

# STONEMAKER

Newsletter of Ebenezer Church

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ.

As I write, it is early January. Many of us are without electricity and recovering from the snowstorm. What a way to start the year. The snowstorm rocked our area in many ways, and recovery will take time. We are praying for our community and working to help in any way we can. The other pastors and I would love to hear how you are doing.

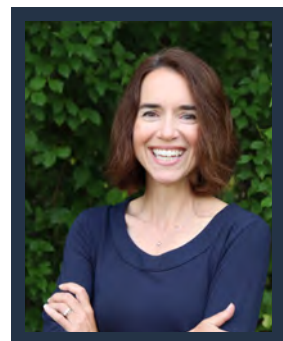
Worship will focus these next few months on "Soul Care" and the "Final Words" of Jesus. Lent begins in March, and we will turn our hearts to Christ as we follow him toward a cross and new life. During Lent, we invite you to connect with God and each other in meaningful ways. Join us in worship. Connect with a small group. Serve the local community – or our brothers and sisters halfway around the world – in outreach and mission. Live faith right where you are.

At the State of the Church gathering in January, we shared our new three-pronged model for ministry: onsite, online, and offsite. We will live into this model as we grow in faith together. Onsite, we will continue our full range of ministries at the main campus. Online, we will build connections with our Ebenezer e-family through livestream worship and virtual groups. Offsite, the Love Your Neighbor Network will take us into the community at a time when fewer people are coming to church, so that we can bring the church and be the church where people are already doing life.

Our Focus 2025 steering group set next steps we can take in this liminal time. We continue learning about changing needs in our community and discerning how God can use us to make a difference. God has a good future for Ebenezer as we *transform lives through Jesus Christ and connect, heal, and bring hope to the world.*

What a joy and privilege to serve Jesus Christ beside you and in this community.

Pastor Emily





Current & Upcoming  
Sermon Series

Soul Care

It's hard to ignore how difficult these last two years have been. Local officials say mental health needs are climbing. Our February sermon series will look to Scripture for guidance in how to name, address, and walk through brokenness together as we unpack grief, trauma, anxiety, and stress in faith. We will also share helpful resources for you and for those you love.

Final Words

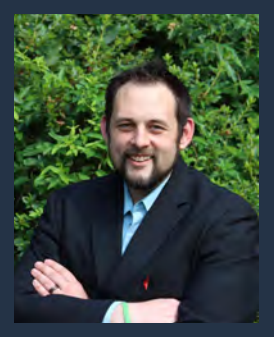
Parting words often stay with us. During Lent, we will study each of Christ's parting words from the cross. These seven statements are captured in the Gospels. Stand at the cross with us and listen. We also invite small groups to study Adam Hamilton's book *Final Words from the Cross*.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JEFF

Beautiful and Beloved People of Ebenezer!

As we come off the highs of the Christmas season and begin our preparations for Lent, some of us may be wondering if we are reliving February 2020 instead of starting anew in 2022. Two years have passed, and yet we are still navigating an ongoing pandemic and an increasingly divided nation, not to mention back-to-back snowstorms.

In some ways, the past two years have felt like the 1993 movie "Groundhog Day". As you may recall, Bill Murray's character, a TV weatherman named Phil Conners, awakens to an endless repetition of February 2, beginning with Sonny and Cher on his clock radio and continuing through his coverage of the Groundhog Day festivities in Punxsutawney, PA. Every day is exactly the same, until Phil's demeanor and outlook on life finally change. He begins to help those around him, and in the end, is transformed into an open, genuine, and even caring individual, who finds real love.



How have these past two years felt like "Groundhog Day" for you? How has God been at work in your life? Where have you seen real transformation happen? I'm not sure how our rendition of this movie is going to end, but these past two years have shown us that when our wants, wills, and desires are focused on the internal, we crumble. It is only when our attention turns from internal to external, from self to other, from individual to communal, that we begin to live as Christ commanded. When we commence living in a Christ-like way, everything falls into place. We grow confident of the love, grace, and forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ, and our lives are transformed. We no longer grip tightly to our divisions, and the lenses of separation fall from our eyes.

