

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

May 12, 2019



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



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

*In Loving Memory of Peggy Case.
Presented by Ron Case and Family*

*In Honor of all Mothers at Ebenezer
Presented by The Church*

Welcome Ministers:	8:30	Virginia Parker and Joyce Simpson
	11:00	John and Linda Stapleford
Greeters:	8:30	Becky Wolfe and Doris Jarrell
	11:00	Laird Logue and Deb August
Ushers:	8:30	Curtis Reedy and Rick Guretsky
	11:00	William Broelmann and Don Grimes
Worship Leaders:	8:30	Pam Connelly
	11:00	Rick Browne
Acolyte:	8:30	Charlotte Jones
	11:00	Arabella Brownlee

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"[Jesus said], "The works that I do in my Father's name
testify to me; but you do not believe,
because you do not belong to my sheep.
My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me." John 10:25b-27*

May 12, 2019

8:30 & 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 you being with us today.

CENTERING MUSIC

"Air 1"

G. F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life;

We come with joy, knowing in Christ

we have eternal life!

We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit

is alive among us! Amen!

*PRAISE HYMN (*UMH 306*)

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

VICTORY

MISSION MOMENT

Annual Conference Offerings

Dennis Williams

Lay Representative to Annual Conference

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

As we listen to the reading and preaching

of your Word, Holy God,

impart to us the message that will give us

new life this day so that we may love

and serve you with our whole hearts. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Act 9:36-43

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

(11:00)

"Come Follow Me Forever"

Patrick M. Liebergen

"Come follow me forever," I heard the Lord proclaim
We sing with joy together and praise God's holy name.

Lift high in adoration a song to God above.

Let all in this creation receive God's peace and love.

He said, "Come follow me, and I will set you free."
He said, "Come follow me for all eternity."
He said, "Come follow me, rest in God above."
He said, "Come follow me, come live in peace and love.

O bless the Lord with singing, come fill you heart with grace.
A joyful song is ringing, that we may see His face.
All join the celebration to God our voices raise.
We pray for our salvation and offer hymns of praise.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

(8:30) *Children K – 3rd grade may leave for Kids Own Worship
in Goodley Helms Hall.*

MESSAGE "An Amazing Imitation" Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYER SONG (UMH 474) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" PRECIOUS LORD

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

As we give of ourselves and share God's gifts freely with others,
we give blessing and honor to our God.
Let us give God glory as we receive this morning's tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY (UMH 136) "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" CRIMOND

(11:00) "Open Hearts"
Soloist - Sharon Keeler

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH

*OFFERING PRAYER (*unison*)

**Gracious and loving God,
all of your works,
all that you have done for us,
testify to your love.
You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may all that we do and all that we are
testify to your amazing care and compassion.
In gratitude and love, we offer ourselves to you. Amen.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 140) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING (*responsive*)

Go forth to follow paths of righteousness;
go forth to follow paths of peace;
and may God's goodness and mercy follow you
as you serve the risen Lord.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Amen.**

*GOING FORTH

"Rondeau "

Joseph Mouret

**please stand, as you are able*

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. ††

Scriptures in preparation for the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**, May 19, 2019:

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35



Our Prayers

D.J. Bogert +++ Fredericka Crossan ++ Dylan + Norman Hyett +++ Debbie McDowell Tom Vati +++ Neal & Shirley Vanderpool ++ Dennis Williams ++ Bill & Doris Winkelman +++		<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Joshua August Leta Bachman Barbara Donald Bogert Mary Bowers Roy Brown Ruth Dore Tom Fort, Jr	Victoria Fulton Dot Godwin Kristin Howard & Louise Pierce Curtis Reedy Denise Reedy Haley Richart Zach Trexler Josh Vible 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 family and friends of Mabel Madden.

Please pray for family and friends of Rev. Willard Robinson.

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)
Joy & Robert Vargas	(Paraguay)
Sue Givens	(Paraguay)
Jacquea Akasa Umembudi	(Congo)
Valentine Shutsha	(Congo)
Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)

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	"In the Dust of the Rabbi" by Ray Vander Laan
"F.I.S.H"	Room 204	"The New Testament You Never Knew"
The "Hill Toppers"	Room with a view	"A Life Well Lived: Discovering the Rewards of an Obedient Heart"

Confirmation Class! Please remember our Confirmation Class with your cards and notes. It means so much to them. No need to for postage, just bring them to church on Sundays. You can give them to Elaine Williams or leave them in the office or Education Mail Box. This year's confirmands are: **Jack Bowdoin: 6/13/05, Olivia Ormsby: 2/10/05 and Haden Helojoki: 8/19/05.** Thanking you ahead of time. Blessings!



Vacation Bible School ***June 17 - 21, 9 a.m. - 12 noon***



Registration forms are available in the Narthex or can be printed from this link: <https://www.ebenezerumcnewark.org>.

