

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

March 8, 2020



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



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

*In Loving Memory of Janet Reedy*

*Presented by Curtis Reedy, Sr. and Family*

Welcome Minister:	8:30	Dave Rodeheaver
	11:00	Martha Helojoki
Greeter:	8:30	Virginia Parker
	11:00	Haden Helojoki
Acolyte:	8:30	
	11:00	Ellen Helojoki
Ushers:	8:30	Curtis Reedy and Rick Guretsky
	11:00	Don Grimes and Don Pruden
Worship Leader:	8:30	Ken Zinn
	11:00	Rick Browne
Communion Servers:	8:30	Adele Madden and Marlene Tribbitt
	11:00	Dennis and Nancy Williams

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*“Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven;  
hence she has shown great love.*

*But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” Luke 7:47*

March 8, 2020

8:30 a.m. & 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

Daniel Seymour, Violin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The LORD is our keeper, by day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

\*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 514)

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

WEBB

\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again,  
seeking understanding and the new life it offers.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit illumine our hearts and minds  
so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7:36-50

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

8:30am

“Surrender”

Sharp/Ramsey

Daniel Seymour, violin; Chancel Choir

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give.  
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

I surrender all, All to Him I freely give.  
In His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow.  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine.  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in Thy righteousness.  
Make Thy way plain before my face.

11:00am

Daniel Seymour, violin

#### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

MESSAGE "Come Dine with Jesus: Dinner with Passion"

Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYER HYMN (*UMH* 505) "When our Confidence is Shaken"

alt. tune SICILIAN MARRINERS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### INVITATION

Jesus was the guest at that the table of Simon the Pharisee.

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

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.**

**You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.**

**We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.**

**We justify our actions and words,**

**though we know they are not what you require.**

**We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,**

**preferring old habits to risky change.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,**

**trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

##### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God is for us and not against us!

For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world

not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him.

Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!



**and finally be brought to that table  
where all your saints feast with you forever. Amen.**

DEDICATION OF NEW CARILLON

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
**to sing praises to your name, O Most High,**  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
**and your faithfulness at night,**  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
**to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work,  
**at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

*The carillon is presented to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God  
and for service to this church in loving memory of Gerald F. Lucht.*

Brothers and sisters today is a joyous and happy day for all of us,  
as the new carillon is installed in our church and we have the opportunity  
in this celebration to praise God's name.

Bells have a special place in the life of God's people:  
the peal of bells marks the hours for prayer and calls us to worship;  
bells alert us to important events, both happy and sad,  
in the life of the Church and the community.

Let us, then, participate devoutly in this celebration,  
so that whenever we hear the ringing of the carillon, we will remember  
that we are one family, coming together to show our unity in Christ.

Dedicatory Music from carillon:

Traditional 1 Minute Peal

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Ludwig van Beethoven

Let us pray:

**LORD, from the beginning of time your voice has called to us,  
inviting us to communion with you,  
teaching us the mysteries of your life,  
guiding us on the way to salvation.**

**With silver trumpets Moses summoned Israel to gather as your people.**

**Now you are pleased that in the Church the sound of bells  
should summon your people to prayer.**

**By this blessing accept this carillon into your service.**

**May its voice direct our hearts toward you and prompt us  
to come gladly to this church,  
here to experience the presence of Christ,  
listen to your word,  
offer you our prayers,  
and both in joy and in sorrow be friends to one another.  
We ask this through Christ our LORD. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 98)

"To God be the Glory"

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\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Hear the words of the psalmist.

"The Lord is your keeper.

The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil.

God will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore."

Go with the blessings of God;

God will keep you by sunlight and moonlight;

Christ will encompass you with love;

the Holy Spirit will empower you with new life; now forever. **Amen.**

\*GOING FORTH

"Gavotte"

Pierre Francisque Caroubel

*\*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 **Third Sunday in Lent**, March 15, 2020:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Preaching Scripture for **Third Sunday in Lent**, March 15, 2020:

Luke 9:10-17



## Our Prayers

<p><b>Nicholas Bey</b> Blanche Bogert +++++ Thomas Cooper +++++ Nancy Covert +++++ <b>David</b> <b>Brian Fulton, Jr.</b> <b>Doris Hill</b> Norman Hyett +++++ <b>Francis “Pudd” Jamison</b> Ken Johnson + <b>Georgia Jones</b> Olivia Rose + Evelyn Stehman +++</p>	<p><b>Shirley Vanderpool</b> <b>Alex Ward</b> Chuck Weber +++++ <b>John Zebley III</b> <b>Iris Zebrook</b></p>	<p><u><b>Ongoing Concerns</b></u> Joshua August Barbara Donald Bogert Mary Bowers Roy Brown Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Tom Fort, Jr.</p>	<p>Victoria “Bo” Fulton Kristin Howard &amp; Louise Pierce Denise Reedy Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant</p>
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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!

