



Ebenezer UCC Tidings

Monthly Newsletter - April 2024



A note from Pastor Wally -

April is in the air?? The Ides of March have always been a time of ups and downs. Warm weather then bitterly cold weather. Snow and flowers blooming are all part of March. But April is a time of preparing to plant and planting for the summer season. March 15th is the freeze deadline. The potatoes can be planted after this time and if you time it right, you may plant before, so the plants start emerging April 15th. These are seasons of life. Rules of thumb. They work many times but sometimes these rules don't work for that season. This is life. This is understanding that we will have seasons when everything works out with no difficulty. The blossoms of the apple, cherry, and pear all come into flower on certain days of the year. Yet in cold weather, when the bees need to be ready to pollinate and the flowers also need to bloom, we run into hardships. Some years there is no fruit on the trees because bees or blossoms did not produce fruit for the year.

Folks, we have years of difficulties and years of bounty. This is what life is about. Our faith is used to encourage investment in God's creation, which will serve us blessings that we celebrate. But also, can serve us challenges that we suffer in. Jesus taught us it is ok to suffer for good. The Lent season is a time for us to accept suffering for good. This form of suffering helps us grow in spiritual maturity. Many have suffered this last year in losses as seasons of difficulties. Yet here we are in the Easter season, a time of Pentecost, a time of renewal in faith. Yes, we have suffered, yet we are to celebrate the season of light, the season of Hope, Joy, Peace and Love, a season we celebrate what God has done for us hanging on a cross for our sins yet giving us the choice to engage in the Holy of making a little heaven here on earth with each day we have. I have grieved the loss of 10 folks these past 1 1/2 years, which has inspired me to engage in the Holy. Their deaths have further moved me in the sanctification process that God is doing to me. I have also seen many of you, too, moved by God to grow in faith, even in years of difficulties. You have ministered to others in your actions, words, and prayers to make beauty here at Ebenezer and in our community. This Body of Christ continues to build on the heritage of this community to provide a house of God for us all to live in the difficulty of life and yet to celebrate the gift of life to all who walk into the doors of this building.

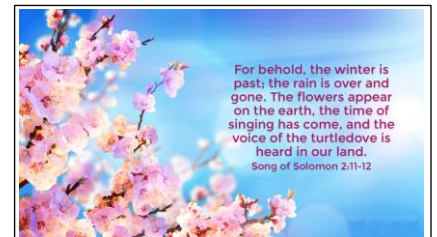
Folks, God is using you to do the work of sanctification. You are engaging in this group of followers of Jesus. God is changing you for the good. You are suffering for good. You are being transformed by God just by engaging in the community of Ebenezer. Your words and actions are being used by God to perpetuate the way of God that saves us all by God sustaining us with time on earth, talents from birth, and resources of materials. We are investing in the stone called Ebenezer. God's foundation is growing in our community that is "church." That is the Easter celebration that continues all our lives.

Folks, engage and see what God has done for you.

Agape and Blessings, Wally

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For up to the minute news from Ebenezer UCC, please

➤ *visit our website:*

EbenezerNewTripoli.org

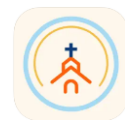
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Submission Deadline for the Ebenezer UCC Tidings is the 15th of each month.

Please contact Jana at the Ebenezer office with ideas and suggestions for our publication.

If you would like to speak with Pastor Wally about a question, concern or counseling need, please contact him.

✉ pastor@ebuccnewtripoli.org

☎ (484) 330 6061

The Property Committee Report

The committee has met with our new chair, Mike Wertman, to discuss the upgrades, repairs and maintenance needs of the church. With a list of more than 200 items to address, the committee is carefully reviewing Ebenezer’s requirements, priorities and budget to make completing these projects possible. First on the docket is the completion of the fellowship hall flooring, replacing the carpet and linoleum with new, vinyl plank.



Last month we reported that the Candy Crew had filled orders for 540 lbs. of Easter Candy. However, the total amount made was 720 lbs - - and it has all been sold! Thank you to everyone who helps to make the candy fundraisers a success!

Reporting Our Numbers

2024	Adult	Child	SS	Giving
3/3	81	7	7	\$1694
3/10	61	12		\$1467
3/17	57	11	4	\$2195
3/24	75	14	3	\$3092

These are our weekly totals for Attendance (adults, children and Sunday school) and Giving (our March Sunday worship services’ offering plus online giving.) The totals for 3/31 will be included in our May Newsletter.