On Ash Wednesday, March 2, we will begin our journey through the season of Lent. This year, we will explore the seven "final words" of Jesus, both in our Lenten Small Group Study and in our Lenten sermon series. If you are not currently in a small group and would like to get plugged in, please contact our Director of Connections Chrissy Richardson at crichardson@ebenezerumc.org



As we travel through this season together, may we be ever mindful of all that we have gone through, and focus on the future unafraid of what lies ahead. Let us not focus on our personal wants, wills, and desires, but rather the wants, wills, and desires of God.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1 John 4:7- 11).

Friends, I am convinced that we cannot truly break the grip of "Groundhog Day" until we are able to love like John describes, and the only way to love like this is by allowing the love of Jesus to flow through us, in all we say and do. This day and every day, let us love one another as He has loved us!

Jeff

Pastor Jeff

ADULT MINISTRIES

Empty Nester Lunch & Learn

Safety & Self Defense

February 15  
12:00 PM

Register at  
ebenezerumc.org/events

Winter Bible Studies

Beginning in February • In Person and Virtual  
EBENEZERUMC.ORG/EVENTS



NEW DIRECTOR OF ADULT MINISTRIES

Ebenezer is thrilled to welcome a familiar face to a brand new position on our staff! Dana Czzowitz served as our Office Manager for two years before becoming our Director of Adult Ministries in December. In her new role, she will coordinate classes, events, and programs for Young Adults to Empty Nesters and everyone in between.

"I'm so excited to be able to grow alongside of you in our faith journey," Dana said. "I'm looking forward to building new relationships and growing the current ones."

Adult Ministries will offer many ways to learn and grow in the new year. Three different Winter Bible Studies will launch during the first week of February, with in-person and virtual options for men, women, and co-ed groups. A nine-session Financial Peace University course will begin February 15, featuring commonsense, Biblical money principles that help you eliminate debt and save for the future.

Empty Nesters will find connection and community through regular gatherings, including Spirituality In Nature Group outings to local parks every Thursday at 1:00 PM; friendly competition with the Game Club on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 1:00 PM; and informative Lunch and Learn gatherings on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 PM.

There are new adventures ahead for Young Adults as well, including afternoon Hometown Hikes with opportunities to socialize afterward. For more information on Adult Ministries at Ebenezer, please contact Dana at dczowitz@ebenezerumc.org

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM  
February 23-May 18  
EBENEZERUMC.ORG/EVENTS

FINANCIAL Peace UNIVERSITY

Tuesdays  
7:00 PM

9-Session Class  
Begins February 15

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Counselor's Corner



How long has it been since you’ve looked at Moses’ interaction with the burning bush? I want to provide a brief recap in case you’re unfamiliar with the story. In Exodus 3:1-4:17, God instructs Moses to go and address the Pharoah, to be the instrument God has chosen to set His nation free. Moses responds by providing God with four different reasons why he cannot complete the task. Moses questions his own identity, his faith, and his abilities, as well as God’s authority. Beyond this, Moses ultimately asks God to choose someone else.

I love this story because if we are being honest with ourselves, each of us struggles with the same things that Moses named. When we are facing the trials and challenges of life, the noise of our circumstances may rise above the fact that we are called “Masterpiece” by our Father who created the universe. WOW! There may be times when we question our own abilities. We may struggle with obedience or ask God to send someone else when we know He is calling us into uncomfortable situations.

God wants to equip us the same way He equipped Moses. We are called to pray in all things. Do not be afraid to share your doubts with God, just like Moses did. He wants us to accomplish far more than our perceived limitations may allow us to accomplish. God calls us into community as well. We can see this in God’s direction for Moses to take his brother Aaron with him. In a similar fashion, God will use those around you to support you wherever He is calling you. We are truly never alone when we seek Him with all of our heart, soul, and mind.

Keith Priest is Ebenezer Church’s Christian Counselor. He offers Biblically-based counseling free of charge to our community. For more information, please visit [ebenezerumc.org/counseling](http://ebenezerumc.org/counseling)

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MONICA

"Did you try your best?"  
"Have you pushed as hard as you could?"  
“Did you get the grade, make the deal, or win the race?”

You may hear these phrases regularly. You might even use them regularly. The idea of hard work leading to success, or even favor in God's eyes, seems as American as apple pie. And to be clear, I do believe God desires that we steward our gifts, talents, efforts, time, and resources wisely and toward aims that glorify God.

