

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER

June – July 2017

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 4th – July 30th

8:30 AM &
10:00 AM

August 6th –
September 3rd

One Worship Only
10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE

June 1st – Sept 4th
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:00 AM
June 11TH
June 25TH
July 23RD
August 27TH

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IT'S HAPPENING!

A Note from our Pastor by Rev. Judy Emerson

*"The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced."
Psalm 126:3*

I will never forget my first meeting with the Long Range Planning Committee at EUMC several years ago. We gathered to discuss our programs, ministries, facility needs and vision for where God was leading Ebenezer UMC. After years of praying, planning and meeting, it was determined that we needed to plan for a Capital Campaign. The first item on our agenda was to come up with a slogan. From this discussion came the title, "*Building on Our Rock of Faith!*".

God has blessed us and continues to bless us in many ways. What was once just a vision is now becoming a reality. It is hard to see all that is happening behind the scenes, but I assure you IT'S HAPPENING!

This summer, as we see more of the logistical part of this process unfold and as we prepare to gather for a final presentation, cost estimate and vote, I invite you to regularly spend time in prayer each day. May our prayers include our hope that together we will be a church where all shall be inspired to pray and serve; where the weary and heavy laden shall find inner peace that the world can neither give nor take away; a church where God is worshiped in prayer and praise, where the Word of God shall be so read and preached that it shall become the living Word and the Sacraments are celebrated; where multitudes shall be refreshed in spirit, relieved from pain, released from bondage and redeemed from sin; where the grace of God may make our human lives into a Christ-like love and our homes into places of living witness for that realm where Christ is Lord. May each of us pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, God's people are sent forth into this community and all the world as champions of justice and peace to all.

We eagerly await the day when we will break ground on our new food pantry and church building. Today, on that day and every day in between and following, may this be our prayer that we will continue *Building on Our Rock of Faith* at Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Ready or not, IT'S HAPPENING! God is doing great things in us, through us and among us for the transformation of this world! Thanks be to God that we are part of all that is happening!

(Portions adapted from the UM
Book of Worship)

Scholarship Committee

EUMC undergraduate scholarship applications are available in the narthex. Any church youth (under age 23) pursuing undergraduate studies at college, trade or vocational school may apply. Applications are due back by June 15th. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Baker.

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

—B.B. KING



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." —Jeremiah 29: 11

We congratulate the following graduates and wish them luck in their future endeavors.

Jeff Arnold	Carroll Community College Graphic Design
Kathleen Biddinger	McDaniel College Computer Science – major Digital Photography – minor
Eric Brown	Gettysburg College Mathematical Economics
Heidi Davis	Johns Hopkins Graduate School Early Childhood Education
Becca Estes	University of Delaware Communications – major Advertising/Management – minor
Maddie Jones	University of Georgia Linguistics
Ellie Klausmeyer	American University International Studies – major Journalism - minor
Jaden Stewart	Salisbury University Exercise Science – major Biology – minor

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
— Eleanor Roosevelt

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!!!

We come to the end of another choir year! As usual, the weeks move very quickly. We prepare for Christmas and Easter and in a flash, it's over. It is difficult to express my sincere gratitude for the dedication, talent and musicianship of our chancel choir. They are ready to sing and serve with thanksgiving and praise. Each week is a joy in rehearsal and on Sunday morning. Our rehearsals are fun and rewarding in many ways.



***A special thanks to our
Chancel Choir for not only
being joyful but so musical!***

Sincere thanks,

Linda

youth retreat **ROCK**

January 26-28, 2018

Save the date!

Ebenezer Youth will be attending Rock 2018!

*Truly God is my rock and my salvation; God
is my fortress, I will never be shaken.*

Psalm 62:2

ROCK is a powerful and fun-filled weekend in Ocean City, MD. The event allows youth and adults to take a step back from their busy lives and learn about the amazing love of Jesus Christ. It is an awesome experience for folks to more fully connect with God and their friends while listening to great bands and speakers. You will leave ROCK renewed and ready to spread the word about God's great love for us.

