September 27, 2026

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

The Flowers today are presented to
the Glory of God and

In Honor of Suicide Prevention Month

Presented by Daybreak Counseling

Participating in Service:

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 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 (*UMH* 343) "Come Back Quickly to the Lord" Chun/Park

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen to parables and dark sayings of old.

Tell us the stories of Jesus and God's mighty deeds of power.

Consider well the fate of those who doubt our God.

Let us worship God, our Fount of living water.

We will worship the Lord, the wellspring of our salvation.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (*UMH* 731) "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" Newton

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Giver of life and love, you work in us and around us and through us. As you move in and through our worship today, you offer yourself to us and to all the world. Unite us in love and service, that we may bless the world in the name of Jesus, who teaches us what it means to do your will. Amen.

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-7

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:23-32

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

MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney

MUSIC MINISTRY "O Jeremiah" Martin/Raney
Chancel Choir

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
May we share generously of our gifts and dedicate ourselves to lives of service and compassion as we gather today's offering.

OFFERTORY (*TFSW* 2132) "You Who Are Thirsty" Ross

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS 814 "Celebrational 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
God of overflowing abundance, when your people suffered from thirst, you brought water from a rock to satisfy their need. From the rock of your love, Holy One our blessings flow like ever-flowing streams. Receive our thanks and praise for your many gifts. Receive too our hearts, our hands, our dreams, our industry, and our love. May our gifts draw us closer to you and to one another, that we might all share the love and mind of the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF SERVICE (*UMH* 189) "Fairest Lord Jesus" Seuss/Willis

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING No longer outcasts and sinners, but children of the living God, let us pour out our lives like living streams. May we fill the world with the water of your grace, spreading the good news of God's love in the name of Christ, who is ever at work in us. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH (*UMH* 671) "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" Fawcett

******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 20th – 74.

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.

Operation Christmas Child Returns for Another Year!

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child™ **Operation Christmas Child**

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

Delicious UMW Soup Sale
Chicken Noodle Soup $15.00/quart

Pick Up on October 11, 2025
Please order and pay in advance.
Clipboards are available in the Narthex. Leave payment in envelope and place in UMW mail slot by October 4th.

Our Prayers

Tom Crescenzo +++ Brian Fulton ++	Moonyeen Klopfenstein ++ **Paul Roberts** 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.

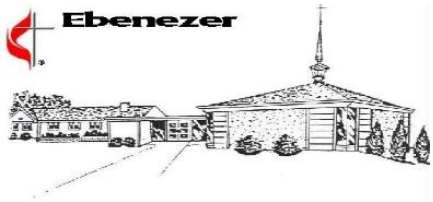
Missionaries We Support:

Matt & Erin Reinders	(Unalaska UMC)	Joy & Robert Vargas (Paraguay)
Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)	Jeanne Ntambo (Congo)
Gaston Ntambo	(Congo)	

Anniversary Sunday, October 18th.

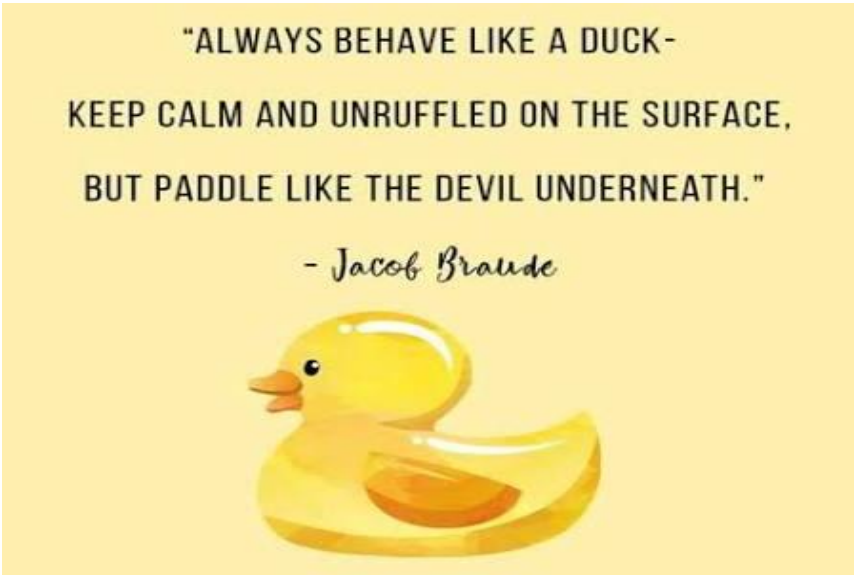
<u>Our newest 50 Year Members</u>

Margaret Fraser and Carolyn Klein



On the Calendar, this week….

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	09/28	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		4:30pm	Daybreak Counseling DBT – Lounge
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Class - CLC
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	09/29	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
Wed	09/30	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
		7:00pm	**Finance Committee – Room 204**
Thurs	10/01	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	10/02	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
Sat	10/03	8:00am	Private Event - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH



Looking forward ....

Sun	10/04	***19th 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
		4:00pm	BSA50 – Room 204
Mon	10/05	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	10/06	9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		12:30pm	**UMW Board – Room 211**
		4:00pm	**SPRC – Room 204**
		7:00pm	Meeting House Hill – GHH
		7:00pm	**COM – Room 204**
Wed	10/07	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	District Committee BSA – Room 204
Thurs	10/08	9:00am	BSFT – GHH
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	10/09	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Square Dance - CLC
Sat	10/10	9:30am	Delaware Valley Historic Samplers - 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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Calvin Keeler, Jr., Lay Leader

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Welcome, everyone, to food and fellowship! We want to introduce Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney, our new pastor, and Ms. Margaret Badger, our music director, to our community. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this event.

EVENT: Kacey's Kitchen Food Truck will be in the Ebenezer parking lot with a variety of tasty items including pulled pork sandwiches, chicken fingers, fried fish, Mac and cheese, wings, and other similar fares. Cookies and drinks will also be available. Prices range from $4 to $20.

WHEN: **Thursday, October 22nd**

TIME: **4:00-6:00 PM**

WHERE: **Ebenezer parking lot at 525 Polly Drummond Hill Rd., Newark, Delaware 19711**

In case of inclement weather, we will eat inside.

Take a break from cooking! Bring a chair and relax while you enjoy good food and visiting with friends old and new!

Ann Sylvester