

**Graduate Sunday
Heritage Worship Service**

May 5, 2024
11:00 am

Prelude.....I Sing the Mighty Power of God.....arr. Matt Limbaugh
Fred Pogue, Organ

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Rev. Tim Paul

*Hymn.....Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.....UMH 89

Responsive Reading..... Rev. Tim Paul
Life looms ahead of us, huge and uncertain; in the confusion we must listen for the
voice of God. Who can hear the voice of God calling?

Here I am, send me!

Hunger, greed, hopelessness prevail in our world; making it difficult to believe that
God still dances. Who can speak good news in the face of evil?

Here I am, send me!

The world is waiting to hear the promise of God; a life of peace, mercy, grace, and
love for all of God's children. Who will choose this life with God?

Here I am, send me!

*Hymn.....Let Us Break Bread Together.....UMH 618

Celebrating our GraduatesRev. Austin Byerly

Anthem.....Come to the Table.....James Koerts
Heritage Choir, Directed by Jamie Wilson

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music.....On Eagle's Wings.....arr. Mark Hayes
Kathryn Paden, Soprano

Message.....Initiated into Christ's Holy Church.....Rev. Austin Byerly

Holy Communion.....Rev. Austin Byerly
Prayer of Confession & Pardon
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
The Giving of the Bread & Cup

*Closing Hymn.....Bread of the World.....UMH 624

*Benediction

Postlude.....When in Our Music God is Glorified.....arr. Matt Limbaugh
Fred Pogue, Organ

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



To participate in worship through giving: place your offering in the
baskets by the doors of the sanctuary; mail your offering to PO Box 31047
Knoxville, TN 37930; or give online, securely, by using the QR code or
visiting www.eumcknox.org.

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WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a connection card that you can find on the back of the pew in front of you. We invite you to leave us your name and either a phone number or email address so that we can connect with you, learn more about you, and share more about who we are. Also, please note that for your convenience we have a **Cry Room** and a **Sensory Room** on the right side of the sanctuary if you need these rooms. We're so thankful you're here!

Get Involved In A Ministry!

Looking for new ways to get involved at Ebenezer? Volunteer in one of our ministries!

Helping Hands—A ministry that helps with handyman projects for those in need. Reach out to Ken Pearson at kenpearson8905@gmail.com or (865) 773-7613.

Daybreak—A service & lunch for our adult friends with autism. Meets on the second Thursday of each month. If you're interested in volunteering, reach out to Debbie Norris at sewingdebbie@hotmail.com or (865) 293-2041.

Wesley House—Be on the lookout in upcoming bulletins for donation needs!

Water Angels—Three or four times a year, we serve a meal with Water Angels ministry. The next serve date will be **Sunday, June 2**, at 2 pm.

Church Work & Serve Days—Be on the lookout in your bulletin for future dates!

Altar Flowers—Sign up on the calendar in the lobby (on the double doors behind the volunteer desk) to place flowers on the altar in honor or remembrance of someone important or a special event in your life. Reach out to Susan McMahan with any questions at mcmahonsw@charter.net or (865) 414-7807.

Grounds Maintenance—We are looking for volunteers to commit to grounds maintenance for one hour per week for a month doing things like mowing, weed eating, trimming, etc. If you're interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

MAGNOLIA AVE. FOOD PANTRY

During the month of May, we will be collecting Smooth Peanut Butter for our neighbors at Magnolia Ave. If you'd like to donate, please drop your items off in the bin in the hallway in front of the office. The next distribution day at Magnolia Ave. is Monday, May 27.



HELPING IN WORSHIP AT EBENEZER

We would love your help to lead worship during the Heritage Service by reading Scripture lessons, creeds, and responsive readings. We are also looking for people to help serve communion in both the Celebration Service and the Heritage Service. If you would be interested in serving in any of these ways, reach out to Pastor Austin at abyerly@eumcknox.org to get started.

WALK AND TALK TOGETHER (WATT)

Join Ebenezer for a new ministry called WaTT (Walk and Talk Together). This group is open to everyone, and will meet weekly to eat lunch, walk, and talk together. Like lightbulbs wattages vary, so do individual energy levels, so this group will walk in parks and on paths that encourage various levels of interest and ability, with places to sit and enjoy nature. They hope to "let their lights shine" by sharing experiences and supporting each other in life's walk. They will meet at the church on Wednesdays at 11 am to carpool to lunch before walking. For more information, reach out to Amy Aspenwall (423-539-9278), Nancy Connors (865-654-7478), or Joan Henn (217-855-1081).



THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, MAY 5—GRADUATE SUNDAY!