Registrations must be received by Sunday, June 2.

VBS is for voyagers ages 4 through 11 (or completed 5th grade). Youth who have completed 6th grade or higher should sign up as volunteer star guides using the volunteer registration form.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of a joint VBS between Ebenezer and our friends at Resurrection Parish. If you have any memories of those early years or can help us add to the little bit of history we've found about this important joint ministry, please let us know!

We still need clean, empty frosting containers and old CDs for VBS crafts. Thank you!

Attention Graduates! If you or someone in your family is graduating from High School or College this spring please contact the church office and let us know the graduate's name, school graduating from and future plans. We will be honoring our graduates on Education Sunday.





Join us at the

Church Picnic!

Church-wide Picnic

“Celebrate the Season”

May 19, 12:15 p.m.

Goodley Helms Hall (GHH) & Back yard of church

EVERYONE is invited to this church-wide (not just Sunday school) picnic as we stand at a crossroads of sorts – nearing the end of the liturgical year we refer to as “holy time” (Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost) and preparing to enter the season of Ordinary Time.

Why not take the opportunity to spend time joining in the fellowship and fun of eating and relaxing together? The Education Committee will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and beverages; **please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.** Woodside Dairy will be here scooping ice cream. We will have 3 inflatables kid - bouncy house, a double skeet-ball game, and a double slide; Jungle John will be here with a collection of his fabulous animals.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

Its official....Ebenezer UMC Holy Walkamolies are back in action!

Why Run When You Can Guac



Holy Walkamolies

Join us for this annual event on **June 8th at 9am at Frawley Stadium** to benefit nonprofits in our area!

Last year we had several Holy Walkamolies come out and show their support for **Family Promise of Northern New Castle County.**

Join us this year to show your support. please check out the website at www.walkforahealthycommunity.org If you cannot attend the event but would like to donate, you can do so on the website or you can leave a check payable to **Family Promise** in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Garnet, or the church office. Thanks so much!

Join us for a Friendly's Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 14th from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the Lantana Square Friendly's. Ten percent of all dine in and carry out purchases during this time will benefit the Ebenezer United Methodist Education and VBS. Hope to see you there! So that we get credit for your purchase, please show your server a flyer.



Thank you for your support!!!

Flyers available on table in Narthex!



Fill a Bottle / Deliver Hope.

Every year, you, and many like you, unite to support women and babies who seek resources, help, and guidance at A Door of Hope. Today, you are among thousands of people across Delaware, who are invited to join

the Baby Bottle Benefit for ADOH. You may know, that all kinds of women come to A Door of Hope with all kinds of pregnancy concerns. Sometimes their concerns are complicated by poverty, neglect, addiction, and abuse. Sometimes the women can't imagine how they can have their babies. And that's why they need A Door of Hope. These mothers come to a pregnancy resource center for help and answers. They come knowing a pregnancy test or ultrasound is given for free. They find answers about their options and resources to help them keep their babies. They learn how to be good mothers. They come and earn things they need for their babies—like diapers, formula, clothes, strollers, car seats, and pack 'n plays. And they ask questions about everything—including questions about God.

All of these services are offered free of charge. Without you, these services aren't possible.

Will you help A Door of Hope, so they can help mothers, fathers, children, and families? Simply take a bottle like this and fill it generously with bills, coins, and checks in the next few weeks, and then return it as directed.

When you fill a bottle, you deliver hope to those who need it most.

We will be collecting bottles from Mother's Day through Father's Day.



Join us for a
Tierra Mexi-Cali Grill
Fundraiser on
 Wednesday, **May 29th**
 from **4:00 to 8:00pm** at
 the Pike Creek Shopping
 Center. Ten percent of all
 dine-in and carry-out
 purchases during this time



will **benefit the Ebenezer Red Bird Mission trip** in August. You can place your carry-out order online (tierramexicali.com) so it will be ready for you when you arrive. Hope to see you there! So that we get credit for your purchase, please show your server a flyer with both dine-in and carry-out orders.
 Thank you for your support!!!

Tierra Mexi-Cali Grill
 4710 Limestone Road
 Wilmington, DE 19808
 302-384-6657

235th SESSION
PENINSULA-DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, May 30 – Saturday, June 1
 Chase Center, Wilmington Riverfront

This year, Annual Conference is being held close to home; visitors are welcome to participate in worship and observe the plenary sessions. There will be seats at the back of the Conference meeting area. You will also be able to livestream AC using this link:
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/UeZ66hbsgjr>

The link is listed on the front page of the church’s website.
 In next Sunday’s bulletin, there will be a listing of the times of the worship services and plenary sessions.

