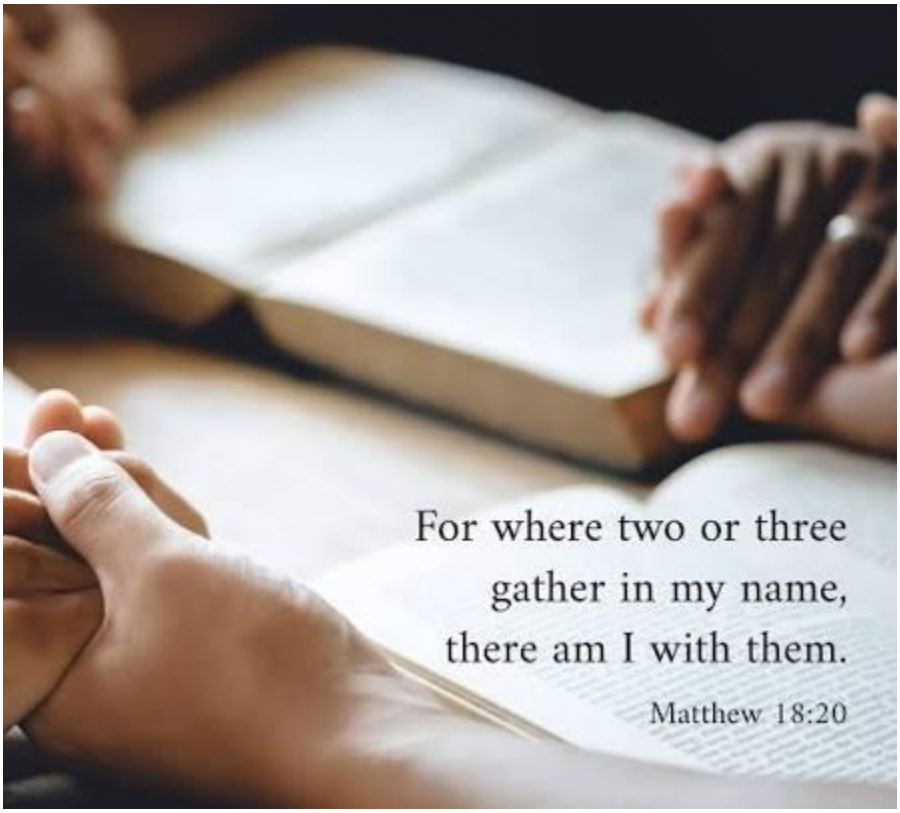
September 6, 2026

Ebenezer United Methodist Church



Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

In Honor of Don Grimes 85th birthday on Sept. 2nd.

Presented by Grimes Family

Participating in Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney
Music Director:	Margaret Badger
Worship Leader:	Jean Harlan
Media Team:	Bill Clark
Greeter:	Marilyn Schnaars
Usher Coordinators:	Don Grimes, John Dennis and Dick Graper
Communion Servers:	Beth & Paul Manchester

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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: "In the Sweet By and By" Sullivan Robbins

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Light and life call to us now.

We are welcomed as the people of God!

Sorrow flees, and sin cannot bind us.

We are welcomed as the people of God!

Dawn beckons, and the world yearns to hear the good news of hope!

We are welcomed as the people of God!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: (*UMH* 559) "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Purcell/Neale

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, we enter your presence to remember and rejoice. Cover us with your love, that we may put on the protection of your steadfast faithfulness. Guide us with your love, that we may seek reconciliation with true repentance and genuine forgiveness. Strengthen us with your love, that we may pursue justice and live compassionate lives. With gratitude, in remembrance of your mighty gifts, we pray. Amen.

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 12:1-14

A WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:15-20

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

MESSAGE Learn Your Lesson: Conflict

MUSIC MINISTRY "The Lone, Wild Bird" Johnson
Sharon Keeler, vocalist

LABOR DAY: A PRAYER FOR NEW TIMES (video)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
Does God desire burnt offerings or gifts of perfect devotion? In Christ, all gifts are welcome, both great and small. Covered in love, led by compassion, let us share our gifts and offerings with God.

OFFERTORY: (*UMH* 62, v. 1 & 2" "All Creatures of Our God and King" traditional

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: 814 Doxology from Celebration Hymnal
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Fairhill

*OFFERING PRAYER
Receive these gifts as offerings of love, O God. Bless them with your grace, that all who receive them may be covered in compassion and led by hope. In your holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God, amidst our songs of joy, our hearts are touched by fear. Sin plagues our world, even as we try to hide from the truth of our ugliest thoughts and actions. Sorrow enters our lives, even as we put on false smiles and engage in empty conversation. Cover us with your forgiveness and grace, Holy

One, and reconcile us with your love and compassion. Bring us ever closer to you, that we may be filled with the joy of your steadfast love and hope. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER sung with piano / see insert Malotte

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: "Amazing Grace" Tomlin/Giglio
Sharon Keeler, vocal

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF SERVICE: (*UMH* 560) "Help Us Accept Each Other" Kaan/Beck

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GOING FORTH: "Will The Circle Be Unbroken?" Gabriel

**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 August 30th – 76.

***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 Sund*

ay bulletin of your chosen Sunday. If you wish to make an altar flower dedication ($55/Sunday), please contact Carol in the church office at 731-9495.

Bowlers wanted!

The women's Christian bowling league needs another bowler for our season. We bowl on Mondays at 12:30 at Pleasant Hills lanes.