However, there is also a shadow side of this "work harder" message. The shadow side often whispers that we must earn our worth, that our value is measured in our output or credentials, and that if we are not constantly striving or succeeding, we are somehow not valuable in God's eyes.

That message, brothers and sisters, is inconsistent with the Good News of Jesus Christ. It can lead to burnout, guilt, shame, and destruction.

As we creep toward the two-year mark of Covid throwing our lives, rhythms, and norms into a continual tailspin, I cannot help but wonder if God is asking us to reevaluate the metrics we have often used to evaluate our worth. No matter how hard one is trying right now or how frequently one is adapting to ever-changing guidance, success - or even footing - seems elusive.

Could this be an invitation to find our footing in God's goodness, mercy, promises, rest, and grace? Could it be an invitation for us to reconsider what the Gospel asks of us? Invites us into? And dare I ask, could it be an invitation to do something completely countercultural?

If the world's message has often been "try harder," I wonder what it might look like in your life, in your neighborhood, and in the life of our church to instead try softer.

Remember, you are God’s beloved. The prophet Isaiah reminds us, “Even if the mountains walk away and the hills fall to pieces, my love won’t walk away from you, my covenant commitment of peace won’t fall apart.” (Isaiah 54:10)

Want to talk more? I'd love to hear what you think this could look like in your own life or discipleship practices. Email me at [pastormonica@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:pastormonica@ebenezerumc.org)

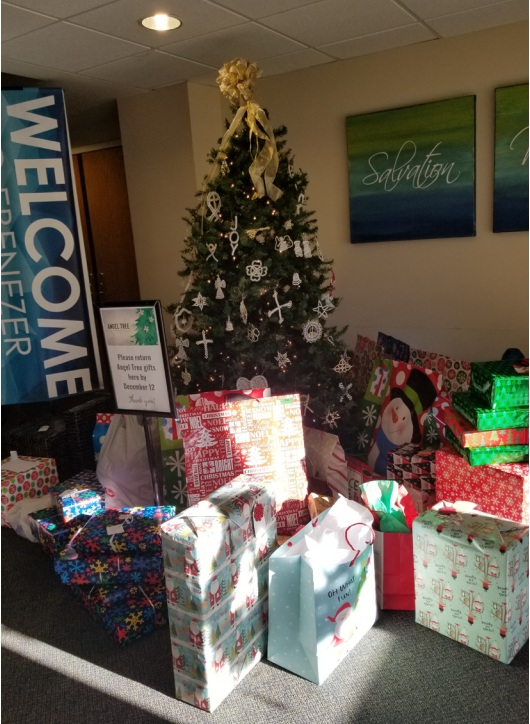


Blessings and Peace,

Monica  
Pastor Monica

explore  
EBENEZER

GET TO KNOW OUR CHURCH AND PASTORS  
MARCH 13 | 5:00 PM  
REGISTER AT [EBENEZERUMC.ORG/EVENTS](http://EBENEZERUMC.ORG/EVENTS)



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

ANGEL TREE

Thanks to all the Ebenezer angels who donated, sponsored, and volunteered with our Angel Tree program in December. Representatives from 12 local schools and Social Services asked for our help and you answered! With your generosity, we were able to wrap up more than 500 Christmas gifts for 250 children and seniors. We also collected \$5,000 in food box sponsorships, enough to provide a total of 165 boxes of food to 55 families and seniors. Dozens of volunteers, led by Melinda Runkles, helped shop, pack, organize, and deliver food and gifts to those in need. We especially appreciated our TNT middle schoolers’ help with assembling food boxes! Thank you to everyone for making a difference in our community during the holidays.

THE RE-UNITED METHODIST MEN

Ebenezer's United Methodist Men (UMM) returned in October with a successful Fall Yard Sale and an updated schedule of monthly meetings. Bob Skewes was instrumental in reuniting this unique organization, which is open to men of all ages.

“UMM is a fellowship of men who dedicate themselves, their time, their talents, and their resources to building the Kingdom of God and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ,” Bob said. “It is designed to assist men in managing their ever-changing relationships, roles, and responsibilities in the family setting, workplace, and community.”