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The avowed purpose of this congregation shall be to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate the Sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this congregation and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward humanity; and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace.



~ Article 2: Purpose - Ebenezer UCC Constitution

Our Consistory

Elders:

Jason Breininger (Vice Pres.)

Mike Schock (President)

Mike Wertman

Deacons:

Valerie Borman

Debra Boyer

Sheila Burkert

Pam Delligatti

AnnaLou Fritzing

Cheryl Handler

Clarence Opolsky

Holly Rainey (Secretary)

Bambi Snyder



Some very talented people – our Choir!

We are so very blessed to have an amazing group of singers who dedicate their time and talent to Ebenezer. When we hear them sing so effortlessly on Sunday morning, we may not realize the time they spend rehearsing and preparing selections for our worship. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to lead, and sing with, such a wonderful ensemble. I look forward to our future creative musical endeavors.

~ Valerie Borman

Make a joyful noise unto The Lord!

Ebenezer Choir

- Debbie Boyer
- Susan Christ
- Pam Delligatti
- Rose Hamm
- Donna Krenicky
- Ted Loder
- Bill Mantz
- Vicki Moyer
- Bonnie Smoyer

Did you know that we are blessed by the musical talents of two men who are not Ebenezer members? Our part-time organist, Larry Carbonell, is a member, and the consistory president of, St. Paul’s UCC of Indianland in Cherryville. Fred Reith is a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Trumbauersville.



Our monthly Consistory Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Members are welcome to observe.

Photo credits for this edition: Cheryl Handler, Donna Krenicky, Susan Christ, Holly Rainey, Steph Quier & Jana Murray.

The Women of the Church are requesting donations for the Penny Party: paper products, toiletries, canned goods, candy, popcorn, cereal, potato chips, pretzels & snacks. **PLEASE - NO EXPIRED FOOD ITEMS.** We are **not** accepting household items or décor, i.e., pictures, glassware, used pots and pans, clothing, jewelry or toys.

UPCOMING SERVICES with Fellowship

Join us for worship with FELLOWSHIP following these services:
 April 7 - 10:15 am – Birthday Celebration Sunday
 April 21 – Spring Cleanup Day – Bring a Friend!
 May 5 – Holy Communion – Birthday Celebration Sunday
 May 19 – Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday – Bring a Friend!
 June 2 – Holy Communion – Birthday Celebration Sunday
 June 16 – Graduate Sunday and Father’s Day - Bring a Friend!
 June 30 – VBS Celebration Sunday

On March 1st, we celebrated the life of David R. Smith. Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. ~Matt 5:4



Would you like to sponsor our weekly service bulletins or dedicate altar flowers? Contact Jana at the Ebenezer office to be a sponsor!

Worship Service Sundays - Volunteer Opportunities

Service	Greeter	Acolytes	Lay Reader
4/7	Donna Herman	NEEDED	Kahl Family
4/14	Judy Schellhamer	NEEDED	Snyder Family
4/21	Linda Smith	NEEDED	Vicki Moyer
4/28	NEEDED	NEEDED	Ron Moyer

Women of the Church

Monthly Meeting
 Tuesday, April 2nd @ 7 p.m.
All women are welcome to attend!
 The Women of the Church meet the first Tuesday of every month from April to December.

Do you like being creative??

Join us weekly in our QUILTING and CRAFTING rooms to learn to create beautiful quilts and to make fun craft projects! Our Quilters meet every Monday at 10 a.m. and Crafters meet every Tuesday at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Please join us as we pray for:

- Sharon Andersch
- Sheila Burkert
- Scott Koenig
- Doris Bruder
- Anne Bowers
- Pat Smith
- Crystal & Natalie Snyder (the family of Tim Snyder who passed away on March 5th.)
- All homebound members
- All friends and family members recovering from an illness or a loss
- Our Veterans, Military Service Personnel, Firemen and First Responders

To request prayers, please use this QR code:



Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors

To apply for the Ebenezer UCC Scholarship, please complete the scholarship form and return to the church office by May 19th. (Forms available on the bulletin table, in the church office or on our website.)

Requirements:

- ✓ Applicant must be a member of Ebenezer UCC.
- ✓ Scholarship funds must be used for post-secondary education expenses.

Scholarship recipient will be announced in June at a Sunday worship service – date to be announced.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

The Vendor and Craft Fair scheduled for May 4th has been cancelled due to its concurrent scheduling with the Firefighter Appreciation Picnic at Ontelaunee Park. Please attend the Firefighter Appreciation event! (See p. 8 for more information.)

