

**Heritage Worship Service**

October 20, 2024

11:00 am

Prelude.....Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness.....arr. G. Lachenauer  
Edward Pierce, Organ

Welcome and Opening Prayer ..... Rev. Austin Byerly

\*Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy ..... UMH 64

Responsive Reading ..... Kevin Young

Jesus calls us, saying, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."

**Help us, Lord, to love with compassion, even when it is difficult.**

"Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

**Give us the strength, Lord, to respond with grace and mercy.**

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

**Guide us, Lord, to live with respect, treating others with kindness and dignity.**

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

**May our lives reflect Your mercy, Lord, as we seek to love as You have loved us.**

**With respect and compassion, we commit to doing unto others as we would have them do to us. Amen.**

\*Hymn.....Wonderful Words of Life ..... UMH 600

Scripture Reading.....Romans 12:9-21 ..... Kevin Young

Anthem .....Great Is Thy Faithfulness .....arr. John Purifoy  
Heritage Choir

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music.....By Our Love .....arr. Phillip Keveren  
Kathryn Paden, Soprano

Message.....I'm Voting For: Respect .....Rev. Tim Paul

\*Closing Hymn.....Jesu, Jesu v.1,2,3 ..... UMH 432

\*Benediction

Postlude.....Partita on "Come Thou, Almighty King".....arr. A. Giamanco  
Edward Pierce, Organ

*The altar flowers are given in memory of Ron Kelsey by Sherry Miller.*

**EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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(865) 691-8330 or [www.eumcknox.org](http://www.eumcknox.org)

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 am—2 pm

Celebration Worship, 9 am ~ Sunday School, 10 am ~ Heritage Worship, 11 am



**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](http://www.eumcknox.org).

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I'M VOTING FOR



**"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,**

do good, and lend,  
expecting nothing in return."



## 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!



### WELCOME EDWARD PIERCE!

We are excited to welcome our new church organist, Edward Pierce! Edward has been a church musician for 50 years, serving both Baptist and Methodist churches in Lake City, Asheville, Oak Ridge, Knoxville, and Tellico Village. He is blessed, after teaching school for 30 years, to be accompanying the choirs at West Valley Middle School and Bearden High School. He and his wife, Jessica, live in the Bluegrass community with their daughter, Julia, and son, Elliot. Welcome, Edward!

Looking for new ways to get involved?  
Volunteer in one of these ministries!

Get Involved In A Ministry!

**Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry**—This month, we are collecting **Canned Soup**. If you'd like to donate, drop them off in the bin in the hallway. The next distribution day at Magnolia Ave. is **Monday, October 28**.

**Wesley House**—Thank you to everyone who has donated canned goods for Wesley House, your generosity is so helpful to them! We still have the collection bin in St. Clair Hall, so if you'd like to contribute more canned goods (veggies, fruit, beans, meats, soup) you can leave them in the bin. **Thank you again for your generosity!**

**Helping Hands**—A ministry that helps with handyman projects for those in need. They are always looking for new volunteers. Reach out to Ken Pearson at kenpearson8905@gmail.com or (865) 773-7613 to learn more about serving.

**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.

## SERVE ON A SUNDAY MORNING

**Helping out in the Heritage Service**—We would love your help to lead worship during the Heritage Service by reading Scriptures, creeds, and responsive readings. Reach out to Pastor Austin at abyerly@eumcknox.org if you're interested!

**Serving on the Tech Team**—If you have a passion or interest in technology, we'd love your help on the Tech Team! We're looking for people to help run announcement / sermon slides, control a camera for our livestream, or run audio. Reach out to our worship leader Todd Burkholder (burkholder.todd@gmail.com) or Meagan in the front office (office@eumcknox.org) to start volunteering!

**Be an Usher/Greeter**—We are looking for people to be a friendly face on Sunday mornings to everyone who walks in the building! Duties include things like handing out bulletins, directing people where to go, picking up the offering, and more. If this is something you're interested in, reach out to Meagan in the front office by emailing office@eumcknox.org or calling (865) 691-8330.

**Serving Communion**—We are looking for people to serve communion in both the Celebration Service and the Heritage Service. To serve, reach out to Pastor Austin.

### NOTE FROM LINDA WELCH

Thank you all for the prayers, food, and rides you all have given me since I broke my arm. I appreciate my church family so much!

### JOIN US FOR COFFEE!

**Women's Coffee**—Ladies, grab a cup of coffee and enjoy each other's company every Tuesday morning at 10 am in the Community Room!

