

February 16, 2025

Ebenezer United Methodist Church



Ebenezer United Methodist Church is Stephen Ministry Congregation

*The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
To Loving Memory of my Wife, Jane.*

Presented by Calvin Keeler, Sr.

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Connie Miller
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Brooksie Pruden
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*"The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.*

*Instead of doing these things, these persons love the Lord's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!*

*They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade.*

Psalm 1:1-3 (CEB)

February 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly sign our pew register 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

"A Simple Song of Joy"

Michael R. Keller

Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

**May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's
grasping for wealth as we worship today.**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

**May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators
of God's kingdom as we worship today.**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

**May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn
and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it
as we worship today.**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

**May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out
the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!**

*PRAISE HYMN (TFWS 2155)

"Blest Are They"

BLEST ARE THEY

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God, whose word is like water to the root of the tree,
let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish—
bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world.**

In the name of Jesus, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 6:17-26

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Charles C. Converse/arr. Linda Lamb

Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble

MESSAGE

"The Blessing that Counts"

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (*UMH* 598)

"O Word of God Incarnate"

MUNICH

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

Luke tells us that people came to Jesus from all directions, seeking healing and peace.

We are the body of Christ, surrounded by the many needs of the world around us.

So bring your tithes and offerings, that these gifts may foster healing
and encourage peace.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 398)

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

sung to tune: FAIRHILL

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious God, who blesses us in our brokenness and rejoices with us in our joy,
we bring these gifts as an offering of hope and love.**

May they be used to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and welcome the weary.

Help us to be a community that reflects your kingdom,

where all find acceptance and grace.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 402)

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Beloved, walk each day in the strength of the blessing of Christ,
who calls us, equips us, and accompanies us as we live out God's justice and joy
wherever our days' journey takes us.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always.

Amen.

GOING FORTH (UMH 129) "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

FESTAL SONG

Please remain seated until the GOING FORTH is concluded.

Following the service, all are welcome to join in a time of fellowship and snacks
at Social Hour in the Christian Life Center.

**please stand, in body or spirit*

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.††

Scriptures in preparation for the **Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany,**

February 23, 2025:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50;
Luke 6:27-38

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Faith Class

Lounge

Max Lucado

“Unshakeable Hope, Building our Lives on the Promise of God.”

In Person Attendance for February 9 – 101.



Cold storage pecans are here. The cost will be \$13.00 per bag for mammoth halves and \$12.00 for medium pecan pieces. **New Crop pecans are available and are \$15.00.** Pecans are available in the Narthex. Check or correct cash would be appreciated. If you have questions, contact Brooksie Pruden at brooksiepru@gmail.com or 302-239-3191.



**We want to see you at this year's Shrove Dinner.
Our Boy Scouts will be cooking again this year at our
Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner.**

It will be held in the CLC on Tuesday, March 4th,
from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

\$6.00 per adult, children up to 12 free

All you can eat pancakes!

Wear your Mardi Gras beads and come hungry!

Delicious UMW Soup Sale

Chicken Noodle Soup \$13.00/quart

Order sheets are available in Narthex.

Please order and pay in advance. Leave payment in envelope and place in UMW mail slot by February 16th.

Soup will be available to pick up on February 23rd.





Our Prayers

Lynn Ayars + Tommy Bey +++ Phil and Shirley Gardner Velda Harlan ++ Barbara Harkins + Marie ++ Maurice Johnson +++++	Mark Kauffman + Helen Lynch Glen Reedy ++ Tom + Erick Weber ++ Becky Wolfe +++++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Roy Brown Rev. Mary Browne Rick Browne Judy Crescenzo Pat Grimes Delia Irwin	Jeanette Jarrell Kristin Gary Pierce Denise Reedy Joyce Simpson Zach Trexler Alex Wiant
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Please say a prayer in loving memory of Stephen Grosso, husband of Margaret Badger.

Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.

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

Dear members and friends of Ebenezer UMC

The finance committee has been working on the 2025 budget. A budget deficit of more than \$44,000 is projected. Last year, 2024, we had 106 giving units. The building fund also has many needed repairs. Our building is aging {so are we}!!

How can you help our church?? If you haven't picked up your envelopes yet, they are in the narthex. If you would like envelopes and they aren't there, Carol Coney and

Ann Varey will be glad to help you out.

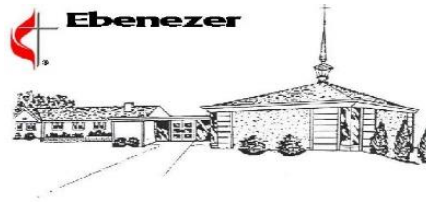
There is a money can on the food table at coffee hour. Your donations are appreciated.

Coffee and paper goods expenses add up.

A letter has been sent to all committee chairpersons asking them to reduce spending and report expected spending.

We realize that members give what they can, If you are able to donate more this year, we definitely thank you.

Ann Varey & Al Sowden



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	02/16		6th Sunday after the Epiphany
		9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship Service
		11:00am	Social Hour
		11:30am	Confirmation Class – Room 204
		12:00pm	Laikos Church – GHH & classroom
		1:00pm	Youth Group – CLC
		1:00pm	Cub Scouts – Room 204, Workroom & Lounge
Mon	02/17	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Square Dance Class – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	02/18	12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
		4:00pm	Pastor’s Birthday Dinne - CLC
Wed	02/19	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		6:30pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Finance Committee – Room 204
Thurs	02/20	9:30am	BSFT – GHH
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	02/21	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		5:00pm	Soccer Shots - CLC
Sat	02/22	10:00am	Soccer Shots – CLC
		11:00am	Laikos Choir Practice - GHH
		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH



Looking forward ...

Sun	02/23		7th Sunday after the Epiphany
		9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship Service
		11:00am	Social Hour
		12:00pm	Laikos Church – GHH & classroom
Mon	02/24	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Square Dance Class – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	02/25	12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	02/26	10:00am	Hope Dining Room
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		4:15pm	Soccer Shots - CLC
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Admin. Board – Room 204
Thurs	02/27	9:30am	BSFT – GHH
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	02/28	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	03/01	6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH

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 at loribrown927@msn.com



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