

# ***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  
January 27, 2019***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany***

## **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.*

**PRELUDE** *“To God Be the Glory”* Arr. By Schrade

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**INTROIT** *“Surely the Presence of the Lord”* UMH No. 32

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!**

God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor.

**God has anointed us to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind.**

God has anointed us to set the oppressed free.

**Let us worship the God of justice and peace!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”* UMH No. 122

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Loving God, we come to you this morning praying that you will speak to us in new  
and refreshing ways. We pray for your guidance in the matters at hand and ask that  
you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy. Give us the  
desire to find ways to work together, challenge one another and serve your children in  
need. Help us to accept one another and share your love in all that we say and do in  
Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer  
ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of  
Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims  
the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what  
they have feared. Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to  
ignore opportunities of service than help with the needed changes that will promote  
healing and wholeness. Forgive us and give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us  
to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our  
fears and doubts. Rejoice! In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven and healed. Amen.

**PSALTER** Psalm 19 UMH No. 750  
*This Psalm is ascribed to David. As the Psalmist meditates on the excellencies of the  
law, he feels that his sins have been laid open before God's word and asks for forgiveness.*

**SOLO** *“Prayer for Peace”* Mindy Coates

**SUNG RESPONSE** *“Thy Word Is a Lamp”* UMH No. 601  
**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.  
When I feel afraid,  
think I’ve lost my way,  
still you’re there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear  
as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 4:14-21 NT pg. 57  
*This passage follows upon the heels of the temptation narrative and Jesus is now  
ready to begin his public ministry and deliver his inaugural address in his own home town.*

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“A Matter of Priorities”

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH No. 77

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 (11:00 AM)

“Let All the People Praise Thee”

Chancel Choir

\*Presentation of Gifts

\*Doxology

UMH No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Glorious God, we share these gifts as stewards of your magnificent creation and we affirm our responsibility to use our resources in ways that will honor and praise you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“My Life is in You, Lord”

TFWS No. 2032

\*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

January 27, 2019

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

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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

	2019 Regular Offering Summary		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
1/20/19	4,626.75	4,481.29	145.46
Year to Date	13,040.75	13,443.87	(403.12)

**Attendance Last  
Week:  
100**

## 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	Chuck & Rebecca Wisner	Curt & Cheryl Roelle
Liturgists	Susan Sager	Curt Roelle

## This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Children's Church

11:00 AM

UMYF

Noon

Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

Children's Choir

6:00 PM

Chancel Choir

7:30 PM

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ON THE MOVE AGAIN!** – Today, following the 11:00 AM worship service, we will need help emptying everything out of the narthex. If you can lend a hand, it would be appreciated!

**RESTROOMS DURING CONSTRUCTION** - During this time of construction, we do not have restrooms available in the same building as our sanctuary. There are restrooms on both floors of the Food Pantry building and on both floors of the Parsonage. For your convenience, we have our very own EUMC SHUTTLE available to take you to the other buildings. On Sundays a designated driver will be available and will be seated in the last pew during services.

**FEB-MAR NEWSLETTER** - Printed newsletters are available in the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex.

**NEW MEMBERS GATHERING** - We have been blessed to have several new families join us for worship, programs and activities this year. It is exciting to have you participate as part of our church family. If you are interested in learning more about Ebenezer United Methodist Church and ready to take your vows of membership, you are invited to meet with Rev. Judy at the parsonage on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM. This time will be spent getting to know each other and learning more about the ministries offered at EUMC. Please let Rev. Judy know if you plan to attend or if you have questions. She may be reached at [revjae@aol.com](mailto:revjae@aol.com) or by calling the church office 410-795-6136.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** - The Women's Retreat is coming up soon. All registrations have to be in by February 10th! Our theme this year is *Saved With Amazing Grace*....add a little SWAG to your life!! If you have not signed up yet, please consider going with us again or for the first time! The forms and brochures are available in the narthex. Please let Susan Brown know if you have any questions or want to join us!

**ROCK CAFÉ** - Please stop by the Rock Café today and help the youth sell out of the goodies they have prepared. Today is the last day and we appreciate everyone's support. This fun raiser is to help with the expenses of going to ROCK which is only two weeks away. Thank you!!!!

**GREETING CARDS** - Collection for ARC will continue through the end of January. All types of cards are accepted. Fronts no longer have to be separated. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Grim at 410-489-7455 or by email at [robertgrim@comcast.net](mailto:robertgrim@comcast.net). Thanks for supporting this mission program.

**GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** – Christmas shopping may be over, but we still need to shop for groceries and gas. Purchase gift cards to your favorite stores and restaurants for your everyday shopping and enjoyment. 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).

**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!

**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 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.