

Heritage Worship Service

May 25, 2025  
11:00 am

Prelude.....Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.....arr. D. Kartsonakis  
Edward Pierce, Piano

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

\*Opening Hymn.....Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.....UMH 127

Affirmation of Faith.....Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39.....UMH 887

\*Hymn.....God Will Take Care of You v.1,3,4.....UMH 130

Scripture Reading.....Proverbs 3:5-12 .....Rev. Tim Paul

Anthem.....Sing Rejoice, A Psalm of Praise.....Mary McDonald

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Special Music.....Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....arr. Mark Hayes  
Kathryn Paden, Soprano

Message.....Recalculating: Trusting the Navigation.....Rev. Tim Paul

\*Closing Hymn.....Trusting Jesus v.1,3.....Stites, Sankey

\*Benediction.....Rev. Tim Paul

Postlude.....Toccata on All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.....arr. D. Janzer  
Edward Pierce, Organ

*The altar flowers are given today by Joyce Atchley in memory of Bob Atchley.*

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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RECALCULATING

For I know the plans I have  
for you,” declares the Lord...

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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 Mom’s Room** in the Children’s Wing. We’re so thankful you’re here!



PASTOR MIKE’S FIRST SUNDAY IS JULY 6!

Pastor Mike’s first Sunday with Ebenezer will be Sunday, July 6. On this Sunday, we will have **one Combined Service at 10 am, followed by our Church-Wide Picnic!** This will be a time to meet and connect with Pastor Mike and his wife Lori, and each other! More details to come on this as we get closer to July. We pray for Pastor Mike and Lori as they begin their pastoral transition to our church! May God empower us to grow as a community, reflect His light, and share His love during this season of renewal and transformation.

Pastor Mike and Lori are originally from Gray, Tennessee. 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. He is currently serving in his seventh appointment as Director of Connectional Ministries for the Holston Conference. It is clear that he loves God and others, and is welcoming of everyone, just like our hearts here at EUMC! Also, join us at our next **Lunch Bunch on July 15 to hear a special talk from Pastor Mike on his life in missions!**



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, June 3, at 6:30 pm.** To join or submit a prayer request, contact Anita.

**Visit Ministry**—Interested in visiting those who are part of our church family but are unable to attend on a Sunday morning? Contact Celia or Barbara to join a group that visits with those who can’t join us!

**Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry**—This month, we will collect **Peanut Butter** 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, June 23.**

**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 handyman projects for those in need. They are always looking for people willing to serve with upcoming projects. Choose to make a difference in someone else’s life as well as your own! Reach out to Ken Pearson to get started.

**Altar Flowers**—Sign up on the calendar in the lobby (on the double doors behind the volunteer desk) to place flowers on the altar in honor or remembrance of someone important or a special event in your life.

**Grounds Maintenance**—We are looking for volunteers to commit to grounds maintenance for one hour per week for a month doing things like mowing, weed eating, trimming, etc. If you’re interested, reach out to John Wilson.

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, MAY 25—MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

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

MONDAY, MAY 26—MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

TUESDAY, MAY 27

10:00 am—Women’s Coffee (Community Room)  
11:00 am—Qigong With Mona (Lobby)  
3:00 pm—Farmers’ Market (Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

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

THURSDAY, MAY 29

9:00 am—Men’s Coffee (Annex)  
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 30

SATURDAY, MAY 31

SUNDAY, JUNE 1—FIRST DAY OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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—Water Angels

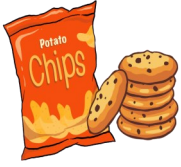


MEMORIAL DAY—MONDAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

Tomorrow is Memorial Day, a day where we honor and mourn the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. We are grateful for all those who have served and given their lives! The church office will be closed on Monday in honor of the holiday, and our regular Monday activities, such as Yoga With Tammy, will be canceled for the day.

WATER ANGELS—NEXT SUNDAY

We will be serving a meal at Water Angels on Sunday, June 1! We need volunteers, so if you are available to serve, meet at the church at 2 pm. We also are in need of chips and cookies donated for the meal. If you’re able to donate, place your items in the bin in the lobby!



BE PRAYING FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE (JUNE 1—4)

Annual Conference starts next Sunday! This year’s theme, “Together in New Beginnings,” reminds us of our shared calling to move forward as one body in Christ. Inspired by Romans 12:5, we look ahead with hope and unity as our churches step into a renewed season of ministry and mission. In preparation for Annual Conference, we encourage you to take some time to pray for the Conference. Please lift up our clergy, lay members, and conference leaders as they prepare to worship, celebrate, and discern God’s direction for our shared work. May the Holy Spirit guide us all into deeper connection, faithful service, and bold new beginnings.

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; **everyone is invited to stop in and visit with Tim and Cathy at any point during this time.** 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 in their new appointment!

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**—We will not be meeting for Youth Group this week (because of Memorial Day Weekend) or next week (because of Annual Conference).

**Summer Schedule of Activities**—Coming soon!

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—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 as we care for your little ones during service and Sunday School.

TUESDAY PROGRAMMING

**Storytime With Mrs. Alicia**—Canceled this Tuesday due to Memorial Day.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!  
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, or go to our website (eumcknox.org), Programs, Children’s Programs, and scroll down to Vacation Bible School. If you have any questions about VBS, reach out to Alicia Wilson, Children’s Director, at childrensministry@eumcknox.org. We can’t wait to celebrate Jesus with our kids this summer!



HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT—BUCKETS DUE TODAY!

One of the major projects that Pastor Mike oversees is the Holston Conference’s Hands On Mission Project, which for us is our food buckets for Zimbabwe and the Ishe Anesu Ministry. Hear what Pastor Mike has to say about it! “Missions is first and foremost about relationships, not what we give or send. We give and send supplies because of the relationship; the relationship we have with Jesus and the relationship we have with our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe. What difference does that relationship make? Because of our long standing relationship with Ishe Anesu, six of the children from Ishe Anesu have gone on to become missionaries in other parts of the world through the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. You helped make that happen with every food bucket you filled. They wanted to serve others the way you have served them. Thank you for leaning into your relationship with Jesus and with Ishe Anesu.” Thank you, Ebenezer! Your generosity and service has made and is making a difference in lives across the world!