

## Holy Baptismal Pool Rental Policy

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism represents the beginning of a person's life as a Christian. We celebrate with all of those who are entering our Christian family and have prepared the following for congregations needing to use our facilities and Holy Baptismal pool.

The Holy Baptismal pool at Ebenezer is available to visiting Christian congregations of like mind.

### Reservation of the Church:

Reservation of the Church for a Holy Baptismal pool service include the following:

- \*2 Hour MAXIMUM usage of the sanctuary
- \*Usage of the Holy Baptismal pool
- \*Access to main level bathrooms ONLY
- \*A dressing room for Holy Baptismal pool candidates

The following is NOT included, but can be reserved for an additional fee:

- \*Sanctuary Instruments (Organ ONLY)
- \*Fellowship Hall
- \*Commercial Kitchen

**\*The Church will be open 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the Holy Pool Baptism service and 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Holy Pool Baptism service.**

### Dates:

There are several dates that are reserved and for which a Holy Pool Baptism service will NOT be confirmed.

- \*Baptisms in the Holy Baptismal pool will NOT be scheduled on Sunday's.
- \*Baptisms for visiting congregations cannot conflict with other regularly scheduled church activities, such as Worship Service(s), Prayer Meeting, etc.
- \*Baptisms will NOT be scheduled on major holidays such as: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Holy Week, Easter, etc.
- \*If a church activity is already scheduled for the same day and time as a Holy Baptismal Pool Service, it will NOT be moved to accommodate the Holy Baptismal Pool request nor will a confirmed Holy Baptismal Pool date be moved for a church activity.

**Fee:**

	<b>Members of Ebenezer</b>	<b>AME Congregations</b>	<b>Non-AME Congregations</b>
<b>Reservation Deposit:</b>	\$50.00 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT applied to total fee).	\$50.00 (Non-Refundable, due at time of reservation, will be reservation, will be applied to total fee.	\$75.00 (Non-Refundable, due at time of reservation, will be applied to total fee.
<b>Total Fee:</b>	\$0.00	\$600.00 (Includes – Sound System & Organ ONLY) UP TO 5 HOLY BAPTISMAL POOL CANDIDATES  (6-10 HOLY POOL BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES \$100.00 PER EACH ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE) (10-15 HOLY POOL BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES \$100.00 PER EACH ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE) (15-20 HOLY POOL BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES \$100.00 PER EACH ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE)  (21 OR MORE HOLY POOL BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES) FEE WILL BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN EBENEZER’S PASTOR AND VISITING CONGREGATION	\$600.00

**ALL FEES MUST BE PAID 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED HOLY POOL BAPTISM, BY CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CHURCH CHECK. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**General Information:**

- \*Congregations should bring their own baptismal attire and supplies (e.g. robes, towels, boots)
- \*No one may stand in the choir loft area. Choir loft area MUST remain clear and empty.
- \*Alcoholic beverages are NOT to be supplied or consumed anywhere on the property.
- \*No drugs or firearms are allowed on the premises at any time.
- \*Smoking is NOT permitted anywhere on our property.
- \*No pets are allowed on the premises. (Service dogs do not fall under this prohibition.)
- \*No food or drink is permitted in the Sanctuary.
- \*The church cannot be responsible any and all personal items.
- \*No pins, tacks, tape, or other sticky adhesives may be used to secure anything to furniture, doors and/or walls.
- \*No fixtures or flowers are to be placed on the Chancel rail.
- \*ONLY DRIP-LESS CANDLES are allowed in our church.
- \*Church furniture WILL NOT be moved to accommodate the Holy Pool Baptism Service.

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Rahway, New Jersey from any and all losses, liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs an attorney's fees and expenses, which may occur to any Holy Pool Baptism candidates, any other person in attendance, or any property arising out of \_\_\_\_\_ participation in this Holy Baptismal  
(Visiting Congregation)  
service, whether caused by our own negligence or willful misconduct of any other person, in whole or in part.

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Visiting Congregation Representative

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Date

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Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Rahway, NJ  
Representative

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Date