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### **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"

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**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.

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## *Upcoming Special Services*

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

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

When: *Saturday, March 14*

*5:00 pm takeout's & 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) or Diane Clark (239-6835)*



## WE ARE COLLECTING SOUP...AGAIN

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 March 20<sup>th</sup>. After the Mini-Golf event on March 21, all the donated items for all the holes will be delivered to area community help organizations.

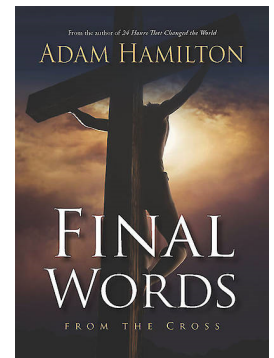
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## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

### *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.

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.



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## ROCK YOUR SOCKS DAY

### March 21

Supports Down Syndrome Association of DE

For a \$2.00 donation, you can purchase a pair of pre-mismatched socks to wear in support of World Down Syndrome Day, ([www.dsadelaware.org](http://www.dsadelaware.org)). Choose a pair of socks from the basket on the table in the narthex and leave your \$2.00 donation in the basket. On March 21 wear your socks to show your awareness and support of the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down Syndrome. Snap a picture of your feet in your RYS socks and post it our Ebenezer Facebook page (Ebenezer UMC Newark) or send picture to Pastor Mary ([eumc\\_pastor@verizon.net](mailto:eumc_pastor@verizon.net)) to post to our FB page.





# 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:**

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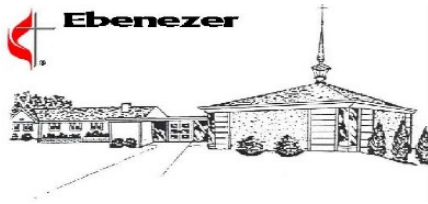
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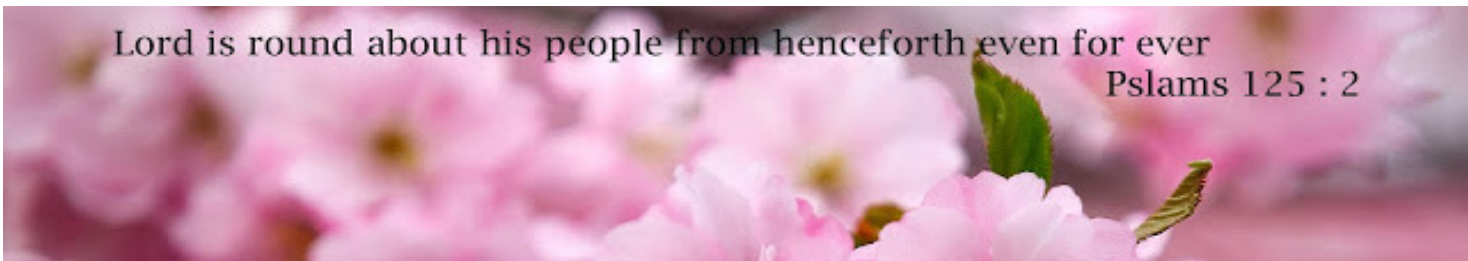
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**On the Calendar, this week....**

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



## Looking forward....

Sun	03/15	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School / Confirmation Class / <b>Lenten Study</b>
	11:00am	Worship
	3:00pm	Youth Group -- CLC
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Lenten Study -- Room 204</b>
Mon	03/16	12:10pm Soccer Shots -- CLC
	7:15pm	2x4 Class -- CLC
Tues	03/17	<b>9:50am Lenten Study -- Room 204</b>
	11:30am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Trustees -- CLC</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Stephen Ministry -- Room 204</b>
Wed	03/18	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
	7:00pm	Soccer Shots -- Ball Field
	7:15pm	2 x 4 Square Dance Class -- CLC
	7:30pm	Al Anon -- Room 204
Thurs	03/19	9:15am BSFT -- GHH & Classrooms
	9:45am	TLC -- CLC
	10:00am	Visual Arts
	6:00pm	BSA50 -- CLC
	6:30pm	Preschool Board -- Preschool
	6:45pm	NA -- GHH & Old Kitchen
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir -- Sanctuary & Music Room
Fri	03/20	8:30am Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>GriefShare -- Room 204</b>
	8:00pm	2 X 4 Dance -- CLC
Sat	03/21	8:00am Bishop Conference Rally
	12:00pm	Preschool Mini Golf Fundraiser -- Skyline Church
	9:30pm	NA -- GHH & Old Kitchen

### 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 [loribrown927@msn.com](mailto:loribrown927@msn.com), or Rick Browne at [rbrowne646@gmail.com](mailto:rbrowne646@gmail.com).



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