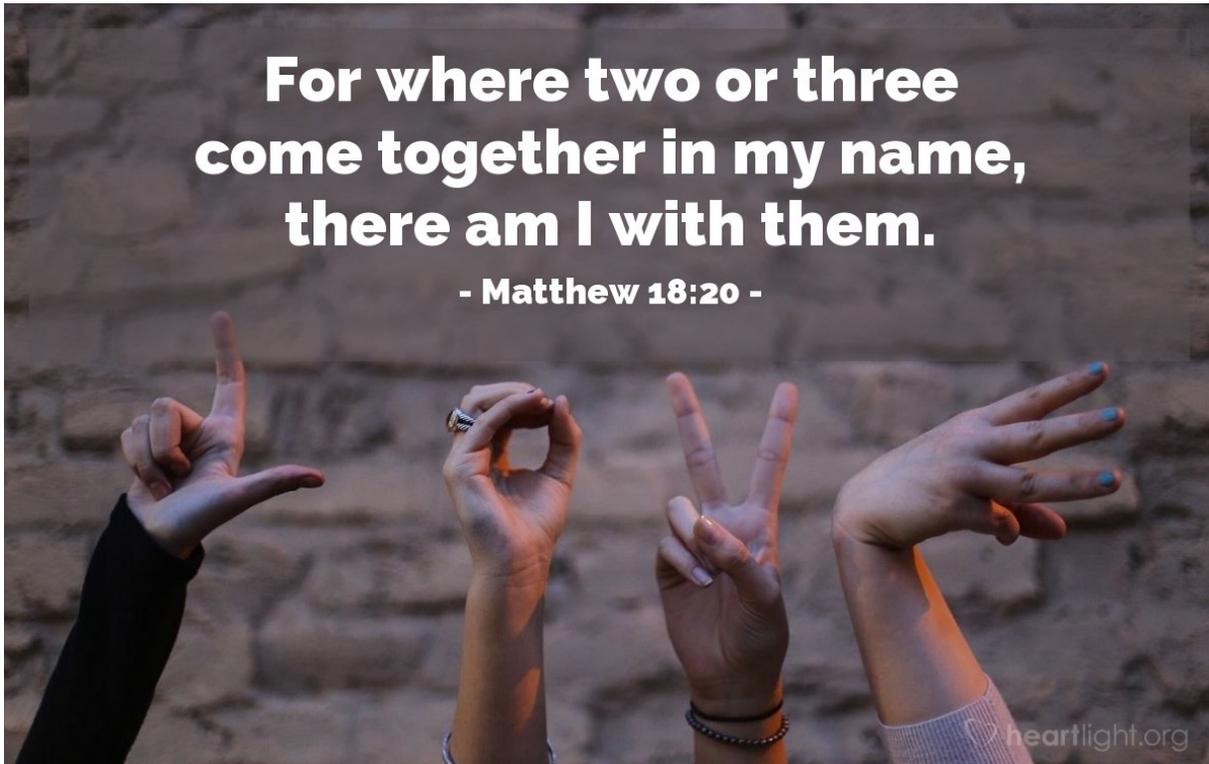


Ebenezer United Methodist Church

September 6, 2020



**For where two or three
come together in my name,
there am I with them.**

- Matthew 18:20 -

Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a

Stephen Ministry Congregation.



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
In Recognition of my parent's 73rd Wedding Anniversary
Presented by Martha Helojoki and Family
In Loving Memory of my Parents,
Allen and Mary Vines
Presented by Margie Pankok

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Organist:	Sue Fuhrmann
Worship Leader:	Deb August
Soloist:	Joseph Pennington
Live Stream Team:	Rick Browne and Bill Clark

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“Again truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask,
it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.*

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:19-20

September 6, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

“O, Precious God”
Sue Fuhrmann, organist

Marcel Dupré

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we live in the love of God?

We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.

How shall we witness God’s forgiving love?

We will reach out others with compassion.

Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace.

Amen.

*PRAISE SONG (UMH 549, vs. 1, 3, 6) “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

ST. PETER

**Where charity and love prevail,
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love,
by love are we thus bound.**

**Forgive we now each other’s faults
As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed
If honored by God’s name;
Our common life embraces all
Whose Maker is the same.**

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached,
pass among your gathered people,
opening minds to increase understanding,
opening hearts to bind us together in your love.
In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"I AM"

Michael W. Smith

Joe Pennington, vocalist

I am the root of David,
the bright and morning star
I am the lion of Judah.
I am. I am.