**Men's Coffee**—Men, enjoy your coffee together every Thursday at 9 am in the Annex.

## THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)  
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
1:00 pm—Rummage Sale Drop-off (Lobby until 3 pm)  
3:00 pm—Blessing of the Pets (Soccer Field)  
4:00 pm—Confirmation Class (Community Room)  
5:00 pm—Youth Group (Annex)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 am—Rummage Sale Drop-off (Lobby until 4:30 pm)  
6:00 pm—Yoga With Tammy (Lobby)  
7:00 pm—Boy Scouts (Annex)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 am—Rummage Sale Drop-off (Lobby until 4:30 pm)  
10:00 am—Women's Coffee (Community Room)  
11:00 am—Qigong With Mona (Fellowship Classroom)  
3:00 pm—Farmers' Market (Parking Lot)  
5:30 pm—KSO Youth Chamber Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm—Cub Scouts (Annex)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 am—Rummage Sale Drop-off (Lobby until 4:30 pm)  
10:30 am—WaTT (Meet in the Church Parking Lot)  
5:30 pm—"New Perspectives on Parables" Bible Study (Fellowship Classroom)  
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00 am—Rummage Sale Drop-off (Lobby until 12 pm)  
9:00 am—Men's Coffee (Annex)  
7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Community Room)  
7:00 pm—Alateen Meeting (Annex)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:00 pm—Rummage Sale (until 7 pm)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 am—Rummage Sale (until 12 pm)  
9:00 am—Youth Bake Sale (until 12 pm)  
10:00 am—Men's Club BBQ (until 1 pm)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27—ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)  
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
4:00 pm—Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat (Soccer Field)

### BLESSING OF THE PETS—TODAY!

Since the original date for Blessing of the Pets was a wash due to rainy weather, our rescheduled Blessing of the Pets is TODAY! Please bring your leashed or crated pet this afternoon at 3 pm to the soccer field to receive a special blessing from Pastor Tim and Pastor Austin! Join us as we celebrate the special bond we have with our pets and how they reveal God's love to us.

### "NEW PERSPECTIVES ON PARABLES" WITH PASTOR TIM—WEDNESDAYS

Join Pastor Tim Wednesday night! This series will run through Oct 30 from 5:30—6:30 pm in the Fellowship Classroom. In each session, we'll explore one of Jesus's parables from a fresh perspective. Whether you're familiar with the parables or exploring them for the first time, we hope to offer fresh insights and a deeper understanding of Jesus' teachings in this study!



## FALL FUNDRAISERS FOR MISSIONS THIS WEEK!

Ebenezer's Fall Fundraisers weekend is almost here! This week, Ebenezer's UMW will be collecting for their Rummage Sale (see the bulletin insert for what they are collecting and when you can drop it off at the church). Then this weekend, we will have our Rummage Sale, Men's Club BBQ, and Youth Bake Sale! The **Rummage Sale** will be Friday (4—7 pm) and Saturday (7:30 am—12 pm), our

**Men's Club BBQ** will be Saturday (10 am—1 pm), and our **Youth Bake Sale** will be Saturday (9 am—12 pm). To order BBQ, fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the offering basket or turn it into the front office, or order online using the QR code here. We hope you'll join us for this exciting time!



If you have questions about our Youth Ministry or want more information on the activities listed below, reach out to Pastor Austin Byerly, Associate Pastor and Youth Director, at abyerly@eumcknox.org



### JOIN US FOR YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

#### Sunday School This Morning

We will meet for Sunday School this morning at 10 am in the Annex. Join us!

#### Confirmation Class Today—4 pm in the Community Room

We continue Confirmation Class this afternoon in the Community Room. This Sunday, we will be asking the question, "who are we in God?" We will be exploring God's unending gift of grace.

#### Youth Group Tonight—Navigating Anxiety

Tonight we'll explore faith, anxiety, and navigating anxiety; both in our own lives and as we support those around us. Dr. Mona Hayes, LCSW, will lead us in conversation about navigating anxiety. Parents are encouraged to attend tonight with their students, it will be a great night with dinner provided!

If you have questions about our Children's Ministry or want more information on the activities below, contact Alicia Wilson, Children's Director, at childrensministry@eumcknox.org



### JOIN US THIS MORNING FOR CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

#### Power JAM—9 am & 11 am (for Pre-K through 5th grade)

What are you afraid of? Spiders or snakes? The dark or storms? Sometimes things in life are scary or painful. Join us this month for our series "Not Afraid" where we will learn that God is always with us!

#### Sunday School—10 am (for Pre-K through 5th grade)

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

#### Nursery—9 am to 12 pm (for infants and toddlers)

A nursery is available for your young children from 9 am to 12 pm on Sundays while you are here. Worship worry-free, as Mrs. Sherry cares for your little ones!



We are excited for our Fall Festival next week! As always, it's free for the community! There will be a trunk or treat, a bouncy house, crafts, snacks, face painting, games, and more! **If you're able to volunteer to be a "trunk" or can donate water bottles and candy**, contact Alicia Wilson or drop your items off in the lobby.

Thank you Mrs. Alicia for all of your hard work getting this festival together for us!!!