**July 26, 2026**

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

STEPHEN MINISTRY

**The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and**

***In Loving Memory of Glen and Melissa Walther***

***Presented by Rebecca Harrison and Family***

***In Celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary***

***Presented by Skip and Kay Leventry***

Participating in Service:

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| Pastor: | Rev. Tracy Mooney |
| Music Director: | Margaret Badger |
| Guest Musicians: | Good Company |
| Worship Leader: | Beth Jackson |
| Media Team: | Bill Clark |
| Greeter: | Brooksie Pruden |
| Usher Coordinators: | Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper |

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

ANNOUCEMENTS

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 "Create in Me" Michael/Talbot
Good Company

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A field filled with treasure . . .
**the realm of God is beyond price.**
Yeast that makes bread to rise . . .
**the realm of God brings life.**
A pearl of unsurpassed beauty. . .
**the realm of God is worth a lifetime of waiting.**
A net that catches all the fish of the sea . . .
**the realm of God catches us all.**
Come! Let us worship the One who offers us the kingdom.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (*UMH* 427*)* "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
North/Gardiner

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Glorious God, your kingdom is like a mustard seed that grows into a great shrub where the birds of the air can build their nests; your kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field, or a pearl of great value.
Train our hearts to desire your kingdom, Holy One, more than the lesser values of this world. Train our eyes to see through the fog **t**hat clouds our vision and prevents us from seeing the glory of your realm here on earth. May our spirit be uneasy until we have forsaken all that binds us and all that keeps us from building your kingdom in our communities and in our world. **Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY "Deep River" Burleigh
Good Company

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God's kingdom is like treasure hidden in a field. Through today's offering, we can help others find treasure in their lives—treasure that is there only through our giving. Come enter into the mystery of kingdom building and treasure hunting
as we collect today's offering.

OFFERTORY "Hold On to the Rock" Choplin
Good Company

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

*OFFERING PRAYER

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*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 593*)* "Here I Am Lord" Schutte

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Like a treasure hidden in a field, God offers us the kingdom.
**All things work together for good for those who love God.**
Like a pearl of great value, God offers us the kingdom.
**All things work together for good for those who follow Christ.**
Like a mustard seed that grows into a great shrub, God offers us the kingdom.
**All things work together for good for those who abide in God's Spirit. Amen.**

GOING FORTH "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
Good Company

**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 19th – 66.***

# FALL CLEANUP

Our Trustees have scheduled an outside church wide cleanup for Saturday, September 26th, starting at 9:00am. Please consider joining them, they would very much appreciate any assistance.

**School students and teachers** join us at the 10:00 service on **Sunday August 30th**, and bring your backpacks! Pastor Mooney will give a special blessing for a great 2026-2027 school year!

# Our Prayers

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| Jerry Avery ++++<br>Erica & daughters ++<br>Megan Jones + | Jerry Spilecki +++<br>Michael +<br>**Ann Varey**<br>Bob Vible ++++<br>Reed Williams + | <u>Ongoing Concerns</u><br>Deb August<br>Rick Browne<br>Judy Crescenzo<br>Delia Irwin<br>Helen Lynch<br>Ginny Parker | Gary Pierce<br>Denise Reedy<br>Paul Roberts<br>Joyce Simpson<br>Zach Trexler<br>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 the friends and family of Lois Chamberlain.**
**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.**

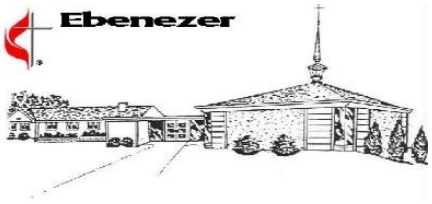
The mission was founded by Pastor Jim Powell, a former WCS Bible teacher.