I am the resurrection,
and He that lives.
I am alive forever.
Amen. Amen.

I am Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the end.
the first and the last,
I am. I am.

I am King of kings
and Lord of lords.
I am the holy Lord,
God Almighty which was and is and is to
come.
I am the Lord.

I am faithful and true.
I am the Word of God.
I am the lamb.
I am. I am.

I am. I am.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL TIME

MESSAGE

"A Matter of Good Judgment"

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (*UMH 620*, chorus)

"One Bread, One Body"

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERTORY

"Then I Met the Master"
Joe Pennington, vocalist

Mosie Lister

Like a babe when it cries
For its mother
Like a child
I was helpless and alone
Then I met the Master
And now I am one of His own.

Refrain:
For all things were changed
When He found me
And a new day broke through
All around me
For I met the Master
Now I belong to Him.

Like a blind man
I walked in the darkness
I had longed
I had searched for His light
Then I met my Master
And now I walk
Oh, I walk no more in the night.

Refrain:
For all things were changed
When He found me
And a new day broke through
All around me
For I met the Master
Now I belong to Him.

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (UMH 95) "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 host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Ever-present God,
just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three
gather in his name,
be among us now that these offerings
may become instruments of your love and justice.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Here is the table of the Lord, we are gathered to his supper,
a foretaste of things eternal.
Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.
Come, old and young, there is room for all.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, while we still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation.
Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord.
Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the
Word-made-flesh.
Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have
shown mercy to us.
Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ.

And Christ died for us;
Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us;
Christ prays for us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also** with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of these your miraculous acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith."

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forevermore.

Amen.

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

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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.**

*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 557)

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart
and hope to meet again.**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The night is gone, the day is near.
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light;
let us live honorably as in the day;
let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The grace of Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
fill you and the whole church
until all things in heaven and on earth are reconciled. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

"Nun danket alle Gott"
Sue Fuhrmann, organist

Max Reger

*Please remain seated during the SENDING FORTH.
The ushers will dismiss you by rows when the music has ended.*

* Please stand in body or spirit as you are able
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 15th Sunday After Pentecost, September 13, 2020:

Exodus 14:19-31; 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35



Our Prayers

<p>Ron Baker Anna Marie Beasom +++ Judy Bogert +++ Jim Bradley Kevin Brownlee + Brianna Dempsey + Cory Getz + Hafer Family + Jerry Hershey ++</p>	<p>Becky Mack Sara Reedy Steve ++ Suzie Van Ness + Tracy + Eric Weber ++++ Becky Wolfe ++++</p>	<p><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</p>
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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 the family and friends of Rick Beasom.

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

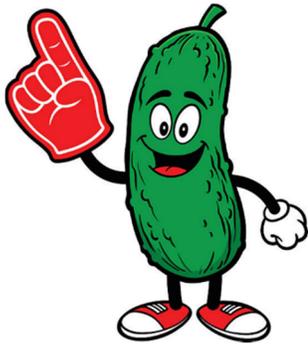
All year long we collect items for **Stockings for Soldiers**. Suggested items of the month: **September**: Snack treats for the soldiers and doggie treats for the pups.



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

We would like to invite the Ebenezer family to an upcoming event and also helping us out in the process. On **Thursday, September 10th at 7pm** during our weekly meeting we will be having a special event for family and friends. The event will showcase the Troop doing activities as well as showing a summary of the Troop's last Scout year in pictures and videos, narrated by Scoutmaster Jim Smith. Also, during this event we will be having something special!



Troop 50 will not be selling popcorn this year as a fundraiser. However, we will be selling gourmet pickles, and salsas. The Troop needs some help in deciding which ones to sell and this will be your chance to help us down select from about 30 varieties. You will not be able buy any pickles at the meeting, just sample and give us your inputs. It will be fun, and we all want the Church to see your Scout troop in action!

What: Troop 50 Family and Friends Night & Pickle Tasting Party

Where: Ebenezer back parking lot

When: 9/10/20, 7pm – 8:30pm

Required: Masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer will be provided.

Thanks

Dan White

T50 Committee Chair

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	Program	Sponsorships:
Tuesday, October 13th 7:30 - 8am: Event Log On 8 - 9am - Program	Hear from graduates, board members, founders and a Q&A with Cheryl!	Please consider sponsoring our breakfast! Any support is appreciated!

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 til 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).