9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Graduates Reception (Lobby)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm—Graduates Reception (Lobby)
5:00 pm—Senior Night at Youth Group (Annex)

MONDAY, MAY 6

10:30 am—Private Event (St. Clair Hall)
6:00 pm—Yoga with Tammy (Lobby)
7:00 pm—Boy Scouts Troop 141 (Annex)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

10:00 am—Storytime with Mrs. Whitney (Power JAM)
10:00 am—Women's Coffee (Community Room)
11:00 am—Qigong With Mona (Fellowship Classroom)
3:00 pm—Farmers' Market (Parking Lot)
6:30 pm—Prayer Team Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 pm—Cub Scouts (St. Clair Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

11:00 am—WaTT (Meet in the church parking lot for carpooling to lunch and then a walk at Anchor Park)
7:30 pm—UT Chamber Recital (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MAY 9

9:00 am—Men's Coffee (Annex)
10:30 am—Daybreak (Sanctuary & St. Clair Hall)
7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (St. Clair Hall)
7:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Community Room)
7:00 pm—Alateen Meeting (Annex)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

10:00 am—DAR Meeting (St. Clair Hall)
6:00 pm—Bearden Band Benefit Concert (St. Clair Hall)



SUNDAY, MAY 12—MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)

GRADUATE SUNDAY—TODAY!

We are excited to celebrate our graduates today! We will recognize all graduating seniors (high school and college) in both the 9 am and 11 am services, and will have a reception in the lobby after both services as well. Congratulations all seniors, we are so proud of you!



DAYBREAK—THURSDAY

We look forward to hosting our adult friends with autism this Thursday for a morning of worship, activities, and lunch. If you are interested in serving on Thursday, please be at the church at 9:30 am. Questions? Contact Debbie Norris at sewingdebbie@hotmail.com or (865) 293-2041.

BEARDEN BAND BENEFIT CONCERT—SATURDAY

This Saturday, Ebenezer will be hosting the Bearden Band Benefit Concert at 6 pm in St. Clair Hall! The suggested donation for this concert is \$20, and the proceeds will go to support the band boosters. We hope you will join us for this great concert!

VBS AT EBENEZER—JUNE 17-20

Mark your calendars for Camp Firelight VBS at Ebenezer, June 17-20, 6—8 pm! We will learn that we can put our trust in God in every situation, including times when we might be afraid. **Register now at ebenezerumc.mycokeburysvbs.com**. For questions, email Whitney Douglas, Children's Director, at childrensministry@eumcknox.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR VBS!

As Mrs. Whitney and her team gear up for our upcoming VBS in June, we would love your help to make this VBS great! We are in need of donations of paper towel tubes, old artificial Christmas trees, and camping supplies (sleeping bags, lanterns, tents, and other items that will be returned to you) to decorate the church, as well as pre-packaged snacks like chips or juice boxes. We are also in need of volunteers the week of VBS! You can volunteer in any of the following ways:

- Join the decorating committee
- Join the registration team
- Volunteer as a Group Leader for 1st grade, 2nd & 3rd grade, or 4th & 5th grade
- Volunteer as a leader for the Science Station

If you're able to volunteer, email Whitney Douglas (childrensministry@eumcknox.org) to let her know which position you would like to join. If you're able to donate supplies, please bring them to the Children's Wing **by June 1**. Thank you to everyone who is able to donate supplies or volunteer to make VBS a success!

LAST STORYTIME WITH MRS. WHITNEY NEXT WEEK

Storytime With Mrs. Whitney will be taking a break for the summer! Join us for the last storytime of the season next Tuesday, May 14!

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday will be Sunday, May 19, and we invite everyone to wear red that Sunday! Traditionally, the color red is worn on Pentecost Sunday to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit in our community and our unity in Christ. Join us in wearing red on Sunday, May 19!

If you have questions about our Youth Ministry, reach out to Pastor Austin Byerly at abyerly@eumcknox.org



SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING

We meet for Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 am in the Annex.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

At Youth Group tonight, we will be celebrating our seniors in high school. Join us for food, community, and games! We will meet from 5—7 pm in the Annex.

UPCOMING

Sunday, May 12—No Youth Group because of Mother's Day.

Friday, May 17—Welcome Rising 6th Grader Event at Main Event (9081 Kingston Pike) from 5—9 pm. Sign up on the sheet in the Youth Room by next Sunday.

June 24-28—Youth Summer Mission Week, more details to come!

Children's Ministry

If you have questions about our Children's Ministry, contact Whitney Douglas, Children's Ministry Director, at childrensministry@eumcknox.org

"THAT'S MESSED UP!" IN POWER JAM

This is a phrase we normally use when something doesn't make sense or isn't fair. That's Joseph's life in a nutshell, as we will see this month. His life was full of ups and downs, but God remained faithful. He turned hard and difficult things into blessings!

NURSERY

An infant and toddler nursery is provided from 9 am—12 pm on Sunday mornings. Worship worry-free, as Mrs. Sherry cares for your little ones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10 AM

There is always something exciting planned for Sunday School as Mrs. Elyse leads our Pre-K—2nd grade Sunday school class and Mrs. Whitney leads our 3rd—5th graders!