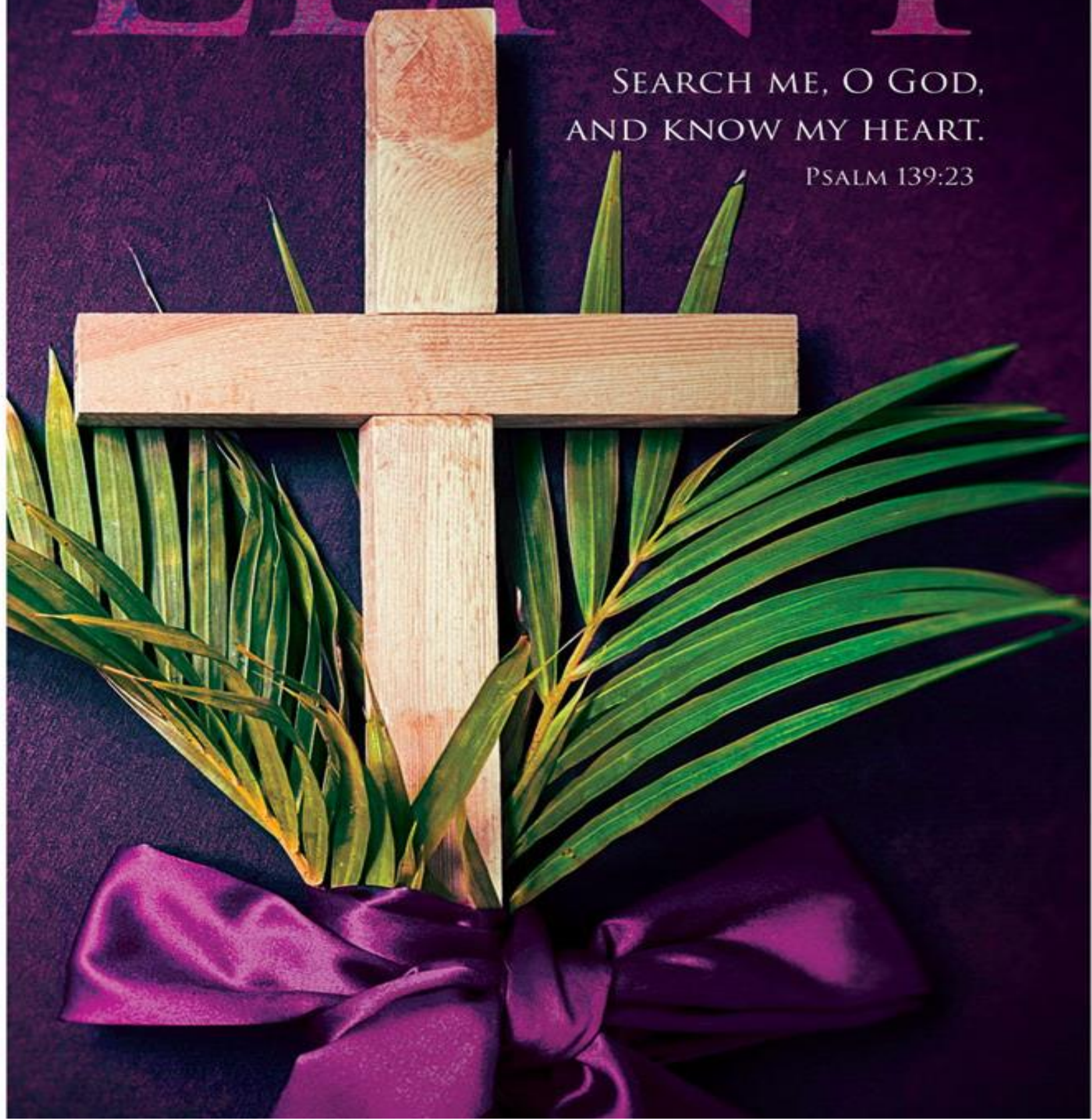


LENT

SEARCH ME, O GOD,
AND KNOW MY HEART.

PSALM 139:23



March 9, 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 Jessie Knowles*

Presented by Terry Hohman

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Guest Violinist:	Leopold Pullella
Worship Leader:	Kathy Zinn
Media Team:	Bill Clark and Rich Johnson
Greeter:	Ann Varey
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes and Dick Graper
Communion Servers:	Connie Miller and Sherri Hodgson

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

"You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.'"

Psalm 91:1-2

March 9, 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 (TFWS 2122) "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

traditional

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength, our companion and guide.

Leaning into this truth helps us find our way through difficult seasons of our lives.

Let us pray:

Holy God, we thank you for this season of Lent, during which you invite us to come, to examine, to confess, to be renewed and healed.

We enter this season eagerly, anticipating that, like Jesus in the wilderness, there are things which need to be lost so that better things may be found.

Grant us courage to set aside easy answers and quick fixes in favor of your word that penetrates and transforms us.

Enable us to see past the immediate satisfaction of our wants

that we may choose instead the eternally fulfilling grace of your presence.

Embolden our faith that we may trust you rather than the false and empty promises of our age.

Thank you for walking this Lenten journey with us.

May we emerge from it prepared to serve you with renewed passion and joy.

Amen.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 117)

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bring your word near to us, O God.

May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to respond your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place;

through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 4:1-13

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace"
Chancel Choir

Larson

MESSAGE

"Steadfast Love: Rescue Me"

Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As the ancient Hebrews were called to offer the first fruit of the harvest,
so we are called to offer our gifts of gratitude to God.

