

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
February 10, 2019**

5th 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. We pray that this time of worship will be a blessing to you. Welcome!

PRELUDE (8:30 AM)
(11:00 AM)

*“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
“Here I Am Lord”*

Bill Jones
arr. By Hayes

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Love never gives up.

Love cares more for others than for self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love is never “me first”.

It doesn't fly off the handle.

It doesn't keep score of the sins of others.

It doesn't revel when others grovel.

Love takes pleasure in truth.

It puts up with anything.

It trusts God always.

Love always looks for the best.

It never looks back,
but keeps going to the end.

Love never dies.

We have faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.

Let us pursue love.

*OPENING HYMN

“I Love You, Lord”

TFWS No. 2068

OPENING PRAYER

O God, in the midst of the many voices that attempt to crush our spirits, we come to hear your voice of affirmation; we come to hear your voice calling us to be and do what is pleasing to you. Let this time of worship quiet our fears, soothe our bruised souls and energize us for ministry in and with your beloved world. Let faith abide. Let hope abide. Let love abide—here in this sanctuary, in this community, in our world, but most of all, here in us. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Let us bring our confession to God, knowing that he will hear our prayers and forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that too often we judge when we really need to listen. We confess that we push people away when you call us to welcome them into our communities. We confess that we think only about protecting ourselves when we are challenged to risk everything for others. Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with “being right” than we are with “showing love”. Guide us, Great God, to live according to your unconditional love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” We believe, and although we fall short, we must persevere to the end. Hold tight to God's Holy Word. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

NT pg. 164

Recognizing that the Corinthians are particularly attracted to the spiritual gifts of knowledge, prophecy and speaking in tongues, Paul argues that any of these without love is worthless.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

NT pg. 58

In this text we hear Luke's story of Jesus calling the first disciples. While Mark and Matthew speak of Jesus walking along the Sea of Galilee and abruptly calling Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow him, only Luke tells the story of a miraculous catch of fish preceding the call.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Love Keeps Things in Focus”

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“The Gift of Love”

UMH No. 408

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 (8:30 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

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

*HYMN

“They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS No. 2223

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



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

February 10, 2019

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

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Pastor's Email: 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
2/3/19	5,405.00	4,481.29	923.71
Year to Date	24,133.75	22,406.45	1,727.30

Attendance Last Week: 103
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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	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgists	Bill Jones	Dave Biddinger

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 10 th	Children's Church	11:00 AM
	UMYF – Kessinger's	7:00 PM
Monday, February 11 th	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Wednesday, February 13 th	Children's Choir	6:00 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday, February 16 th	Food Pantry	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or by calling the church office 410-795-6136.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM – Ebenezer has unveiled our new phone system. There are new phones located in the food pantry. When you call in to the main line, you will be directed to press a button to reach your party directly. Choices are the pastor, the secretary, the treasurer, the food pantry, general information or weather-related announcements. Each party has their own voice mail, so will get your messages quicker. The phones also give us options to call/intercom between the buildings. When work is done in the narthex, there will also be a phone located there. One more step to make communication better.

BIBLE STUDY - Sunday Mornings in the Sanctuary. March 10th to April 21st from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM. *Embracing the Uncertain*, invites us to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them. This study uses biblical stories as signposts in the gospel narrative, pointing down at a world filled with uncertainty, but pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience. Plan on walking through the Lenten Season together this year as we navigate the many changes and uncertainties of life as people of faith. See Rev. Judy if you have any questions.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - Although the Capital Campaign is officially over, if you want to make additional donations please clearly mark them "Capital Campaign" so that we are sure to allocate the monies appropriately. Many thanks for your continued support. Any questions, please see Sandy Wean.

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.

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 back of the sanctuary or go to ShopwithScrip.com and see a more extensive selection! 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.

COMMUNICATION – Please be sure to utilize the **lock box** in the back of the sanctuary 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!