

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***4901 Woodbine Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor***

***March 19, 2017
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM***

The Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In our lesson from the gospel of John, we hear about a Samaritan woman with a checkered past. Not the kind of person you would expect to be in the company of Jesus. Jesus acknowledges her past and invites her to partake of the water that when received, banishes all thirst. When Jesus tells her that HE is the promised Messiah, she returns to her town to share the truth of Jesus with her neighbors. This Lenten season is a time for each of us to prayerfully consider how we each will answer the call of Christ.

THE PRELUDE

“Near the Cross”

Bill Jones

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Are you thirsty? What are you thirsting for this day?

We are parched, the journey is long.

Come into God’s presence and never thirst again.

Come, let us journey to the spring of Living Water!

OPENING PRAYER

We are open and our spirits are willing to receive your grace.

Clear the clutter and the chaos.

We let go of all that holds us down and holds us back from your living water.

Come and fill us up so that we may never thirst again.

We ask all things in the name of the one who calls us beloved. Amen

***HYMN**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH #400

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our salvation, our rescue, our health: all things are yours and when we bring our hearts and hands and voice to worship, we bring you what is yours. Yet we do not serve you as we should, and the world is racked by all the tensions and outright conflicts which come from the worship of that which is less than yourself. Our goodwill towards others has no firm foundation, and crumbles at the first tremor of real testing. In our personal affairs, and in our communal judgments, we try to heal deep wounds with superficial cures. Father, forgive us. Confront us with your way of righting wrong, your strange work of redemption through the sacrificial love of Jesus. And help us to love one another as he has loved us. Lord, hear the prayers of our hearts as we lift them to you now in silence...

A time of silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Hear the promises that come to us from God through ancient words of faith: “And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” Let us step boldly into the light and receive the forgiveness of our Lord!

Forgive us, O God, and give us the courage to love as You first loved us. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

TFWS No. 2071

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

OT pg.61

This lesson is the story of the impatience of the people when faced with a shortage of water.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:5-42

NT pg.89

In the Gospel lesson, we see an encounter with a woman at a well in Samaria, Jesus confesses that He is the Messiah, and she not only embraces this, but leads others to make the same confession.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON

“Sharing the Water”

Ken Middleton

HYMN

“Freely, Freely”

UMH #389

PRAVERS 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

“Give Me Jesus!”

Chuck Shacochis

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

UMH No. 95

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts.

Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Jesus, thank you! You feed us with yourself that we may be united in you, who breaks down every dividing wall of hostility and makes of your Church one body from every language, people, nation and tongue. In the power of the Holy Spirit, use these gifts and send us forth as servants to all, and representatives of your saving love wherever we go. Amen.

*HYMN

“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

UMH #430

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*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

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Nursery Coordinator: Olivia Wisner

Prayer Requests

Butch Barnes, Charles Baublitz

Last Week

Attendance: 101 Offering: \$3,342.50

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	Kenny Wean	Paul Thompson
Liturgists		Dave Biddinger

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Tuesday, March 21 st	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Wednesday, March 22 nd	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017 –

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY at 11:00 AM.

We will not have worship at 8:30 AM next week. The schedule for the morning will be:

Sunday School at 9:45 AM

The Lenten Bible Study Class will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 AM.

Worship at 11:00 AM

Soup and Salad Luncheon 12:00 Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW DIRECTORIES – Will be available next Sunday in the narthex. If you participated by having your picture taken, please look for one with your name on it.

NEWSLETTER- Articles for the April-May newsletter are due to the church office by March 20th.

EASTER EGGS - will be available for purchase again this year. Orders and payments must be turned in by Sunday, April 2nd for pickup on Sunday, April 9th. Limited extras will be available – so get your order in on time! Extra forms are in the narthex.

BAKED GOODS - Not to be outdone, pies and cakes will also be available! Orders for these are due by Sunday, April 9th, with pickup on Saturday, April 15th. Extra forms are in the narthex.

CAMP HOPE FUNDRAISER - For the month of March our youth volunteers will be collecting quarters in their M&M containers. (Our version of March Madness). They will be present between services with a sweet treat in return for some quarters. All funds raised go to help us “*change*” lives for our mission week at Camp Hope. Thank you for your support.

T-SHIRTS FOR KIDS!! - Stop by the “clothesline” in the Narthex and select one paper T-shirt (or more). **PLEASE** sign your name on the chart to show which one(s) you are purchasing. These are T-shirts for the Board of Child Care. If you are interested, Sandy Biddinger has a line (no pun intended) on wholesale T-shirts. As a reminder, these shirts are for youth at the Board of Child Care. A new T-shirt might not sound like much to you or me, but it means a LOT to them. This is our Easter project and would be a part of their Easter basket this year. Please help us make this fun for them! Please have your T-shirts in by Sunday March 26th. Thanks! Janet

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE - We passed our perc test last Friday! Our architectural plans are complete. MP Construction is now moving ahead with drilling a new well. As soon as our final cost is available, we will schedule a church conference for the congregation. Keep the faith that things continue to move forward. Thank you for your faithfulness and support.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – “*Give Up Something Bad for Lent!*” - 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 – Our Soup & Salad fundraiser for the Women's Retreat will be held on Sunday, March 26th after the 11:00 AM service. Please keep this date open and help support our retreat. Delicious soups, salads, desserts and even hot dogs (for the kids) will be available. Costs will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for 4-12 yrs. & free under three. Donation list is posted on the bulletin board for salads & deserts. We appreciate all your support and hope to see you there.