

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***4901 Woodbine Road
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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Director of Music/Organist
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

***Order of Worship
December 16, 2018***

3rd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

*Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence.
Please be sure to sign the roster at the end of the pew and pass it to others near you. It is
our hope that this time of worship will be a blessing to all. Please begin in silent prayer.*

PRELUDE “Hark the Herald Angel Sing” Instrumental Ensemble

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to share together to celebrate the God who is present amongst us.

The Lord our God is our strength and song and is even now our salvation.

We come to share together to celebrate with all the world that the Lord is God.

With joy we gather around God’s fountain of grace to be refreshed and renewed.

We come to share together to celebrate with songs of praise and joy for the

Lord our God’s eternal presence is forever amongst and with us, and all peoples.

We sing with joy: Thank the Lord, our Mighty God! Praise God’s holy name!

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” UMH No. 218

OPENING PRAYER

**God of great love, on this third week of Advent, let us remember that the good
news of Jesus’ birth has the power to bring us great joy. Our joy isn’t dependent on
what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people who surround us each day.
Our joy comes from you, O God. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the
angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has
the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing. Bless our worship this morning
that we will discover anew the joy you bring to us in Emmanuel. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture Reading from Philippians 4:4-7

Reflection

Candle Lighting Liturgy

The Lord your God is in your midst, rejoicing over you with gladness, renewing
you in love. I will bring you home and restore your fortunes, says the Lord.

In this new light, we give thanks to the Lord.

With joy you will draw waters from the wells of salvation.

We will rejoice in the Lord always.

We light a third candle to reveal the pathway to faithfulness.

As a covenant people we will seek to live in the joy of the Lord.

Lighting Advent Candles I, II & III

Sung Response

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

UMH No. 204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.**

The Winter Rose

By Joseph M. Martin

Presented by

Linda Bange, Director of Music
& Ebenezer’s Chancel Choir

The Winter Rose

When Will He Come

Advent Cry

Every Valley

Carol of Remembrance

Lullaby to a Rose

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests

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 Instrumental Ensemble

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology *“Praise God!”* Tune: UMH No. 95

**Praise God for gifts of hope and peace.
Praise God for gifts of joy and love.
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell
on earth for us – Emmanuel.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord of Light, you gave yourself to this world by the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. We thankfully rejoice and praise you for your peace and light shared with all nations. Now, center us on the King of Glory as we present these gifts as your humble and willing servants in the name of the One who comes to us anew, Jesus the Living Christ. Amen.

*The Winter Rose
In the Judean Hills
Dance into the Light
The Rose Tree Carol
The Winter Rose
Look to the Rose
Lo, How a Rose*

*HYMN *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* UMH No. 240

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE Instrumental Ensemble

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 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM

December 16, 2018

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

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Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson

Music Director: Linda Bange

Treasurer: Sandy Wean

Secretary: Cindi Arnold

Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton

Nursery Coordinator: Lisa Humphries

	2018 Regular Offering Summary		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/9/18	4,348.00	3,866.83	481.17
Year to Date	203,352.11	189,474.67	13,877.44

Attendance Last Week: 155
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Notes

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.

Sunday School Classes

Food Pantry	Parsonage	Sanctuary
Nursery – 2 nd floor enclosed room	3 rd – 5 th grade – 2 nd floor	Ken Middleton's adult class
K-2 nd – 2 nd floor open area	6 th – 8 th grade – 2 nd floor	
12 th – 2 nd floor small room	9 th -11 th grade – 2 nd floor	
	Buck Scott's adult class – 1 st floor	

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean	The Rodriguez Family

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 16 th	Children's Church	11:00 AM
	UMYF	Noon
Tuesday, December 18 th	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Wednesday, December 19 th	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

Christmas Services

December 23rd: 4th week of Advent:

Traditional Service 8:30 AM

Children's/Family Christmas Worship 11:00 AM

December 24th: Christmas Eve:

Traditional Service 8:00 PM

Candlelight Service 10:00 PM

December 30th:

ONE service only 11:00 AM

No Sunday School



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CARD BULLETIN BOARD – If you would like to share your family Christmas letter or card with your church family at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, we have designated a bulletin board in the narthex for this purpose. Please feel free to post your greetings.

CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS – in your bulletin is a preprinted postcard announcing the Christmas Worship times. There are more in the narthex. Use them as a reminder or take them and hand them out or mail them. (Postage is not paid, and they will need a first-class stamp.)

UMYF – Will hold their Christmas gathering TODAY, December 16th. Please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift for the game to exchange gifts. We will meet following the second service in the youth area above the Food Pantry.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES FOR 2018– Food items for our Christmas Baskets are due by TODAY, December 16th.

2019 CALENDARS ARE IN - I still have a few available! see Cindi. Still a bargain at \$6.00 each!

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER – Christmas is coming! **Gift card orders will be placed on Monday, December 17th.** These will be here before Christmas. Remember, the church gets a portion of all sales. Order forms are available in the narthex or go to ShopwithScrip.com. Contact Susan Brown with any questions stmpnsusan@aol.com.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER – We will again be supporting the shelter by providing dinners on the 3rd Sunday November through March. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help.

NURSERY HELP –Our Safe Sanctuary Policy mandates that we have no fewer than two adults in a building when children are present. Our Nursery is now in the Food Pantry Building and there will be occasion where we won't have the required adults. Please consider helping as a second adult during our 8:30 and/or 11:00 services. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. You do not need be in the nursery, just be in the building as the second adult.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL PLANNING DAY - On Saturday, January 12, 2019, we will gather at 8:30 AM for a covered dish breakfast. At 9:00 AM we will begin our meeting where we will celebrate our shared ministry in 2018 and set goals for 2019. All leaders and members of the church are encouraged to attend. We will conclude this gathering promptly at 12:00 Noon! Please bring a breakfast dish to share. We will be meeting on the top floor of the Food Pantry Building.

COMMUNICATION – Please be sure to utilize the **lock box** in the narthex for all cash and checks. Make sure they are clearly marked. All monies **MUST** go in the lock box and not in the mailboxes. Use the mailboxes for correspondence only. Use the secretary box for anything you are unsure of. Thank you for your help!

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019 – A new Church Leadership Roster for 2019 is available in the narthex. Check to see which committees you are serving on for the coming year. Some committees have a group listing with the year stated above. This means you will serve on that committee until the end of the stated year.

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP – Sunday, January 6th after the late service. If you are able, please plan to help put away our Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and parsonage. Many hands make light work 😊