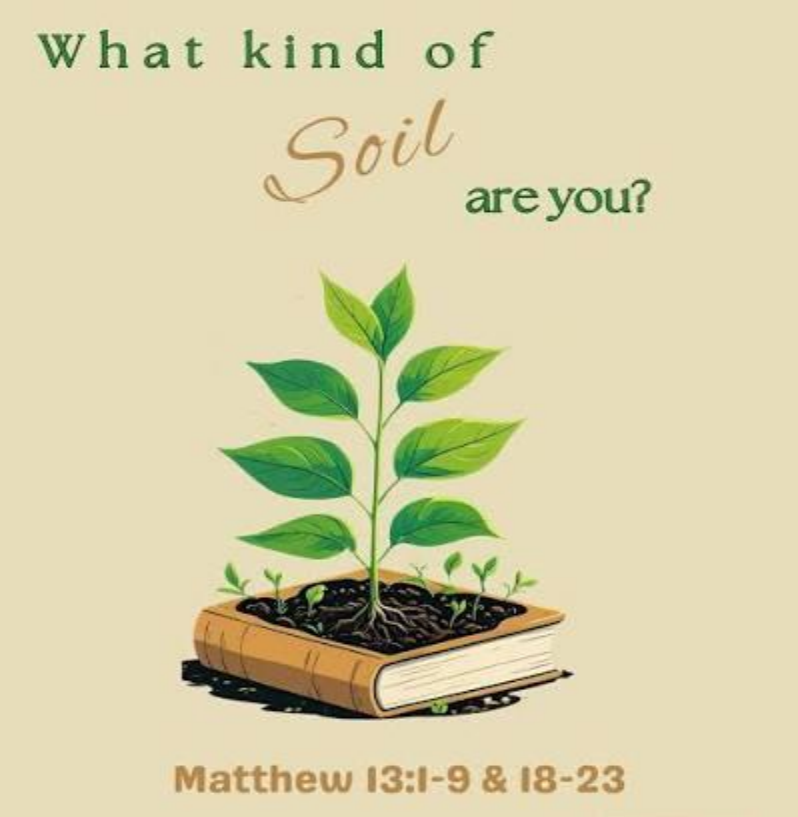
July 12, 2026

Ebenezer United Methodist Church



Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

Welcome Pastor Tracy and Family

Presented by Your New Friends

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Tracy Mooney
Guest Musician:	David Heinze
Worship Leader:	Project Ulster
Media Team:	Bill Clark
Greeter:	Project Ulster
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 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 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" White/Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are like seeds on the wind, set free by the Sower.
Save us, hand of God, from the rocky pathways and the thorny ground.
In Christ, we find good soil.
Holy One, may we grow as we should.
Come! Let us worship the Sower, who plants us in the fields of life.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (*UMH* 707) "Hymn of Promise" Sleeth

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Great Sower, cast us like seeds upon the winds of your mercy, that we may grow in fertile ground.
Keep our lives from stony pathways, where the heat of life's cares and strife might strip us of our strength and vitality. Protect us from the thorny gullies, where the snares of life's worries and fears
might choke off our opportunity to reach the sunshine of your Spirit. Land us safely in rich soil, Master Gardener, and bless us with the kiss of gentle rain, that our faith may increase
and our joy may be complete. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY "We Shall Go Out" Boyce/Tillman
Kathy Zinn, Soloist

MESSAGE Rev. 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.

MINISTRY FOCUS Ulster Project Delaware

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
Water is needed; the soil must be tended. We will nurture one another well. God has scattered the seeds and sends us to love. Through our gifts we share the love of Christ.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 332) "Spirit of Faith, Come Down" Wesley/Mason

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

*OFFERING PRAYER
Master Gardener, as you have sown our lives in rich, fertile soil, may we bear much fruit through our giving. With these offerings, may we help bring your realm here on earth, as we plant seeds of hope in the fields of life. Bless our efforts and nourish our efforts, that together, we may reap a harvest of generosity and love. Amen.

*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 451) "Be Thou My Vision" Byrne/Young

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
God's word is a lamp to our feet.
Christ's teachings are a light to our path.
May God's word be planted with loving hands and take root in our lives.
May Christ's edicts nourish us, like the sunshine and the rain,
and help us grow strong and secure.
God's word is a lamp to our feet.
Christ's teachings are a light to our path. Amen.

GOING FORTH "Trumpet Tune in D Major" D. Johnson

**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

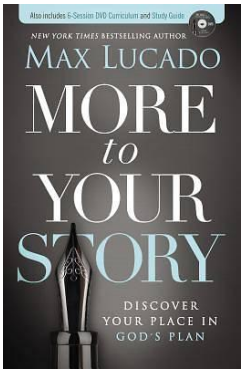
In Person Attendance for July 5 – 90.

Pecans

New crop pecans are available for sale!
$16 Mammoth Pecan Halves

See Carol in the Church office or contact Diana Bienkowski
dianab6@verizon.net 302-463-1653

Payment by check to Ebenezer United Methodist Women or correct cash amount would be appreciated. Thank you for supporting the United Methodist Women!



The Faith Adult Sunday School class meets in the lounge at 9:00am. We will begin a new study on July 12th, "More To Your Story, Discover Your Place in God's Plan" by Max Lucado. It is a video-based series of lessons. If you are interested in joining our class, please contact Diane Clark at 302-239-6835. All are Welcome!

Our Prayers

Jerry Avery ++ **Erica & daughters** Gary Fulton ++++ Nate Hammond ++++	Jerry Spilecki + Sandy Steggell ++++ Vernon Vanderpool ++++ Bob Vible ++	<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

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

We are in desperate need of volunteers to join our Trustees. Have you watched the tutorials on YouTube, seen the fails, and most importantly, know when to put the duct tape down. If it needs it assembled, mounted, painted, or patched, can we count on you? Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer.

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.

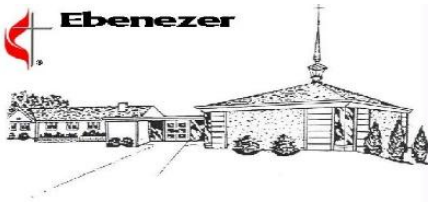
The mission was founded by Pastor Jim Powell, a former WCS Bible teacher.

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	07/12		***7th Sunday after Pentecost***
		8:00am	AA Meeting - GHH
		10:00am	**Worship Service/Ulster Project**
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
Mon	07/13	8:00am	AA Meeting – GHH Kitchen
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	07/14	8:00am	AA Meeting – GHH Kitchen
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		3:00pm	**Endowment Committee – Room 204**
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
Wed	07/15	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
Thurs	07/16	8:00am	AA Meeting – GHH Kitchen
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	07/17	**8:00am**	**Lifeline Screening - CLC**
		8:00am	AA Meeting – GHH Kitchen
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	07/18	8:00am	AA Meeting – GHH Kitchen
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH

Looking forward ....

Sun	07/19		***8th Sunday after Pentecost***
		8:00am	AA Meeting - GHH
		10:00am	**Worship Service**
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
Mon	07/20	8:00am	AA Meeting – GHH Kitchen
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204,211 & Workroom
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	07/21	8:00am	AA Meeting – GHH Kitchen
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		6:30pm	Cub Scouts - CLC
Wed	07/22	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	**Hope Dining Room**
Thurs	07/23	8:00am	AA Meeting – GHH Kitchen
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	07/24	8:00am	AA Meeting – GHH Kitchen
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	07/25	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 featured on the website, please contact Lori Brown at loribrown927@msn.com

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