

February 23, 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 Thomas Jarrell

Presented by His Family

In Honor of Arman Edward Oswalt

Presented by the Terzian Family

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Beth Jackson
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Sherri Hodgson
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you;
bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you.”*

Luke 6:27-28

February 23, 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

“Armenian Lullaby (traditional)”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In these uncertain times, we come together, searching for peace.

We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

We will open our hearts and minds, that the Lord may show us mercy.

**When we trust the Lord, we can do good things and live with one another in
peace and security.**

Love first, forgive first, give first.

We come to worship, to heed the Word, and to grow in faith and love.

*PRAISE HYMN

“God of Great and God of Small”

GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

Worship & Song (#3033)

Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2011

**God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never ending power, yet beside me every hour,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who reigns for evermore,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need—for salvation,
for wholeness, for abundant life.**

**Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will
and live according to your purposes;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Quiet Faith"
Chancel Choir

Heather Sorenson

MESSAGE

"Doing More than Others"

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (*UMH* 549, v. 1, 4-6) "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ST. PETER

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

refer to insert

*Receiving Christian Baptism today is Arman Edward Oswald,
son of Allison & Davis Oswald*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Children of the Most High God, in obedience to Jesus' words to love others
as we love ourselves, do good, bless and pray for friends and enemies alike,
let us now do to others as we would have them do to us,
offering our tithes and gifts for the sake of our sisters and brothers in need.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 395)

"Take Time to Be Holy"

HOLINESS

*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

**Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts
as a sign of our commitment to your teachings.**

**Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us,
and bless those who curse us.**

**May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting your boundless grace
in our community.**

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Beloved, go from this place ready to *listen*.

Listen for the opportunities to extend mercy.

Notice the moments to forgive instead of condemn.

Watch for the person who needs help without any strings attached.

Our Triune God pours out mercy and compassion on you so that you may share mercy and compassion with everyone you meet.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GOING FORTH

"Swallow, Fly!"

Armenian folksong, arranged Badger

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

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit.††

Scriptures in preparation for **Transfiguration Sunday**, March 2, 2025:

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36



Our Prayers

Lynn Ayars ++	Mark Kauffman ++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u>	Jeanette Jarrell
Tommy Bey ++++	Helen Lynch +	Rev. Mary Browne	Kristin
Phil Gardner	Glen Reedy +++	Rick Browne	Gary Pierce
Velda Harlan +++	Tom ++	Judy Crescenzo	Denise Reedy
Barbara Harkins ++	Erick Weber +++	Pat Grimes	Joyce Simpson
Marie +++		Delia Irwin	Zach Trexler
			Alex Wiant

Please pray for the family and friends of Shirley Gardener.

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.**

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 16 -74.



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
Soup is available to pick up today!





Easter Flowers Order Form

On Easter Sunday, an array of Easter flowers will adorn the chancel area, proclaiming through their beauty the glorious news that Christ is risen indeed! If you would like to purchase one or more flowers to be part of the display, please complete the order form below. In lieu of flowers, you may remember or honor your loved ones through a gift of equal amount to Family Promise to support their work with homeless and at-risk persons and families.

The absolute deadline to order is Thursday, April 10th(no late orders can be accepted). The cost of each plant is \$12.00.

Please prepay your order by making checks to Ebenezer UMC, indicating in the memo line either flowers and/or the homeless.

I want to order # _____ Lilies (white).

I want to order # _____ Hyacinths (assorted colors).

I want to order # _____ Tulips (assorted colors).

I want to donate \$ _____ to Family Promise.

Check enclosed _____ Cash enclosed _____ Envelope Number _____

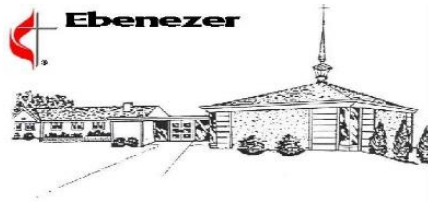
PLEASE PRINT DEDICATION(S) FOR THIS YEAR.

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:





On the Calendar, this week....

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 – GHH
		10:30am	Visitation for Shirley Gardner - Sanctuary
		12:00pm	Service for Shirley Gardner - Sanctuary
		1:30pm	Luncheon for Shirkey Gardner - CLC
		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

One day you're young, the next day you're sitting at the edge of your bed like this...



Looking forward ...

		8th Sunday after the Epiphany	
Sun	03/02	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
		4:00pm	BSA50 – Room 204
Mon	03/03	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		11:30am	Social Seniors - GHH
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Square Dance Class – CLC
Tues	03/04	7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
		9:30am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	03/05	12:30pm	UMW Board – Room 211
		5:00pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - CLC
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		4:15pm	Soccer Shots - CLC
Thurs	03/06	6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Dist. Committee BSA – Room 204
		9:30am	BSFT – GHH
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
Friday	03/07	Youth Rally / Ocean City	
Sat	03/08	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		9:30am	Delaware Valley Historic Sampler Guild – CLC
		11:00am	Laikos Choir Practice - 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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