



Ebenezer UCC Tidings

Monthly Newsletter - May 2024



A note from Pastor Wally -

Confirmation 2024: On May 19th we will be confirming 13 confirmands. Years past we had all kinds of rules to give the students so they would be ready to join the body of Christ at Ebenezer. Many traditions over the years had the students doing and learning things to prepare them for life as Christians. The schooling of the students was considered vital to their understanding of the deep traditions at Ebenezer. The parents had little participation with the students. It was left to the pastor or the teacher to indoctrinate the students to our history and traditions of the Church. The idea, that if we take our faith seriously and learn the history and traditions, it will make us good faithful Christian confirmands. In our history of the church, we even introduced mentors to the confirmation students. This was helpful to the student befriending an adult in the church.

For the past four years of the three confirmation classes at Jordan and Ebenezer since Covid in 2020, I have asked a parent to join their child or children in the class. This has been a revelation for me. After participating in the confirmation class for the year, the parents said they loved this confirmation class because it brought the student and the parent together like they never had been before. The parents and students talked about faith and life that they never would have done in the past and doubted they would have done in the future. The parents were empowered to help the student in the Christian transformation known as sanctification. The parents also received transformation from the experience. God is making better children and parents this way.

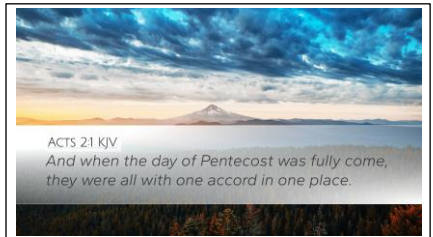
The idea parents become the student's mentor in faith for life, and the student becomes a supporting person in the development of the parent, is new for the church. We call this Iron Sharpens Iron. The student and the parent now took on a direct role. It became one disciple helping the other disciple to be the best they could be. This is The Way of Jesus. One blind person helping another blind person find food. They need each other to live a full life. We need each other. The parent needs the student disciple, and the student needs the parent disciple. We say the student is to help de-stress the parent in life and the parent is to help de-stress the student in life. Yes, they both need to learn a lot more about God for the rest of their life. This will happen their entire life. That is what confirmation is about, one disciple of Christ teaching a new disciple of Christ about our faith. The church is the initiator of the discipleship. It's our charge as a church. These confirmands will say yes to faith in Church, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. This is how they will mature in faith. Their parents will take a major role in their faith journey because the parents will know their faith needs to grow in a community of people who love God by loving each other. That community is Ebenezer. They are just born in their faith as disciples (students). They say yes to Jesus as their savior. Confirmation students graduate to become disciples who are members of Ebenezer. They need continued guidance all of their lives in how to love people as God asks us to do. The rock of our foundation is God's love to be spread in each single/biological/blended family as well as our adopted family that we call Ebenezer.

Agape & Blessings, Wally

P.S. Sorry for the wrong freeze date in last month's newsletter. April 15th is the freeze date for our area, I miss wrote it as March 15th, I'm still human?? :-)

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ACTS 2:1 KJV
And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

For up to the minute news from Ebenezer UCC, please

➤ *visit our website:*

EbenezerNewTripoli.org

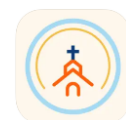
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Submission Deadline for the Ebenezer UCC Tidings is the 15th of each month.

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

Reporting Our Numbers

2024	Adult	Youth	SS	Giving
3/28	28	3		\$174
3/31	118	11		\$6048
4/7	44	8	4	\$1340
4/14	44	5	3	\$2052
4/21	55	10	3	\$1594

These are our weekly totals for ATTENDANCE (adults, youth and Sunday school) and GIVING (the total of our worship service offerings plus online giving.)

The totals for 4/28 will be included in our June Newsletter.

We will have a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, May 12th after our worship service to vote on the expenditures to be made on the installation of a new floor in the fellowship hall and the replacement of the shingle roof.

We require a quorum to vote so please plan to attend.

Would you like to sponsor a prize for our Quilt Raffle Drawing? The Women of the Church will need a commitment for Raffle Drawing prizes by **June 9th**. (Just the verbal commitment is needed, not the actual prizes.)

Ebenezer's Property Committee – continuing upgrades/repairs

In addition to the investments being made for the fellowship hall and roof, our parking lot also requires immediate attention to avoid further damage and disintegration. We have accepted a bid of \$8400 to repair and seal these cracks. The work is scheduled for June 5th, 8 am to 6 pm. (rain date: 6/12) The parking lot and driveways will be blocked that day.



