

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

September 13, 2020



Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a

Stephen Ministry Congregation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

*In Loving Memory of Jay and Loved Ones
Presented by Zelda Thomas*

*In Loving Memory of Marion Lynch
Presented by Michael and Helen Lynch*

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Organist:	Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Paul Kelley
Singers:	Sharon and Calvin Keeler, Jr. and Kathy and Ken Zinn
Live Stream Team:	Rick Browne and Bill Clark

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“Then Peter came and said to him,
Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?
As many as seven times?”
Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’
Matthew 18:21-35*

September 13, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

“Epilogue”

Norman Gilbert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 85

People of God, the Lord is merciful!

God forgives our sin and pardons all our debts.

People of God, the Lord is good!

God restores us to the way of salvation.

People of God, the Lord is love!

God revives our spirit so that we may rejoice.

People of God, the Lord is faithful!

God speaks so that we may follow.

People of God, the Lord is righteous!

God's glory fills this place. Let us worship the Lord our God!

*PRAISE SONG (UMH 389)

“Freely, Freely”

FREELY, FREELY

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.**

**He said, “Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.**

**Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.”**

**All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his power as he told me to.**

**He said, “Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.**

**Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live."**

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Awaken our hearts and minds to your Word, O God.
Give us understanding so that,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we are able to do all that you command for love's sake.
Gathered in Christ's name,
gathered around the Word, we pray. Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Sing a New Song"

Schweizer/Praetorius

Kathy Zinn, Sharon Keeler, Calvin Keeler, Jr., Ken Zinn, vocal quartet

Sing a new song,
Sing to God with a voice of triumph,
Make his praises known to all the nations;
Sing the honor of his name.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL TIME

MESSAGE

Forgive from the Heart

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (TFWS 2166)

"Christ Beside Me"

BUNESSAN

**Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me King of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.**

**Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.**

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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERTORY

"Voluntary in D"

George Dyson

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 94)

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Almighty God,

**receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts
and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN (*UMH* 390)

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

alt. tune ST. PETER (*UMH* 550)

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go in peace,
practice forgiveness,
live the gospel,
in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

The blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,

and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

"Postlude in D"

Healey Willan

*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 16th Sunday After Pentecost, September 20, 2020:
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16



Get your Flu shots here
at Ebenezer on October
11 between 11:00am
and 12:30pm
Please let church office
know if you would like to
participate.

"All we have to do is place them
on the waiting room chairs!"



Our Prayers

Ron Baker Anna Marie Beasom Judy Bogert +++++ Jim Bradley + Kevin Brownlee ++ Brianna Dempsey ++ Cory Getz ++ Hafer Family ++ Jerry Hershey +++	Becky Mack + Steve +++ Sandy Steggell Abigail Vanderpool Suzie Van Ness ++ Tracy ++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Barbara Donald Bogert Roy Brown Judy Crescenzo Frieda Crossan Max Dawson Ruth Dore Victoria “Bo” Fulton Ken Johnson Kristin Howard & Louise Pierce Curtis Reedy Denise Reedy 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 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)	Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)
Joy & Robert Vargas	(Paraguay)	Valentine Shutsha	(Congo)
Sue Givens	(Paraguay)	Jacquea Akasa Umembudi	(Congo)
Michael Fisher	(I-Tec)		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All year long we collect items for **Stockings for Soldiers**.

Suggested items of the month: **September**: Snack treats for the soldiers and doggie treats for the pups.



The collection box is in the narthex. Thanks for your contributions for this worthwhile project. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Ann Varey 302-540-7488

Family Promise
of Northern New Castle County

**Pathway to Home:
Ten Years of Promise**

Join us virtually as we celebrate ten years of preventing & ending homelessness for families!

Date & Time Tuesday, October 13th 7:30 - 8am: Event Log On 8 - 9am - Program	Program Hear from graduates, board members, founders and a Q&A with Cheryl!	Sponsorships: Please consider sponsoring our breakfast! Any support is appreciated!
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Register & Learn More
Click here or visit:
familypromisede.org/annualbreakfast

A Brown Bag Breakfast

Virtual Fundraiser

Join Pastor Mary at the church for this informative, inspiring fundraising event on **Tues., October 13th from 8:00am till 9:00am**. The attendance list is limited to 14 people. Pastor Mary will provide a breakfast of egg casserole, muffins, fruit, and tea and coffee. Appropriate social distancing care precautions will be observed. We will enjoy breakfast in the CLC and share in the online program presentation.

If you would like to participate in the gathering at the church, do not register for the event at the familypromisede.org website. Send Pastor Mary

an e-mail (eumc_pastor@verizon.net) or call her at the church (302.731.9495).



The Pickle Tasting has been Rescheduled!

The Troop 50 Pickle tasting has been rescheduled. The new date is next Thursday September 17th, starting at 6:45pm in the Ebenezer back parking lot.

Thank you,

**Dan White
Troop 50 Committee Chair**