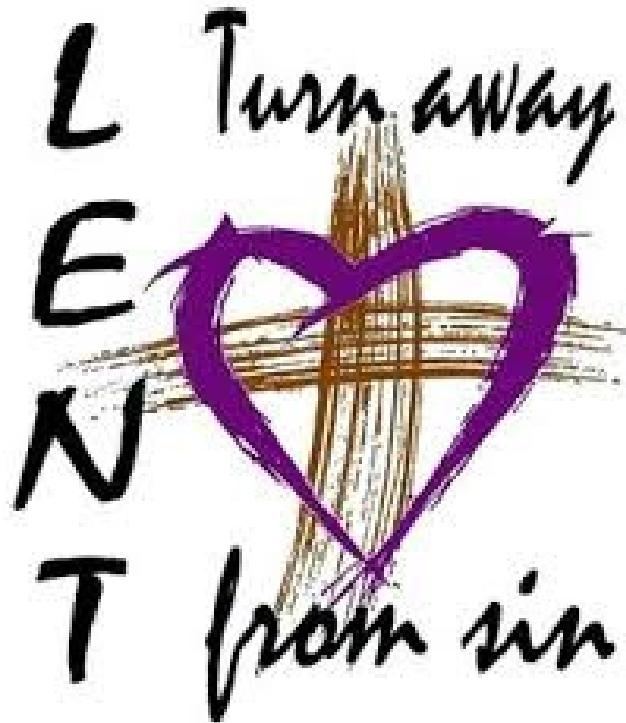


Ebenezer United Methodist Church

March 1, 2020



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation.*



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
*In Loving Memory of my husband, Bob Menghi and
my son, Michael Roncarati*
Presented by Mary Ann Menghi

Welcome Minister:	11:00	Don Pruden
Greeter:	11:00	Brooksie Pruden
Acolyte:	11:00	
Ushers:	11:00	Don Grimes and Don Pruden
Worship Leader:	11:00	Anna Marie Beasom
Communion Servers:	11:00	Deb August and Paul Kelley

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*“The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying,
‘Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?’
Jesus answered, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick;
I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.’” Luke 5:30-32*

March 1, 2020

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Greeting & 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 your presence with us today.

CENTERING MUSIC

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
Chancel Choir

arr. John Horman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the LORD is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the LORD our God alone.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 452)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O LORD, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread,
and may the leading of your Spirit become our way;
in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:27-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“The Carpenter (Canticle of the Cross)”
Chancel Choir

Joseph M Martin

The Carpenter

A Carpenter from Galilee learned well His Fathers’ trade.
The people gathered around to see the wonders that He made.
With thoughtful care He laid His hands upon the rugged wood:
And spoke when all His work was done, “It is finished. It is good.”

The Carpenter from Galilee soon moved to other art.
With loving touch, He healed the sick and fixed the sinner’s heart.
With thoughtful care He shared His gifts with everyone He could.
And spoke when all the work was done, “It is finished. It is good.”

The Carpenter from Galilee knew well His Father's will.
And people gathered around to see Him climb Golgotha's hill!
With loving grace, He took the nails and laid His hand to wood.
Then spoke into eternity "It is Finished. It is good".

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

MESSAGE "Come Dine with Jesus: Supper with Levi" Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYER HYMN (TFWS 2126) "All Who Hunger" HOLY MANNA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION

Jesus was the guest at that the table of Levi the tax collector.
But here at this table, Jesus is the host.
Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him;
those who wish to follow him must first be fed by him;
those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean.
For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished;
this is the time when Christ can make us new.
So come, you who are hungry and thirst for a deeper faith,
for a fuller life, for a better world.
Jesus Christ who has sat at our tables now invites us to be guests at his.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, we do not always face temptation well.
We settle for loaves of bread when our souls long for bread
that does not perish.
We put you to the test, seeking signs of your favor,
when we should "be still" and rest in the knowledge that you are God.
We place our trust in leaders who make promises they cannot deliver
when we should be putting our faith in you.
Have mercy on us, we pray; cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven!
Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy;
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Christ's justifying love brings peace to those who love God.
Turn to your neighbor and share the wondrous gift of God's peace in Christ.
The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ,
let us respond with gratitude,
offering our tithes, our gifts, our lives to God.

