

Heritage Worship Service

April 6, 2025

11:00 am

Prelude.....Larghetto-Menuetto.....W.A. Mozart
Joshua Ulrich, Violin, and Sarah Miller Senn, Cello

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

*Opening Hymn.....O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing v.1-4.....UMH 57

Prayer of Confession.....Rev. Tim Paul
O God of Sabbath rest, You created us not for endless striving, but to walk with you in peace. Yet we confess that we have filled our days with busyness, our hands with toil, our hearts with unrest. We have measured our worth by our productivity, chased after things that do not satisfy, and ignored your invitation to stillness. We have neglected the sacred gift of rest, resisted your call to slow down, and forgotten that you are God, and we are not. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have trusted in our own strength more than in your sustaining grace. Forgive us for the hurried prayers, the restless nights, the ceaseless doing that has left little space for simply being with you. Teach us to cease our striving, to lay down our burdens, and to find our rest in you alone. Amen.

*Hymn.....When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....UMH 298

Scripture Lesson.....Genesis 2:1-4a.....Rev. Tim Paul

Anthem.....In Communion We Sing.....John Purifoy
Heritage Choir

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music..... At Calvary.....Mary McDonald
Sarah Howell, Soprano, and Dowe Cauthen, Baritone

Message.....Spring Training: Off Days.....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.....Andante-Polonaise.....W.A.Mozart
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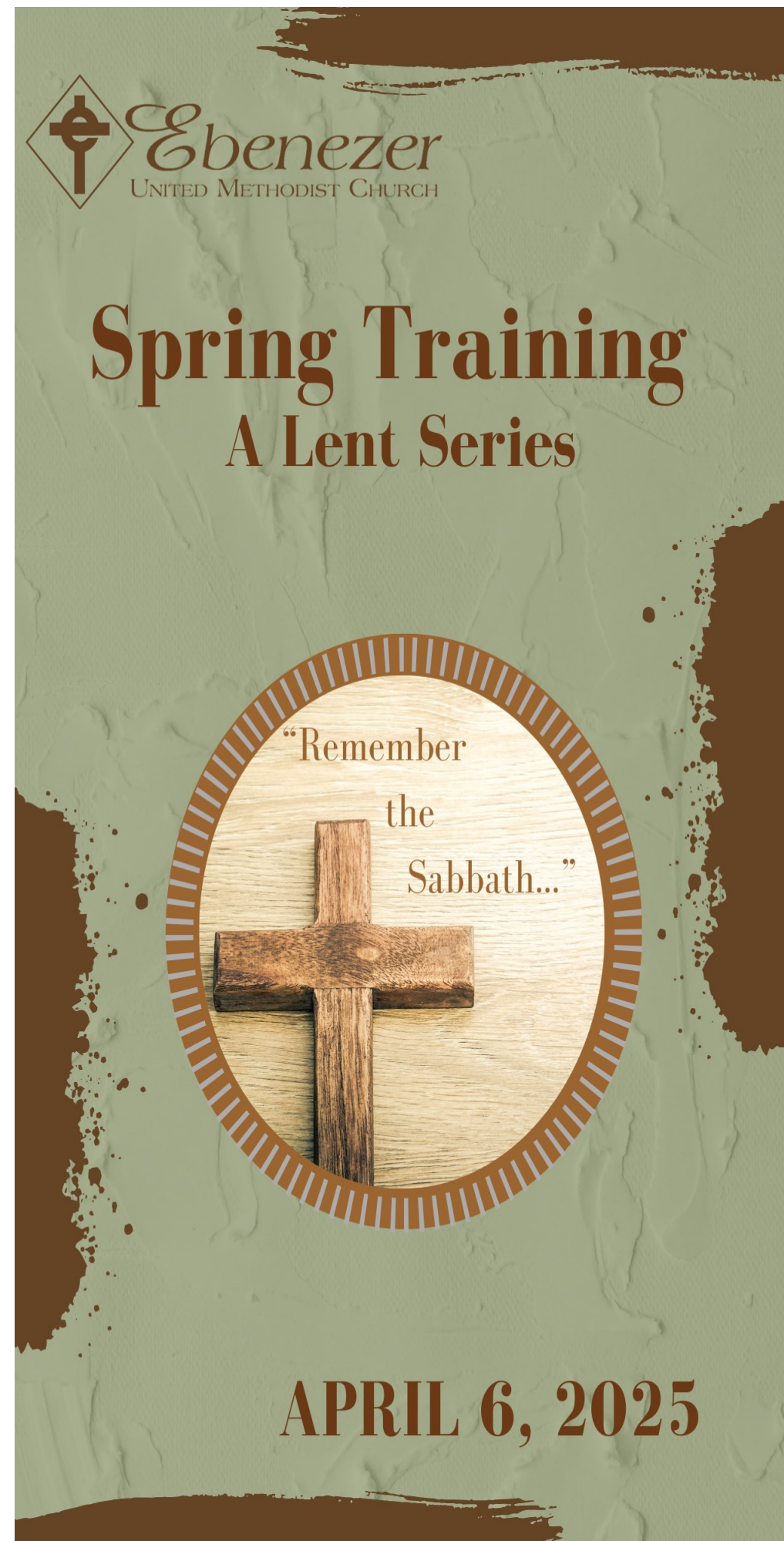
WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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. 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!

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

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)

We will meet at St. Mark UMC (7001 S Northshore Dr) at 6:30 pm on April 17.

