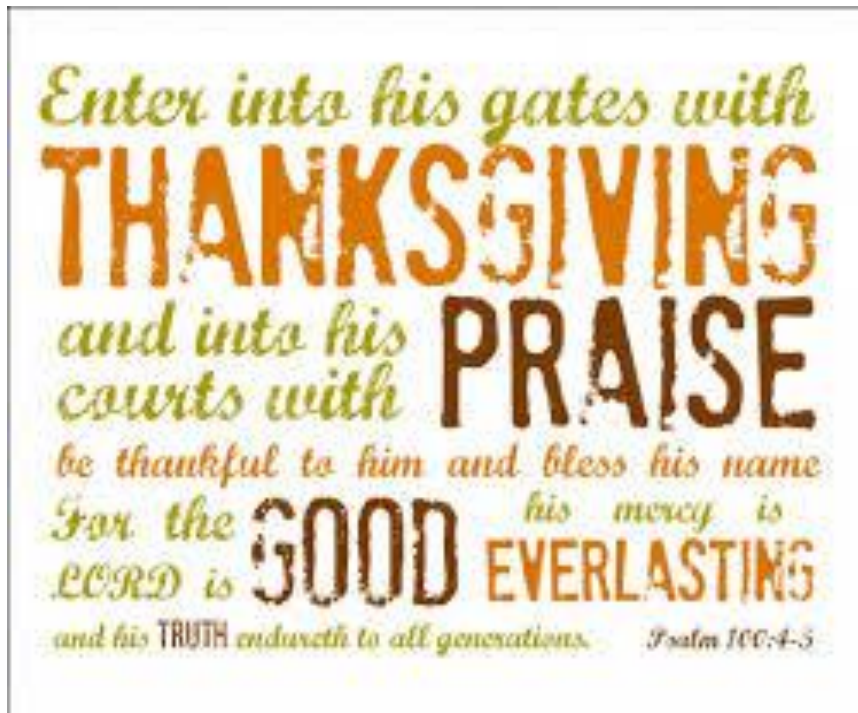


May 3, 2026

Ebenezer United Methodist Church



Ebenezer United Methodist Church is Stephen Ministry Congregation

***The Flowers today are presented to
the Glory of God and***

***In Honor of Robby and Shane, my Grandsons and
my great Grandson sons, Jaxson and Weston***

Presented by Ginny Parker (Ge)

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Jean Harlan
Media Team:	Bill Clark
Greeter:	Adele Madden
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper
Communion Servers:	Donna Dennis and Susan Durbin

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations."
Psalm 100:4-5*

May 3, 2026

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

"Holy Ground"

Davis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Savior who redeems us and teaches us to boldly love one another
as God loves us.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples
of Jesus Christ.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

**We come to worship God by boldly loving and joyfully serving, that we may be
disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world.**

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 60) "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" Watts/Greiter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, as we listen to your Holy Word, open our hearts to the power
of your Spirit, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 100

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 4:8-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Day by Day"
Good Chimes with Piano

Ahnfelt, arr. Eithum

MESSAGE

"Redefining Greatness"

Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Friends, God has made us in the divine image, and we are God's people.
God's love and faithfulness continues through all generations.
Let us give generously from our common wealth, as our way of praising God
and giving to those in need.

OFFERTORY

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Good Chimes

Alan Lohr

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (UMH 94) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Joyful God of Every Good Gift, you call us to serve with glad hearts,
to offer what we have with joy, and to love one another deeply,
because love covers a multitude of sins.**

Receive these gifts as acts of praise.

**Use them to build up the body, to speak your truth with grace,
and to serve other with strength not our own.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess
that we have not obeyed your word.**

**We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful
in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments;
through gossip we have slandered our friends.**

Forgive us our sins and led us to genuine repentance.

**Help you children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow
into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though we wander, God searches us out:

God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer.

Receive this good news; God pardons our sin and frees us to boldly love
and joyfully serve our neighbor.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.*

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lord of Forever"
Chancel Choir with Piano

Harlan/Grussaute

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

**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.

In the name of the one who serves with us. Amen.

*HYMN OF SERVICE (UMH 411)

"Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day"

Phillipine Folk Melody arr. Asuncion

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Beloved, remember, by his life, death, and resurrection,

Jesus demonstrated that the love of power can be transformed by the power of love.

Go in the power of the Holy Spirit, seeking to serve others

as willingly as Jesus did.

May the joy of God surround you and sustain you, flowing through you into joyful service as you boldly share the love of God with all creation. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH

"My Friend, Jesus"
Good Chimes

Tammy Waldrop

Please remain seated until the GOING FORTH is concluded.

**please stand, as you are able*

bold text indicates congregation response

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

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

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, May 10, 2026:

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Scripture Readings for Worship, May 10, 2026:

Joshua 1:5-9; Ephesians 6:10-18

*What to learn how to make Scandinavian Star
Ornaments? Julia Hofer is willing
to teach us. Please let church
office know if you are interested.
We are scheduled for Saturday,
June 6th at 10:00am in our CLC.*





Our Prayers

Deb August + Tom Crescenzo ++ Brian Fulton ++ Evelyn Ann Gebhart +++ Rick Guretsky	Moonyeen Klopfenstein ++ Marybeth Miller ++++ McKenna Mullin +++ Ann Varey + Shirley Vanderpool + Glen Walther ++++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Rick Browne Judy Crescenzo Delia Irwin Helen Lynch Ginny Parker	Gary Pierce Denise Reedy Paul Roberts Joyce Simpson Zach Trexler 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 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)	

Please pick up your 2026 Giving Envelopes in Room 211.



Attention Graduates! If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring please contact the church office and let us know the graduates name, school graduating from and future plans.



