

## Heritage Worship Service

March 16, 2025

11:00 am

### Prelude

How Firm a Foundation.....arr. Molly Ijames  
Come, Christians, Join to Sing.....arr. Mark Hayes  
Wendy Kitts and Pam Robertson

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

\*Opening Hymn.....To God be the Glory v.1,3.....UMH 98

Affirmation of Faith.....Apostle's Creed.....UMH 881

\*Gloria Patri.....Glory Be to the Father.....UMH 70

Responsive Reading.....Rev. Austin Byerly

We present this instrument, given by C.J. and Barbara Smith, to be consecrated to the glory of God, and for service in this Sanctuary. **Sing a new song. Play skillfully, and shout for joy.** Praise him with instruments and dance. **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, break forth into joyous song and sing praises.** Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts. **It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name.**

### Special Music

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart.....arr. Mark Hayes  
Amazing Grace.....arr. H.E. Singley  
Wendy Kitts and Pam Robertson

Prayer Of Confession.....Rev. Austin Byerly

Special Music.....Standing on the Promises.....arr. Pam Robertson  
Pam Robertson

### Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Special Music.....How Great Thou Art.....arr. Joel Raney  
Wendy Kitts and Pam Robertson

Message.....Spring Training: The Diving Dugout.....Rev. Tim Paul

\*Closing Hymn.....Just As I Am, Without One Plea v. 1,2,6.....UMH 357

### \*Benediction

Postlude.....Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven.....arr. Pam Robertson  
Pam Robertson

*The altar flowers are given today by Bob and Debbie Norris.*

### 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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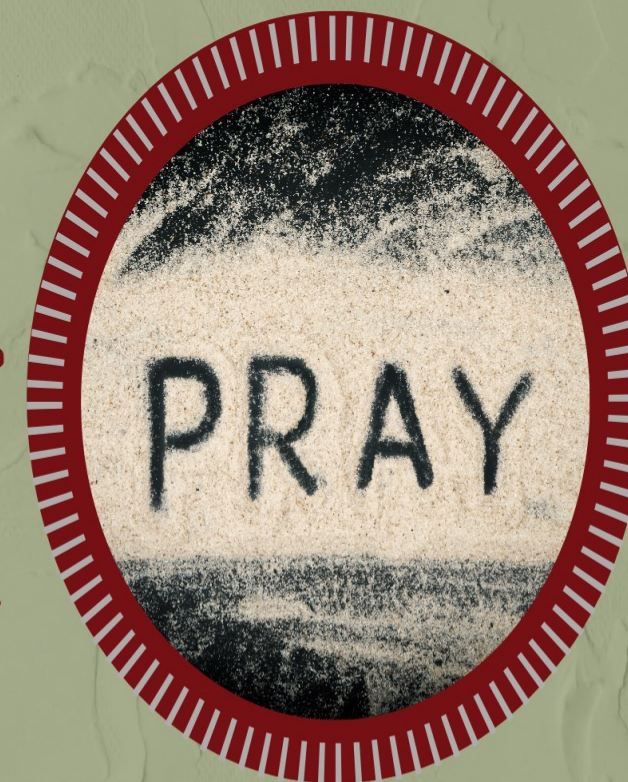
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# Spring Training A Lent Series



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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. 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!*

**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. **There are lots of dates to be filled so don't forget to sign up!**

**Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry**—This month, we will collect **Canned Vegetables** 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, March 24.

**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.

**Helping Hands**—A ministry that helps with projects for those in need. Reach out to Ken Pearson to get started.

**Partner With Us In Prayer**—Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 25**, 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!*

**SERVE ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

**Serving on the Tech Team – We need your help on the Tech Team!** We're looking for people to help run slides, control the cameras, or run audio (on Sundays and for special services and events). No experience necessary, we will train you! 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.

**Be an Usher/Greeter**—We are looking for people to be a friendly face on Sunday mornings to everyone who walks in the building! If this is something you're interested in, reach out to Meagan in the front office at office@eumcknox.org.

### LENTEN SEASON AT EBENEZER

*Join us for special activities during this Lenten Season, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Easter.*



#### Lent Family Sunday School Class

Continuing today at 10 am, we are having a Family Sunday School Class! We encourage parents, children, and youth to be part of this 6-week Sunday School class.

#### Bible Study with Pastor Tim—Starts Wednesday

Join us for "Flawed to Faithful: Journeying with Peter this Lent." We will meet on Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.

#### Combined Service with St. Mark UMC—Maundy Thursday (April 17)

More information about this service will be coming later.

#### Family Serve Day—Sunday, April 13, immediately following the 11 am service

Keep an eye out for more details about this event!

## THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

### SUNDAY, MARCH 16—START OF KNOX COUNTY SPRING BREAK

9:00 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)  
10:00 am—Sunday School (various locations)  
11:00 am—Heritage Service (Sanctuary)

### MONDAY, MARCH 17

6:00 pm—Yoga With Tammy (Lobby)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 18—STORYTIME CANCELED

10:00 am—Women's Coffee (Community Room)  
11:00 am—Qigong With Mona (Lobby)  
12:00 pm—Lunch Bunch with Kristy Oran, Water Angel Ministries (St. Clair Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19—PASTOR TIM'S STUDY & CHOIR REHEARSAL CANCELED

10:30 am—WaTT (Church parking lot)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 am—Men's Coffee (Annex)  
10:00 am—UMW (Community Room)  
7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Community Room)  
7:00 pm—Alateen Meeting (Annex)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)  
10:00 am—Sunday School (various locations)  
11:00 am—Heritage Service with K.C. Armstrong and Daniel Varnell (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm—Bearden Band Benefit Concert (Sanctuary)

### DEDICATION OF OUR NEW PIANO—TODAY

Today's Heritage Service includes a dedication of our new piano (which was given to Ebenezer by C.J. and Barbara Smith), and piano arrangements of hymns by Pam Robertson, pianist at Central Baptist Church Bearden, and Wendy Kitts, Ebenezer's pianist. We are so grateful to the Smiths for this gift and for Pam and Wendy's talents!

### LUNCH BUNCH—TUESDAY

Make plans to join us for fellowship and a feast for Lunch Bunch this Tuesday at 12 pm in St. Clair Hall! Our guest speaker will be Kristy Oran, President and Program Coordinator for Water Angel Ministries. Bring a covered dish and a friend for this great program!



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—THURSDAY

Our United Methodist Women are looking forward to gathering this Thursday at 10 am in the Community Room. All women of the church are invited! Contact Sue Petrie with any questions about UMW. See you Thursday!

### BEARDEN BAND BENEFIT CONCERT—NEXT SUNDAY, 7 PM



Come support the Bearden High School Band Program next Sunday night at 7 pm for their free benefit concert here at Ebenezer! The concert will take place in the Sanctuary and will be hosted by gospel quartet King's Cadence. All donations made will support the Bearden High School Band. We hope you'll join us!

### PASTOR AUSTIN SELECTED AS "40 CLERGY UNDER 40"

We're thrilled to announce that Pastor Austin has been selected as one of the Young Clergy Network's 40 Clergy Under 40! This prestigious recognition includes a year of enriching learning experiences, including a special trip to London for a John Wesley Heritage tour. Join us in congratulating Pastor Austin on this impressive achievement!



Mark your calendars for Ebenezer's Spring Fundraisers For Missions weekend on April 4 & 5! We hope you'll join us for this great weekend!

### Men's Club BBQ

The Men's Club BBQ will be Saturday, April 5, from 10 am—1 pm. Our Men's Club will slow-roast whole pork butts over a bed of hickory coals, and then sell the pork whole or in sack lunches. All the proceeds will go to finance their missions, and purchase and maintain the grounds equipment. Order through the bulletin insert or the QR code.



### Rummage Sale

The UMW Rummage Sale will be Friday, April 4, from 4:30—7 pm, and Saturday, April 5, from 7:30 am—12 pm. We take donations of gently used items like household items, clothing, and mechanical and electrical items in good working order. Drop-off days will be the week leading up to the sale (see insert for times).

### Youth Bake Sale

Our Youth Ministry will be selling homemade treats to raise money for their mission endeavors on Saturday, April 5, from 9 am—12 pm.

*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—Lent Family Sunday School Class at 10 am in St. Clair Hall**

**No Youth Group this week or next week** (we will meet next on March 30). We hope all of our teachers, youth, and parents have a wonderful Spring Break this week!

*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



### SNACKS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is in need of nut-free, individually-wrapped snacks (such as gold fish, rice crispy treats, crackers, or chips) donated for the kids. If you're able to donate snacks, bring them to the church and drop them off in the Children's wing.

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

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

This month, we'll be focusing on guiding the children through the season of Lent, helping them understand its meaning through stories, activities, and prayer. Together, we'll explore Jesus' journey to the cross and how we can grow closer to God through reflection, kindness, and faith.

#### Sunday School—Lent Family Sunday School Class at 10 am in St. Clair Hall

#### 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!

### NO STORYTIME WITH MRS. ALICIA THIS TUESDAYS

Enjoy the Spring Break week, and join us next Tuesday for Storytime!