Built on the premise that men are at their best when they model Jesus Christ in their thoughts, words, and deeds, UMM offers programs that help build men spiritually and

MONTHLY MEETING  
Second Saturday of the Month  
9:00-10:30 AM

provide opportunities to serve. One of UMM’s primary goals is to support the pastors and ministries within the church, but individual members also participate in community service programs, such as the Woodcutting Ministry. Most importantly, the organization provides a safe place for men to “take the mask off” and be themselves.

“As a rule, men don’t like to share their struggles with others,” Bob explained, drawing on two decades of experience managing individual and family support programs for the U.S. Coast Guard. “UMM offers ways for men to realize that they are not the only ones dealing with a myriad of life’s challenges, that at times it is okay to not be okay, and that they can address and overcome those issues by working and sharing with other men.”

UMM membership is open to any man who has a desire to belong to and participate in the ministry of the church. Church membership is not required. Meetings are held at 9:00 AM on the second Saturday of each month and include fellowship, devotions, and service project planning. For more information, email Bob at [skewcrew1@outlook.com](mailto:skewcrew1@outlook.com)

WE ARE FOR YOU

Fuel Up With Ebenezer

Ebenezer shared Christmas joy and free gasoline at Fuel Up With Ebenezer. Our staff surprised motorists at a local Sunoco by filling up their gas tanks and inviting them to join us for Christmas services. It was a fun and festive way to love our neighbors!



4th Saturday & Brisben Shelter Meals

“For I was hungry and you gave me food,” (Matthew 25:35)

Each month, Ebenezer has the privilege of serving hearty meals to those in need in our community. If you’re looking for an opportunity to share God’s love by helping others, this is a simple and rewarding way to start. No experience is required, and all materials and equipment are provided. Register at [ebenezerumc.org/volunteer](http://ebenezerumc.org/volunteer) or contact Amy at [amiller@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:amiller@ebenezerumc.org)

Brisben Shelter Meals: February 13 & March 19, Prep: 4:00-5:45 PM, Serve: 5:45-7:00 PM, Thurman Brisben Center, Ages 14+  
4th Saturday Meals: February 26 & March 26, 2:30-5:30 PM, Fredericksburg UMC, Ages 10+



Sunday Worship

In Person | 8:15 AM (Traditional)  
9:45 AM & 11:15 AM (Modern)

Livestream | 9:45 AM & 11:15 AM  
or anytime at [live.ebenezerumc.org](https://live.ebenezerumc.org)

Event Registration

To learn more about our upcoming events or to register to attend, scan the QR code below or visit [ebenezerumc.org/events](https://ebenezerumc.org/events)



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WINTER BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN

10:30 AM
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PRESCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

6:30 PM
- 9

GROWING WITH PARENTING CLASSES BEGIN

7:00 PM
- 12

UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING

9:00 AM
- 13

BRISBEN SHELTER MEAL

4:00-7:00 PM
- 13

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
- 15

LUNCH AND LEARN: SAFETY AND SELF DEFENSE

12:00 PM
- 15

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY BEGINS

7:00 PM
- 18-20

AXIS HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT
- 19

ADVENTURERS' GUILD

12:00-4:00 PM
- 23

DIVORCECARE BEGINS

7:00 PM
- COMMUNION CLASS

10:00-11:30 AM
- 26

4TH SATURDAY MEAL

FREDERICKSBURG UMC, 2:30-5:30 PM

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
- 4-5

IF:GATHERING

VIRTUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
- 12

UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING

9:00-10:30 AM
- GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
- 13

EXPLORE EBENEZER

5:00 PM
- 15

LUNCH AND LEARN: EBENEZER 411

12:00 PM
- ADVENTURERS' GUILD

12:00-4:00 PM
- 19

BRISBEN SHELTER MEAL

4:00-7:00 PM
- 26

4TH SATURDAY MEAL

FREDERICKSBURG UMC – 2:30-5:30 PM

Recurring Events

- Men's Basketball

Sundays, 7:30–9:30 PM
- TOPS

Mondays, 9:00–11:30 AM
- Exercise Group

Mondays & Thursdays, 9:15–10:15 AM  
(Free Child Care)
- Active Older Adult Exercise

Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:15–10:15 AM

- Empty Nester Game Club

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 1:00 PM
- MOPS

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 AM
- Nar-Anon

Every other Wednesday, 6:30 PM
- Spirituality in Nature Group

Thursdays, 1:00 PM
- Futsal (Indoor Soccer)

Saturdays, 6:00 PM

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MARRIAGE SEMINAR

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

KidzCare

Available for ages 0-3 during Sunday Worship Services and for infants, toddlers, and school age children during on-campus group meetings.

