

February 9, 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 Honor the Memory of Aunt Flossie Foxx*

*Presented by Beth and Paul Manchester*

Participating in Service:

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

# SCOUTING MINISTRIES SUNDAY

*"I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;  
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything..."*

*The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.*

*Psalms 138:1-2, 8*

February 9, 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.

### SCOUTING MINISTRIES VIDEO

#### \*PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

#### \*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### \*SCOUT OATH AND LAW

*Scouts, Leaders, former Scouts and former Leaders remain standing;  
all others, please be seated.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend  
on our path. Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice  
and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well.

Will you follow?

**God, help us leave everything and follow.**

Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone!

Today we answer Christ's call together!

**God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go!**

**Amen.**

#### \*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 378)

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness, you have exalted your name  
and your word above everything.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear your word with understanding,  
that in our speech and actions, we may exalt your name above all things;  
in Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.**

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 138

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

CUB PACK 50 SHARING

"Father Abraham"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Give Us A Vision"

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir with Erin Browne, Trumpet & Margaret Badger, Piano

SHARINGS

Mrs. Carol White, Charter Organization Liaison

Mr. Michael Gutzat, Troop 50 Scoutmaster

Mr. Kevin McDermott, Pack 50 Cubmaster

HOMILY

Rev. Mary Browne

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

We are invited to cast our nets into God's abundance, and to share  
what we have received with others.

As we give our tithes and offerings today, we put our trust in the one  
who has called us to follow him: Jesus Christ, the great Fisher of people.

SCOUTING MINISTRIES VIDEO

\*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

**Ever-faithful God, who calls us into the deep waters of faith and trust,  
we offer these gifts with open hearts.**

**Transform our offerings into acts of love and service, so that we  
may catch glimpses of your kingdom and draw others into your embrace.  
Guide us to live deeply and follow Christ's call to be fishers of people  
in your abundant grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 494)

"Kum Ba Yah"

DESMOND

\*RETIRING THE COLORS

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Don't be afraid to put out into the deep water; we are not alone.  
We have partners in other boats beside us, and Christ has gone before us.  
Let down your nets, expecting God's abundant provision.

May the Holy One fill you with awe;  
may Christ, the Teacher, amaze you with grace;  
and may the Holy Spirit increase your strength of soul.

May the great Master of all Scouts be with us until we meet again.

**Amen.**

GOING FORTH (TFWS#2096)

"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

African American Spiritual

*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 **Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany,**

February 16, 2025:

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

## 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.”

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### *In Person Attendance for February 2 – 85.*

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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](mailto:brooksiepru@gmail.com) or 302-239-3191.

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

It will be held in the CLC on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>,  
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!**

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### **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 16<sup>th</sup>.

Soup will be available to pick up on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.





## *Our Prayers*

<b>Lynn Ayars</b> Tommy Bey ++ Velda Harlan + <b>Barbara Harkins</b> Marie + Maurice Johnson +++ <b>Mark Kauffman</b>	Glen Reedy + <b>Tom</b> Erick Weber + Joan Wiant ++++ 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 pray for the family and friends of Clara Brelsford**

**Please pray for the family and friends of Sara and Baby Ellie Kauffman.**

**Please pray for the family and friends of Renee Orsini-DiMassi.**

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

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### **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}!!

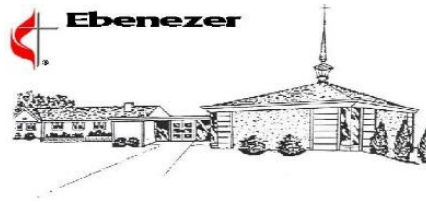
How can you help our church?? If you haven't picked up your envelopes yet, they are in the narthex. If you would like envelopes and they aren't there, Carol Coney and Ann Varey will be glad to help you out.

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	02/09		<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
		9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship Service
		11:00am	Social Hour
		12:00pm	Laikos Church – GHH & classroom
Mon	02/10	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		5:00pm	Soccer Shots - CLC
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Square Dance Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204, 211 & Lounge
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	02/11	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Stephen Ministry – Confirmation Room</b>
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Priscilla Circle - CLC</b>
Wed	02/12	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		4:00PM	Project Linus - GHH
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		6:30pm	Cub Scouts - GHH
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
Thurs	02/13	9:30am	BSFT – GHH
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	02/14	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	02/15	12:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
		6:30pm	NA - GHH

If we're ever  
 in a situation  
 where I am the  
 "voice of reason"  
 then we are in  
 a very very  
 bad situation.

## Looking forward ...

		<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	
Sun	02/16	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
Tues	02/18	7:00pm	NA Meeting – GHH
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	02/19	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Pastor's Birthday Dinne - CLC</b>
Thurs	02/20	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
Friday	02/21	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Finance Committee – Room 204</b>
		9:30am	BSFT – GHH
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
Sat	02/22	7:00pm	NA - GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	02/22	5:00pm	Soccer Shots - CLC
		10:00am	Soccer Shots – CLC
		11:00am	Laikos Choir Practice - GHH
		6:30pm	NA Meeting – GHH

### **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 at [loribrown927@msn.com](mailto:loribrown927@msn.com)



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