

Celebration Worship Service	
October 11, 2026	
9:00 am	
Invitation to Worship	Chris McCreary
*Opening Song	House Of The Lord
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Austin Byerly
*Worship Song	Called Me Higher
*Worship Song	I Need Words
Offering Moment	
Pastoral Prayer	
Message	Prayer: Moving Upward Rev. Mike Sluder Mark 14:32-36
*Closing Song	The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)
*Benediction	
Postlude	

*The altar flowers are given to celebrate the 3 D’s Birthdays!
By Sherry Miller.*

Welcome Guests!

We are so glad you’re here! We’d love to connect with you, and invite you to fill out a connection card (green header) from the pew in front of you. Share 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.

Worship through Giving

To participate in worship through giving: place your offering in the baskets by the sanctuary doors; mail your offering to PO Box 31047, Knoxville TN 37930; or give online by using the QR code or visiting www.eumcknox.org. Your generosity makes a real difference. Through your giving, we are able to support ministries that nurture faith in our children and youth, care for those in need in our community, create meaningful opportunities for worship and connection, and share the love of Christ both near and far. Thank you for being part of what God is doing!



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Heritage Worship Service

October 11, 2026
11:00 am

Prelude Unclouded Day..... arr. Paula Carl
Edward Pierce, Organ

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Austin Byerly

*Opening Hymn God Of Grace and God of Glory vv. 1,2,4..... UMH 577

Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation UMH 885
Addie Wilson

*Hymn There's A Wideness in God's Mercy (Pennington)..... UMH 121

Scripture Reading Mark 14:32-36 John Wilson

Anthem Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Sebastian Temple

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Deep Peace..... Gwenyth Walker
Sarah Howell, Soprano

Message Prayer: Moving Upward Rev. Mike Sluder

*Closing Hymn Seek Ye First..... UMH 405

*Benediction

Postlude On Jordan's Stormy Banks arr. Nancy Smith
Edward Pierce, Organ

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Invited into God's Community

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

FALL FUNDRAISER FOR MISSIONS—OCTOBER 23 & 24

One of the ways we live out our vision of being a church where everyone is inspired by God's love, invited into God's community, and involved in God's mission is by coming together to serve others. Our semi-annual Fundraiser Missions Weekend is a great example of that!

This year, the UMW Rummage Sale will be held Friday, October 23, from 4:00–7:00 pm and Saturday, October 24, from 8:00 am–12:00 pm, with proceeds supporting missions. The Men's Club will also be serving up their famous BBQ on Saturday, with pickup from 10:00 am–1:00 pm. There are plenty of ways to get involved! Rummage Sale setup and organization will begin Sunday, October 18, and help is needed throughout the week. Contact Sue Petrie if you can help. The Men's Club also needs volunteers to help cook and prepare the BBQ. Sign up on the sheet in the lobby or contact John Wilson. Whether you're donating, sorting and organizing, cooking BBQ, shopping the sale, or simply picking up a plate, you're helping us put our faith into action and make a difference through the mission of Ebenezer.

BLESSING OF THE PETS—TODAY, OCTOBER 11, 4:30 PM

Our pets are special and important parts of our lives.

They offer companionship, comfort, joy, and a unique kind of love that reminds us of God's goodness in creation.



Join us this afternoon at 4:30 pm for a special time of blessing our pets and giving thanks for the joy they bring to our lives. Bring your pets and celebrate with us!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—THURSDAY

Our United Methodist Women (UMW) 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!

PARENTS AND COFFEE—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 10:00 AM

Parents, come grab a cup of coffee and take a breath with us after Fall Break! Parents & Coffee will meet Sunday, October 18, at 10:00 am for a chance to connect with other parents, enjoy some casual conversation, and simply be together as parents in the Ebenezer community.

EPIC OF EDEN—WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 5:30 PM

Why does the Old Testament Matter? Have you ever felt lost in the Old Testament?

It's easy to wonder what the Old Testament has to do with us. Why spend time with ancient laws, unfamiliar names, strange stories, and a people who lived thousands of years ago? But the Old Testament is the beginning of the story that helps us understand who God is, who we are, why Jesus came, and know more of God's amazing grace.