This expenditure is made possible by the proceeds of our candy sales.

Congratulations to the Women of the Church for another successful Penny Party!

84 people attended the event that raised \$1700!

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this success possible!

We even had a very special guest! Thank you for joining us, Sheila!!



May is Military Appreciation Month.
Thank you to all who serve and have served!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition.

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Our Consistory

Elders:

Jason Breininger (Vice Pres.)

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Pam Delligatti

AnnaLou Fritzing

Cheryl Handler

Clarence Opolsky

Holly Rainey (Secretary)

Bambi Snyder

Our monthly Consistory Meeting
will be held on

Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Members are welcome to observe.

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

✉ pastor@ebuccnewtripoli.org

☎ (484) 330 6061

A Wedding in our Sanctuary!



On April 14th, Kalli and Brenton took their vows to become Mr. & Mrs. Reigel.



Worship Service Sundays - Volunteer Opportunities

Service	Greeter	Acolytes	Lay Reader
5/5	NEEDED	NEEDED	Evan & Julianna Loder
5/12	NEEDED	NEEDED	Tyahla Family
5/19	NEEDED	NEEDED	Ron Moyer
5/26	NEEDED	NEEDED	Vicki Moyer

- ♦ To volunteer as a greeter, please contact AnnaLou Fritzingler at rdfritzingler@yahoo.com or (610) 767-3364.
- ♦ To volunteer as a Reader, please sign up at ebenezernewtripoli.org/volunteer-opportunities/ and click on the "Lay Readers" button.
- ♦ To volunteer as an Acolyte, please email: office@ebuccnewtripoli.org

Volunteers are ordinary people with extraordinary hearts!

Please join us as we pray for:

- Bob Nagle
- Sheila Burkert
- Doris Bruder
- All homebound members
- All friends and family members recovering from an illness or a loss
- Our Veterans, Military Service Personnel, Firemen and First Responders
- Scott Koenig
- Anne Bowers
- Sharon Andersch



To request prayers, please use this QR code:



The History of Ebenezer's Women of The Church

2024 marks the 126th year of the founding of the Women of The Church at Ebenezer, a group which historically included the ladies of both the Lutheran and reformed congregations. Originally known as the Ebenezer Ladies Aid Society, the group was organized on February 26, 1898. Over the years, the women of Ebenezer have continued to work together, dedicating their aid wherever needed to the Glory of God.

The WOC currently hosts several annual events. According to our records, the Annual Bazaar began in 1984. The Homecoming Dinner began in 1993 - after the construction of the new kitchen was completed. (Prior to that date, the "kitchen" consisted of a refrigerator, a hot plate, and a sink.) With the new kitchen, the Homecoming meal could be prepared and cooked on site. The facility also allows for hosting funeral service luncheons, a service that began around 2000.

In the beginning, there were as many as 25-30 women in the group. Through the years the numbers dwindled, but the activities and commitment to Ebenezer have not changed. Currently, we organize and conduct a Penny Party, Mother's Day Tea, Bazaar, Homecoming Dinner, Ticket Raffle, Funeral Luncheons, and Visitations to our Home Buddies twice a year. Our monthly meetings are held April, May, June, September, October, November, and December on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

If you feel you would like to join our group and help support Ebenezer in any way, please come to our meetings. - we would love to have you be a part of our WOC group.

Submitted by the Women of the Church



The Ladies Aid Society of Ebenezer Union Church circa 1911

(This photo's original includes the names of all of the women shown and is available for viewing in Pastor Wally's study.)

Women of the Church

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 7th @ 7 p.m.

All women are welcome to attend!



The Preschool at Ebenezer



The Preschool at Ebenezer is now accepting registrations for our 2023-24 school year. Registration forms are available outside the preschool room and on our website: EbenezerNewTripoli.org/preschool-program/



Our Consistory President, Mike Schock, reading to our preschool students.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last Day of Sunday School – May 19th

School's out for summer – but when fall arrives, we will need additional Sunday School teachers. If you would like to help teach our Sunday School students, please contact Steph Quier.

Confirmation Class of 2024

- Hannah Hansut
- Addison Kahl
- Cameron Kahl
- Julianna Loder
- Ella Rainey
- Felecia Sansone
- Santino Sansone
- Ava Snyder
- Elle Snyder
- Emily Snyder
- Rylin Snyder
- Isla Tyahla
- Evan Wagstaff

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- 2 Corinthians 12:14



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!



