

Celebration Worship Service	
August 9, 2026	
9:00 am	
*Opening Song	God So Loved
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Austin Byerly
*Worship Song	This We Believe
*Worship Song	I Speak Jesus
Blessing of the Backpacks	
Offering Moment.....Austin Wehking	
Pastoral Prayer	
Message	Beautiful Feet..... Rev. Mike Sluder
	Romans 10:5-15
*Closing Song	My Jesus
*Benediction	

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In honor of the start of the new school year.*

Welcome Guests!

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Worship through Giving

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Ebenezer United Methodist Church

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Heritage Worship Service	
August 9, 2026	
11:00 am	
Prelude	Prayer..... Susan W. Henry
	Annabella Brady, Flute, and Edward Pierce, Piano
Welcome and Opening PrayerRev. Austin Byerly	
*Opening Hymn	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing vv. 1-4..... UMH 57
Blessing of the Backpacks	
*Hymn.....	I Know Whom I Have Believed vv. 1,2,4..... UMH 714
Scripture Reading	Romans 10:5-15Rev. Austin Byerly
Special Music	Achat Sha’alti.....Paul Shoefeld
	Annabella Brady, Flute, and Edward Pierce, Piano
Offering Moment.....Kevin Young	
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer	
Special Music	Be Thou My Visonarr. Susan W. Henry
	Annabella Brady, Flute, and Edward Pierce, Piano
Message Beautiful Feet..... Rev. Mike Sluder	
*Closing Hymn	Have Thine Own Way, Lord vv. 1,4 UMH 382
*Benediction	
Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Mark Radice	
	Edward Pierce, Organ

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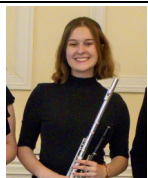
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Invited into God's Community

Find your place, build meaningful relationships, and grow together as God's people.



ANNABELLA BRADY—IN HERITAGE WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Annabella is a junior at East Tennessee State University, and she intends to pursue a bachelor's degree in music performance.

She wants to grow her passion for music in graduate school once she's completed her undergraduate degree. Annabella is also a private lesson instructor and visual staff member at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, Tennessee. She is very blessed to be where she is today and looks forward to what music offers in the future.

SALT (SERVING ALL, LOVING TOGETHER) - COMING TO FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL

On August 23, at 10:00 am, representatives from the new SALT (Serving All, Loving Together) Young Adult Ministries group will be providing a presentation to the Fellowship Sunday School Class on this exciting new ministry at EUMC. "Elders with Wisdom" from the Fellowship Class want to learn more about how we as a church can best support this new ministry. Anyone from the church who would like to learn more about SALT is invited to attend this special session. The Fellowship Class meets in the Community Room by the side entrance down the hall from the kitchen. All ages and dress styles are welcome!

PARENTS & COFFEE—TODAY, AUGUST 9, 10:00 AM

One of the ways we live out our vision of being invited into God's community is by creating spaces where people can build meaningful relationships and grow together.

If you're a parent of a newborn, preschooler, elementary student, middle schooler, or high schooler, we'd love for you to join us for Parents & Coffee!



Enjoy a cup of coffee, meet other parents from our children's and youth ministries, and begin building friendships with others in a similar season of life. We'll have casual conversation and plenty of time to get to know one another. Our hope is that this gathering becomes a place where lasting relationships are formed and our church family continues to grow together. Whether you've been at Ebenezer for years or you're brand new, we hope you'll join us!

FIBER FELLOWSHIP—MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Together we are invited into fellowship as we knit or crochet hats, scarves and gloves for those in need, along with prayer shawls and baby blankets for congregational care.

DAYBREAK—THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE!

Women's Coffee—Join us for connection and conversation every Tuesday morning, at 9:30 am in the Community Room. Enjoy coffee, laughter, and encouragement in a relaxed, welcoming space to connect, belong and be refreshed.

Men's Coffee—Men, enjoy your Thursday morning cup of coffee together every Thursday at 9 am at the McDonald's on North Shore.



MISSION FAIR AT EBENEZER—SEPTEMBER 13

Join us Sunday, September 13 from 10:15 to 10:45 am in St. Clair Hall for EUMC's mission fair. It's a great opportunity to learn about all the ministries at Ebenezer as well as our work in the community.



Ministry leaders and committee chairs will have a small display and information to share as well as answering any questions you might have about Ebenezer and its ministries.

