

Mother's Day
Heritage Worship Service

May 11, 2025
11:00 am

Prelude.....	Lift High the Cross.....arr. John Carter Edward Pierce, Organ
Welcome and Opening Prayer.....	Rev. Tim Paul
*Opening Hymn.....	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.....UMH 89
Responsive Reading.....	Rev. Austin Byerly For mothers and all women who have nurtured, guided, and loved us, we give thanks to God. For those who taught us by example to live with courage, kindness, and faith, we remember and honor them. For those who serve not to be seen, but to bless, and for all who bear love into the world, we follow their lead and Christ's, who came not to be served, but to serve. May we, too, nurture others with grace and mercy. And in doing so, reflect the heart of God. Amen.
Special Music.....	Love Is a Special Thing.....Janie Oliver
*Hymn.....	The Gift of Love.....UMH 408
Scripture Lesson.....	Philippians 2:1-11.....Rev. Tim Paul
Anthem.....	O How He Loves You and Me.....Kurt Kaiser
Offering Moment	
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer	
Special Music.....	Laudamus Te.....Antonio Vivaldi Annie Bruce and Jennifer Bruce, Sopranos
Message.....	Served With Love.....Rev. Austin Byerly
*Closing Hymn.....	Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service v.1,4.....UMH 581
*Benediction.....	Rev. Tim Paul
Postlude.....	In the Cross of Christ I Glory.....arr. John Carter Edward Pierce, Organ

The altar flowers today are from John and Maggie Cameron.



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, 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 account, 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.



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 20, 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 11—MOTHER’S DAY

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

MONDAY, MAY 12

6:00 pm—Yoga With Tammy (Lobby)

TUESDAY, MAY 13

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)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

10:30 am—WaTT (Church parking lot)
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm—Staff Parish Meeting (Community Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 15

9:00 am—Men’s Coffee (Annex)
10:00 am—UMW (Community Room)
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 16

SATURDAY, MAY 17

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

SUNDAY, MAY 18

9:00 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Service (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm—End Of Year Family Party (Soccer Field)

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

Happy Mother’s Day to all of our mothers at Ebenezer! We love you so much, and are so thankful for all you do for us every day, both seen and unseen! We hope you have a wonderful day!



STAFF PARISH MEETING

There will be a Staff Parish Meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. We encourage all of our Staff Parish members to be present for this meeting!

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!

AA MEETINGS AT EBENEZER—THURSDAYS

Ebenezer is proud to host the AA East TN Group on Thursday nights at 7 pm! During their meeting, they have groups for AA, Al-Anon and Alateen. If you have questions about AA, contact Krisa Brown at krisa81@yahoo.com. If you have questions about Al-Anon, contact Kathleen Feeney at 917-771-1201. If you have questions about Alateen, contact Tracey Chainey at tchainey@gmail.com.

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. We hope all our veterans will be able to attend!

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.

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

Youth Group—No Youth Group tonight because of Mother’s Day.

FAMILY END OF YEAR PARTY

Calling all Youth, Children, and Parents! Join us next Sunday, May 18, for our End Of Year Party! We will be meeting out in the Soccer Field from 4—6 pm for an afternoon of fun, games, a slip-n-slide, burgers and hot dogs and ice cream, and even a Dunk Tank! Wear your swimsuits and come on out for a good, fun time!

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



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—2nd grade Sunday school class and Mrs. Alicia leads our 3rd—5th graders!

Nursery—9 am—12 pm (for infants and toddlers). Worship worry-free as we care for your little ones during service and Sunday School.

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!

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR TIM & CATHY PAUL—JUNE 8

On Sunday, June 8, UMW will be hosting a farewell reception for Tim and Cathy, as June 8 is his last Sunday. They will be serving cake and punch in St.Clair Hall from 3 –5 pm. There will also be a memory box where guests can add notes or gift cards for Tim and Cathy. Please join us for this celebration of Tim and Cathy as we wish them the very best at their new appointment!

HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT

Once again, we will be participating in the Smoky Mountain District’s Food Buckets for Zimbabwe! If you would like to participate in this mission project, pick up a bucket from the hallway and fill it up with the requested items, and \$8 for shipping:

- Self Rising Flour (4-5 lb bag)
- 1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less)
- 1 bag dried beans (2 lb.)
- 2 Cans of Meat
- 1 powdered milk (64 oz. or less)
- 1 bag rice (2 lb.)

Return filled buckets to the church by Sunday, May 25. We appreciate your help!