Thursday, May 30
 1:30 p.m. – Opening Worship
 & Plenary Session
 6:30 p.m. – Plenary Session

Saturday, June 1
 8:30 a.m. – Plenary Session
 10:30 a.m. – Service of Remembrance

Friday, May 31
 8:30 a.m. – Plenary Session & Teaching Sessions
 1:30 p.m. – Plenary Session
 7:00 p.m. – Ordination Service

Missions Update



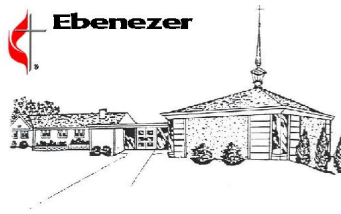
KENTUCKY REMINDER!! Is God calling you to do mission? Don't forget to fill out an application (in Mission mailbox by church office) for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky for mission trip August 10th to 17th. Skyline Church is joining us, but we need Ebenezer folks too! Your Mission application is **due in the Mission mailbox by May 18th** with a \$50 check attached. So, come experience God's power in Mission! Contact Linda Heller at (302)388 with any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND help the Christiana **HUB** UMC (near Boscov's) pack emergency preparedness kits June 8th from 10am to noon. The need is great and is fun to work with youth and adults from other churches!



The Priscilla Circle would like to Thank all the women who came to the Pound Auction to benefit our two boys, who we sponsor yearly, to have a better opportunity to an education. We are pleased to announce that we made \$1230.00, which is enough to sponsor both boys. Thank you for the laughs, the tears of joy, the delicious food, and the wonderful fellowship and some surprising "Bags!"

Hope to see you next YEAR!



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	05/12	4th Sunday of Easter/ Happy Mother's Day
	8:30am	Worship Service
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship Service
	3:00pm	G3 -- CLC, Youth Room & GHH
Mon	05/13	Rev. Browne/Away for Continuing Education this Week
	12:00pm	Naomi Circle -- Room 204
	12:10pm	Soccer Shots -- CLC
	5:30pm	Slim Sculpt Class -- CLC
	5:45pm	GS Troop 672 -- GHH
	6:30pm	4 - H -- Old Kitchen
	7:15pm	2x4 Square Dance Classes -- CLC
Tues	05/14	10:00am
		Preschool Music -- GHH
	11:30am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
	5:00pm	Friendly's Ice Cream Fundraiser
	7:00pm	Priscilla Circle -- CLC
	7:00pm	Trustees -- Room 204
Wed	05/15	Preschool Field Day
	10:00am	S&S Circle -- Room 211
	10:00am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
	12:30pm	Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
	5:30pm	Slim Sculpt Class -- CLC
	6:00pm	Soccer Shots -- Ball Field
	7:00pm	Meeting House Hill Homeowners -- GHH
	7:15pm	2x4 Square Dance Class -- CLC
	7:30pm	Al Anon -- Room 204
Thurs	05/16	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	05/17	8:30am
		Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
	12:30pm	Grief Share -- Room 204
	8:00pm	2 x 4 Square Dancing -- CLC
Sat	05/18	3:00pm
		Private Event -- GHH
	9:30pm	NA Meeting -- GHH & Old Kitchen

Looking Ahead!

Sun	05/19		5th Sunday of Easter
		8:30am	Worship Service
		9:45am	Sunday School
		11:00am	Worship Service
		12:00pm	Education Picnic -- Outside & GHH
		2:00pm	Private Event -- CLC
Mon	05/20	12:30pm	Staff Meeting -- Workroom
		5:30pm	Slim Sculpt Class -- CLC
		5:45pm	GS Troop 672 -- GHH
		7:15pm	2x4 Square Dance Classes -- CLC
Tues	05/21	9:55am	Bible Study -- Room 204
		11:30am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
		7:00pm	Stephen Ministry -- Room 204
Wed	05/22	9:00am	Preschool Graduation Practice
		10:00am	AA Meeting -- Room 204
		11:00am	Intercessory Prayer -- Pastor's Office
		12:30pm	Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
		5:30pm	Slim Sculpt Class-- CLC
		7:15pm	2x4 Square Dance Class -- CLC
		7:30pm	Al Anon -- Room 204
Thurs	05/23	9:00am	Preschool Graduation Practice
		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	05/24	8:30am	Daybreak Counseling -- Lounge
		9:30am	Preschool Graduation -- Sanctuary & CLC
		12:30pm	GriefShare -- Room 204
		8:00pm	2 x 4 Square Dancing -- CLC
Sat	05/25	9:30pm	NA Meeting -- GHH & Old Kitchen



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.



All our members, ministers
 Rev. Mary H. Browne, Senior Pastor
 contact @ eumc_pastor@verizon.net
 Robert Rudolph, Music Director
 contact @ eumc_music@aol.com
 Calvin Keeler, Sr., Minister of Visitation
 Megan Burns, Preschool Director
 Megan & Mike Jones, Youth Ministry
 Carol Coney, Administrative Assistant
 Jackie Scott, Facilities Manager
 Church email: NewarkEbenezerUMC@verizon.net
 Phone: 302-731-9495