Are you using our phone app? On the app, you can see our upcoming activities, view our membership directory, and sign up for events. Download the “My Church Home” app from your app store, search for Ebenezer United Church of Christ and connect with our church family.

The Preschool at Ebenezer

The Preschool at Ebenezer is now accepting registrations for our 2023-24 school year.

Please note - our AM Pre-K class is FULL!

Registration forms are available outside the preschool room and on our website:

EbenezerNewTripoli.org/preschool-program/



IMPORTANT DATES

April 30th: May tuition due

April 18th: Open House for new families
6 to 8 p.m.

May 15th: Preschool Graduation
6 p.m.

May 16th: Last Day of Preschool/Family
Picnic in the park
11 a.m. (Guardian must stay)

Join us for our OPEN HOUSE on April 18th, 6-8 pm!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last Day of Sunday School – May 19th

We are still in need of additional Sunday School teachers. Our Christian Ed. & Preschool Director, Steph Quier, would like to have a rotation of volunteers who could help to fill in regularly. If you would like to help teach our Sunday School students at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings, please contact Steph!



Our preschool and Sunday School students continue to beautify our church with their artistic talents!



Confirmation Class of 2024

There are only a few weeks of classes left, but there are still many opportunities to serve at Ebenezer. As you can see in our Worship Service Volunteer Opportunities listing on page 3, we still have no volunteers scheduled as Acolytes. You can also participate in the Spring Cleanup on Sunday, April 21st. As you become members of our church family, how will you continue to share your talents?

5/12 - Rehearsal and Photos

5/19 - Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday

Oh Lord

Thank You for spring, the season of Your expression of joy! Let every bloom remind me of Your grace. Let each sunny day bring light to my soul. As I spring ahead let these months give birth to warm thoughts and kind gestures.

Amen

Our Preschool is watching their adopted dairy calf, Bretta, grow.



MOO!

Please Welcome Our Adopted Cow

Bretta

We will watch her grow and get updates from the dairy farm. We are so excited to watch Bretta grow.



Ebenezer Vacation Bible School 2024

Sunday, June 23rd - Thursday, June 27th
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily

We need adult and teen volunteers to lead our 2024 VBS classes and activities. Our sign-up sheet is located outside the sanctuary.



Use this QR code to sign up as a volunteer!





Spring Lesson



GOD MADE SPRING AND THE ANIMALS!

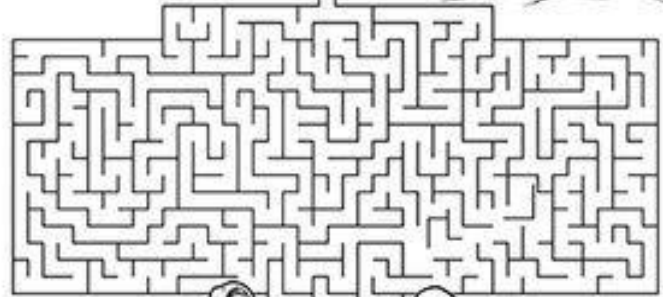


(Genesis 1:14) And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

God made the season Spring. In the book of Genesis God talked about how he made the seasons and how he made the animals after his own kind. God is so amazing. He made the pretty butterflies with their neat little colors all over them. He made the fuzzy little bunny rabbits that hop so cute. And he made the tall sweet smelling flowers. He is such a wonderful God that created all these things. He made each one perfect in it's own little way. He made the dirt on the ground that gives the little flowers it's food from nutrients. Can you make dirt? The answer is no. God made it from nothing. He just created it. Next time your outside look at all the things and tell God how amazing he is for all the cool stuff you see.

HE IS RISEN

Guide the women to the tomb.



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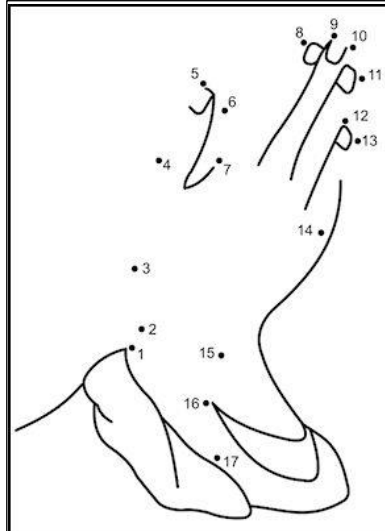
Handprint Prayer

Place your palm over the text in the picture to the left. Trace your hand then cut it out as shown on the right. Hang or frame your beautiful prayer.



