



Ebenezer

United Methodist Church

1001 Ebenezer Road, Knoxville, TN 37923



July 31, 2022

Heritage Worship Service

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11:00 am

Prelude To God Be the Gloryarr. Michael Burkhardt
Mamie Sullivan, Organ

*Hymn How Great Thou Art No. 77

Welcome Rev. Tim Paul

Special Music Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas Dorsey
Michael Rodgers, Baritone

Responsive Reading Carroll Logan

"Truly I tell you," says Jesus,
"whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven."

May we be bound with love.

To bind, to be bound, to be bound with
So many competing demands and expectations
So many divisions and conflicts

May we be bound with love.

What shall we carry with us into eternity?
Our politics? Our relationships? Our divisions? Which?
For with this choice, we will be bound in heaven.

May we be bound with love.

Special Music Were It Not For Grace David Hamilton
Michael Rodgers, Baritone

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music It Is Well With My Soul Phillip Bliss
Michael Rodgers, Baritone

Message Fractured: In-House Conflict Rev. Tim Paul

*Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West

Closing and Benediction

Postlude God Be With You Till We Meet Againarr. William Tormer
Carolyn Hartsell, Piano

TODAY

Special Musical Guest, Michael Rodgers

We are very pleased to welcome special musical guest, Michael Rodgers, to the 11:00 am service today. In addition to receiving a BA from Knoxville College, and a Masters in Music from the UT, Michael has performed with Knoxville Opera, Marble City Opera, Knoxville Opera Gospel Choir, and is a featured soloist at both Christ and Cokesbury UMC. Additionally, Michael is a special education teacher with Knox County Schools.

6:00 pm

An Evening of Prayer and Testimony

Come and join us for a beautiful evening of prayer and testimony. We will hear what God has done, and continues to do, through our people. We will also be here to pray for your needs and those of individuals in our community.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Remember what it was like as a kid, getting all new stuff for the first day of school? How about the excitement of having bright, unbroken crayons; pencils to sharpen; and the fun of a new notebook? As we know, some parents struggle to provide those things for their kids, even more so with the recent across the board price increases. Michael Rodgers, who has been an inner-city special education teacher for many years, has provided us with a list of items that would really be helpful in supporting the kids he works with.

We will be gifting Michael the supplies for distribution at the 11:00 am service.

Copy Paper	Small, Multi-Color, Three Ring Binders	Hand Sanitizer
Spiral Notebooks	Multi-Color Folders with pockets	Puzzles-Large or Small
Tissues	Multi-Color Card Stock Paper	Sticky Notes
Educational Games	Individual Packs of Colored Pencils	

RONDA JOHNSON AND JENNIFER BRUCE

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS ON AUGUST 7 AT 11:00 AM

Ronda Johnson was born in Knoxville, TN, and is a graduate of Carson-Newman University with a masters degree in music education. She has taught music at New Center Elementary School in Sevier County for 17 years. Ronda enjoys singing the national anthem throughout East Tennessee for various University of Tennessee athletic events and Tennessee Smokies baseball games. She recently sang the national anthem for the USA Cycling Professional Road National Championships in Oak Ridge and Downtown Knoxville this June. She and her husband, Jeff are members of the Adult Sanctuary Choir at West Hills Baptist Church, the Knoxville Choral Society and Knoxville Chamber Chorale.

Jennifer Bruce was born and raised in New Jersey, but has called Maryville, TN home for the past 22 years. She has undergraduate degrees in mathematics and music from Drew University, and a doctoral degree in mathematics from Syracuse University. After teaching at Maryville College for many years, she now teaches high school mathematics at Clayton-Bradley Academy in Maryville. She is a long-time member and frequent soloist with the Knoxville Choral Society and Knoxville Chamber Chorale. Jennifer has been a frequent guest soloist at Ebenezer.

KAWAI PIANO IN ST. CLAIR HALL

Thank you to Mike and Peggy Hilliard of Oak Ridge, who are moving to Texas, for their donation of a very nice Kawai Piano now in St. Clair Hall. It will be excellent for groups having special programs, the Knoxville Choral Society, and the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra for their rehearsals.

Also, thank you to Ken Pearson, his brother, and Kevin Young for helping move the piano from Oak Ridge to Ebenezer. It is great to have Helping Hands who continually provide such wonderful service to our members and the community.

HERITAGE CHOIR SOCIAL FOR CURRENT AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS

Wednesday, August 10 at 6:00pm

Have you thought about joining the Heritage Choir? Our choir is not an auditioned choir, and while we strive for excellence, we welcome singers of all levels.

