EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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www.ebenezerumchurch.org Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor

December 18, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 AM

The 4th Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

God of the unexpected, meet us in these moments that new insights may lead to faithful obedience. As we look for signs and wonders speak to us through the Word-madeflesh that we may experience your grace and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Blessed Be the God of Israel" arr. Lash

INTROIT "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Joyful Noise/Cherubs "Nino Lindo"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called once more to God's house.

Come, O Come, Emmanuel that we may know the fulfillment you intend.

Sometimes it is hard to know God is with us.

The gift of Emmanuel is available for all.

Let us come to the manger once again and welcome the Christ Child!

*HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH No. 234

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, by the birth of Jesus you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, Christ may save us from all our sins and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Children's Choir

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7:10-16 OT pg. 598

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLE IV

Emmanuel means, "God with us." God put on flesh and became human to be with us, to renew our hope, to show us how to live and to deliver us from sin and death. We light this fourth candle today remembering that God began that work and will be faithful to complete it. Deliverance is at hand. Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Stanza #4	UMH No. 211	
ANTHEM	"Friendly Beasts"	Children's Choir	
	A Visit to the Manger		
HYMN	Introduction "Away in a Manger"	UMH No. 217	

Our Journey to Bethlehem

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH No. 230

Jesus Is Born

HYMN "Silent Night" UMH No. 239

The Shepherds

HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH No. 251

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Announcements

Offertory "Mary, Did You Know?" William Streaker

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Tune: UMH No. 211

All praise to God, the Holy One:

Praise Christ, in whom God's grace is fully known:

Praise to the Spirit, evermore:
Praise Holy Trinity, whom we adore!
Rejoice! Rejoice!

Praise God, the Lord above who sets us free through mercy and love!

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, through our offerings empower us to share your love in our families, community and to the ends of the earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Visit to the Manger

The Angels

HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" UMH No. 240

The First Christmas

HYMN "Joy to the World" UMH No. 246

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

TFWS=The Faith We Sing Hymnal UMH=The United Methodist Hymnal * = Congregation stands as able

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org Church Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Worship: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday School: All Ages 9:45 AM

<u>Church Office</u>: (410) 795-6136 <u>Church Email</u>: <u>eumcwinfield@gmail.com</u>

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237 Pastor's Email: revjae@aol.com

Pastor: Rev. Judy EmersonSecretary: Cindi ArnoldMusic Director: Linda BangeTreasurer: Sandy Wean

Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton Nursery Coordinator: Olivia Wisner

Last Week

Attendance: 137 Offering: \$4,440.20

<u>Notes</u>

<u>Prayer Requests</u> will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks at a time. <u>Nursery</u> for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. <u>Children's Church</u> for Pre-K through 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 AM. <u>The Attendance Roster</u> is at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass it to others.

Prayer Requests

The Torosky Family, The Sebly Family

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean	Angie & Derek Jones

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 18 th	Youth Group	5:00 PM
Tuesday, December 20 th	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Wednesday, December 21st	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM



Saturday, December 24th

Traditional Service at 8:00 PM Candlelight Service at 10:00 PM

Sunday, December 25th

Worship at 11:00 AM only. No Sunday School Children will leave service for a story and birthday celebration.

Sunday, January 1st

Worship at 11:00 AM only. No Sunday School

Please Join Us After The 11:00 AM Service in The Fellowship Hall to Celebrate Jesus' Birthday with Cake.

YOUTH GROUP - Christmas party today from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the church. Bring a wrapped gift (value \$5.00) for a gift exchange.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS – Please feel free to add your Christmas greetings/cards/letters to the left bulletin board in the narthex.

HOLLY MART CRAFTS – Are still available for sale in the back of the fellowship hall.

CALENDARS – 2017 Calendars are available! Cost is \$6.00 each. See Cindi.

SAFEWAY STAMPS – If you shop at Safeway and are not collecting the stamps for cookware, please donate those stamps to the church. There is an envelope on the bulletin board. We would love some new cookware for our new kitchen!

OFFERING ENVELOPES – New offering envelopes for 2017 will be available on Christmas Eve in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up.

CHURCH PLANNING MEETING - Mark your calendars now for our Annual Planning Day. On Saturday, January 7, 2017 we will gather at 8:30 AM for a covered dish breakfast. At 9:00 AM we will begin our meeting where we will celebrate our shared ministry in 2016 and set goals for 2017. All leaders and members of the church are encouraged to attend. We will conclude this gathering promptly at 12:00 Noon! Please join us!

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017 – A new Church Leadership Roster for 2017 is available in the narthex. Check to see which committees you are serving on for the coming year. Some committees have a group listing with the year stated above. This means you will serve on that committee until the end of the stated year.