Hold my hand, God,
Lead the way
Help me be good every day
Let me know what's wrong and right,
Keep me safe all through the night.
Let me know what you have planned,
Lead the way, God,
Hold my hand.

Connect the Dots



God hears me when I pray!



The Children's Message



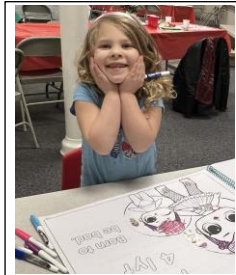
Reading the Scriptures in Worship



Fellowship!
 Celebrating birthdays & bringing friends to church



Egg Hunt



Spaghetti Dinner



Ebenezer's Escape Room Youth Event
 Friday, April 5th - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Challenges for different age levels.
 Fun for the whole family!



You're Not Alone

This is a support group for widows, divorcees, parents who've lost a child, those who've lost a sibling, anyone who is recovering from a loss. Please contact Donna Herman for more information:

✉ donnaeherman47@gmail.com

Upcoming meetings: Tuesdays,
 April 9th & April 23rd @ 1 p.m., Room 126

Ebenezer's Closet



Ebenezer's Closet is open on the second Thursday and Saturday of every month. All clothing is FREE! Please spread to word so we can serve those in need.



Thursday, April 11th - 6 pm to 8 p.m.
 Saturday, April 13th - 10 am to 12 pm

Women of the Church's Annual Penny Party
Saturday, April 20th



*Doors & Kitchen open at 12 p.m.
 Play begins at 1 p.m.*



Spring Clean-up Day with the Scouts
Sunday, April 21st



Come to church ready to work!
 We will clean up around the church and property after our worship service.



The Preschool at Ebenezer Graduation

Wednesday, May 15th – 6 p.m.
All church members are invited to attend!



Mother's Day Cherry Blossom High Tea

Saturday, May 18th
 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.



Join us for our Pentecost Sunday worship service on May 19th as our Confirmation Class students are confirmed as members of Ebenezer UCC.

Graduate Sunday - Sunday, June 16th

We will celebrate all our graduates during the Sunday worship service and have fellowship following the service.

Graduates can be from PreK, Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School, High School, and College.

Please submit graduate's name and graduation info to office@ebuccnewtripoli.org by June 9th.

Coming to Ebenezer in July -->
Stay tuned for more details!



UPCOMING OUTDOOR SERVICE



Church in the Park
Sunday, August 11th – 10:15 a.m.
 Join us at Ontelaunee Park for our worship service followed by a luncheon and fellowship.



Coach - Michael Kors
 Vera Bradley - Kate Spade
 & more

Sunday, September 15th – Time TBA
 Hosted by Diamond Fire Co.
 209 Washington St., Walnutport, PA



GIRL SCOUTS

Join us today!

- ♥ Fun with friends.
- ♥ New adventures.
- ♥ Making a difference.

We are Service unit 736 Four Meadows serving the Northwestern Lehigh School District.

Please visit gsep.org/join

When registering, look for Zip Code 18066 and enter Troop# 6143.

Contact nwgirlscouts@gmail.com for more information.



BOY SCOUTS / CUB SCOUTS



CUB SCOUT TROOP 588

APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

- Tuesday, 4/2 – Den Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, 4/5 – BALOO Training for Leaders - 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, 4/6 – BALOO Training for Leaders - 7:15 a.m.
- Tuesday, 4/9 – Den Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 4/13 – Lehigh District Pinewood Derby
- Tuesday, 4/16 – Den Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 4/20 – University of Scouting 2024 – 7 a.m.
- Sunday, 4/21 – Ebenezer Spring Clean Up Day – 11:15 a.m.
- Tuesday, 4/23 – Den Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 4/30 – Den Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Our Local Community

The Northwestern Lehigh Firefighter Foundation was established in response to the tragic loss of firefighters Zachary Paris and Marvin Gruber of New Tripoli Fire Company while battling a house fire on December 7th, 2022

Our Mission:



The Northwestern Lehigh Firefighter Foundation works with the Northwestern Lehigh community to raise awareness, appreciation, and resources to support volunteer firefighters and those injured or fallen in the line of duty.