Please note that on weekdays, KidzCare is closed when Stafford County Schools are closed.

KidzRock  
Sunday School

Available during Sunday Worship Services at 9:45 AM & 11:15 AM for children age 3 through 5th grade.

Find virtual Sunday School resources at [ebenezerumc.org/bulletin](https://ebenezerumc.org/bulletin)

TNT Middle School  
Weekly Gathering

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 PM, Room B01

AXIS High School  
Weekly Gathering

Sundays, 7:00-9:00 PM, Room B01

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To receive text updates  
about our ministries:

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High school students, text AXIS to **84576**

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# CONNECTIONS

## IF:GATHERING 2022 VIRTUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Gathering for an IF:Gathering is special. It's set apart. But it's not the end in itself. We gather because we believe that it is a spark for life-on-life discipleship to happen all year. IF:Gathering is for women, ages 14+, across generations and cultures, coming together for God's glory and for the good of others.

At IF:2022, we're going to talk about how to live in this world right now and how to navigate a life that goes against culture. How do we build community in the middle of that? How do we tell people about Jesus? There's a reason we're still alive. There's a reason we're still here. Our lives matter in this time. And we're not going to waste it.

IF:Gathering 2022 is a two-day conference broadcasted live from Dallas, TX, where women all over the world gather, get equipped, and discover their next step in the calling: to go and make disciples. This year we are encouraging you to gather the women in your lives, circles, and neighborhoods together in your homes, because we believe that you—taking ownership for the people in your places—will change the world. So, who will you invite to watch IF:2022 with you? You're not just hosting an event. Together, we're reclaiming discipleship as God's means to change the world. Gather your people and come join us as we do this together on March 4-5. Registration is open and available now. Thanks to RightNow Media, you can register with Ebenezer Church for our special hosting price. Check it out and invite the women in your circles to join you!



For more information on IF: 2022, visit [ebenezerumc.org/events](https://ebenezerumc.org/events) or contact Chrissy at [crichardson@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:crichardson@ebenezerumc.org)

## LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY

During Lent, we're inviting small groups at Ebenezer to embark on a study of the book Final Words From The Cross by Adam Hamilton. This study correlates with our Lenten sermon series and explores the final words of Christ through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. Even in the midst of pain and death, Jesus spoke words of power, meaning, and life:

Father Forgive Them  
Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother  
My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?  
Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise  
I Thirst  
It Is Finished  
Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit

These final words help us to more closely, faithfully, and intently follow Christ to the cross. Our journey through this season will begin during the week of March 2. If you're not already in a small group and would like to join one for this six-week Lenten study, please contact our Director of Connections Chrissy Richardson at [crichardson@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:crichardson@ebenezerumc.org).