May God move in our hearts and minds, as we give generously, gratefully, and joyfully.

OFFERTORY (*UMH* 368)

"My Hope is Built"

Mote & Bradbury

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 95)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives,
as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence.**

**In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation
and guide us to live in community with love and grace.**

**May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion
that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ.**

**Empower us to rise together, supporting one another
on this journey of faith and transformation.**

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive when we fail to trust in you.

**We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words
of our own.**

**We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us
and upon the world.**

**In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity
you intend.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Do not let us be put to shame, O God.

Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

*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 2269)

"Come, Share the Lord"

DIVERNON

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 269) "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

LAND OF REST

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Beloved, you—*you*—who live in the shelter of the Most High
and abide in the shadow of the Almighty—will find in God your refuge and fortress.
Go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters you and rescues you,
that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another.

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

"Una Furtiva Lagrima"

A Furtive Sorrow by Donizetti

Please remain seated until the GOING FORTH is concluded.

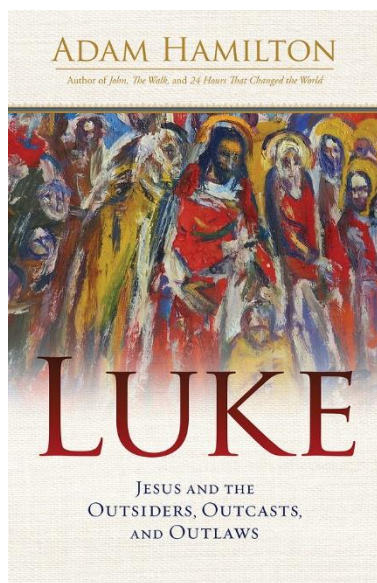
Following the service, all are welcome to join in a time of fellowship and snacks at Social Hour in the Christian Life Center.

**please stand, in body or spirit*
bold text indicates congregation response

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 **Second Sunday in Lent**, March 16, 2025
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws

Tuesdays,
March 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15
9:45 – 10:50 am

Save the date

May 3rd





Our Prayers

Lynn Ayars ++++	Dennis Lindgren +	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u>	Jeanette Jarrell
Tom Carpenter	Helen Lynch +++	Rev. Mary Browne	Kristin
Phil Gardner ++	Carl Pankok +	Rick Browne	Gary Pierce
Barbara Harkins ++++	Tom ++++	Judy Crescenzo	Denise Reedy
Mark Kauffman ++++	Becky Wolfe +	Pat Grimes	Joyce Simpson
		Delia Irwin	Zach Trexler
			Alex Wiant

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

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.

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

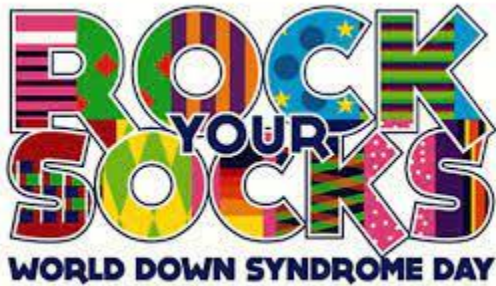
Max Lucado

“Unshakeable Hope, Building our Lives on the Promise of God.”

In Person Attendance for March 2 – 83.



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.



March 21st

Thank you for supporting World Down Syndrome Day and the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware! You are helping to promote

awareness and celebrate people with Down syndrome. Through quality educational programs, good health care, and positive support from family, friends and the community, people with Down syndrome are able to achieve their full potential and lead fulfilling lives. This event also brings awareness to people with all disabilities.



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 Thursday, April 10th(no late orders can be accepted). The cost of each plant is \$12.00.

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 donate \$ _____ to Family Promise.

Check enclosed _____ Cash enclosed _____ Envelope Number _____

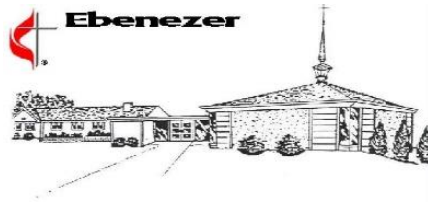
PLEASE PRINT DEDICATION(S) FOR THIS YEAR.

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:





On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	03/09		1st Sunday in Lent
		9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship Service
		11:00am	Social Hour
		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
		11:00am	Stephen Ministry – Confirmation Room
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room 204
		6:00pm	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

**Being an ADULT
is pretty easy,
you just feel tired all the time
and tell people about
how tired you are
and they tell you
how tired they are.**

Looking forward ...

		2nd Sunday in Lent
Sun	03/16	9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Social Hour 11:30am Confirmation Class – Room 204 12:00pm Laikos Church – GHH & classroom 3:00pm Youth Group - CLC
Mon	03/17	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 7:00pm 2 x 4 Square Dance Class – CLC 7:00pm NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	03/18	9:30am Bible Study – Room 204 12:00pm AA Meeting – Room 204
Wed	03/19	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 10:00am Chancel Choir – Music Room 4:00pm Project Linus - GHH 6:15pm Good Chimes – Music Room 7:00pm 2 x 4 Class – CLC
Thurs	03/20	9:30am BSFT – GHH 7:00pm BSA50 – CLC 7:00pm NA Meeting - GHH
Friday	03/21	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 6:00pm Private Event - CLC
Sat	03/22	11:00am Laikos Choir Practice - GHH 5:00pm Take out Orders/Chicken & Dumplings 5:30pm Chicken & Dumpling Dinner - 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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