Pecans

New crop pecans are available for sale!

\$13 Pecan Pieces

\$16 Mammoth Pecan Halves

See Carol in the Church office or contact Diana Bienkowski
dianab6@verizon.net 302-463-1653

Payment by check to Ebenezer United Methodist Women or correct cash amount would be appreciated. Thank you for supporting the United Methodist Women!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to sponsor altar flowers the cost is \$55 per Sunday, please contact Carol in the church office at 731-9495 to sponsor flowers.
Thank you!

Sunday School Classes at Ebenezer, classes start at 9:00am.

Faith Class

Lounge

“Help Is Here”

Max Lucado

In Person Attendance for April 26th – 81.

As Pastor Mary and Rick’s time with us is drawing to an end, we have scheduled a potluck lunch and a time of fellowship and laughter to send them on to the next chapter of their story. The luncheon will be after her last service with us on June 28th. The United Methodist Women will be preparing the entrees, drinks and desserts. There are sign-up sheets available in the Narthex, and we are asking for volunteers to bring side dishes and salads. **No Desserts!** Please join us!

There will be no Social Hour on May 10th.

Join us for an Outback Fundraiser on **Monday, May 18th from 12:00 noon to 7:00pm.** Fifteen percent of all dine in meals during this time

will **benefit the Ebenezer UMC Vacation Bible School.** Hope to see you there! So that we get credit for your purchase, please give your server this flyer.

Thank you for your support!!!

Outback Steakhouse

27 Possum Park

Newark, DE 19711





HOUSES OF HOPE TOUR

BENEFITING HOPE DINING ROOM

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
NOON – 4:00

VISIT SIX CHURCHES WHO SERVE AT HOPE DINING ROOM. LEARN INTERESTING FACTS – HISTORY, ARCHITECTURE, STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, COMMUNITY GARDEN, LABYRINTH WALK, RESALE SHOP, RECIPES AND MORE.

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15

- *KINGSWOOD UMC - 300 MARROWS ROAD - REGISTRATION & MAP**
 - *CALVARY BAPTIST - 215 E. DELAWARE AVENUE**
 - *EBENEZER UMC - 525 POLLY DRUMMOND HILL ROAD**
 - *NEW ARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - 300 E. MAIN STREET**
 - *NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST - 91 SALEM CHURCH ROAD**
 - *NEWARK FRIENDS (DISPLAY TABLE AT KINGSWOOD)**
 - *ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST R.C. - 200 E. MAIN STREET**
 - *ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL - 276 S. COLLEGE AVENUE**
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*See website for details: <https://hopediningroom.org>



**Tour Website will be available on April 1st*

Vacation Bible School Road Trip

June 22 – 26



Get Ready for an ice-cold summer adventure, packed with cool winter activities

Wear your mittens and come sliding in! Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) adventure, "**Snowball Mountain Challenge,**" is skiing in on **June 22nd through June 26th** but we cannot have an adventure without YOU!

To volunteer or register your child, please contact the church office or send us an email.

Church office is at 302-731-9495 Ext 10

Send emails to: NewarkEbenezerUMC@verizon.net

All aboard for faith, fun, and fellowship!

NISO

Newark Symphony Orchestra
Simeone Taraglione, Music Director

25 26

SEASON

our
59th
season

May 17
3pm

Spring Symphony Concert

Featuring the 2025 Youth
Concerto Competition
Winner, Abigail G. Walton.

The Independence School
1300 Paper Mill Road, Newark



June 7
7pm

Free Symphony Concert

Celebrate the 250th at our FREE
concert featuring the Delaware
National Guard 287th Army Band!

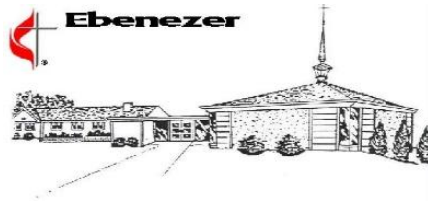
The John Dickinson School
1801 Milltown Road, Wilmington



Tickets available at newarksymphony.org

The NSO is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

Delaware Division of the **Arts**



On the Calendar, this week....

Sun	05/03		5th Sunday of Easter
		9:00am	Choir Practice – Music Room
		10:00am	Worship Service
		11:00am	Social Hour - CLC
		2:30pm	Grange Meeting – GHH
		4:00pm	BSA50 – Room 204
Mon	05/04	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		11:30am	Social Seniors - GHH
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	05/05	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
Wed	05/06	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
		7:00pm	Admin Board – Room 204
		7:00pm	District Committee BSA - GHH
Thurs	05/07	11:00am	Health & Wellness – Room 211
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	05/08	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Dance – Room CLC
Sat	05/09	9:30am	Delaware Valley Historic Samplers - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH

May the force be with you.



Looking forward

Sun	05/10	6th Sunday of Easter	
		9:00am	Choir Practice – Music Room
		10:00am	Worship Service
			No - Social Hour
Mon	05/11	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		4:30 pm	Daybreak Counseling - Lounge
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Class – CLC
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards –Rooms 204 & 211, workroom
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	05/12	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		4:00pm	Trustees – Room 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		6:00pm	Priscilla Circle – Dinner away
Wed	05/13	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		11:00am	Stephen Ministry – Confirmation Room
		4:00pm	Project Linus - GHH
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
Thurs	05/14	12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	05/15	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	05/16	8:00am	Craft Event – CLC
		12:00pm	Hope Dining Room Houses of Hope Tour-Sanctuary
		12:00pm	Private Event - GHH
		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

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All our members, ministers

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Megan & Mike Jones, Youth Ministry

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Carol Coney, Administrative Assistant

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