The foundation's priorities include:

- Build a Memorial, located in Ontelaunee Park, to honor the service and sacrifice of firefighters from Germansville, New Tripoli, Lynnport, and Weisenberg fire companies.
- Build a firefighter-themed splash park at Ontelaunee Park in New Tripoli.
- Host a Firefighter Appreciation Picnic on May 4th, 2024. This picnic will be open to the public.
- Fundraise to assist with training and support equipment requirements.

CLEANSWEEP 2024
 Recycling and Cleanup Event sponsored by the Rural Preservation Association of Northwestern Lehigh County
 PO Box 91, Germansville 18053

Saturday, April 6th 8 AM - 12 noon
Lowhill Township Building, Route 100

The RPA-NLC helps to fund educational opportunities for students in the Northwestern Lehigh school district with proceeds remaining after expenses.

Donation Schedule	
Auto & Pick up Tires	\$5 each
Auto Tire on rim	\$10 each
Refrigerators/freezers	\$30 each
Appliances w/ Freon	\$20 each (A/Cs, dehumidifiers)
Appliances w/o Freon	\$20 each (stoves, washers, dryers)
Trash	calculated: \$50.00 per pick up load
Fluorescent Lamps	\$1 each
Incandescent & LED Bulbs	\$50 each
Ballasts	\$5 each
Propane Tanks	\$5 each
Household Batteries	\$1/pair
Monitors	\$25 each
Desktop/Laptop Computers	\$20 each
Office photocopiers, large	\$20 each
Console Stereos (in cabinet)	\$35 each
TVs 41" or less	\$40 each
TVs in cabinet or over 41"	\$55 each
<small>TVs are measured diagonally.</small>	

Other Electronics - Free Will Donation Appreciated: Adding machines, answering machines, cameras, cell phones, game consoles, battery, which can be recycled separately, calculators, clocks, coffee makers, cords and cables, CD players, CPUs, fax machines, headsets, inkjet toner cartridges, joysticks, keyboards, laptops, microphones, mixers, mp3 players, power tools, projectors, printers, graters, radios, razors, record players, speakers, stereos, tape recorders, telephones, toaster ovens, typewriters, VCRs, exercise equipment, gaming systems, vacuum cleaners, power tools/batteries

Also accepting: scrap metal (please remove all hot metal parts, gas and oil from motors), auto batteries, bicycles, cooking oil, transmission fluid, unrecycled used motor oil, pet cages/camers, pet supplies, extension cords, strings of SMALL, dual holiday lights, and baling twine

Goodwill will be accepting donations of clothing, jewelry, purses, usable household items, bedding, towels, curtains, books, toys, stuffed animals, lamps, craft items, luggage, games, sports equipment, working small electronics, musical instruments, and kitchenware. Please wrap breakable items.

Scrapers Second Chances will be accepting good used furniture and household items.

We are not accepting: CDs, DVDs or VHS tapes.

No paints, chemicals, antifreeze, smoke detectors, hazardous waste!
 Lehigh County Hazardous Household Waste Call 610-782-3075 for information.

Kempton Community Center
HOEDOWN
with Keith Brintzenhoff
April 6, 2024
 7-10pm

- all ages welcome
- donations accepted
- bring a dish to share
- soft drinks will be available for purchase

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 kemptoncommunitycenter.org
 88 Community Center Drive
 Kempton, PA 18829

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10am - Quilters</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Birthdays - Richard Snyder</p> <p>9am - Crafters</p> <p>7pm - AA Meeting</p> <p>7pm - Women of the</p> <p>7:30pm - Cemetery</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>EBUCC Escape Room -</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Birthdays Celebration</p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:15am - Church</p> <p>7:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Birthdays - Jon Watt</p> <p>10am - Quilters</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Birthdays - Nathan Kunkle</p> <p>9am - Crafters</p> <p>1pm - You're Not Alone</p> <p>7pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6pm - Ebenezer's Closet</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am - Ebenezer's Closet</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:15am - Church</p> <p>2pm - Wedding</p> <p>7:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10am - Quilters</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Birthdays - Kenneth Mantz</p> <p>9am - Crafters</p> <p>7pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Birthdays - Lucas Gruber</p> <p>6pm - Preschool Open House</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Penny Party</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Spring Cleanup w/ Scouts</p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10:15am - Church</p> <p>7:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10am - Quilters</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9am - Crafters</p> <p>1pm - You're Not Alone</p> <p>6:30pm - Consistory</p> <p>7pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Birthdays - Randy</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Birthdays - Karen Gruber</p>	<p>27</p>
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WELCOMING ALL WITH OPEN ARMS!