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….*

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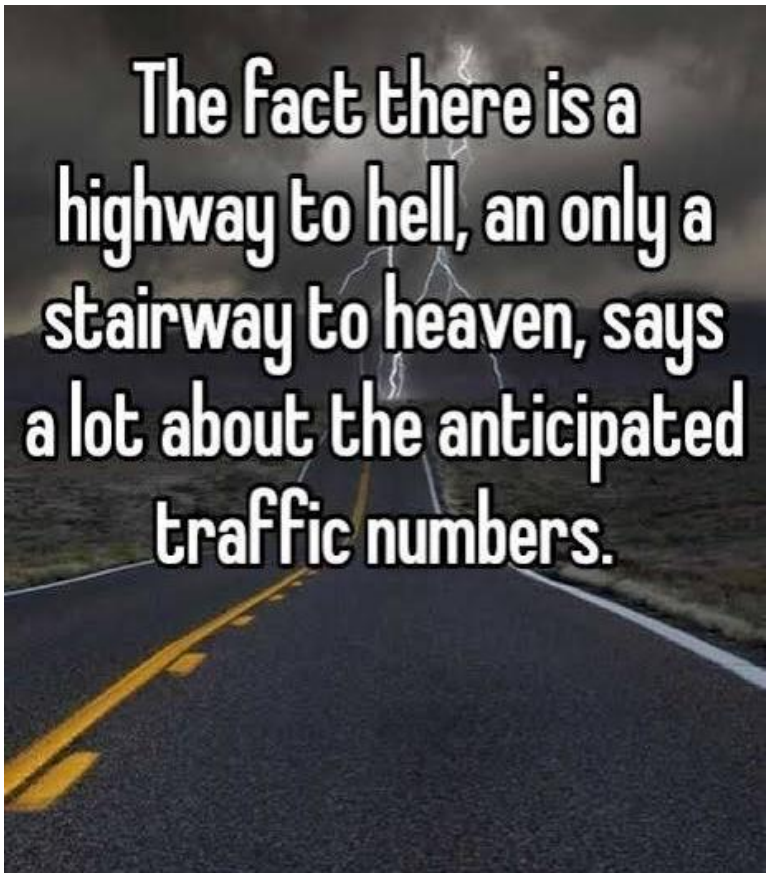
| Sun | 07/26 | | ***9th Sunday after Pentecost*** |
| | | **10:00am** | **Worship Service** |
| | | 11:00am | Social Hour – CLC |
| Mon | 07/27 | 10:00am | AA Meeting – Room 204 |
| | | 6:00pm | Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room |
| | | 7:00pm | NA Meeting – Room GHH |
| Tues | 07/28 | 12:00pm | AA Meeting – Room – 204 |
| | | 6:00pm | Support Group – Classroom |
| Wed | 07/29 | 7:30am | AA Meeting – GHH |
| | | 10:00am | AA Meeting - Room 204 |
| | | **3:00pm** | **Staff Meeting – Room 204** |
| Thurs | 07/30 | 12:00pm | ACOA – Room 204 |
| | | 7:00pm | BSA50 – CLC & Room 211 |
| | | 7:00pm | NA - GHH |
| Friday | 07/31 | 10:00am | AA Meeting – Room 204 |
| Sat | 08/01 | 6:30pm | NA Meeting - GHH |



## *Looking forward ....*

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| Sun | 08/02 | | ***10th Sunday after Pentecost*** |
| | | **10:00am** | **Worship Service** |
| | | 11:00am | Social Hour – CLC |
| | | 4:00pm | BSA50 – Room 204 |
| Mon | 08/03 | 10:00am | AA Meeting – Room 204 |
| | | **11:30am** | **Social Seniors - GHH** |
| | | 6:00pm | Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room |
| | | 7:00pm | NA Meeting – Room GHH |
| Tues | 08/04 | 12:00pm | AA Meeting – Room – 204 |
| | | 6:00pm | Support Group – Classroom |
| Wed | 08/05 | 7:30am | AA Meeting – GHH |
| | | 10:00am | AA Meeting - Room 204 |
| | | 7:00pm | District Committee BSA – Room 204 |
| Thurs | 08/06 | 12:00pm | ACOA – Room 204 |
| | | 7:00pm | BSA50 – CLC & Room 211 |
| | | 7:00pm | NA - GHH |
| Friday | 08/07 | 10:00am | AA Meeting – Room 204 |
| Sat | 08/08 | 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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