Confirmation Class Schedule

- May 5 - Rehearsal @ 7:30 pm
- May 12 - No class on Mother's Day
- May 19 - Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday



Photos of the Confirmation Class will be taken.

The journey is not at an end, but just beginning. As the newest members of our Ebenezer family, how will you continue to engage with our church?

For Your Confirmation

It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will watch over you and guide you as you confirm your commitment to Him.

We pledge to stand by you and to be there for you with our support and prayers.

May the faith that has brought you to this blessed day keep you in His will for your life.

May God be with you and bless you as you continue to grow in Him.



Thank you for reading our worship service Scriptures!



What is Pentecost?



Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important belief of our Christian faith.

The Eastertide is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

On the feast of Pentecost, we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ as described in the Acts of the Apostles. (Acts 2)

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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PENTECOST	FILLED	HEAR	HOUSE	WIND
HEAVEN	FIRE	TONGUES	LANGUAGE	OTHER
DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK



Mother's Day Lesson

Matthew 19:19 – Honor thy Father and thy Mother

The Bible says to honor your mother in Matthew 19:19. You show her honor by treating her good. You don't yell at her, or boss her around. You love her and let her know that you care and appreciate everything she does for you. It takes a special person to be a mom. Your mom washes your clothes and makes sure that you have food on the table for you to eat.

Jesus had a mother, and her name was Mary. He loved her very much. He thought it was very important for you to honor your own mother. Do you think Jesus ever treated His mommy badly? No, He didn't.

And if you happen to not have a mommy around, don't worry. Jesus said that He would be a mother and father to your if you need one. He loves you and cares about you and does not want you to feel bad if you don't have one.

This Mother's Day, show your mom you love her by doing something nice for her. That will make Jesus smile. And if you don't have a mommy then do something nice for Jesus. Make a bowl of cereal for yourself and ask Jesus to come join you for breakfast. He will be watching you. You two can have a nice talk over breakfast. He loves for you to talk with Him.



The Children's Message



Good Friday Walk with the Cross



Ebenezer's Escape Room Challenge

Happy Birthday, Randy!



Thank you Cub Scouts!



Penny Party



Thank you, Becky Snyder, for being our M.C.!!



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,
May 7th & May 22nd @ 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, May 9th - 6 pm to 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 11th - 10 am to 12 pm



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.



Music by Valerie Borman

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.

Third Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Ontelaunee Park

Monday, May 27th – 11:00 a.m

Camp Curtain's Up!

JULY 15 - 19 - ages 11-14

MUSICAL: WICKED

JULY 22-26 - ages 14-18

MUSICAL: MEAN GIRLS



Sunday, September 15th

Doors open 12 pm

Play begins at 1 pm

*** 20 Games * 4 Specials ***

Raffles and 50/50 chances available for cash purchase.

◆ **\$25 in advance**

◆ **\$30 at the door**

Food, refreshments and baked goods for sale!

Hosted by Diamond Fire Co. Walnutport

- ◆ MICHAEL KORS ◆
- ◆ COACH ◆
- ◆ VERA BRADLEY ◆
- ◆ KATE SPADE ◆
- ◆ AND MORE! ◆

Use this QR code to sign up >>



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.



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 nwlgirlscouts@gmail.com for more information.



BOY SCOUTS / CUB SCOUTS



CUB SCOUT PACK 588 - May Calendar

- 5/4 – Statue of Liberty Trip – 7:30 a.m.
- 5/7 – Den Meeting – 630 p.m.
- 5/11 – Minsi Trails Council Pinewood Derby – 10 a.m.
- 5/14 - Pack 588 Fishing Derby! – 5:30 p.m.
- 5/20 – Troop 89 Spartan Race – 5: 30 p.m.
- 5/21 – Den Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 5/28 – Den Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Scouting for Cars at Ontelaunee Park

Saturday, June 29th – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please visit ScoutingforCars.com for more information.

Our Local Community

The Northwestern Lehigh Firefighter Foundation presents the Inaugural
Northwestern Lehigh FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION PICNIC
 May 4, 2024 • 12 - 5 PM • Ontelaunee Park
 7344 Kings Highway, New Tripoli PA
 Featuring... LIVE BANDS • FOOD TRUCKS • FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES & GAMES • FIREFIGHTER AWARENESS & APPRECIATION
 Northwestern Lehigh FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION

Lynn-Heidelberg Historical Society

25th Anniversary Banquet!

