

March 2, 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 Loving Memory of Christopher Patterson***

Presented by Wayne and David Patterson

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Guest Organist:	Lilah Knox
Worship Leader:	Jean Harlan
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Delia Parker
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper
Communion Servers:	Susan Durbin and Adele Madden

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

"...Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, the Chosen; listen to him!'"

Luke 9:35

March 2, 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.

CENTERING MUSIC

"The Soul That Thirsts for God"

Paul Taylor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The blessing of God

Rests on our shoulders.

The love of God

Dwells in our hearts.

The word of God

Inflames our speech.

The compassion of God

Stirs us to care.

The mercy and grace of God

Compels us to sing.

The mystery of God

Leads us to worship.

Let us pray.

God of glory and power, pour out your Holy Spirit on us today.

Reveal to us your wisdom and guidance.

Manifest through us your Spirit of glorious grace and love.

**And make your loving presence known to all,
through the ministries of your church. Amen.**

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 185)

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision
with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today.**

Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 9:28-36

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"This Is My Beloved Son"
Chancel Choir

Knut Nystedt

MESSAGE

"Are You Listening to Him?"

Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

The Gideons International

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We serve the Lord with freedom; we worship God with joy.

In freedom and in joy, let us present our tithes, offerings, and our lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

"For Thee I Watch At Break of Day"

Carl Hager

*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

**Glorious God, who reveals the light of your presence, we bring these gifts
as a testament to your transforming power.**

**Jesus was transfigured before his disciples; transform us
to reflect your love and grace.**

**Use these offerings to shine your light in the world, bringing hope and healing.
In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lord Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you

that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love
through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service.

We hear again these wonderful words of God "This is my Son, the Beloved,
listen to him!"

We confess our failure to listen to you because of the influence on our lives
of the gods of this world.

When this happens, our attitudes conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love.

**If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us
from seeing and serving people in need: forgive us, Lord.**

**If we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness:
forgive us, Lord**

If we conceal your truth through our lack of credible witness: forgive us, Lord.

**If we conceal your justice through our failure to empower those
who are powerless: forgive us, Lord.**

**If we conceal your mercy because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes:
forgive us, Lord.**

**If we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance:
forgive us, Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are. This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD AND BLESSING THE CUP

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please join in singing as you wait in the pew and in line to receive Communion, and rejoin in singing as you return to your seat.

(TFWS 2077)

"You Alone are Holy"

QUERÉTARO

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience, that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF SERVICE (TFWS 2173)

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

We have spent this time together in the presence of our Holy God.

As you depart, remember that you are the face of Jesus to everyone you encounter. Live and love as he would.

And may the world be changed because they have met Jesus face to face.

May the glory of the Lord shine upon you,
the Word of the Lord live within you,
and the Spirit of the Lord give you peace.

Amen.

GOING FORTH

"Trusting Jesus, That is All"

Michael Shea

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

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit.††

Scriptures in preparation for **Ash Wednesday**, March 5, 2025:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Lectionary Scriptures for **First Sunday in Lent**, March 9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13



Our Prayers

Lynn Ayars +++ Phil Gardner + Velda Harlan ++++ Barbara Harkins +++ Marie ++++ Mark Kauffman +++	Dennis Lindgren Helen Lynch ++ Carl Pankok Glen Reedy ++++ Tom +++ Erick Weber ++++ Becky Wolfe	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> 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 all Law Enforcement Officers.

**Please remember all who serve our country in the military,
especially pray for those represented by our congregation.**

2025 Confirmation Class

Please remember and support our confirmands throughout their journey with a card or a note (Service of Confirmation will be June 8, 2025).

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.

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| Victoria "Torie" Mullin | 11/02/2010 |
| Alexandria "Ally" Mullin | 03/13/2012 |
| Lucille "Lucy" Merritt | 08/27/2011 |
| Georgia Jones | 06/08/2011 |
| Storm Reedy | 12/10/2010 |



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.”

[In Person Attendance for February 23 – 88.](#)



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 or 302-239-3191.



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

It will be held in the CLC on Tuesday, March 4th,
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!

**DO MORE
DELAWARE 24**

Delaware's Giving Day.

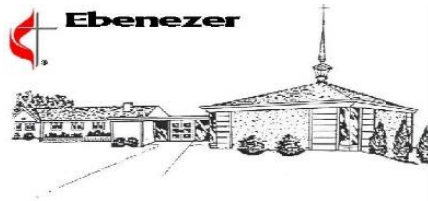
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6 PM - 6 PM

DoMore24Delaware.org

Hope Dining Room has once again joined the annual **DoMore24** campaign. Your donations will help us to continue serving hot lunches to those in need in Newark. Please think of us and plan to help by donating this coming Thursday to Friday, March 6 - 7th from 6PM - 6PM. During this 24 hour period, sign in to the website and make a contribution. We have a benefactor who will match all contributions up to a total of \$6,000. Contact Kathy Gibney at 302-299-7980 for more information.

<https://www.domore24delaware.org>



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	03/02		8th Transfiguration Sunday
		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
		4:00pm	BSA50 – Room 204
Mon	03/03	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		11:30am	Social Seniors - GHH
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Square Dance Class – CLC
Tues	03/04	9:30am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
		12:30pm	UMW Board – Room 211
		5:00pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - CLC
Wed	03/05	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
		7:00pm	Dist. Committee BSA – Room 204
Thurs	03/06	9:30am	BSFT – GHH
		11:45am	Health & Wellness – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 - CLC
Friday	03/07		Youth Rally / Ocean City
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	03/08	9:30am	Delaware Valley Historic Sampler Guild – CLC
		11:00am	Laikos Choir Practice - GHH



Looking forward ...

		1st Sunday in Lent
Sun	03/09	9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Social Hour 11:30am Confirmation Class – Room 204 12:00pm Laikos Church – GHH & classroom 2:00pm Cub Scouts – Pine Wood Derby - CLC
Mon	03/10	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 7:00pm 2 x 4 Square Dance Class – CLC 7:00pm Eagle Scout Boards – Room 204, 211 & Lounge 7:00pm NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	03/11	9:30am Bible Study – Room 204 12:00pm AA Meeting – Room 204 7:00pm Priscilla Circle – CLC 7:00pm Trustees – Room 204
Wed	03/12	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	03/13	9:30am BSFT – GHH 7:00pm BSA50 – CLC 7:00pm NA Meeting - GHH
Friday	03/14	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 7:00pm 2 x 4 Square Dance - CLC
Sat	03/15	3:00pm BSA50 Banquet - CLC 6:30pm NA Meeting - GHH

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 at loribrown927@msn.com



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