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

We will be delivering flowers, painting rocks, and making cards for those in Ebenezer's congregation! We will also have lunch together.

We are so excited to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior together this Easter! He is risen indeed!

EASTER AT EBENEZER

Service /Special Events Times and Locations

7:00 am—Outside Sunrise Service at our Amphitheater
9:00 am—Celebration Service in our Sanctuary
10:00 am—Children's Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 am—Outdoor Contemporary Service at our Amphitheater
11:00 am—Heritage Service in our Sanctuary



Programming for children will be provided at the 9 am, 10 am, and 11 am services only

We will have a flower cross in the sanctuary! To decorate it, bring fresh-cut flowers to the sanctuary at 8:30 am or 10:30 am on Easter Sunday, or on Thursday 4/17.

MINISTRIES AT EBENEZER

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

Altar Flowers—The **2025 calendar** is available in the lobby, sign up today!

Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry—This month, we will collect **Toilet Paper** 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, April 28.**

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.

Partner With Us In Prayer—Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 8**, at 6:30 pm.

FARMERS' MARKET—BEGINS THIS TUESDAY

Join us every Tuesday starting this week at 3 pm in the parking lot for the Farmers' Market! This event features fresh produce, baked goods, bath and body care products, fresh-cut flowers, locally-raised meats and eggs, arts and crafts, and more. For more information on the market or to reach out to someone with specific questions, visit easttnfarmmarkets.com.

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 am—Celebration Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (various locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Service With Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm—Celebration for Pastor Austin (St. Clair Hall)

MONDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 pm—Yoga With Tammy (Lobby)

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

10:00 am—Storytime With Mrs. Alicia (Power Jam)
10:00 am—Women's Coffee (Community Room)
11:00 am—Qigong With Mona (Lobby)
3:00 pm—Farmers' Market (Parking Lot)
5:30 pm—KSO Youth Chamber Music Rehearsals (Sanctuary, various locations)
6:00 pm—Trustees Meeting (St. Clair Hall)
6:30 pm—Prayer Team Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 pm—Cub Scouts (Annex)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

10:30 am—WaTT (Church parking lot)
5:30 pm—Lent Bible Study With Pastor Tim (Fellowship Classroom)
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

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)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

5:00 pm—AA Special Speaker Event (St. Clair Hall)
5:00 pm—Brownie Troop Meeting (Annex)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

11:00 am—AA Celebration Event (St. Clair Hall)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13—PALM 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 with Dogwood Strings (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm—Family Serve Day (St. Clair Hall)

HERITAGE SERVICE SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS—TODAY

We welcome special musical guests Joshua Ulrich and Sarah Miller Senn in our Heritage Service today! Joshua Ulrich is a core violinist of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and has recorded several commercial albums. Sarah Miller Senn is a 2020 graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, and is a cellist with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. In 2024, Sarah partnered with Joshua in founding Knox Music Box, a nonprofit Chamber Music Concert Series.

CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR AUSTIN—TONIGHT!

We hope you'll join us tonight for a special party celebrating Pastor Austin, in honor of his achievement of being named a "40 Under 40." The party will be from 5—6 pm in St. Clair Hall, and will be baseball-themed! We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks, and desserts. Come dressed in your baseball attire to celebrate Austin!

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! Contact Debbie Norris with questions.

Spring Fundraiser For Missions

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Fundraiser Weekend a huge success! We had an amazing turnout at our UMW Rummage Sale, Men's Club BBQ, and Youth Bake Sale!

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

Youth Group—We have Pastor Austin's Celebration tonight instead of Youth Group.

Upcoming: Graduate Sunday—We are looking forward to celebrating our graduates May 4! Parents, send Meagan (office@eumcknox.org) the name of your graduate(s), where they're graduating from, what's next for them, and 3-4 pictures for an insert.

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)

Our Children's Ministry is continuing their series, "Who Is Jesus?", as we journey through the life, teachings, and love of Jesus leading up to our Easter celebrations. Join us as we discover who Jesus is and how He is the Lord of our lives!

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!

PALM SUNDAY

Join us on Palm Sunday during the Heritage Service as our children lead us in joyful praise! Our K-5th graders will sing songs to help us celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It's always a meaningful moment to see and hear our children share their voices in worship—come and support them as we kick off Holy Week together!

EASTER SUNDAY

Join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection! We'll have a special lesson, games, activities, and snacks for kids during our 9 am, 10 am, and 11 am services. Plus, don't miss our big Easter Egg Hunt kicking off right at 10 am for all ages—bring your own Easter basket! There may even be a surprise visitor hopping by. It's going to be a fun and joyful morning for the whole family!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: SPRING FESTIVAL

Join us for our Spring Festival! Spring is in the air, and we're celebrating with an afternoon full of fun, games, crafts, and activities! This is a free event for the community, so invite your friends, bring your family, and come celebrate spring!

What to Expect:

☀️ **Bounce House**—Jump into the fun! 🎵 **Games & Crafts**—Activities for everyone!
🎨 **Face Painting**—Get creative with designs! 🍪 **Treats**—Delicious snacks to enjoy!
🚚 **Special Surprise Visitors**—Who could they be? Come and find out!

Volunteers, Donations Needed:

If you would like to donate towards the Spring Festival, we need bottled water; you can drop off cases of water to the Children's Ministry back hallway. We are also in need of volunteers for the Festival; you can sign up to volunteer by going to the Children's Programs page on our website and clicking the volunteer link.