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9—BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

7:30 am—Men's Breakfast (Community Room)
9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
10:00 am—Parents and Coffee (St. Clair Hall)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm—Sunday Night Youth (Annex)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10—FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KCS

10:00 am—Fiber Fellowship (Library)
6:00 pm—Yoga with Tammy (Lobby)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:30 am—Women's Coffee (Community Room)
11:00 am—Qigong with Mona (Lobby)
3:00 pm—Farmer's Market (Parking Lot)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

No scheduled events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 am—Men's Coffee (McDonald's on North Shore)
10:30 am—Walk and Talk Together (WaTT) (Parking Lot)
10:30 am—Daybreak (Sanctuary and St. Clair Hall)
7:00 pm—AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen Meetings (Sanctuary, Various Locations)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00 pm—AA Speaker Event (St. Clair Hall)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

7:30 am—Veteran's Breakfast (St. Clair Hall)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm—Sunday Night Youth (Annex)

VETERAN'S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

The monthly Veteran's breakfast at Ebenezer will be this Saturday, from 8 to 9:30 am in St. Clair Hall. This free breakfast is put on by The United Veteran's Council of East Tennessee, Inc, in partnership with Irreverent Warriors , and is for all veteran's, active duty soldiers, and their guests. We hope all our veteran's will be able to attend.



WALK AND TALK TOGETHER—THURSDAY

Join WaTT (Walk and Talk Together) this Thursday! They will meet at 10:30 am in the church parking lot to carpool together to the day's walking location and lunch.

WaTT (Walk and Talk Together) meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month, weather permitting. Join a wonderful group of folks for an easy walk and lunch after.

Like lightbulbs wattages vary, so do individual energy levels, so this group will walk in parks and on paths that encourage various levels of interest and ability, with places to sit and enjoy nature. They hope to "let their lights shine" by sharing experiences and supporting each other in life's walk. They will meet at the church at 9:30 am to carpool to a walking location (such as Baxter Gardens or UT Gardens) and then go to lunch. For more information, reach out to Amy Aspenwall, Nancy Connors, or Joan Henn.



Involved in God's Mission

Participate in God's mission by using your gifts to serve others and make God's love visible in the world.

MAGNOLIA AVENUE FOOD MINISTRY

Thanks for being involved in God's mission this month through your donations to our Magnolia Avenue Food Ministry, specifically, for your donations of hygiene products. We will be collecting these again throughout the month of August. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Thank you!

On Monday, we distributed 75 bags of groceries to our neighbors in the Magnolia Avenue community with our 8 amazing volunteers. If you would like to be involved in God's mission in this way, meet at Ebenezer on August 31st at 9:30 am. Thank you for your involvement in God's mission at Magnolia Avenue through your prayers, donations, generosity, and your time!

HELPING HANDS—KINDNESS PRACTITIONERS WANTED

Helping Hands is celebrating 9 years of activity! Right now, they are averaging 20 acts of kindness every month—thank you for your donations, prayers, and help to spread kindness in our community.. If you'd like to be involved in God's mission through donations of food, please reach out to Ken Pearson. We are collecting empty pill bottles for sending medicines overseas to those who need them. There is a box in the lobby where they can be dropped off. Please be sure the labels are completely removed. Thank you for assisting us with this project!

BACK TO SCHOOL—WESLEY FOUNDATION AT UTK

One of the ways we live out our vision of being involved in God's mission is by caring for our neighbors in practical ways. This fall, the Wesley Foundation at UT is opening a new Basic Needs Room that will provide hygiene products, school supplies, and other essential items to students and community members, with a special focus on supporting new and international students as they begin the school year.

We invite you to help stock the room by donating items such as: deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, body wash or bar soap, shaving cream and razors, feminine hygiene products, laundry detergent or laundry pods, toilet paper and tissues, school supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, folders, highlighters), socks, etc.

Please bring donations to the church by Wednesday, August 12. Thank you for helping us extend Christ's love to college students in a tangible way as they begin a new school year.

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Experience God's love that forms your identity, renews your heart, and draws you into life with the Creator.

Children's Ministry



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS—SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

As a new school year begins tomorrow, we are excited to pray for all of our students, teachers, school staff, administrators, and families. During worship today, we'll have a special time of blessing as we ask God to go before them, surround them with God's grace, and fill them with wisdom, courage, and peace for the year ahead. As we begin this new school year, may we send one another ahead surrounded by the prayers of this church and confident that God goes with us wherever we are called.

HELP US WITH SNACKS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

We're looking for donations of snacks for our children's ministry! If you would like to contribute, please consider bringing in items like Rice Krispie treats, Goldfish, chips, etc. Thank you for helping make a difference by creating a fun and nourishing environment for our kids!