ROCK is designed as a retreat with a focus on presenting the Gospel message in an exciting, culturally appropriate way for young people (and now adults, too) to be exposed to and have an opportunity to respond to an invitation to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

FEED MY SHEEP

Student Service-Learning Hours
Opportunity

Students in 6th grade and higher may volunteer this summer at the FEED MY SHEEP Soup Kitchen, located at Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church, to earn service-learning hours. There is a limit of **TWO** volunteers each day, so you must sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The sign-up sheet will be put up at the beginning of June. Student volunteer duty time is 10:30am to 1:00pm. Ebenezer hosts the meal on the second Monday of each month and students from Ebenezer will get first priority on these days. Our church is scheduled for June 12 and August 14, 2017. We are not serving in July. Remember to bring your service-learning form to be signed for credit.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 - Friday, June 02, 2017

The 233rd session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be held May 31 through June 2, at the [Marriott Wardman Park Hotel](#) in Washington, D.C. This annual event is an opportunity for United Methodists from 631 churches in Washington, D.C., Maryland, the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda to gather for

worship, fellowship, learning and holy conferencing as they conduct the business of the church. Please keep the pastors and laypersons attending conference in your prayers as they have discussions and vote on various topics. Rev. Judy, Lori Rapids and Susan Brown will represent Ebenezer UMC at conference again this year.

CELEBRATIONS



June Birthdays

Brittney Zavona	6/02
Diane Biddinger	6/05
Jaxon Partridge	6/06
Billy Zavona	6/07
Christopher Rapids	6/11
Haley Wildbore	6/13
Erin (Roelle) Pruner	6/18
JoAnne Weatherholtz	6/20
Katie & Donnie Roe	6/20
Buck Scott	6/23
Debbie Paulsgrove	6/23
Jakob Partridge	6/23
Joyce Davis	6/28

June Anniversaries

Buck & Laura Scott	6/06
Steve & Kate Lulette	6/07
Gary & Debbie Paulsgrove	6/10
Steve & Joanne Davis	6/12
Bob & Diane Biddinger	6/17
Karl & Nicole Streaker	6/23
Gene & Carolene Will	6/24

July Birthdays

Kathleen Biddinger	7/05
Scott Baker	7/12
Becky Middleton	7/13
Kenny Wean	7/19
Jennifer Conaway	7/21
Shannon (Roelle) Brown	7/24
Becky Paulsgrove	7/25
Steve Shipley	7/30
Jeff Arnold	7/30

July Anniversaries

Dave & Cindi Arnold	7/08
Lisa & Kevin Piecewicz	7/15
Tony & Susan Sager	7/21
Bob & Joyce Davis	7/27

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Plan Ahead!

March 9-11, 2018
Skycroft Conference Center
Middletown, MD

Sign up now to reserve your spot for our 2018 retreat.

You won't want to miss another incredible weekend of faith, fellowship, food and fun!

Forms are in the narthex or you can contact Susan Brown at stmpnsusan@aol.com.

We only have a limited number of rooms, so don't miss out!

FAMILY EVENTS

Carol Wroten

FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL GAME

We have reserved Sunday night, July 9th at 6:00 PM. Fireworks to follow the game. We have the same section of reserved seating as last year. Prices are - Adults \$10.00, Seniors and children \$7.00. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up ASAP, and make checks payable to EUMC and denote Keys game at the bottom.

FAMILY CHURCH PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, August 27th following the 10:00 AM service at Krimgold Park on Woodbine RD. Hamburgers and Hot dogs provided. Bring a dish to share, your own beverage and a chair. Fishing (bring your rods), walking trails, playground and games for the children. Fun for all ages. Sign up on the bulletin board.

FAMILY CAMPING AT HARMISON

Labor Day weekend Sept 1st - 4th. RV \$30.00 per night. Tent \$7.00 per night per person. There is a community kitchen providing all cooking supplies, bathhouse, large recreation field, access to Sleepy Creek and a dump station. Sign up on the bulletin board.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT by SHAUN ARNOLD



Dear Congregation,

I would like to sincerely thank you all for the immense amount of support and help you gave me while I was working on my Eagle project. From the planning in the beginning, through the dinners when you helped me raise over \$1000.00, all the way up to now, completely finished. (well...almost) You have given me advice and supported my efforts, especially with your hard earned cash. I can't thank you enough. But I think a good place for me to start is just by saying ...

