

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
March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent

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 “*Fairest Lord Jesus*” arr. By Mansfield

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
 We seek to live in the presence of God.
We seek to see the beauty of God.
 We seek to know the truth of God.
We seek to worship the One true God!
 Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

*OPENING HYMN *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* UMH No. 140

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we are too well aware that life brings us pains, doubts, uncertainties. In the midst of this awareness, we call upon you, our everlasting refuge. Remember your people, O God. We long for a way through the troubles of the world; we pray for your support. Come, Holy One; Come into this holy place and this holy hour and fill us again with assurance of your grace. We ask it in Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAAYER OF CONFESSIION

O God, we hear the call to trust in you always, but honestly, some days our stresses and doubts are too real to us and trust is elusive. We are often inclined to think, “God helps those who help themselves,” instead of daring to rely on your Word of truth. When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to protect ourselves and we forget the wisdom of scripture, which reminds us that we find traces of evil both outside and inside of ourselves. With your help, O God, we confront our fears and struggles, and we call upon a power greater than our own to change our ways. Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Though fear and troubles surround us, we turn to God's promise of grace. Know that in this moment we have asked and in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE *"On Eagles' Wings"* UMH No. 143

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 3:17-4:1 NT pg. 187

For Paul, all of life is captured in Christ so that everything Paul does is generated by Christ and done for his sake. For this reason, Paul provides Jesus Christ as the quintessential example for his audience to follow.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35 NT pg. 72

The passage invites Christians today to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life and death and on the role we play in the continuing mission of Jesus.

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

SERMON “*Just Hold On*” Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN	<i>“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”</i>	UMH No. 474
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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) *“Hear Us Our Father”* Chancel Choir

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
 Tune: Soon and Very Soon UMC No. 706

**Praise the Lord, our God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise the Lord, our God,
all creatures here below;
praise God from above,
all ye heavenly host;
praise the Father,
praise the Son and
praise the Holy Ghost.**

*Prayer of Dedication

God of Salvation, we listen for your call in our lives. We praise you for reaching out to us. In this moment of offering we reach out to you with a portion of what you have given to us. We reach out seeking your grace. You are the stronghold of our lives! Praise to you now and forevermore. Amen.

*HYMN *“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”* TFWS No. 2112

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing when able
TFWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal



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

March 17, 2019

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

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.

2019 Regular Offering Summary			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
2/24/19	1,905.00	4,481.29	(2,576.29)
Year to Date	43,923.67	44,812.90	(889.23)

Attendance Last

Week:

85

Worship Today

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, March 17 th	Lenten Bible Study - Sanctuary	9:45 – 10:45 AM
	Children's Church	11:00 AM
	Cold Weather Shelter Dinner	
Tuesday, March 19 th	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
	Finance Meeting – parsonage	6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 20 th	Children's Choir	6:00 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday, March 21 st	Lenten Bible Study – parsonage	10:00 AM
Saturday, March 23 rd	Memorial Service for Darlene Carlock	Noon



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019 - Thank you to all who participated in our Annual Women's Retreat last weekend. We had a wonderful time singing, praying, studying the scriptures, sharing personal experiences, crafting, working on puzzles and eating together. We concluded our time together by gathering at the Lord's Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Hopefully we were all able to experience God's Amazing Grace!

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020 - We have booked Skycroft for March 20-22, 2020 so please consider going again (or for the first time)! Registration is open and requires a \$25 non-refundable deposit per person. We booked for a low number, but can add more if there is availability, so please do not wait until the last minute! Now is the time! Any questions, contact Susan Brown, StmpnSusan@AOL.com.

SAVE THE DATE – This year's Men's Retreat will be held the weekend of November 1st – 3rd. Look for more information soon.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – A Memorial Service for Darlene Carlock will be held at Ebenezer UMC on Saturday March 23, 2019 at 12:00 Noon. There will be a luncheon following the service at the WINFIELD Community Vol Fire Dept. Carol Wroten will coordinate the luncheon.

CAMP MANIDOKAN REGISTRATION - If you signed up your child on the bulletin board, you should have received registration information from Julie Partridge via email. If you did not receive an email, please reach out to Julie at jpartridge623@gmail.com or 410.596.2501.

APR-MAY NEWSLETTER – Articles for the next newsletter will need to be turned in to the church office by Monday, March 25th.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - Sunday Mornings in the Sanctuary beginning today through 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.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER – Easiest fundraiser EVER! Order gift cards to places you frequent...grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, local shopping stores. You'll have 'money' in your pocket AND support our church. 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.



A LOOK AHEAD:

Palm Sunday -April 14th – 8:30 & 11:00 -with Sunday School and Children's Church

Maundy Thursday – April 18th – 7:30 PM

Good Friday – April 19th – 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday – April 21st – 6:30, 8:30 & 11:00 – with Sunday School –
Sunrise Service at Krimgold Park