OFFERTORY

“Offertory”
(Four Pieces for the Church)

Philip Gehring

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (UMH 87 v 4) “What Gift Can We Bring” ANNIVERSARY SONG

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Holy One of Israel, work through these gifts.
As we provide loaves of bread for the hungry,
work through our offering,
that others may be fed, not only in body, but in spirit.
As we seek to bring justice to our world,
may we embody faith in your righteous love,
that your people may know the source of their hope. Amen.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

“Musical Setting D”

UMH 23

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND BLESSING THE CUP

*GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us
in Jesus Christ.
Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude
for your undying love;
through Jesus Christ, our LORD. Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 636) “Christian People, Raise Your Song”

alt. tune: ST.KEVIN

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Though life is full of temptation, God will see us through.

We rejoice in the one who strengthens us.

Though life is full of times of trial, Christ walks with us every step of the way.

We rejoice in the one who shares our journey.

Though life is full of obstacles to faith, the Spirit eases our burden.

We rejoice in the one who leads us home.

Go with God.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

*GOING FORTH

"Hymne"

Vangelis

**please stand, as you are able*

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. ††

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Second Sunday in Lent**, March 8, 2020:

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Preaching Scripture for **Second Sunday in Lent**, March 8, 2020:

Luke 7:36-50



*March
8, 2020*



Our Prayers

Blanche Bogert +++ Thomas Cooper +++ Nancy Covert +++ Brian Fullerton, Jr. +++ Norman Hyett +++ Francis Jamison +++ Ken Johnson Olivia Rose Evelyn Stehman ++ Connie Tarburton ++++ Chuck Weber +++ Jamie Williams ++++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Joshua August Barbara Donald Bogert Mary Bowers Roy Brown Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Tom Fort, Jr.	Victoria “Bo” Fulton Kristin Howard & Louise Pierce Denise Reedy Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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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 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)	Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)
Joy & Robert Vargas	(Paraguay)	Valentine Shutsha	(Congo)
Sue Givens	(Paraguay)	Jacquea Akasa Umembudi	(Congo)
Michael Fisher	(I-Tec)		

2020 Confirmation Class

Please remember and support our confirmands throughout their journey with a card or a note (Service of Confirmation will be May 31, 2020).

They appreciate the love and encouragement from their faith family.

Cards and notes may be left in Pastor Mary’s mail slot or mailed to the church office. Thanking you ahead of time.

Arabella Brownlee: 5/22/2007

James DiOrio: 03/21/2005

Ellen Helojoki: 08/29/2006

Ally Hudson: 07/29/2006

Olivia Simmons: 10/14/2005



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: As many of you may know, altar flowers can be dedicated "in memory of" or "in honor of" a family member or friend on any Sunday of the year. The dedication appears in the Sunday bulletin of your chosen Sunday. If you wish to make an altar flower dedication (\$40/Sunday), please contact Carol in the church office at 731-9495. Thank you!

Adult Sunday School Classes at Ebenezer, classes start at 9:45am.

Faith Class	Lounge	"Walk As Jesus Walked"
"F.I.S.H"	Room 204	"Final Words"
The "Hill Toppers"	Room with a view	"Transforming Presence"

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets every Tuesday at 9:55am in Room 204.

Bible Study for Today: Meets every Thursday at 9:15am in GHH and Classrooms.

General Conference Listening Sessions

Are you confused or concerned about the upcoming General Conference?
Would you like to hear the latest information?

In advance of General Conference 2020, to be held in Minneapolis, May 5-15, Bishop Peggy Johnson has scheduled 3 listening sessions throughout our Annual Conference.

The listening session nearest to us will be held in Middletown:

March 7, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Connection Community Church
4744 Summit Bridge Road, Middletown

The listening sessions will be an opportunity to hear the latest information about the General Conference. Our elected delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences will be available. There will be a time of devotions, a brief presentation, and an opportunity for your questions and comments.

If you are interested in attending a listening session, but cannot attend on the morning of March 7, the other 2 listening sessions are: **February 29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**, Ocean Pines Community Church, 11227 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines, MD; **March 7, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**, St. Luke's UMC, 100 S. Fifth Avenue, Denton, MD.



