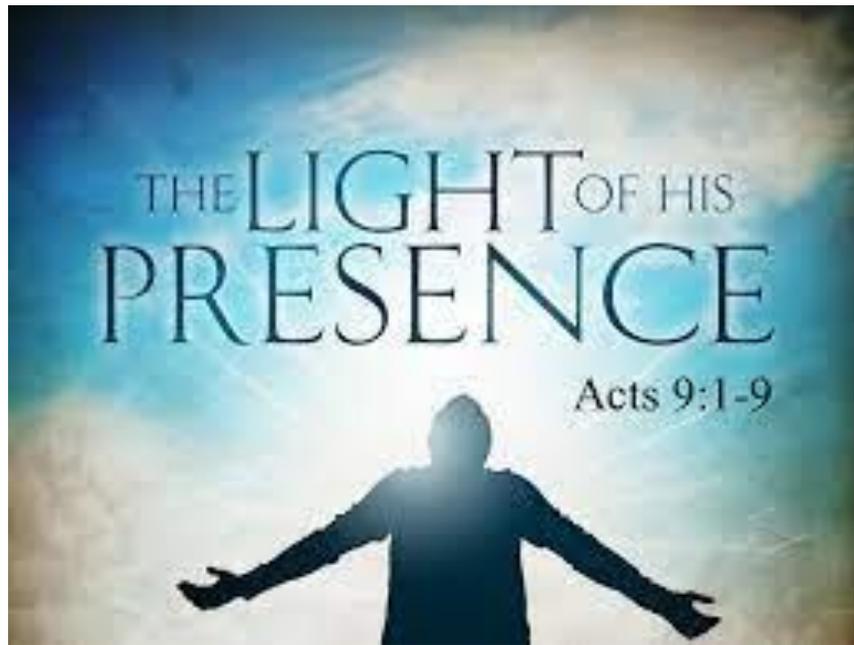


Ebenezer United Methodist Church

May 1, 2022



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation*



The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

In Loving Memory of my Mother and my wife Valerie's Mother

Presented by Dave and Valerie Rodeheaver

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Director of Music:	Mr. F. Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Stacy Gates
Media Team:	Richard Browne, Bill Clark, Reed Williams
Greeter:	Sherry Hodgson
Ushers:	Don Grimes and Don Pruden
Communion Servers:	Susan Durbin and Brooksie Pruden

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’” Acts 9:3-5a

May 1, 2022

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

GREETING AND 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 your presence with us today.

CENTERING MUSIC

“Largo”

Edward Elgar

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 30

Give praise to the Lord our God, you people of faith.

We cried to God for help and God answered us.

Give praise to the One who has restored our lives.

We praise God for God has rescued us from the grave.

Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.

Praise God, who clothes us with joy.

Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!

We give thanks to our God, today and always.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 369)

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight,
that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 9:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

MESSAGE

“We Are Witnesses: Who Are You, Lord”

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (UMH 389)

“Freely, Freely”

FREELY, FREELY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Improvisation on Aberystwyth”

Hal H. Hopson

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (UMH 94)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.
Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise and use them
for your glory and the good of your people;
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"A Place at the Table"
Chancel Choir

Lori True

Choir:

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star over head.

**Congregational Refrain:
And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy,
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice, and joy.**

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding to share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. **Refrain**

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong. **Refrain**

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. **Refrain**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew
to be in communion with one another and with the risen Christ.

**We come, ready to partake of bread and cup;
ready to commune with one another and with the living God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ,
but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, and
responding to people's needs.**

**We can dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Sunday,
but the days following the Day of Resurrection cause us to slip back
into apathy or despair.**

**Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries
that we ignore the needs of others around us.**

Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us.

Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing!

**Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping,
voices for praising you forever! Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

God is at work, transforming our sorrow, giving us hope for a new day.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness and love and peace through Christ,
let us also share that grace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Rejoice and be glad. **We praise God with joy.**

Thanks be to God. **We thank God with our whole heart.**

Sanctus

...And so, we join all creation as we sing praise to you:

Worthy is our God and worthy is Jesus Christ!

Power and might be yours!

Wisdom and honor be yours!

Glory and blessing be yours!

Amen and amen. Now and forever. Amen.

Memorial Acclamation

...And so, we offer our very selves, with glad and grateful hearts,
as we proclaim this mystery:

Christ was with us from the beginning.

Christ is with us today.

Christ will be with us until the end of time.

Great Amen

...All praise is yours, now and forever.

Amen.

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 (UMH 634) "Now Let Us from This Table Rise"
DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
*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.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give thanks that through Christ, we live in your favor.

**We give thanks that through Christ, we come to the table of grace
partaking heavenly food and the gift of salvation.**

Like the great company of witnesses who came to this table before us,
we are filled with gratitude and joy for your many blessings.

**We come before you in praise and thanksgiving, as we commit ourselves again
as members of the living body of Christ.**

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 322) "Up from the Grave He Arose" CHRIST AROSE

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth from this place with your eyes wide open as you journey into the wider world.
Love God and see Christ in each person you meet.

Give thanks always and do not withhold love from any, for we do not know
who may yet turn to the light.

May God, who comes to us in the things of this world, bless your eyes
and be in your seeing.

May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love, bless your eyes
and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be, bless your eyes
and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three bless your eyes and cause you to see.

