

Heritage Worship Service

February 9, 2025

11:00 am

Prelude.....Andante.....J. Biewitt
Edward Pierce, Organ

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

*Opening Hymn.....Be Thou My Vision.....UMH 451

Responsive Reading.....Rev. Tim Paul
O Lord, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. You supply seed to the sower and bread for food, that we might abound in every good work.

We receive with gratitude and give with joy, trusting in your abundant provision.

When we give, we do not give from fear, but from faith: believing that you will multiply our offerings, turning them into a harvest of righteousness.

Let our gifts be seeds of hope, sown in love, that your grace may overflow to many.

May our generosity be more than numbers on a page, but a story of your goodness, a testimony of your faithfulness, and a light in the darkness.

Use what we bring—our time, our resources, our very lives—to build your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Hymn.....Open My Eyes, That I May See.....UMH 454

Scripture Lesson.....Acts 4:32-35.....Rev. Tim Paul

Anthem.....We Walk By Faith.....arr. Howard Helvey
Ladies of the Heritage Choir

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Special Music.....My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....arr. George Nevin
Sarah Howell, Soprano, and Dowe Cauthen, Baritone

Message.....Getting Our Hopes Up: Ebenezer Wrapped.....Rev. Austin Byerly

*Closing Hymn.....Jesus Calls Us v.1,4,5.....UMH 398

*Benediction

Postlude.....Postludio.....C.A. Bossi
Edward Pierce, 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.

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1001 Ebenezer Road | Knoxville, TN 37923

(865) 691-8330 or www.eumcknox.org

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 am—2 pm

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



FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Getting Our Hopes Up

A STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES



The One who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11



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. Leave us your name and contact information so that we can connect with you and share more about who we are. Also, if you need them, we have a **Cry Room** and a **Sensory Room** on the right side of the sanctuary, as well as a **Nursing Room** in the Children's Wing. We're thankful you're here!

MINISTRIES AT EBENEZER

Looking for new ways to get involved at Ebenezer? Volunteer in one or all of these ministries below!

Get Involved In A Ministry!

Helping Hands—A ministry that helps with projects for those in need. **They are currently collecting flower vases and hand-written notes of encouragement** for a Valentines project. Reach out to Ken Pearson for more info; bring your vases and notes to the church office.

Altar Flowers—**Sign up to bring flowers** in honor or remembrance of someone important or a special event! The sign-up calendar is in the lobby.

Wesley House—With expensive food prices, Wesley House is not able to acquire enough food necessary for their food pantry. If you're able, please help by donating canned goods (**veggies, fruit, beans, meats, soup**) in the container in St. Clair Hall.

Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry—This month, we will collect **Canned Soup** 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, February 24.**

Partner With Us In Prayer—Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 11**, at 6:30 pm.

Visit Ministry—Contact Celia or Barbara to join a group that visits with those who can't physically join us!

SERVING AT EBENEZER

Want to get more involved in the worship services on Sunday mornings at Ebenezer? Volunteer in one or all of these ministries!



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!

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.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE

Ebenezer is participating in the Love Your Neighbor campaign again this year! This campaign is a movement to inspire peace, love, and unity, and is an opportunity to get together with our neighbors and celebrate our unique cultures and differences. We currently have a collection barrel in the lobby for donations, in partnership with Second Harvest of East TN. If you'd like to donate, needed items include peanut butter, canned proteins, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and soups.

WARMING SHELTER BLANKET DONATIONS

This winter, we are serving the community by supporting the West Knoxville Emergency Warming Shelter at Cokesbury UMC. They are currently collecting blankets, earmuffs, thermal socks, sleeping bags, and more. If you'd like to purchase items for those in need, you may go to our Outreach Programs portion of our website under the Programs tab; there, you will see the Amazon link to order items and have it shipped directly to Cokesbury. **Having the items shipped directly to Cokesbury via the Amazon list is the fastest way to get the needed items to the Warming Shelter.** Thank you to everyone who has already purchased needed items! To learn more about the Warming Shelter, visit <https://www.cokesbury.tv/warming>.

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9—SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

7:30 am—Men's Breakfast (Community Room)
9:00 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (various locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:00 pm—Yoga With Tammy (Lobby)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00 am—Storytime With Mrs. Alicia (Power JAM)
10:00 am—Women's Coffee (Community Room)
11:00 am—Qigong With Mona (Lobby)
5:30 pm—KSO Youth Chamber Music Rehearsals (Sanctuary, various locations)
6:30 pm—Prayer Team Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 pm—Cub Scouts (Annex)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:30 am—WaTT
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14—VALENTINE'S DAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 am—Veteran's Breakfast (St. Clair Hall)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (various locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm—Safe Sanctuaries Training (St. Clair Hall, Sanctuary)
3:00 pm—Youth: Bowling

WALK AND TALK TOGETHER—WEDNESDAYS

Our walking and lunch group WaTT (Walk and Talk Together) will be meeting this Wednesday! Join a wonderful group of folks for an easy walk and lunch after. For more information, reach out to Amy Aspenwall, Nancy Connors, or Joan Henn.

DAYBREAK—THURSDAY

We look forward to hosting our adult friends with autism on Thursday at 10:30 am 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. If you have questions about Daybreak, you can contact Debbie Norris.

LUNCH BUNCH—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Due to the cold weather, we canceled our Lunch Bunch talk last month on Realm, our online directory. We hope you'll join us this month on Tuesday, February 18, at 12 pm, to hear from our staff on how we are moving forward with our online directory!



VETERAN'S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY

The monthly Veteran's breakfast at Ebenezer will be this Saturday from 8-9:30 am in St. Clair Hall! This free breakfast is put on by The United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, Inc, in partnership with Irreverent Warriors, and is for all veterans, active duty soldiers, and their guests. Join us for a time with other military families!

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!

No Youth Group Tonight

Because of Superbowl Sunday, we will not meet tonight for Youth Group.

UPCOMING IN YOUTH

Safe Sanctuaries Training for Parents—Join us for our Safe Sanctuaries training as we learn how to protect and care for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults! This training will be **next Sunday, February 16, following the 11 am service.** We will have lunch in St. Clair followed by a fun afternoon in the Sanctuary with exploring policies, best practices, and our shared responsibility in making our church a place of trust and security. All volunteers, parents, and church members are encouraged to attend!

Youth Bowling—February 16 at 3 pm.

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



Children's Ministry

JOIN US THIS MORNING FOR CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

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

We're excited continue our series *Why is the Bible Relevant to Me?* Through this series, we'll help kids discover how God speaks through His Word to those who listen, offering guidance and correction for their lives. Together, we'll explore key themes like the Bible as God's true Word and how to use it as a guide for daily living.

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

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

STORYTIME WITH MRS. ALICIA—TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

Join us for Storytime with Mrs. Alicia! Every Tuesday at 10 am, bring your little ones (ages 1-5) for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts. Everyone is welcome—come connect, learn, and grow with our community!

RECENT YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS

Ebenezer's 2024 giving statements were recently sent to individuals via their email, and mailed to those for whom we don't have an email address on file. If you did not receive a statement, would prefer an emailed versus mailed statement in the future, or have any questions or concerns about your giving statement, reach out to accounting@eumcknox.org for help.

2025	January	YTD
Actual General Fund Income	\$56,711.69	\$56,711.69
Budgeted General Fund Income	\$55,751.75	\$55,751.75
General Fund Giving—Over Budget	\$959.94	\$959.94
Actual Building Fund Income	\$6,898.95	\$6,898.95
Mission Giving (<i>includes Holston Conference Tithe and Smoky Mountain District Apportionment</i>)	\$7,883.66	\$7,883.66