

# ***EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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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 9, 2018***

***2<sup>nd</sup> 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** *Partita on "People Look East"* Arr. By Bertolozzi

## **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**INTROIT (11:00 AM)** *"Prepare Ye the Way of The Lord"* Joyful Noise/Cherubs Choir

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

As streets fill with shoppers, God leads us to a desert river and a prophetic voice.

**A call to repentance.**

A call to service.

**A call to immerse ourselves in living water that will never run dry.**

A call to prepare a way in our own lives for the Savior of the world to enter in.

**Come, let us prepare the way of the Lord!**

Come, let us worship the Lord together!

**\*OPENING HYMN** *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* UMH No. 220

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God, we long for your peace and trust in your promise; we hear your call to  
turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our  
minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together  
may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the  
One who is coming, we pray. Amen!**

## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

Scripture Reading from Malachi 3:1-4

Reflection

Candle Lighting Liturgy

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,  
says the Lord of hosts.

**The light of hope has awakened our spirits.**

A voice cries out in the wilderness,

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

**Renew in us your covenant, O God,  
that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.**

We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness  
and to guide us in the way of peace.

**With gratitude for your light, O God,  
we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.**

Lighting Advent Candles I & II

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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM)** UMH No. 39

***Jenavieve Charlotte Partridge***

Born May 11, 2018

Parents: Julie & Jeff Partridge

**SUNG RESPONSE** *"Away in a Manger"* UMH No. 217

Stanza #3

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

**ADVENT SCRIPTURE** Luke 3:1-6 NT pg. 56

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

DUET “*English Advent Carol*” Mindy Coates & Brenda Seibly

SERMON                      *“Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room!”*                      Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN                      “*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*”                      UMH No. 213

## PRAVERS 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 (11:00 AM)	<i>“Festival Hosanna”</i>	Chancel Choir
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### \*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

**Gracious and Giving God, we once again prepare for the birth of your chosen Son. Through the voices of prophets and preachers, you have been heard in the driest deserts and the steepest valleys. Open our hearts and minds so that we may hear your salvation story anew. Giving these gifts is a worshipful gesture of our unending alleluias to you. We dedicate this offering to your Kingdom work. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN	<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	UMH No. 246
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\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

## \*POSTLUDE

# Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

**Website:** [ebenezerumchurch.org](http://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 9, 2018

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

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Pastor's Email: [revjae@aol.com](mailto:revjae@aol.com)

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
12/2/18	6,759.00	3,866.83	2,892.17
Year to Date	199,004.11	185,607.84	13,396.27

**Attendance Last  
Week:  
118**

## 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.

## **Sunday School Classes**

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

## **Worship Today**

<b>Service</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgists	Jen Sisk	Deb Mathias

## **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday, December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Church	11:00 AM
Monday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Wednesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Packing Blessings Bags – Food Pantry-2	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	WOWS Christmas Dinner – Winfield Inn	6:30 PM
Saturday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	9:00-11:00 AM

## ***Christmas Services***

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent:

*Cantata: "The Winter Rose" 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM*

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent:

*Traditional Service 8:30 AM*

*Children's Christmas Program 11:00 AM*

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Eve:

*Traditional Service 8:00 PM*

*Candlelight Service 10:00 PM*

**December 30<sup>th</sup>:**

*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.

**EBENEZER LADIES** - Join us Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the **Winfield Inn** for our Annual WOWs Christmas dinner. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we have a count of how many will attend. And as usual, we will have a \$10 gift exchange after dinner. Come enjoy a fun and festive holiday gathering with good food and fellowship. Look forward to seeing you there! Blessings, Sharon Torosky

**BLESSINGS BAGS** - We will be packing the Blessing Bags on Wed. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM on the second floor of the Food Pantry Building.

**UMYF** – Will hold their Christmas gathering on December 16<sup>th</sup>. 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**– If you took a tag from our tree, please make sure all gifts are returned to the church **TODAY!** They should be unwrapped, and the tag should be attached. Thank you again for your generosity. We are also once again collecting food items for our Christmas Baskets. Please see bulletin board for needed items. These are due by December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Mondays, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.** These will be here before Christmas. Gift cards make great gifts or purchase cards now and use later for your Christmas shopping (lessens the burden of spending too much money at one time!). Either way – earn money for our church! Purchase gift cards to your favorite stores and restaurants for your everyday shopping and enjoyment as well. The church gets a portion of all sales. Orders are placed at least twice a month. Order forms are available in the narthex or go to [ShopwithScrip.com](http://ShopwithScrip.com) and see a more extensive selection! Contact Susan Brown with any questions [stmpnsusan@aol.com](mailto:stmpnsusan@aol.com).

**COLD WEATHER SHELTER** – We will again be supporting the shelter by providing dinners on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 has now moved into the Food Pantry Building and there will be occasion during church services 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 necessarily be in the nursery, just be in the building as the second adult.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL PLANNING DAY** - is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have a covered dish breakfast at 8:30 AM and start our meeting at 9:00 AM.