

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***4901 Woodbine Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
(410)795-6136***

Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
July 9, 2017
 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence. It is important to us to have a record of your attendance today. Please be sure to sign the roster at the end of the pew and pass it to others near you. May this time of worship be a blessing to you today and in the week ahead. Please use this time to be in silent prayer.

PRELUDE “To God Be the Glory” arr. by Hayes

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

To come together is a gift and Jesus has invited us to come.

Let us receive this gift with gratitude, responding in grateful worship.

Offer your full self to God today.

Know that God created this day for his glory.

Enter into his presence.

Sing, dance, pray, respond – all to the glory of our great and beautiful God.

*OPENING HYMN	<i>“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”</i>	UMH No. 89
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OPENING PRAYER

With the dawn comes awareness that we are to serve you in all that we do, O God. Yet we turn our backs on you when called on to act. Our eyes deceive us when we are envious of others. It is so easy to covet when others have what we want. We fail to love neighbors as Christ taught us to love. We hear how a new day awaits us, to put on the armor of light. You are great, O God and deserving of praise. Your works attest to your grandeur; your love exceeds comprehension. Wherever we look, we see signs of your splendor; the good that we do is a result of your grace. You fill your sanctuary with the presence of your Holy Spirit; you send your Living Word, Jesus, to dwell in our midst. We are surrounded by testimony to your loving goodness; we bow down before you and give you our praise and listen for your Word to be proclaimed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	OT pg. 677
	Isaiah 64: 8	OT pg. 653
This is the Word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		

SERMON ***"The Potter"*** Pastor Mindy Coates

HYMN	<i>"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"</i>	UMH No. 382
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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.

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

- Announcements
- Offertory
- *Presentation of Gifts
- *Doxology

“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!**

*Prayer of Dedication
**God of grace and peace, we come as free agents of Christ’s reconciling love.
We give our lives as an offering for the bountiful mercies you bestow on us. You
refresh our hearts by the gift of a Savior. May what we bring enrich others who seek
your deliverance. Take us and use us as stewards of your grace and peace. Amen.**

*HYMN “Take My Life, and Let it Be” UMH No. 399

- *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 & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Worship: 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM

July 9, 2017

Church Office: (410) 795-6136
Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

Church Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com
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Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson
Music Director: Linda Bange
Treasurer: Sandy Wean

Secretary: Cindi Arnold
Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton
Nursery Coordinator: Olivia Wisner

Prayer Requests
Sue Bergmann, Janice Guynn

Last Week
Attendance: 91 Offering: \$4,792.00

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 10:00 AM.
Children's Church for Pre-K through 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:00 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	10:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgist	Susan Sager	Deb Mathias

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Today, July 9th Keys Game
Saturday, July 15th Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Summer Worship Schedule
July 2nd - July 30th 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM
August 6th – September 3rd 10:00 AM Only

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held at Ebenezer United Methodist Church on Sunday, August 6, 2017, at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 4901 Woodbine Road, Sykesville, Maryland 21784. This Church Conference will begin promptly at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary.

The purpose is to listen to a final presentation for our building project where we will view the final drawings one more time and vote on the proposed cost of construction for our new Food Pantry Building, Fellowship Hall, Sunday School Classrooms and Office Space. The Architectural drawings are complete, we have drilled a new well and acquired all of the necessary permits from Carroll County to reach this point in the process. The remaining permit is for the actual building and construction phase. Our finances are in order and we have established the necessary line of credit with Damascus Community Bank in Mt. Airy, Maryland. According to the United Methodist Book of Discipline: ¶ 248. *The Church Conference-To encourage broader participation by members of the church, the charge conference may be convened as the **church conference**, extending the vote to all professing members of the local church present at such meetings. The church conference shall be authorized by the district superintendent.* This means everyone may attend our gathering and listen to the information presented. However, only members of Ebenezer UMC may vote and you must be present at this meeting in order to vote. There will be no exceptions. A vote will be taken by written ballot. Please make every effort to attend as we enter this next phase in our journey together as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

VBS FOOD DONATIONS - There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for donations for the dinners for VBS. All items need to be marked VBS and be at church no later than Sunday July 23.

VBS - Volunteers and campers can sign up online! Click on the Hero Central link on our webpage. Or go to www.cokesburyvbs.com/ebenezerunitedmethodist

HELP WANTED - We are looking for a Nursery Coordinator to share the position with Jess Middleton on Sundays from 8:15 AM until 12:15 PM each week. This position will become available the first Sunday in September. Anyone interested in applying may speak to Deb Mathias, Chairperson of Staff Parish Relations, or Rev. Judy. We are thankful for the time that Olivia Wisner has served in this position and wish her the best as she finishes up her last semester at college and begins a new job in September.

CELEBRATIONS – There is a list on the bulletin board in the narthex of birthdays and anniversaries by month. Please help us celebrate with you and add your name to the list if it is not there yet. No years required ☺☺

FOOD PANTRY – This past week we had a problem with the freezer in the food pantry and lost all of our protein for July. We are asking for donations to support this month's pantry. Any fresh or frozen chicken products, as well as canned chicken or tuna would be greatly appreciated.