### **EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## Sunday, September 4, 2022

\*Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

\*Opening Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" #529

Children's Time

Offertory Brenda Sanford

\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Jeremiah 2:4-13

Sermon "Another Look at Cracked Cisterns" Pastor Rebecca

\*Hymn of Preparation "For the Beauty of the Earth" #92

\*\*Holy Communion #12

\*Closing Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #664

Benediction

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Or Thine is the Kingdom, thepower and the glory forever. Amen

# We extend a very warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in celebration of Richard and Traci's wedding and are given in love and to the glory of God! Congratulations!

### **COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY**

Community Appreciation Day is THIS Saturday, September 10th from 9-12! Come and say thank you to community groups that offer support year round and gather the resources they offer! Help is still needed on the clean up crew and in other ways!

### <u>Calendar</u>

Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 p.m.: Abundant Joy Choir Practice Thursday, September 8, 6:30 p.m: Praise Team Practice Saturday, September 10, 9-12: Community Appreciation Event Sunday, September 11, 8:30 a.m: Men's Breakfast. Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m.: Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 22, 5-7: UMM & Cople VFD Barbecue Dinner

### A BLESSING FOR EBENEZER

Today, the beginning of the new church year, we celebrate a wonderful gift. An anonymous bequest of \$44,000 has been received to support the church in whatever way is most needed. The donor requested some specific expenditures from the bequest: Family Fun Day expenses, the well expenses not covered by other donations and the offerings-versus-expenditures deficit. So today, we are adding in a donation of \$10,000, which eliminates our deficit. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow and the generous souls through whom He works. Now it is up to us all to keep that deficit at zero.

# **Budget Update (as of August 28th)**

Approved 2022 Budget	\$ 124,634.00
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$ 2,397.00
Weekly Average to Date	\$ 2,029.00
Offering August 28	\$ 1,206.00
Offering to Date	\$ 71,000.00
Expenses to Date	\$ 80,300.00

# COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS Please remove the following names: **VOICE FROM THE PEW** PRAYER REQUESTS add the following

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able

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