

Third Sunday of Easter  
Heritage Worship Service

May 4, 2025  
11:00 am

Prelude.....	The Gadfly Suite, No. 8.....	D. Shostakovich
	William Kitts, Violin, and Wendy Kitts, Piano	
Welcome and Opening Prayer.....	Rev. Tim Paul	
*Opening Hymn.....	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing v.1-4.....	UMH 57
Responsive Reading.....	Nate Hendon	
	Risen Christ, you met your friends on the road, confused, uncertain, afraid, and you walked with them. <b>Walk with us now. Walk with every graduate stepping into the unknown.</b> You were made known in the breaking of bread, simple, sacred, sustaining. <b>Be known to us here. Feed us with your grace. Send us with your peace.</b> As we journey forward into new schools, new jobs, new callings, <b>may we carry your hope, steady in our souls. You go with us always. Amen.</b>	
*Hymn.....	The Church’s One Foundation v. 1,2,4,5.....	UMH 545
Scripture Lesson.....	Luke 24:13-35.....	Rev. Tim Paul
Anthem.....	Celtic Communion.....	Mary McDonald
	Heritage Choir and William Kitts, Violin	
Graduate Recognition and Celebration		
Special Music.....	O Love.....	Elaine Hagenberg
	Marcus Smith, Dowe Cauthen, Kevin Young, Jamie Wilson, and Elizabeth Kitts, Cello	
Message.....	Remember the Journey.....	Rev. Tim Paul
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.....	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross v. 1,3.....	UMH 301
*Benediction.....	Rev. Tim Paul	
Postlude.....	Come Thou Fount.....	arr. Bailey and Romer
	Elizabeth Kitts, Cello, William Kitts, Violin, and Wendy Kitts, Piano	



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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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, or fill out our online form through the QR Code here. 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 so thankful you’re here!




PASTOR MIKE’S FIRST SUNDAY IS JULY 6!

Dear church family, I am excited and honored to welcome Pastor Mike Sluder and his wife, Lori, to our Ebenezer family as our new senior pastor.



Pastor Mike and Lori are originally from Gray, Tennessee and attended Gray UMC. Pastor Mike said his "calling to ministry began in the balcony pews there." Pastor Mike met Lori in the youth group at church, and they have now been married for 42 years. They have two grown children, a son, Josh, and a daughter, Katie. Pastor Mike graduated from Emory and Henry University with in 1983 with a BS in Math and Physics. He earned his M. Div. degree in 1988 from Duke Divinity School, and was ordained an Elder at Holston Annual Conference in 1990. He is currently serving in his seventh appointment as Director of Connectional Ministries for the Holston Conference (2015-present). His previous appointments were Asbury/Mt. Wesley UMC (1988-1992), Signal Crest UMC (1992-1996), Fairhaven UMC (1996-2002), St. Mark UMC, Knoxville (2002-2007), Bearden UMC (2007-2014) and Associate Director of Connectional Ministries for Missions (2014-2015). It is clear that he loves God and others, and is welcoming of everyone, just like our hearts here at EUMC.




His first Sunday will be Sunday, July 6. Please join me in praying for Pastor Mike and Lori as they begin their pastoral transition to our church. I will be praying for peace, love and wisdom as they transition. May God empower us to grow as a community, reflect His light, and share His love during this season of renewal and transformation. Let us excitedly prepare for Pastor Mike's leadership at EUMC. He has a strong staff and a strong pastoral colleague in Austin to help with the adjustment. Help me, wholeheartedly, welcome Pastor Mike and Lori to our Ebenezer family!

*Love and Blessing, Mona Hayes, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair*

WELCOME CAROLINE, OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER!

We are excited to announce that we have hired a new Bookkeeper, Caroline McCoy! With over 20 years of experience in accounting, Caroline brings a strong foundation in financial management to Ebenezer. Originally from Georgia, she moved to Knoxville in 2021. Outside of her work, Caroline is a devoted mother of three, and is passionate about her faith and family.



Get Involved In A Ministry!

MINISTRIES AT EBENEZER

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

Partner With Us In Prayer

We’ll meet via Zoom on Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 pm. To join or submit a prayer request, contact Anita.

Visit Ministry

Contact Celia or Barbara to join.

Wesley House

Currently collecting Canned Goods in the container in St. Clair Hall.


Helping Hands

Reach out to Ken to learn more.