What: *Chicken & Dumpling Dinner Sponsored by the Ebenezer UMW to support local and global missions*

When: *Saturday, March 14
5:00 pm takeouts & 5:30 dine in*

Who: *Everyone is welcome!*

How much: *Adults \$12.00*

Children under 12 \$6.00; 3 and under free

Take-outs available – please pre order

Sign up form: *in the church hallway or Narthex or by calling:*

Church Office (731-9495)

Diane Clark (239-6835)

Upcoming Special Services

Mar 31 st	Seder Meal		5:30pm	
April 4 th	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am	hunt starts at 10:30am	
April 5 th	Palm Sunday	8:30am	11:00am	
April 9 th	Holy Thursday		12:00 noon	7:00pm
April 10 th	Good Friday	12:00 noon	Cross Walk	7:00pm Tenebrae Service
April 12 th	Easter	6:30am	8:30am	11:00am

WE ARE COLLECTING SOUP...AGAIN

What? Didn't we just finish collecting soup for Souper Bowl of Caring? Yes, we did. Pastor Mary delivered 176 cans of soup to the Middletown satellite site for Neighborhood House a couple of days after the Super Bowl.

So why are we collecting soup again? So glad you asked.

This time we are collecting soup and broth to support an outreach project of our Ebenezer Preschool. The donated soups and broth will be used to construct the boundaries and "hazards" for the hole that Ebenezer's Preschool is sponsoring at a Mini-Golf event on March 21 to raise funds for our Peninsula-Delaware Conference Deaf Ministry. You can read about the Mini-Golf event in the March issue of *The Highlighter*.



Please place your soup and broth donations in the labeled box beneath the table in the Narthex; donations will be accepted until 20th. After the Mini-Golf event on March 21, all the donated items for all the holes will be delivered to area community help organizations.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

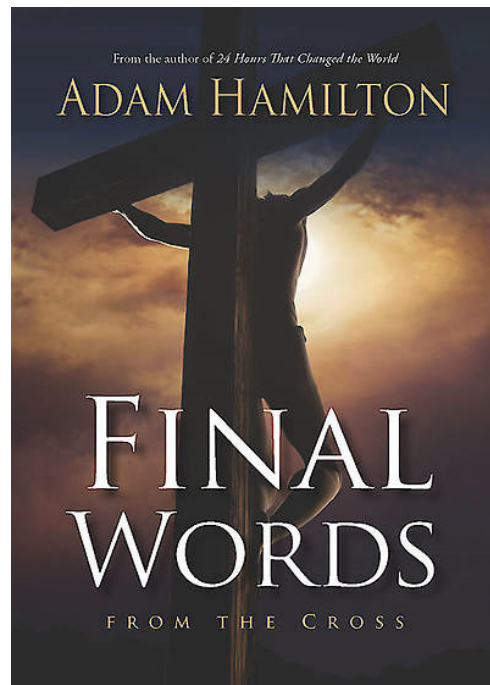
Final Words from the Cross **Adam Hamilton**

Final Words from the Cross is a book-an-video based small group study that explores the seven statements spoken by Jesus from the cross as record in the Gospel narratives. Each chapter of the book begins with a "first person narrative" written from the perspective of someone who stood near the cross; an opportunity for the reader to imagine themselves at the foot of the cross. The study session includes a discussion of the biblical foundation for each statement, video presentation by Rev. Hamilton, and a discussion on the meaning of Jesus' words for our lives today.

There are 3 opportunities to join a study group:

Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m., beginning March 1;

Sunday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning March 1, **Tuesday mornings**, 9:50-11:15 a.m. beginning March 10. There will be sign-up sheets on clipboards on the table in the narthex beginning February 2. A donation of \$8.00 towards the cost of the book is requested. Please contact Pastor Mary if you have any questions.

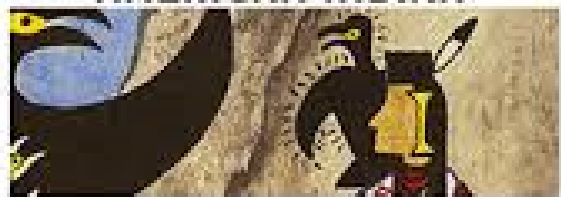


BUS TRIP TO NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Saturday, March 28 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Washington, D.C.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN



Peninsula-Delaware Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM) is sponsoring a bus trip to visit this unique museum, one of the world's largest and most diverse collections of its kind. The architecture, landscaping, and exhibits are all designed in collaboration with tribes and

communities across the hemisphere to give visitors from around the world the sense and the spirit of Native America.