# STUDENT MINISTRIES

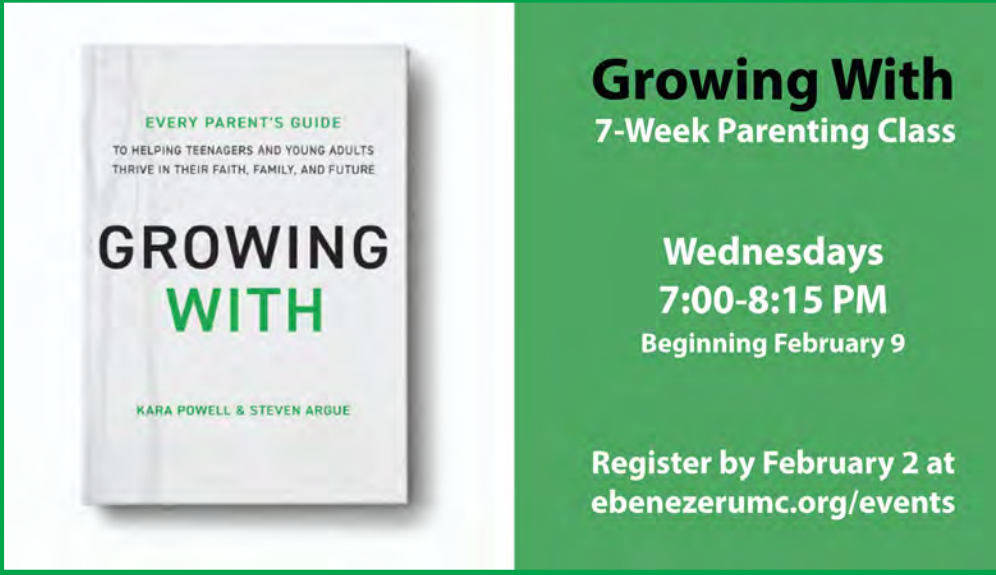
## GROWING WITH PARENTING CLASS

Often when our kids start hitting the land of adolescence, parents start wondering, "Why are we pulling apart?" One moment our children want us and need us around, and the next moment they seem to be pushing us away to establish more independence. They are changing so much, and parenting approaches that worked one year prior no longer seem applicable. It can feel like a scary time for both the parent and the child.

Here's the thing: your preteen, teenager, or young adult isn't the only one going through changes and growing...you are too! The good news is that we can grow with our children instead of away from them.

Starting Wednesday, February 9, Ebenezer will offer a free seven-week parenting class called Growing With that will meet from 7:00-8:15 PM. (We will not meet during Spring Break.) We will discuss how to close the gap that seems to be opening and how to grow as parents, trusting God to transform both you and your child. This is a fantastic class for parents of preteens and teens, but even if you have younger kids or college-aged young adults, it can help you navigate this changing territory.

Registration is required, and child care is available. For more information, please contact Michelle at [mpaquette@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:mpaquette@ebenezerumc.org)



## SCOUTING SUNDAYS

Each year, the United Methodist Church celebrates its Scouting Ministry by recognizing the scouting units that are sponsored by the church, as well as Ebenezer youth who are involved in scouting in other units.

We will celebrate Boy Scout Sunday on February 13. All youth and adults who are part of a Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church.

We will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday on March 13. All youth and adults who are part of a Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadet, Senior, or Ambassador Troop are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church.

Any scouts who would like to serve as Scout Sunday ushers or greeters at either the 9:45 AM or 11:15 AM service may contact Ebenezer's Scouting Coordinator Ken Todd at [aquiacsrtc@gmail.com](mailto:aquiacsrtc@gmail.com). Please indicate the scout's name, unit, and which service they will be attending.

## SPONSOR A STUDENT ON THE MISSION TRIP

Summer may seem far away, but Ebenezer's high school students are already preparing for the Axis Summer Mission Trip. This year, the students will be serving the needs of the community in Harrisburg, PA from June 19-25. Long before that, they'll be plugged into small groups to connect with others going on the trip, grow spiritually, and participate in service opportunities. The mission trip is more than a week of their lives; it's part of their walk with God.

Each student is responsible for the cost of their trip, and that's where our church family comes in. We offer a sponsorship program which enables you to contribute financially to a specific student or to any student going on the trip. Sponsorship offers Ebenezer's entire body of believers an opportunity to participate in this journey of faith. We invite you to support our students not only financially but also in prayer during the coming months. For more information, visit [ebenezerumc.org/events](https://ebenezerumc.org/events)





# FITNESS GROUPS

## FITNESS + FELLOWSHIP = FAMILY

The Ebenezer Exercise Group is back in action, bringing fitness and fellowship to the Ministry Center basement four mornings each week. The group is open to participants of all ages and fitness levels with free classes, free childcare, and a welcoming environment where everyone feels like family.

“The family and community built within these walls is unlike any other,” said Alyse O’Steen, a certified fitness instructor who helps coordinate the program, along with Patrice DeBord and Lauren Hamilton.

The group originated as an informal gathering of friends doing exercise DVD’s but has since become a comprehensive fitness program with eight certified instructors and a full range of classes including Zumba, HIIT, Boot Camp, RYZE, and HIGH. Many of the current instructors started as participants and were encouraged to pursue teaching by Patrice, whose own fitness career began in an unexpected way.

“I believe I was God-directed. I didn’t get into teaching until my 30’s,” she explained. “A friend said, ‘There’s a class I want you to take,’ and I found my calling.”

