

# **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  
February 24, 2019***

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

*“But I say to you who hear,  
love your enemies, do good to those who you hate,  
bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”  
Luke 6:27 & 28*

## **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**

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

Runyan

## **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Love your enemies,  
**Do good to those who hate you.**  
Bless those who curse you.  
**Pray for those who abuse you.**  
If anyone strikes you on the cheek,  
**offer the other also;**  
and from anyone who takes away your coat,  
**do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you;**  
and if anyone takes away your goods,  
**do not ask for them again.**  
Do to others as you would have them do to you.  
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## **\*OPENING HYMN**

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

UMH No. 529

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Merciful God, as we gather for worship this morning, open our hearts and our minds to receive your truth. Teach us to love with skill. Teach us to love with precision. Teach us to love with abandon, trusting that when we experience the joy of sharing your abundant love, we will receive the blessings of your abundant life. We pray all of this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## **PSALTER**

Psalm 37:1-11

UMH No. 772

*With sung response*

*In this lesson we hear that when we look forward, with an eye of faith, we shall see no reason to envy the wicked. Their weeping and wailing will be everlasting. The life of religion is a believing trust in the Lord and diligent care to serve him according to His will.*

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 6:27-38

NT pg. 60

*This text is one of the most extraordinary ever written. It reverses human thinking about enemies and forgiveness. It spells out the way God goes about things, holding nothing against us despite all our failings. This is how Jesus lived, this is how he died for his executioners. His attitude of heart was blessed by his Father and brought him into eternal life.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

*“Freely, Freely”*

UMH No. 389

## **SERMON**

***“Free Rides”***

*Rev. Judy Emerson*

## **HYMN**

*“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”*

TFWS No. 2171

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Requests

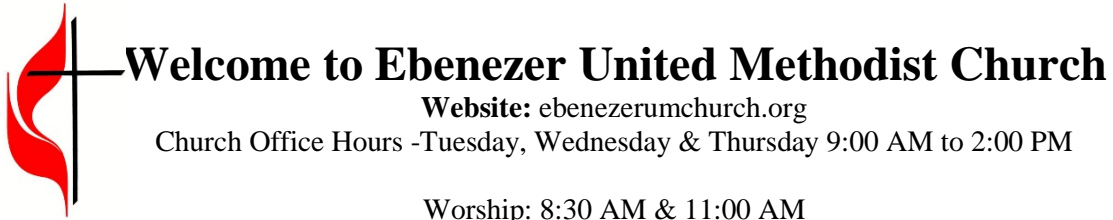
Pastoral Prayer

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)        | <i>"And the The Father will Dance"</i>  | Chancel Choir |
| *Presentation of Gifts   |   |               |
| *Doxology                | <i>“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”</i><br><i>TFWS No. 2223 Stanza #4</i>   |               |
|                          | <b>All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,<br/>and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,<br/>and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:<br/>And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love:<br/>Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love!</b> |               |
| *Prayer of Dedication    |   |               |
|                          | <b>Holy One, we give because you call us to give. May the offering that we place<br/>upon the altar humble us so that we do not judge or condemn, but offer a posture<br/>of forgiveness and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.</b>  |               |
| *HYMN                    | <i>“The Summons”</i>  | TFWS No. 2130 |
| *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

February 24, 2019

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

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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

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

## This Week's Schedule

|                                      |                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>    | Children's Church – FP2          | 11:00 AM |
|                                      | UMYF – FP2                       | Noon     |
| Wednesday, February 27 <sup>th</sup> | Children's Choir                 | 6:00 PM  |
|                                      | New Member Gathering – Parsonage | 7:00 PM  |
|                                      | Chancel Choir                    | 7:30 PM  |

## UPCOMING

|  |                                   |                |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Monday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>                              | Ad Council Meeting – FP2          | 7:00 PM        |
| Wednesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>                           | Ash Wednesday – Drop in Sanctuary | Noon – 7:30 PM |
| Friday, Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Mar 10 <sup>th</sup> | Women's Retreat                   |                |
| Saturday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>                            | Men's Group                       |                |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - On Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, Ebenezer United Methodist Church will be open from **12:00 Noon until 7:30 PM**. During this time, you may stop in the sanctuary for the imposition of ashes, communion and for a time of personal prayer. All are welcome to begin this Lenten Journey through a time of prayerful reflection.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** - Sunday Mornings in the Sanctuary. March 10<sup>th</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM.

*Embracing the Uncertain*, invites us to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them.

Plan on walking through the Lenten Season together this year as we navigate the many changes and uncertainties of life as people of faith. Please see sign up on the bulletin board. See Rev. Judy if you have any questions.

**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.

**SNOW TEAM NEEDED** - When the snowflakes begin to fall Chris Will has Ebenezer on his list of lots and driveways to be plowed ASAP. However, we do not have a team in place to help clear the walks for the food pantry (upper and lower levels), parsonage and sanctuary. If you are physically able to help as needed and can show up with a shovel, please let Rev. Judy know and she will add your name to the team! Your help is greatly appreciated - snow doubt about it!

**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.

**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](http://ShopwithScrip.com) and see a more extensive selection! Contact Susan Brown with any questions [stmpnsusan@aol.com](mailto:stmpnsusan@aol.com).

**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!