The cost is \$35.00/person; deadline for registration is Tuesday, March 2.

Make check payable to Mt. Lebanon UMC; mail to Mt. Lebanon UMC, 850 Mt. Lebanon Road, Wilmington, 19803. Lunch is on your own; there is a variety of options near the museum.



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 Sunday, March 24 (no late orders can be accepted). The cost of each plant is \$10.00.

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 order # _____ Daffodils (yellow).

I want to donate \$ _____ to Family Promise.

Check enclosed _____ Cash enclosed _____ Envelope Number _____

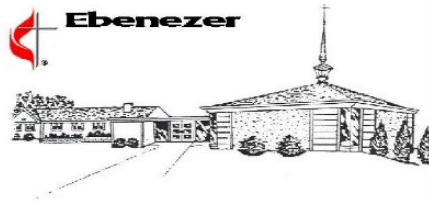
PLEASE PRINT DEDICATION(S) FOR THIS YEAR.

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:





On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	03/01	1st Sunday in Lent
	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School / Confirmation Class / Advent Study
	11:00am	Worship
	3:00pm	Youth Group -- CLC
	5:00pm	BSA50 -- Room 204
	6:30pm	Advent Study -- Room 211
Mon	03/02	11:30am Social Seniors -- GHH
	12:10pm	Soccer Shots -- CLC
	7:15pm	2x4 Class -- CLC
Tues	03/03	11:30am AA Meeting -- Room 204
	12:30pm	UMW Exec Board -- Room 211
	5:30pm	GSA672 -- Old Kitchen
	7:00pm	COM -- Room 204
Wed	03/04	10:00am AA Meeting -- Room 204
	11:00am	Intercessory Prayer -- Pastor's Office
	5:30pm	Ladies Exercise Class -- CLC
	7:00pm	Good Chimes -- Music Room
	7:15pm	2 x 4 Square Dance Class -- CLC
	7:30pm	AL Anon -- Room 204
Thurs	03/05	9:15am BSFT -- GHH & Classrooms
	9:45am	TLC -- CLC
	10:00am	Visual Arts
	6:00pm	BSA50 -- CLC
	6:30pm	Health & Wellness Committee -- Room 204
	6:45pm	NA Meeting -- Room 204
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir -- Sanctuary & Music Room
Fri	03/06	8:30am Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
	12:30pm	GriefShare -- Room 204
	8:00pm	2 X 4 Dance -- CLC
Sat	03/07	9:00am Ladies Exercise Class -- CLC
	9:30pm	NA -- Room 204



Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever
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Looking forward....

Sun	03/08	2nd Sunday in Lent
	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School / Confirmation Class / Advent Study
	11:00am	Worship
	3:00pm	Youth Group -- CLC
	6:30pm	Advent Study -- Room 211
Mon	03/09	12:10pm Soccer Shots -- CLC
	12:30pm	Staff Meeting -- Workroom
	7:15pm	2x4 Class -- CLC
Tues	03/10	9:50am Advent Study -- Room 204
	11:30am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
	7:00pm Priscilla Circle -- CLC	
	7:00pm	Silent Knights Soaring Society -- Room 224
Wed	03/11	10:00am S & S / Priscilla Circle -- CLC
	10:00am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
	11:00am	Intercessory Prayer -- Pastor's Office
	5:30pm Project Linus -- GHH	
	5:30pm	Ladies Exercise Class -- CLC
	7:00pm	Good Chimes -- Music Room
	7:15pm	2 x 4 Square Dance Class -- CLC
Thurs	03/12	9:15am BSFT -- GHH & Classrooms
	9:45am	TLC -- CLC
	10:00am	Visual Arts
	6:00pm	BSA50 -- CLC
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir -- Sanctuary & Music Room
Fri	03/13	8:30am Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
	12:30pm GriefShare -- Room 204	
	8:00pm	2 X 4 Dance -- CLC
Sat	03/14	9:00am Ladies Exercise Class -- GHH
	9:00am	Preconference Conference -- Connection Community Church
	5:30pm	Chicken & Dumpling Dinner -- CLC
	9:30pm	NA -- Room 204

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 loribrown927@msn.com, or Rick Browne at rbrowne646@gmail.com.



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