

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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***7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025
10:00 AM***

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today. In our lesson from Luke this morning we hear that when it comes to prayer, as with so many other things in life, persistence is important.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The goodness of God has called us here!

We are recipients of God's gracious love.

Though we have not always done what is right in God's sight;

God is merciful and forgiving.

Open your hearts and spirits to the refreshing love of God.

Help us, O Lord, to live joyfully and peacefully in your sight.

The goodness of God has called us here!

*HYMN

“Spirit Song”

UMH No. 347

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Hope and Peace, we have come this day asking for your mercy. Grant us your pardon. We have come this day seeking peace in our lives; grant us your peace. Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you. For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. (Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16) In faith and repentance, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it has been a difficult week. Things have happened for which we were not prepared. We have not responded to difficulties with love, but rather with impatience. We have turned our backs on others in need, placing our own comfort first. We have been stressed, pulled, and pushed. Give us peace, Gracious Lord. Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of love. Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness, and then having received such love, we are to love and serve others. Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be good disciples for you. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even when things seem dark, God is with us. God's love is powerful enough to overcome any darkness that we encounter. Remember how much love has been given for you and rejoice! In Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Colossians 2:6-19

Paul instructs the Colossians to continue living in Christ with a strong and firm faith, just as they were taught, expressing gratitude and overflowing with thankfulness.

Luke 11:1-13

In this text Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of persistent prayer, highlighting God’s willingness to give good gifts to those who ask in faith.

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN

“Take My Life, and Let it Be”

UMH No. 399

SERMON

“Holy Persistence!”

Rev. Judy Emerson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- 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.

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

- Announcements
- Offertory
- *Presentation of Gifts
- *Doxology

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

UMH No. 160

**Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we come with open hearts, asking for your guidance and daily provision. As we give, we remember your promise to provide for us and teach us to be generous in all things. May these gifts be a reflection of our trust in your goodness. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 27, 2025

HOLLY MART CRAFTS – If you are available to help with crafts on Thursday, July 31st, we would appreciate any time you can give. Our craft days in August are Wednesday, August 13th and Thursday, August 28th. No experience necessary. We meet on the top floor of the Food Pantry building at 9:30 AM until around 12:00 PM. Thank you!

BACKPACK MINISTRY – We are only collecting the supplies for the students this year, not the actual backpacks. The tags are in the back of the Fellowship Hall. If making a monetary donation, please be sure to note "Backpack Ministry". Please contact Kate Luethe at cs141@hotmail.com or Brenda Baker at bdbaker01@comcast.net with any questions. We are always grateful for your support.

CANNING GROUP – If anyone has excess produce or fruit that they would like to donate to the canning group, we would appreciate it. Please let Laura Scott or Linda Bennett know. Thank you so much!

VBS – We had a fantastic week on our Road Trip with God! Thank you to everyone that helped to make that happen! The kids had a blast! We hope to see everyone back again next year.

BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2026 – Our Treasurers are working on a new budget for next year. If you are leading a work area or chairing a committee – please review your line item in the budget and submit any requests or changes to the church office by August 1, 2025.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC – August 31, 2025 - immediately following worship! Plan on staying for our annual picnic at Ebenezer! Bring a lawn chair, games you wish to play, and a dessert or side dish to share. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, paper products, lemonade and ice water! Looking forward to wrapping up the summer together!

FALL SCHEDULE – On Sunday, September 7, 2025, we will return to our normal schedule of worship at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM in the sanctuary and Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 AM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – We will offer confirmation for all youth grades 7 through 10 (who have not been confirmed) again this year. If you have not been confirmed this is your opportunity to become a full member of Ebenezer UMC. The class will meet during Sunday School each week at 9:45 AM in Room #5. You should have received information in the mail already. If you have not received a letter and you are interested in learning more about the class, please speak with Rev. Judy. All participants should be finding a mentor to go through this process together. Requirements for mentors are outlined in the letter sent to your home. An organizational meeting will take place on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 9:45 AM, in the fellowship hall. All youth, parents and mentors participating in the class are invited to attend.





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Summer Office Hours

June 1st – Sept 2nd

Tues & Thurs 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM – Noon

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 1st – Aug 31st, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

No Sunday School

	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 07/20/25	\$7,047	114
WORSHIP LEADERS	10:00 AM	
Liturgist	Susan Sager	
Ushers	Tony & Susan Sager	
Acolyte	Derek Jones	
DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday, July 27 th	SPRC Meeting	11:00 AM
Tuesday, July 29 th	Holly Mart Meeting	6:30 PM
Thursday, July 31 st	Holly Mart Crafters	9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Monday, August 11 th	Community Table	12:00 PM
Wednesday, August 13 th	Holly Mart Crafters	9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Saturday, August 16 th	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM