

**EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**4901 Woodbine Road  
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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor*

*June 17, 2018*

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

***Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Father's Day***

***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

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT

*"Honor and Praise"*

TFWS No. 2018

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

**Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!**

Our lives should be witnesses to God's goodness and power.

**Our hearts should encompass compassion and service to God's people.**

Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today's world, O Lord.

**Enable us to be faithful and strong for you.**

\*HYMN

*"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

No. 715

OPENING PRAYER

**Surely, O God, your welcoming presence is with us, and your Spirit longs to lead us, even to places we may not want to go. We thank you, Jesus, that you bring us to your way of life, and hope, and peace. Even now, gracious God, breathe, speak, and make alive your word among us, as we hear it read and preached, and as we ponder it in our own hearts. Then, stir us to get up, and do something about it. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us confess our brokenness to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord we confess that we suffer today because of sin, both the sins we have chosen and the sins committed against us. We have done things we should not have done, and we have neglected to do those things we should have done. Save us from ourselves; save us from the forces of Evil in this world. We do not have the power to undo what has already been done, so grant us grace to bear present burdens and courage to change things that can be changed. Teach us how to live as those prepared to dwell eternally with you. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though hosts encamp around you, uttering messages of fear and dread, place your trust and hope in God who lavishly provides for you and who calls you beloved. Rejoice, for God is with you. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

OT pg. 737

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

NT pg. 36

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

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

No. 577

SERMON

***"Something from Nothing"***

*Ken Middleton*

HYMN

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

No. 102

THE 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.**

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory

\*Presentation of Gifts

\*Doxology

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

UMH No. 64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and money for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. Amen**

\*HYMN

*“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”*

No. 128

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

# Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: [ebenezerumchurch.org](http://ebenezerumchurch.org)

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

Worship: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**June 17, 2018**

**Church Office:** (410) 795-6136

**Pastor's Office:** (410) 795-1237

**Pastor:** Rev. Judy Emerson

**Music Director:** Linda Bange

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**Secretary:** Cindi Arnold

**Nursery Coordinator:** Jess Middleton

**Nursery Coordinator:** Bridgett Estes

2018 Regular Offering Summary			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
6/10/18	5,951.00	3,866.83	2,084.17
Year to Date	95,457.50	88,937.09	6,520.41

Attendance Last Week
164

## Notes

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

Children's Church for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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	Brenda Baker & Janet Davis	Rodriguez Family
Liturgist	Janet Davis	Dave Biddinger

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Brinton Woods	10:30 PM
Wednesday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Crafts	9:30 AM – Noon
Thursday, June 21 <sup>st</sup>	WOWs Dinner	6:30 PM

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

For the month of June, services will remain at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

From July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will offer one service only at 10:00 AM.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** – EUMC has a special gift for all Dads today. Make sure you pick up your hand stamped keychain with Proverbs 22:6 written on it. *“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”* May this be a reminder to all of us of the many ways God, our loving Parent, shows us how to live, love and serve as we give thanks for our fathers who have done the same for us. Happy Father's Day!

**THANK YOU** – My heartfelt thanks to everyone who made last Sunday such a special day. It was surprising, overwhelming and incredibly touching to see that so many people put so much effort into celebrating my 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordained Ministry. I began my call to ministry by serving as a youth director on a church staff when I was 18 years old. In 1996 I began serving as a Licensed Local Pastor. In 1998 I was Ordained a Probationary Deacon. In 2001 I was Ordained an Elder. For the past 36 years my vocation has been to serve the Lord in whatever way I was called to serve. Through it all I have felt the love and support of my family, Susan, Jim, Amanda, Eric, Barbara and Bill. I have also been blessed by incredible Mentors and loving church families and friends. For more than half of my time as an Ordained Clergy, I have served this congregation. Ebenezer United Methodist Church has shown me time and again that I have been blessed to serve with those I love. To me, the parishioners are not simply church members, but rather friends who have become like family. I pray God will continue to *“Order My Steps in His Word”* and we will continue to serve the Lord together for many more years to come! Thank you and my heartfelt love and thanks to all!! REVJAE!

**REVJAE IS AWAY...JUST FOR TODAY!** – After all of the festivities last week I didn't want you to think I took my wonderful celebration plaque and ran off! Today I will worship at Damascus United Methodist Church as my good friend and colleague, The Rev. Dr. David S. Cooney, preaches his final sermon before retirement. David has served the UMC for 41 years and is now hanging up his stole to follow God's call in new ways with his family. Please keep David and his wife Robin and DUMC in your prayers during this time of change. A special THANK YOU to Ken Middleton for preaching this morning and allowing me this opportunity to support David on this very special day.

**WOW'S DINNER** - Please join us for the annual WOW'S dinner. It will be held this year at the Winfield Inn on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board to let us know you are coming.

**CAMP HOPE DINNER**- EUMC will be providing dinner for Camp Hope on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Frostburg, MD. We can use help: 1. Gift cards to Martins and Weis. 2. Desserts. 3. Cooking & Serving the meal. Contact Nicole Streaker. [4streakers@comcast.net](mailto:4streakers@comcast.net) or (410)635-8232.

**ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE VBS** – Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Look for sign up information in the narthex.