After taking the summer off, we are beginning the new season and now is a wonderful time to join us. The choir will be gathering on Wednesday, August 10, at 6:00 pm in the clubhouse at Charles Town Landing (8601 Old Carriage Court) and you're invited to come and be a part of things. If you have any questions or need information, contact our choir director, Carroll Logan, at carrollbrenda@comcast.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are pleased to welcome Corey Gurskyj, the Children's Ministry Team Chair, who will serve as the Interim Director while we search for a new director. In addition to her position here at the church, Corey is a coach for Gifted and Talented students in Knox County .

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Next Sunday, August 7, at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Services

Children, youth, young adults, teachers, and anyone else going back to school this fall are invited to participate as we offer special back-to-school prayers of blessings during both worship services. Bring your backpack or "back-to-school" bag. We will have a special backpack tag you can take with you to remind you that your church family is praying for you as you start the new school year.

YOUTH

TODAY

10:00 am Sunday School

We will not gather at our usual 5:00 pm meeting time this evening, instead, join us in the sanctuary for an evening of testimony and prayer at 6:00 pm.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

Due to Covid concerns, the Esther Circle rescheduled the luncheon for the Wesley House Granny's. We will be hosting the ladies this week, August 5, at 11:30 am in St. Clair Hall. The luncheon will be followed by bingo.

MEN'S COFFEE

All the men of the church are invited to join the guys to socialize and have some morning coffee at 9:00 am every Thursday morning in the annex building.

LADIES MEET 'N' CHAT

Ladies, you are invited to come and join us for coffee and chat on Thursday morning at 9:00 am at the KBrew located across the street from the church.

MORNING GLORIES BOOK STUDY

The Morning Glories book study group will be gathering Thursday, August 4, at 10:00 am in the Community Room. If you have questions about the Morning Glories, contact Jane Parker at 405-6080, or email her at parkerj57@gmail.com.

MAGNOLIA AVE. FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our youth group with their parents, Pastor Austin, and other volunteers went to Magnolia Ave. UMC to distribute 50 bags of groceries to our neighbors in need in July. In August, our donation request for July is **Canned Meat**. Our next distribution day is August 22.

UNITED METHODISTS DIVIDED

We will meet in the sanctuary for this study on Tuesdays
at 6:00 pm through August 16.

Family Friendly Sunday Fundays in July!

JULY 3RD WAS GREAT!

We had a really nice turn out for our outdoor service and cookout.
Thank you to all those attended, and those who helped make it happen.
We can't wait to do it again!

JULY 10TH

The special music at the 11:00 am service by Katherine Paden and Campbell Ella was inspiring, as was Pastor Austin's "Fractured" sermon. If you were not in attendance, you can see a recording of the service on Ebenezer UMC Knoxville's Youtube channel.

A SWEET FEAST TO REMEMBER!

We were happy to have had about 30 people attend our first ever dessert potluck last Sunday. We had key lime pie, chess bars, Nancy's famous brownies, conversation, fellowship, and lots of wonderful treats.

July 17TH

We were so pleased to welcome musical guest, K. C. Armstrong, to the 11:00 am worship service. K.C. has sung on national and international stages as a former member of the U.S. Army Chorus and former member of the U.S. Airforce Singing Sergeants. His music was uplifting and we were honored to have him here.

GAME NIGHT

While game night was not as well attended as we would have liked, the 25 or so people who participated had a great evening filled with goodies and games.

July 24TH

Special music was provided by Bryan Brewster who has been playing the saxophone for over 30 years, starting in church with his mom at age 10, to playing in thousands of places around the world. Music and the saxophone have been his life. We were pleased and honored to host this talented musician at the 11:00 am service last week.

Cook Out and Water Fun

We had an inflatable water slide, squirt guns, water balloons, and watery fun for the whole family. Tom and his sous chefs cooked hot dogs, to go with chips, dessert, drinks, and a lot of fun.

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, JULY 31

- 9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 - 10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
 - 11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 - 5:00 pm—Youth (Annex)
 - 6:00 pm—An Evening of Testimony and Prayer (Sanctuary)
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MONDAY, AUGUST 1

- 7:00 pm—AA Men’s Book Study (Community Room)
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

- 3:00 pm—Farmer’s Market (Parking Lot)
 - 3:00 pm—Youth Bible Study and Swim
 - 6:00 pm—United Methodists Divided (Sanctuary)
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

- 6:30 pm—Church Council Meeting (Community Room)
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

- 9:00 am—Men’s Club Coffee (Annex)
 - 9:00 am—Ladies Meet ‘n’ Chat (KBrew at 1000 Ebenezer Rd)
 - 10:00 am—Morning Glories Book Group (Community Room)
 - 7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (St. Clair Hall)
 - 7:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Community Room)
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- 10:30 am—Wesley House Granny’s Luncheon (St. Clair Hall)
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