The Exercise Group meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:15 AM. Classes are free of charge and open to the public. Childcare is also free, courtesy of Ebenezer KidzCare. Participants can view the schedule and sign up for classes via the group’s Facebook page.

Patrice is also leading classes for Active Older Adults on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:15 AM. These sessions emphasize coordination and practical exercises to improve agility, flexibility, and motor skills. No registration is required, and anyone is welcome to drop in.

The instructors are excited to be able to return to in-person classes with Covid safety precautions in place. “One of the fun things about a large group is that you get caught up in the energy. It becomes an integral part of who you are.” Patrice said. “Within a few minutes, I can feel my funk being lifted. They’re sharing their joy.”

“We’re here to lift each other up. I never realized how important that was until we didn’t have it anymore.” Alyse added. At the end of each class, participants gather for a prayer circle. “The instructor begins, then everyone goes around and says what’s on their hearts and minds,” Alyse explained. “It’s a raw and beautiful moment. You learn that you’re not alone. There’s always somebody that can relate to your experience.”



“In a God-graced group, the truth comes out.” Patrice agreed. “It reaches to the heart of where women are. Women like to support each other.”

Ready to join Ebenezer’s fitness family? Visit [ebenezerumc.org/exercise](https://ebenezerumc.org/exercise) to find out more.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## EASTER EGGSPLSION

Get ready for the Easter Eggspllosion! This is your chance to share an outdoor Easter adventure with your neighbors, and we're here to help.

We've assembled a free Eggspllosion Starter Kit with everything you'll need to host an outdoor Easter egg hunt, including pre-filled eggs, golden eggs & prizes, bubble wands, egg coloring kits, a scavenger hunt, and a yard sign. You'll also receive some helpful hints on how to host a safe, socially-distanced event and how to share your photos with us afterward.

These kits are starter kits, so feel free to add your own items to make your neighborhood event as big as you want. Ask your neighbors to help you!!

Register for your free Eggspllosion Starter Kit by March 27. Then stop by Ebenezer to pick it up at our Bunny Trunk Drop on Saturday, April 2 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Just pull into the circle and we'll load your Starter Kit in your trunk, with some help from a certain long-eared friend! Starter Kit pick-up will also be available at the church office April 4-6 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.



2nd-5th graders

Communion Class

Saturday, February 26  
10:00-11:30 AM | Room B01

Registration Deadline: February 21  
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## COMMUNION CLASS

We invite you to register your 2nd – 5th grader for Communion Class, coming up Saturday, February 26 from 10:00– 11:30 AM. The event begins in Room B01, where Pastor Jeff and Director of Children's Ministries Shari Parsons will lead children through instruction on what the Sacrament of Holy Communion is and what the elements represent. At the end of class, children will go to the Sanctuary to learn how to take communion. Then, they'll have the opportunity to take communion with Pastor Jeff and their parents.

Parents, please join us at 10:45 AM to take communion with your child, see them receive their certificate, and take photos. While you wait for us to meet you in the Sanctuary, you are welcome to read, pray, or have some quiet time.

Childcare will be available for younger children. All participants are invited to attend worship services and take communion with the congregation on Sunday, March 6.

Please note that children who have previously taken Communion Class do not need to take it again. Masks will be required, and we will observe safe social distancing while in Room B01 and the Sanctuary. Class size is limited due to social distancing, so please register today at [ebenezerumc.org/events](https://ebenezerumc.org/events). For more information, contact Shari at [sparsons@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:sparsons@ebenezerumc.org).

# PRESCHOOL

Ebenezer Preschool offers a safe, loving, Christ-centered environment for children ages 3-5. We invite parents who are interested in learning more about registration for the 2022-23 school year to join us for Preschool Information Night on February 7 at 6:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to learn about our curriculum, meet our teachers and tour our classrooms. Attendance is limited, so please register by February 4. For more information, please visit [ebenezerumc.org/events](https://ebenezerumc.org/events) or contact Preschool Director Donna Kenkel at [dkenkel@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:dkenkel@ebenezerumc.org)

Ebenezer UMC Preschool

Preschool Information Night  
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## Registration for 2022-23 begins:

January 31	Current students and siblings
February 14	Ebenezer Church members & preschool alumni families
February 28	General public



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