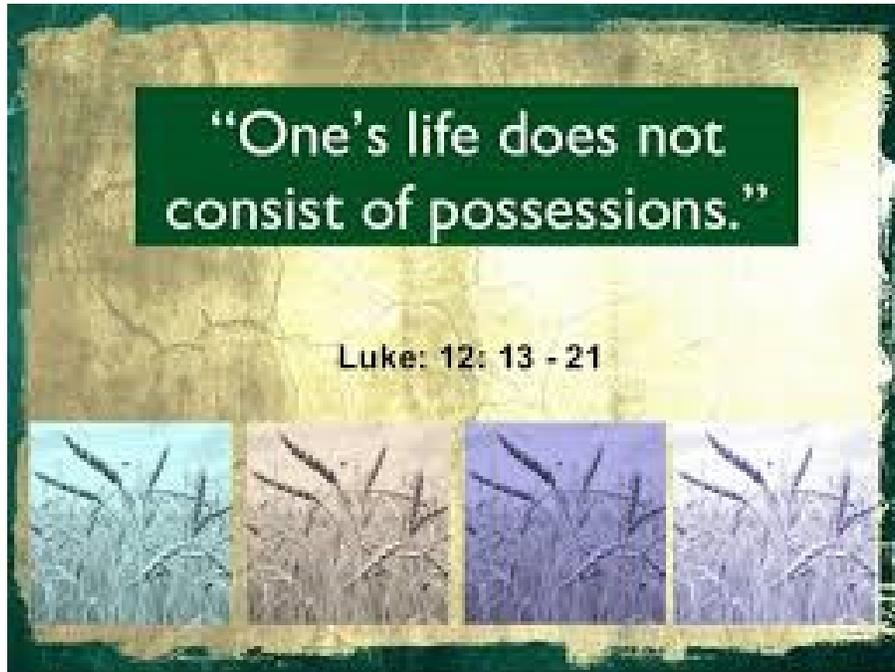


Ebenezer United Methodist Church

August 4, 2019



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



*Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of Jay and Loved Ones.
Presented by Zelda Thomas.*

Welcome Ministers:	8:30	Jean and Christine Harlan
	11:00	Phil and Shirley Gardner
Greeters:	8:30	Adele Madden
	11:00	
Ushers:	8:30	Curtis Reedy and Rick Guretsky
	11:00	William Broelmann and Don Pruden
Worship Leaders:	8:30	Kristin Moser
	11:00	Anna Marie Beasom
Communion Servers:	8:30	Sherri Hodgson and Donna Guretsky and Marlene Tribbitt
	11:00	Deb August, Connie Miller and Lucy Broelmann

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.” Colossians 3:1-4*

August 4, 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

“Let’s Just Praise the Lord”

Bill Gaither

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s love and warm embrace last forever.

When we cry out in distress, the Lord hears our call.

Praise the Lord who delivers us from sin and death.

Christ calls us to clothe ourselves in righteousness.

**Worship the One who wraps us with justice,
and helps us grow in the image of our Creator.**

Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

**May our hearts be filled with God’s blessings,
divine provisions that meet our true needs.**

*PRAISE HYMN MEDLEY

UMH 261, vs. 1, 3

“Lord of the Dance”

Lord of the Dance

UMH 282, vs. 1, 3

“’Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies”

Olive’s Brow

UMH 322, vs. 1, 3

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Christ Arose

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart.

As we hear reading of your Word,

**remind us that we have been raised with Christ,
and inspire us to seek the things that are above,
through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 12:13-21

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”
Robert Rudolph, piano

arr. Brent Edstrom

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children K – 3rd grade may leave for Kids Own Worship in Goodley Helms Hall.

MESSAGE

"Expire-ment Planning"

Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYER SONG (*UMH 408*)

"The Gift of Love"

Gift of Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Prosperity is given to the greater community of believers,
so that all of God's children may benefit.

Let us demonstrate that we are the body of Christ
through our extravagant sharing of God's blessings this day.

And let us give out of our joy,
rather than out of a sense of obligation,
as we offer to our God the gifts of our hearts.

OFFERTORY (*TFSW 2065*)

"More Precious than Silver"

Deshozo

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH 94*)

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy One, we give you thanks for the richness of our lives.

Bless these tithes and offerings,

**that they might be used as expressions of your steadfast love
for those in need near and far. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous, compassionate God,

you call us to live in peace with one another,

sharing the good gifts you give us with all your creation.

Yet we hang on tightly to our possessions,

fearing that we will not have enough.

You call us to remember that we are one in Christ,

and to treat one another with love and respect.

Still we argue over little things,

expecting you to tell us that we are right and that others are wrong.

You call us to rely on you, and to put our trust in your eternal love.

Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you,

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear these words from our God:

I cannot give up on you—

my compassion grows warm and tender.

When my children come trembling, I will bring them home.

Believe the gospel.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

In the miraculous peace of Christ,

may we share the miracle of peace and love with one another.

"The peace of the LORD be with you." **"And also with you."**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting A (*UHM* 17)

Elise Eslinger

*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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND BLESSING THE CUP

*GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Your church exalts you!

In your mercy, you have given us life everlasting,

you have given us freedom from death,

and you have favored us.

In your love, you have given us the strength to stand up

and continue on our journey.

In your wisdom, you have taken a chance on us,

by allowing us to be part of your holy plans and your message.

Help us to use the gifts you have given us

with mercy, love, and wisdom,

so that we can continue to honor the trust you have put on us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMNS OF SERVICE

UMH 162, vs. 2, 4

UMH 181, vs. 1, 4

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

"Ye Servants of God"

Alleluia No.1

Hanover

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Remember, you never know when your life will be demanded of you.
So do not be a fool who stores up riches for yourself,
but is poor toward God.
Seek the things that are of God,
and go forth to live lives worthy of your calling in Christ.

May the God who gives us every good gift
bless you and keep you in the mind of Christ,
by the power of the Spirit who sustains us all.

Amen.

*GOING FORTH

"Postlude in G Major"

Buszin/Handel

**please stand, in body or spirit*

bold text indicates congregation response/participation

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. ††

Scriptures in preparation for the **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,**

August 11, 2019:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

The offering plates at the front of the center aisle are to receive your communion offering. Gifts to the communion offering support the pastor's discretionary fund used to assist church members and members of our community with utility, housing, food, and other emergency needs. Thank you for your continuing generosity in supporting the fund.



Our Prayers

Rick Guretsky Norman Hyett Holly Jagger +++ Mother & Newborn Son +++ Sandy Steggell +++		<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Joshua August Barbara Donald Bogert Roy Brown Ruth Dore Tom Fort, Jr. Victoria "Bo" Fulton Dot Godwin	Kristin Carrie Mack Howard & Louise Pierce Denise Reedy Haley Richart Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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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.

Red Bird Mission Trip

Saturday, August 10 – Saturday, August 17

This Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 11 people, 4 from Ebenezer & 7 from Skyline will be departing Ebenezer's back parking lot for a week-long mission trip to Red Bird Missionary Conference in Beverly, KY (rbmission.org). During the week, they will be working in teams alongside of up to 200 other volunteers from around the country on a variety of tasks for home repair (roof replacement, deck or porch building, painting, grounds keeping, etc.) and community support (clipping box tops for education, sorting items in the community store, office help, etc.) to serve the needs of the community residents. During the evenings, there are times of worship and fellowship to deepen relationships and foster personal spiritual growth among the work camp volunteers.

Coincidentally, Bishop Peggy Johnson, District Superintendent Rev. Joe Archie, and several members of the deaf faith community will be attending work camp the same week.

Please hold the members of our Ebenezer Work Camp Team in prayer throughout the week, as well as all those who will lead, serve, and be served through this experience.

Rev. Mary Browne
Linda Heller
Kathy Gibney
Doug Gibney

Doug Evans
Kim McWatters
Alex McWatters
Nathan Hryniewicz

Edwin Minner
Alexander Thatcher
Chris Portante

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!

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.

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



Blessing
of the Backpacks

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!

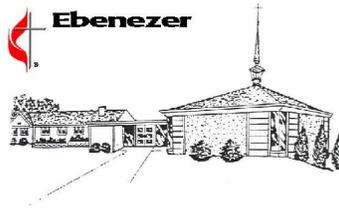
STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: 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, or Rick Browne at rbrowne646@gmail.com.



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On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	08/04	8th Sunday after Pentecost
	8:30am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	BSA50 -- Room 204
Mon	08/05	11:30am Social Senior Club -- GHH
Tues	08/06	11:30am AA Meeting -- Room 204
	5:45pm	Soccer Shots -- Ball Field
Wed	08/07	10:00am AA Meeting -- Room 204
	7:30pm	Al Anon -- Room 204
Thurs	08/08	9:45am TLC -- CLC
	10:00am	Visual Arts
	6:00pm	BSA50 -- CLC
	6:45pm	NA -- GHH & Old Kitchen
Fri	08/09	8:30am Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
	8:00pm	2x4 Square Dancing -- CLC
Sat	08/10	Red Bird Mission Trip
	9:30pm	NA Meeting -- GHH & Old Kitchen

Looking ahead....

Sun	08/11	9th Sunday after Pentecost
		Red Bird Mission Trip this week
		Family Promise Here all week
	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
	11:00am	Intercessory Prayer -- Pastor's Office
	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