Sung Amen (UMH 898)

DANISH

GOING FORTH "Now thank we all our God" J. S. Bach
We ask that you remain seated until the GOING FORTH is concluded

*All are welcome to a time of fellowship and refreshment at Social Hour
in the Christian Life Center.*

**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 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, May 8, 2022:

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30



As we celebrate Holy Communion, the offering plates at the front of the center aisle are there to receive your gift to the pastor's discretionary account used to help members of our community with utility, rent, food, and other appropriate expense assistance.

Our Prayers



Chuck Armstrong + Bernie August ++++ Deb August ++++ Charlotte Eward +++	John +++ Jorie Peacock ++++ Susan Russell Kathy Siple Evelyn Stehman +++ Elaine Williams +++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Barbara Anna Marie Beasom Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Ron Case Marge Clark Judy Crescenzo Lois Hall	Ken Johnson Kristin Gary Pierce Robert Pierce Curtis Reedy Denise Reedy Olivia Richart Louis Simmons 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 the family and friends of Michele Cooper (Sandy Berk's daughter).

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.**

2022 Confirmation Class

Please remember and support our confirmands throughout their journey with a card or a note. They appreciate the love and encouragement from their faith family.

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

Brianna Dempsey, 07/17/2009
1019 Corner Ketch Road, Newark, DE. 19711

Charlotte Jones, 07/21/2008
3429 Mc Ginnes Road, Millington, MD. 21651



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 (\$50/Sunday), please contact Carol in the church office at 731-9495. Thank you!

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

Blood Pressure Checks available in the CLC today.



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 in the spring.

Save the Date
VBS Food Truck Party
July 11 – 15 (Note new date!)
9 a.m. – 12 noon

Children ages 4 – 11 (or completed 5th grade)

Register and apply to volunteer between

April 9 and July 1

Forms are available in church or on our website



A festival of music composed especially for handbells.



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Through the years, the Wilmington Handbell Ensemble has shared with their audiences arrangements for handbell ensemble from many musical genres: opera, classical music, marches, movie & TV themes, rock & roll. But now it's time to get back to the basics! WHE will play our favorite compositions written specifically for an advanced handbell ensemble. Prepare to be wowed, moved and inspired. Prepare to clap your hands and stomp your feet! Prepare to hear something new! Remember, at one time all music was new.



Sunday, May 1 - 4:00 PM

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
503 Duncan Road (off Philadelphia Pike)
Wilmington, DE 19809

Saturday, May 14 - 4:00 PM

Ebenezer UMC *
525 Polly Drummond Road
Newark, DE 19711

*Livestreamed:
www.ebenezermcn Newark.org

Sunday, May 15 - 3:00 PM

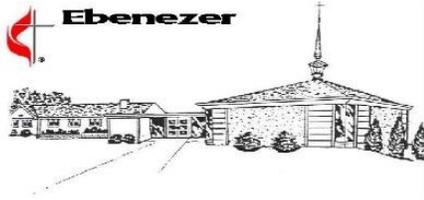
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Presbyterian Village
Private Concert
7 East Locust St.
Oxford, PA 18963

Sunday, June 12 - 3:00 PM

Newark UMC Newark UMC
With Genesis Ringers &
First State Ringers
69 East Main St.
Newark, DE 19711

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble (WHE) is the only community-based handbell ensemble in the Wilmington, Delaware area. We have two CD's for sale for your listening pleasure, "A Little Bit of Christmas" and "Theme Songs to Ring By". Both are available for purchase at our concerts.

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble is a sponsored ministry of St. Paul's United Methodist Church



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	5/01	3rd Sunday of Easter Family Promise Week 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Social Hour 3:00pm Youth Group 5:30pm BSA50 – Room 204 7:00pm BSA50 – Library & Classrooms
Mon	5/02	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 11:30am Social Seniors - GHH 7:00pm Square Dance Class – CLC 7:00pm NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	5/03	9:30am Bible Study – Room 204 12:00pm AA Meeting - Room 204 12:30pm UMW Exec. Board – Room 211
Wed	5/04	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 10:00am Chancel Choir – Sanctuary 5:30pm Exercise Class – CLC 6:30pm Good Chimes – Music Room 7:00pm Square Dance Class – CLC
Thurs	5/05	9:30am BSFT/Luncheon – GHH & Classrooms 11:45am Health & Wellness – Room 204 6:00pm BSA50 – CLC 7:00pm NA – GHH & Old Kitchen
Friday	5/06	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	5/07	6:30pm NA Meeting – GHH & Old Kitchen



Looking forward....

Sun	5/08	4th Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Social Hour
Mon	5/09	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 7:00pm Square Dance Class – CLC 7:00pm NA Meeting – GHH
Tues	5/10	9:30am Bible Study – Room 204 12:00pm AA Meeting - Room 204 7:00pm Priscilla Circle – CLC 7:00pm Trustees – Room 204
Wed	5/11	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204 10:00am Chancel Choir – Sanctuary 11:15am S&S/Naomi Circle - CLC 5:30pm Project Linus - GHH 5:30pm Exercise Class – CLC 6:15pm Finance Comm – Room 204 6:30pm Good Chimes – Music Room 7:00pm Square Dance Class – CLC
Thurs	5/12	6:00pm BSA50 – CLC 7:00pm NA – GHH & Old Kitchen
Friday	5/13	10:00am AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	5/14	6:30pm 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.

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