"THANK YOU!" ~ Shaun



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Non-Food Items

June ~

Body Wash/Soap

July ~

Toothpaste/

Toothbrushes

VBS HERO HELP

Cindi Arnold

Hero Central is coming to Ebenezer –
and we need YOUR help!

We are still looking for adult and
youth volunteers for this year's VBS.
Dates are July 23rd to 27th.

Our biggest needs at the moment are helpers
for the dinner and teachers.

Please see if there is a place where your skills can help.
There is a sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. If
there is a name where you want to help, add your name
anyway – we'll make it work! Or contact Cindi with any
questions.

Whether you can give us a week, or a day, ALL help is
appreciated to make this an exciting week of fun and faith.



YOUTH NEWS

OUR YOUTH PROGRAM is available for kids in 6th – 12th grade. This group of Middle and High school youth meet twice a month. Engaging activities held at the church and scheduled outings find the youth enjoying fellowship and service projects. Our program follows the school calendar which meets September through May. On the Sundays we meet at church, we have lunch together and have some type of game or activity.

Youth Summer Happenings

June 25-July 1 – Camp Hope

July 9 – Keys Game (need to sign up early to get tickets)

July 16-21 – Camp Manidokan

July 23-27 – Vacation Bible School – A special Middle school class with Ms. Nancy

August 27 – Camp Hope Sunday and the church wide picnic at Krimgold Park

September 1-4 – Church Camping (see Ms Nancy if you would like to join the fun)

GOD’S TEAM is a fellowship group for children 3rd to 5th grades. This group participates in a monthly program that provides Christian activities and projects for elementary school-age children. God’s Team follows the school calendar meeting from September through May. Each year they submit a marshmallow peep project to the PEEPSHOW at the Carroll Arts Center.

June 25th – July 1st

On June 25th twenty-two youth and adults will leave for a week of mission work with the project we love called Camp Hope. As Camp Hope Inc. celebrates 40 years of ministry Ebenezer begins its fourth summer of serving. Our team is very grateful for the generous support from our congregation through your prayers, financial gifts and willingness to help out whenever needed.



As we go to serve those in need in Western Maryland we leave knowing we have many who will be praying for our safety and successful project completions.

It is our privilege to represent Ebenezer United Methodist Church in this mission outreach endeavor.

Thank you and may we continue to share what God has blessed us with,

The 2017 Camp Hope team

Youth: Rachel Biddinger, Katie Grim, David Groome, William Holz, Lydia Houle, Summer McCellan, Andrew Rapids, Chris Rapids, David Rapids, Ethan Riccio, William Streaker, Justin Violette, and JT Whittington

Adults: Darlene Carlock, Kaitlyn Goodson, Angie Grim, Mike Grim, Susan Sager, Karl Streaker, David Thompson, Paul Thompson, and Nancy Thompson

CAMP HOPE NEWS

Mark Your Calendars:

On August 27th during the morning worship service the team will share the experiences they had this summer. Following the service, we will be joining the church wide picnic at Krimgold Park!

Save your pass for the landfill – if you do not have use for your passes to the landfill please consider giving them to Camp Hope for use with their cleanup projects. These are the coupons that come with the property tax information. You can give them to Nancy Thompson



This spot will be the building fund tables that Sandy sends me. I cannot figure out how to do it electronically....so I will copy & paste 😊

TREASURER TIDBIT

Sandy Wean

Happy Summer Everyone!!

A time to take a break from school, sports, and your rushed schedules. Enjoy this beautiful time of year with lots of summertime activities, traveling, vacations, times of relaxation, and fun times spent with family and friends. But please remember to continue your regular offerings during these summer months. Unfortunately, our expenses do not take a break during this season and we depend on your offerings to keep us solvent. Your dedication to Ebenezer and God's mission is a blessing.

Our budget to date is on target. We anxiously await news of next steps for the new buildings. Someone told me once not to pray for patience, but this waiting is hard. Let's continue to pray for progress on this exciting project. And thank you for continuing to meet and exceed your pledges. Every little bit gets us closer to meeting our goals.



God Bless, Sandy

HOLLY MART CRAFTS

Linda Bennett



Christmas in June, July.....
You bet!

Work has already begun for next year's Holly Mart.