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, MAY 4—GRADUATE SUNDAY

7:30 am—Men’s Breakfast (Community Room)  
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)  
2:00 pm—Simpson’s Baby Shower (Fellowship Classroom)  
5:00 pm—Youth Group with 5th Graders (Annex)



MONDAY, MAY 5

6:00 pm—Yoga With Tammy (Lobby)

TUESDAY, MAY 6

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)  
6:30 pm—Church Council Meeting (St. Clair Hall)  
6:30 pm—Prayer Team Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

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

THURSDAY, MAY 8

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, MAY 9

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

SATURDAY, MAY 10

10:00 am—DAR Meeting (St. Clair Hall)

SUNDAY, MAY 11—MOTHER’S DAY


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

THANK YOU FOR OUR SPRING FESTIVAL!

Thank you to everyone who came out last week for our Spring Festival, we had so much fun! A huge thank you to all of our awesome volunteers, and a special thank you to our amazing Children’s Director Alicia for all of her hard work and planning!

SIMPSON’S BABY SHOWER—TODAY AT 2 PM

There will be a baby shower for new members Meghan and Ian Simpson! Their son, Finley, was baptized last month at Ebenezer. The baby shower will be today at 2 pm in the Fellowship Classroom, and will be hosted by the United Methodist Women. All women of the church are encouraged to attend! Meghan and Ian are registered on Amazon; use the QR code here to access their registry.




CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING—TUESDAY

There will be a Church Council meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 pm in St. Clair Hall. We appreciate all our council members attending, as your insights and input are crucial in all our financial conversations and decisions!

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, be at the church at 9:30 am. If you have questions about Daybreak, contact Debbie Norris.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING AT EBENEZER



Our Youth Ministry is for youth 6th—12th grade. If you have questions about our Youth Ministry, reach out to Pastor Austin Byerly at [abyerly@eumcknox.org](mailto:abyerly@eumcknox.org).

Sunday School

Youth Sunday School meets on Sundays at 10 am in the Annex.

Youth Group

Join us on Sunday nights from 5—7 pm for fellowship, food, and fun times! We meet in the church Annex. **We invite all of our rising 6th graders to join us for Youth Group tonight!**

Upcoming

No Youth Group next Sunday because of Mother’s Day.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING AT EBENEZER

If you have questions about our Children’s Ministry, reach out to Alicia Wilson, Children’s Director, at [childrensministry@eumcknox.org](mailto:childrensministry@eumcknox.org)

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

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


This month's series is "Who is the Holy Spirit?" where we will explore that Jesus never asked us to live the Christian life on our own. In fact, Jesus explained there is a gift that is indispensable for every Christian: the Holy Spirit. God living within us can empower us, help us grow, and equip us in a unique way that God among us could not.

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

There is always something exciting planned for Sunday School as Miss Katie 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—12 pm (for infants and toddlers).

Worship worry-free with your little ones back in our Nursery!




TUESDAY PROGRAMMING

Storytime With Mrs. Alicia—Tuesdays at 10 am.

Bring your little ones to the Children’s Wing for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts. Everyone is welcome—come connect, learn, and grow with our community!

VBS AT EBENEZER—JUNE 16-19



Join God's Team this summer at Vacation Bible School! Get ready for four afternoons of faith-filled fun, games, music, and Bible adventures. Kids ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us **June 16—19 from 6—8 pm**. Scan the QR code to sign up a child or volunteer today!

EXERCISE WITH EBENEZER—MONDAY NIGHTS & TUESDAY MORNINGS

Interested in exercising with a group of friends and making new ones along the way? Join us on Mondays for Yoga With Tammy, and Tuesdays for Qigong With Mona! On Mondays, grab your yoga mat and join Tammy at 6 pm in the Lobby! On Tuesdays, join Mona at 11 am in the Fellowship Classroom for a gentle, meditative movement class, perfect for new beginners to yoga. We can’t wait to see you at these free classes!

FARMERS’ MARKET—TUESDAYS

Join us every Tuesday starting 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!

2025	March	YTD
Actual General Fund Income	\$53,648.37	\$165,733.66
Budgeted General Fund Income	\$59,530.00	\$178,590.00
General Fund Giving—Under Budget	<b>-\$5,881.63</b>	<b>-\$12,856.34</b>
Actual Building Fund Income (Mortgage is \$14,830.71)	\$9,114.93	\$36,545.77
Actual Building Fund Giving—Under Budget	<b>-\$5,715.78</b>	<b>-\$7,946.36</b>
Mission Giving (includes Holston Conference Tithe and Smoky Mountain District Apportionment)	\$7,263.63	\$22,880.69