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

LYNNPORT FIRE COMPANY
 7164 BEHLER ROAD
 NEW TRIPOLI, PA

- 5:30 Meet and Greet
- 6:15 Opening Remarks
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:15 Speakers

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE :

- Irwin Hamm
- Bob Nagle
- Willard Snyder

Email: Info@lynnheidelberg.org

15th Annual
Ontelaunee Park Intertribal Powwow
 May *11 and 12, 2024
 7344 Kings Highway Rd • New Tripoli, PA 18066
 Native American Dancing, Drumming, Food, Arts, Culture, Music and Community
 Open to General Public (Please bring lawn chairs)
 Gates open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Grand Entry noon both days
 Admission: \$5.00. Seniors and Veterans \$3.00. Children under 12 free
 This will be an alcohol-free family event. Leashed dogs welcome.
 MC: Barry Lee
 Head Male Dancer: Elk Spirit Bass
 Head Female Dancer: Diane Hummingbird Woman
 Head Vet Dancer: John Three Eagles
 Head Drum: Holly Dog
 Proceeds to benefit Ontelaunee Park and Fire Company in New Tripoli.
 Camping for dancers, drums, vendors and volunteers only (no public camping).
 A potluck togetherness feast for dancers, drums, vendors and volunteers will be held Saturday night.
 Bring a favorite food to share!
 FOR INFORMATION:
 Call 610-914-5127 or 610-589-7861
 *Friday, May 10 will be free education day - interested organizations and schools can contact 610-509-7861. Hummingbirdwoman@yahoo.com or 610-914-5127. Carlisleamy@yahoo.com
 DIRECTIONS:
 From I-78, take Route 100 North. Make a left onto Route 309 North. Turn left onto Route 143 South. Go about 2 miles, through New Tripoli, to Ontelaunee Park on left. From the west: Take I-78 East to Lantzville exit. Turn left onto Route 143 North. Go about 12 miles and Ontelaunee Park is on the right.

CHRIST'S CHURCH AT LOWHILL
Basket Raffle
 May 4th
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 4695 Lowhill Church Road
 Tickets will be sold at the door
 \$5 per sheet
 \$20 for 5 sheets
 Food for sale
 DonutNV food truck!
 Prize drawing will begin at 3:00pm
 If you do not wish to stay for the drawing, you will be called if you are a winner!
 Contact: Sarah
 610-739-8633

Wheels for Victory
 Victory Junction
 a car donation camp
Antique, Custom, Street Rod, Motorcycle, Tractor, Truck Show - Crafters - Vendors to benefit the kids at Victory Junction Camp
*** Community Event - Free to the Public ***
Saturday, May 11, 2024
10 AM - 3 PM
Kempton Community Center
Kempton, PA
 "Victory Junction enriches the lives of children with serious illnesses by providing life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun, and empowering, at no cost to children and their families."
Food * Music * Silent Auction * 50/50 Drawing
 Registration 10 AM - 12:00 PM
Judging Begins at 12:00 with local "celebrity" judges. Winners receive \$50 Gift Cards donated by local businesses. Awards presented - 2:30
Raffle winners announced - 2:45
 • Pre-registration through May 9th - \$10
 After May 9th - \$15
 • For additional information call: 610-223-5750

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>5</p> <p>10am - Quilters</p> <p>9am - Donald Christ Birthday - Sophia Culp Birthday Celebration 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Church 10:15am - Holy Communion 7:30pm - Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - Crafters 7pm - Women of the Church 7:30pm - Cemetery Committee 1 pm - You're Not Alone</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - Crafters 9am - Women of the Church 7:30pm - Cemetery Committee 1 pm - You're Not Alone</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Birthday - JJ Sansone</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm - Ebenezer's Closet</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Birthday - Joyce Simpson 10am - Ebenezer's Closet</p>	<p>11</p> <p>NWL Firefighter Public Appreciation Picnic</p>
<p>12</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Church 7:30pm - Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - Crafters</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am - 3-year-old Step-up 6pm - Preschool Graduation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Last Day of Preschool</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Birthday - Kate Musselman</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1pm - Mother's Day Cherry Blossom High Tea</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Pentecost & Confirmation Scholarship Forms DUE 9am - Last Day of Sunday 10:15am - Church 10:15am - Holy Communion</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am - Crafters</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1 pm - You're Not Alone</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Birthday - Clarence Opolisky Birthday - Kim Etil</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>10:15am - Church</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am - Quilters</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Birthday - Hudson Wertman 9am - Crafters 6:30pm - Consistory</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Birthday - Michael Rainey</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Birthday - Justin Nohstein Birthday - Terry Feader</p>	<p>31</p>	





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WELCOMING ALL WITH OPEN ARMS!