

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4901 Woodbine Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Music Director & Organist

February 26, 2017
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Transfiguration Sunday

WELCOME

THE PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

“Shout to the Lord”

Instrumentalists

INTROIT

“Glorify Thy Name”

TFWS No. 2016

**Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.**

**Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the mountaintop, all God’s people; leave all else behind.

How shall we climb the mountain while weighed down with cares?

In Christ, God brings the mountaintop to us and meets us, even in the depths of despair.

We come without fear. We travel together as spiritual friends.

Let us open ourselves to all God has in store for us during this time of worship!

*HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

UMH No. 173

OPENING PRAYER

God of the mountains and the valleys of our lives, we wait here, in this place apart, to hear and see your glory. Whether you come in dazzling light or quiet word, help us to interpret your message for us and our world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00 AM)

“Exsultate Deo”

Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

OT pg. 68

HYMN

“Come Away with Me”

TFWS No. 2202

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

NT pg. 17

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00 AM)

“You Are the Light”

Chancel Choir

SERMON

“Spiritual Friends!”

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

UMH No. 176

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.

GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory (11:00 AM)

*Presentation of Gifts

“Let Us Praise the Lord”

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

UMH No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, in awe and anticipation we offer ourselves and our gifts toward the fulfillment of your divine law among humankind. Move us beyond our limited interpretation of your action in our midst that we may transform this world through our words and deeds. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

UMH No. 404

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

The vision of the mountaintop is ours to tell!

In the valleys of everyday, people need to hear this story.

Let us go and tell all through genuine caring and humble service.

We depart with renewed energy and purpose to be spiritual friends to others.

Go live God’s truth among all we meet in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We go in peace! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Instrumentalists

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

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

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Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson

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Secretary: Cindi Arnold

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Prayer Requests

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Last Week

Attendance: 94

Offering: \$3,219.00

Notes

Prayer Requests will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks at a time.

Nursery for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

Children's Church for Pre-K through 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 AM.

The Attendance Roster is at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass it to others.

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Chuck & Rebecca Wisner	Curt & Cheryl Roelle
Liturgists	Susan Sager	Curt Roelle

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Today, February 26 th	Youth Group & God's Team	NOON
Tuesday, February 28 th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5:00 – 7:30 PM
Wednesday, March 1 st	Ash Wednesday	7 AM to 10 AM & 3 PM to 9 PM
	OWLS Luncheon	NOON
	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM



SNOW POLICY – With the start of winter comes the threat of bad weather. We want to keep everyone safe. So please...in the event of questionable weather, check the church website, facebook, email, or phone for any updates before you leave your house. See the full snow policy on the bulletin board in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S TEAM- All 4th and 5th graders are meeting after the 11:00 AM service today, to start working on the Peep creation for the Peep Show. Please pack a lunch for your child, we will eat lunch and then start working. Please contact Shannon Murphy or Julie Jones if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP – is going bowling today. Meet at church at noon.

SHROVE TUESDAY – February 28th. Come enjoy a pancake dinner from 5:00 PM -7:30 PM. Good will offering to support Shaun's Eagle Project. See newsletter for more info.

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 1st. Join Pastor Judy in the sanctuary between the hours of 7 AM to 10 AM and 3 PM to 9 PM for the imposition of ashes, communion and prayer. Please join us as we begin the Lenten Season.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – “*Give Up Something Bad for Lent!*” - The practice of Lent can easily become routine and mechanical. We can go through the motions without letting them touch our hearts or change our lives. This Bible study will help you take time to make sure that as you give up something, you will gain much more. On March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th, we will gather during the Sunday School hour and explore together what the scriptures have to say to us about Lent and the Good News of Easter.

SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars for March 26th. ONE service only at 11:00 AM. Sunday school at 9:45. Luncheon following worship.

SPRING FLING 2017 - will be held on April 29th at EUMC. The next planning meeting is on March 8th, at 6:30 PM at EUMC. The planning meetings are almost as fun as the event itself – everyone is welcome!

EASTER FLOWERS – If you are interested in ordering spring flowers for Easter Sunday, please turn in orders by March 5th. Additional forms are in the narthex.

VBS: HERO CENTRAL – Dates for 2017 VBS are July 23rd through 27th. We will run this year Sunday through Thursday. We will also be offering a middle school class! So put the date on your calendars, and get ready to have some fun. Sign up early and receive a free Hero Central music CD!

THANK YOU - to everyone that brought in cards for our greeting card project for ARC. We collected 3291 cards.

