September 20, 2026

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

The Flowers today are presented to
the Glo

ry of God and

In Loving Memory of Gilbert Telford

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Connie Miller
Media Team:	Bill Clark
Greeter:	Donna Dennis
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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 (*TFWS* 2177) "Wounded World That Cries For Healing"
Murray/Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Manna from heaven in the morning . . .
God is in our midst.
Quail to eat in the evening . . .
God is in our midst.
Water gushing from a rock in the desert . . .
God is in our midst.
Work in the vineyard to feed our families . . .
God is in our midst. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (*UMH* 396) "O Jesus, I Have Promised" Bode/Mann

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Caretaker God, as we wander in the wilderness of our lives, lead us with your cloud by day and with your pillar of fire by night, that we may never lose our way. Bless us with your presence, Holy One, that we may know the strength of your hand and the tender mercy of your love. Feed us with your bread from heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and shout your praises. Amen.

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16:2-15

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 20:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney

MUSIC MINISTRY "On Faith Alone" Fettke

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
Caretaker God, as we wander in the wilderness of our lives, lead us with your cloud by day and with your pillar of fire by night, that we may never lose our way. Bless us with your presence, Holy One, that we may know the strength of your hand and the tender mercy of your love. Feed us with your bread from heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and shout your praises. Amen.

OFFERTORY (*TFWS* 2036) "Give Thanks" Smith

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (814) Doxology from Celebration Hymnal

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Fairhill

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

*OFFERING PRAYER
Gracious God, you provide bread in the wilderness and life-giving waters in the desert; you offer work in the vineyard and community in the sanctuary. In gratitude and thanks for your abundant gifts, accept our offering for the building of your realm: where all are fed, where all are clothed, and where all find purpose and passion, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 519) "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Johnson/Johnson

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
Go forth into the wilderness of life, trusting that we do not journey alone. Drink of God's grace and eat your fill of God's love, for God nourishes us along the way!

GOING FORTH (*UMH* 145) "Morning Has Broken" Farjeon/Young

**Please stand, as you are able*
bold text indicates congregation response

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit. ††
Following the service, all are welcome to join in a time of fellowship
in the Christian Life Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Faith Class Lounge "More To Your Story, Discover Your Place in God's Plan" Max Lucado

In Person Attendance for September 13th – 79

We are collecting donations for the stockings through November. The box is out in the narthex and ready to accept your donations.

Please help us out with your donations. Wrapped candy, cookies and snacks wrapped, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small packs of Kleenex, Ramen Noodles, etc. Small containers of ravioli etc., pens, pencils, small pads of paper, etc. Please keep in mind it must fit in a stocking. Cash donations are also welcome. Money donations and Christmas cards for the troops are always welcome. Cards would be a great project for the children.

Our Trustees have scheduled an outside church wide cleanup for Saturday, **September 26th, starting at 9:00am**. Please consider joining them, they would very much appreciate any assistance.

Our Prayers

Carol ++++	Tom Crescenzo ++ Brian Fulton + Moonyeen Klopfenstein + Ann Varey ++	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Deb August Rick Browne Judy Crescenzo Delia Irwin Helen Lynch Ginny Parker	Gary Pierce Denise Reedy Paul Roberts Joyce Simpson Zach Trexler Alex Wiant Reed Williams

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)	

Anniversary Sunday, October 18th.

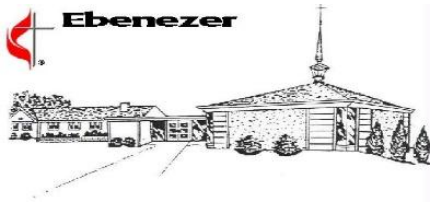
<u>Our newest 50 Year Members</u>

Margaret Fraser and Carolyn Klein

Operation Christmas Child Returns for Another Year!

Ebenezer has been a proud supporter of this shoebox ministry for many years! A few small items tucked into a shoebox can bring smiles and the Love of Jesus to children all over the world.

Please consider filling a shoebox this year. **Boxes are available in Narthex**, or you can use a shoe box



On the Calendar, this week….

Sun	09/20	***17th Sunday after Pentecost***	
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:00am	Choir Practice
		10:00am	**Worship Service**
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
		1:00pm	Youth Group - CLC
Mon	09/21	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		6:00pm	Daybreak Counseling DBT – Lounge
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Class - CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	09/22	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		4:00pm	**Trustees – Room 204**
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
Wed	09/23	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	**Hope Dining Room**
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
Thurs	09/24	9:00am	BSFT - GHH
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	09/25	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 x 4 Dance - CLC
Sat	09/26	**9:00am**	**Church Wide Clean Up**
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH

"Today, my son asked "Can I have a book mark?" and I burst into tears. 11 years old and he still doesn't know my name is Brian."

Looking forward ....

Sun	09/27		***18th Sunday after Pentecost***
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:00am	Choir Practice
		10:00am	**Worship Service**
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
Mon	09/21	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		6:00pm	Daybreak Counseling DBT – Lounge
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Wed	09/23	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		4:00pm	**Staff Meeting – Room 204**
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
Thurs	09/24	9:00am	BSFT – GHH
		11:00am	**Health & Wellness – Room 204**
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	09/25	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	09/26	8:00am	Private Event - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: www.EbenezerUMCNewark.org and **Facebook**: Ebenezer UMC Newark.

If you have information about an event which you would like to feature on the website, please contact Lori Brown at loribrown927@msn.com

All our members, ministers

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5K RUN/WALK & FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

STARTS AT 9:00 AM

BELLEVUE STATE PARK
800 CARR ROAD • WILMINGTON, DE 19809

FOOD TRUCKS | KIDS' CRAFTS | GAMES | AND MORE

Get your team together!

FORM A TEAM & MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER IMPACT!

Bring together your coworkers, friends, family, faith community, or favorite group and create a team of 5 or more for the 5K. Not only will you have a great time together, but you'll be helping local families experiencing homelessness.

YOUR FUNDRAISING CAN GO TWICE AS FAR!

Every team of five that raises $500 will have its $500 in fundraising MATCHED!
Raise $500 → Receive a $500 match → $1,000 to help local families!
Your fundraising helps Family Promise provide families with safe shelter, nutritious meals, financial assistance, and the support

COME MOVE, PLAY & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!