We bowl for fun and you do not have to be good at bowling. Please give Diane Clark a call if you're interested at 302-239-6835.

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 Prayers

Anita +++ Carol ++ Rev. Vaughan Hayden ++++	**Tom Crescenzo** 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

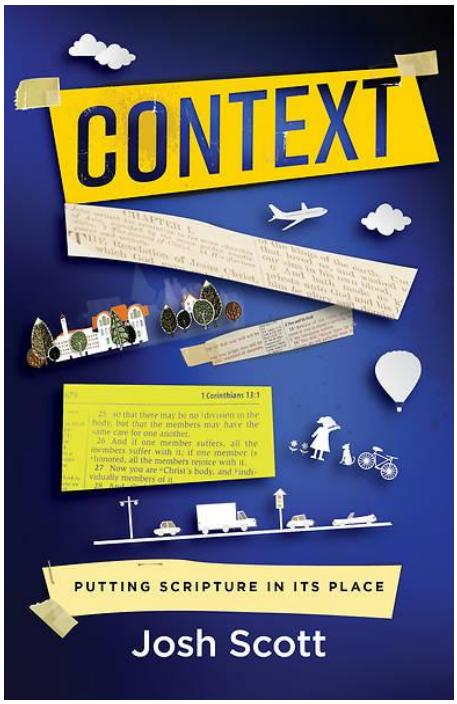
In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

Please pray for the friends and family of Alice Harrington.
Please pray for the friends and family of George Klusak, Laurel Wirtz's husband.
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.

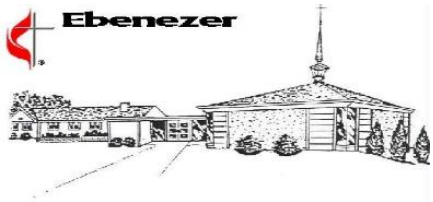
Missionaries We Support:

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study*: *Starting September 8th, will meet every Tuesday at 9:55am in Room 204.

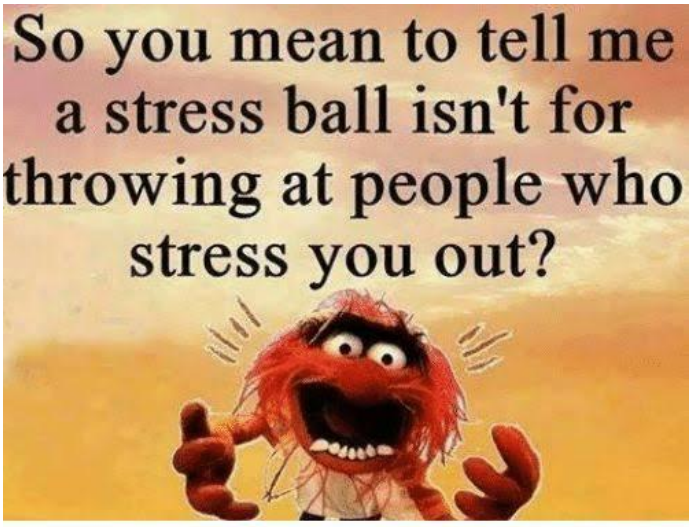


Context looks at verses we know by heart but may not know the people, places, and times that give them meaning. Josh Scott delves into these well-known Scripture verses, exploring their true meanings by examining them in their original biblical context. Through this process, he unveils fresh and enlightening interpretations that are often missed when these Scriptures are taken out of context. Books are available in Church office for $14.00



On the Calendar, this week….

Sun	09/06	***15th Sunday after Pentecost***	
		10:00am	**Worship Service**
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
		4:00pm	BSA50 – Room 204
Mon	09/07	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		6:00pm	Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Confirmation Room
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	09/08	**9:45am**	**Bible Study – Room 204**
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		6:00pm	**Priscilla Circle - CLC**
Wed	09/09	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		11:00am	**Stephen Ministry – Library**
		4:00pm	**Project Linus – GHH**
		7:00pm	**Admin. Board – Room 204**
Thurs	09/10	**11:00am**	**Health & Wellness – Room 204**
		12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	09/11	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		7:00pm	2 X 4 Square Dance - CLC
Sat	09/12	9:30am	De. Valley Historic Samplers - CLC
		6:30pm	NA Meeting - GHH



Looking forward ....

Sun	09/13		***16th Sunday after Pentecost***
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:00am	Choir Practice
		10:00am	**Worship Service/Welcome Back /3rd grade Bibles**
		11:00am	Social Hour – CLC
Mon	09/14	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/Open House - CLC**
		7:00pm	Eagle Scout Boards –Room 204, 211 & workroom
		7:00pm	NA Meeting – Room GHH
Tues	09/15		**Election Day**
		9:45am	Bible Study – Room 204
		12:00pm	AA Meeting – Room – 204
		6:00pm	Support Group – Classroom
		6:30pm	Cub Scouts - CLC
Wed	09/16	7:30am	AA Meeting – GHH
		10:00am	AA Meeting - Room 204
		10:00am	Chancel Choir – Music Room
		6:15pm	Good Chimes – Music Room
Thurs	09/17	12:00pm	ACOA – Room 204
		7:00pm	BSA50 – CLC & Room 211
		7:00pm	NA - GHH
Friday	09/18	10:00am	AA Meeting – Room 204
		4:00pm	BSA50/Sleeping outside/hold for bad weather - CLC
Sat	09/19		BSA50/Sleeping outside/hold for bad weather - 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

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