Come join the fun! Fellowship and crafts – no experience necessary. Any time you can give will be appreciated.

We will be working from 9:30 AM to Noon on the following Thursdays.

June 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

July 6th and 20th

Hope to see you there!

Thank you in advance

Holly Mart Craft group
bennettga@aol.com



SPRING FLING

Sandy Wean

Our Spring Fling this year was AWESOME!!!!!! It was a fun day filled with a variety of tasty foods, yummy homemade baked goods and candy, great music, games, plants/flowers, white elephants, silent auction, and our Jail and Bail. What fun to see our guilty ones in jail with appropriate attire and surrounded by bars and necessary items. Of course, some claimed

they were "Framed" . But all either paid their time or their bail. A HUGE THANKS to everyone who helped make the day a success. Our profit to date is \$7,343. When all income is received and expenses paid, a final tally will be issued. Blessings to all who participated in any part of this successful fund raiser.

WOMEN of the WORD

Sharon Torosky

The WOW's continue to hold in prayer many who are in need and also giving praises for the many blessings that are lifted up. Please remember to sign up for next year's Retreat and give your deposit to Susan Brown along with the registration form. (located in the narthex)

Our End of Year Dinner will be held here at Ebenezer in the Fellowship Hall on June 15th at 6:30 PM. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. The men will be serving us a Fried Chicken Dinner and cleaning up (YEAH!). The cost of the dinner is \$10. All monies collected will be used to defray costs and any excess will be donated to the WOW's fund. The invitation is open to all women. We will collect money the night of the dinner. We hope to see many of you there for a fun time of food and fellowship.

Our monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on September 21st at 7:00 PM.

Peace and Blessings,

Sharon



Vacation Bible School
JULY 23rd – 27th, 2017
Sunday through Thursday



This year's theme is

"Hero Central – Discover your Strength in God!"

Bible School Hours
6:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Parent pick-up in the Sanctuary

New this Year – Middle School Class
Continue the fun....

Register by July 1st and receive a Free Music CD!

Sundae Sunday

Bring the family and join us on Sunday, July 23rd in the Fellowship Hall after closing to celebrate VBS with an Ice Cream Social. **We will not be serving dinner on Sunday.**



Monday through Thursday
Dinner on us!

Join us at 5:45 for dinner before the fun.

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Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org

Church Office Hours -Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Worship: 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM

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Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

Pastor's Email: revjae@aol.com

Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson

Secretary: Cindi Arnold

Music Director: Linda Bange

Treasurer: Sandy Wean

Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton

Nursery Coordinator: Olivia Wisner



June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WORSHIP 8:30 AM 10:00 AM				1 HOLLY MART CRAFTS 9:30 – Noon ANNUAL CONFERENCE	2 ANNUAL CONFERENCE	3
4 Pentecost Sunday	5 AD COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	6	7	8 HOLLY MART CRAFTS 9:30 – Noon	9	10
11 Children's <u>Church</u> Honor <u>Graduates</u> Camp Hope meeting	12 FEED MY SHEEP 10:30 AM	13	14	15 HOLLY MART CRAFTS 9:30 – Noon WOW's END OF YEAR DINNER 6:30 PM	16	17
18 <u>Father's Day</u>	19	20 BRINTON WOODS 10:30 AM	21	22 HOLLY MART CRAFTS 9:30 – Noon	23	24
25 Children's <u>Church</u> CAMP HOPE	26 CAMP HOPE	27 CAMP HOPE	28 CAMP HOPE	29 CAMP HOPE	30 CAMP HOPE	

July 2017

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WORSHIP 8:30 AM 10:00 AM						1 CAMP HOPE
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 HOLLY MART CRAFTS 9:30 – Noon	7	8
9 FREDERICK KEYS GAME 6:00 PM	10 Winfield Carnival Week	11	12	13	14	15
16 Camp Madidokan	17 Camp Madidokan	18 BRINTON WOODS 10:30 AM Camp Madidokan	19 Camp Madidokan	20 HOLLY MART CRAFTS 9:30 – Noon Camp Madidokan	21 Camp Madidokan	22 Camp Madidokan
23 Children's Church VBS	24 VBS	25 VBS	26 VBS	27 VBS	28	29
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