This fall, join Pastor Austin on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Classroom for ***Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament***, a journey through the Old Testament that will help discover the larger story of God's covenant, God's people, and God's plan to redeem creation. Discover why the Old Testament still matters.

JOIN US FOR A CHAT!

Women's Meet and Chat—Ladies, grab a cup of something you love and enjoy each other's company every Tuesday morning at 10 am in the Community Room!

Men's Coffee—Men, enjoy your Thursday morning cup of coffee together every Thursday at 9 am in the Annex.



THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 am—Men's Breakfast (Community Room)
9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:30 pm—Blessing of the Pets (Soccer Field)
5:00 pm—Youth Bonfire Night



MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:00 pm—SALT—Beardsley Farms or Serving Food
5:30 pm—Epic of Eden Study (Fellowship Classroom)
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 am—Men's Coffee (Annex)
10:00 am—UMW Meeting (Community Room)
5:00 pm—One Knox Soccer Youth Club (Soccer Field)
7:00 pm—AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen Meetings (Various Locations)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:00 pm—Brownie Troop Meeting (Annex)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

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1:00 pm—Rummage Sale Drop Off
4:00 pm—Fall Festival



YOUTH BONFIRE NIGHT—TONIGHT AT 5:00 PM!

Fall Break is coming to an end, so let's get back together around the fire! Youth Bonfire Night is tonight at 5:00 pm, and we'll spend the evening enjoying some of the best parts of fall: hot dogs, s'mores, a bonfire, and good time together. We'll also take some time to worship around the fire as we continue our focus on remaining connected to God and growing the Fruit of the Spirit. Bring a friend and come enjoy a night of good food, good conversation, and time together around the fire.

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.

VETERAN'S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

The monthly Veteran's breakfast at Ebenezer will be next 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.

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 last month through your donations to our Magnolia Avenue Food Ministry, specifically, for your donations of peanut butter. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Last week we had 9 volunteers and handed out 75 bags.

This month we will be collecting soup. If you would like to be involved in God's mission at Magnolia Ave., meet at Ebenezer on October 26 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—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Helping Hands is inviting volunteers and donors to help support practical acts of care, encouragement, and kindness in our community. Volunteers are especially needed to help with pill container storage and mailing, as well as collecting and storing food for families. We will soon be setting up a Kindness Corner with serving opportunities, testimonials, and kindness cups filled with small items to uplift recipients. What should go in the cups? Share ideas for items, inspirational stories, motivational literature, or anything that has uplifted you and made you feel special. Donations are always accepted and needed. Join us in sharing kindness through Helping Hands. Contact Ken Pearson for more information.

WESLEY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

Rising food costs are making it harder for many of our neighbors to put food on the table. We can be involved in God's mission by responding with generosity and helping provide something as basic and important as a meal. Help stock the Wesley House Food Pantry by donating canned goods and other non-perishable food items. Place your donations in the collection bin in the hallway, and together we can help ensure our neighbors have food on their tables.

Inspired by God's Love

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

Children's Ministry

FALL FESTIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT—OCTOBER 18, 4 TO 6 PM

Come celebrate fall with us at our Fall Festival! We'll have trunk or treating, bounce houses, crafts, face painting, games, and more. It's a chance to gather with our church family and invite our neighbors and community into God's community for a fun afternoon of connection and community.

You can help make that welcome possible by donating candy, decorating your trunk, helping with games and crafts, or greeting our guests. Sign up in the lobby and help us make room for everyone!



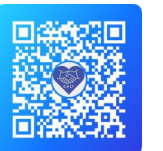
JOIN US FOR OUR OCTOBER SERIES!

Join us for our October series: "Now You See Me!" Through the story of Daniel and his friends, kids will discover how God's wisdom and power shine brighter than any illusion. In this 4 week series, children will learn that God helps us make wise choices, rescues us when we're afraid, guides us through His Word, and can use our courage to help others see Him.

YOUNG ADULTS/SALT OCTOBER DATES

October 14 - Beardsley Farms or Serving Food, 1:00 pm

October 24 - UT Gardens, 10:00 am



Join the SALT GroupMe by scanning the QR code!