

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*4901 Woodbine Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
(410)795-6136
Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
10:00 AM*

Order of Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2016

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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We are all good at making excuses. Jeremiah was no different. He had every excuse ready when God called him to be a prophet. His excuses are often our excuses for not heeding God's voice when he calls. God called Jeremiah to act and God calls us to act, not to make excuses. The jobs we are called to do will not be easy, but when God calls we are to roll up our sleeves and get moving!

PRELUDE "Faith of Our Fathers" Paxton
LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT "Jesus, Name Above All Names" TFWS No. 2071

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Hear the call of God – speak the word of God to God's people!
But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?
Trust that God will provide what is needed to speak of truth and justice and love.
We gather here to worship God and to praise God!
We gather here to be strengthened for the calling God has given us.
We come to worship and praise God and to hear the call of God!

*OPENING HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" UMH No. 593

OPENING PRAYER

O God, in the midst of the clamor of voices that crush our spirits we come to hear your voice of affirmation; we come to hear your voice calling us to be and do what you have called us to do in this life. Let this time of worship quiet our fears, soothe our bruised souls and energize us for ministry. Let faith abide. Let hope abide. Let love abide— here in this sanctuary, here in our community, here in our world, but most of all, here in us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT Pg. 656
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Make No Excuses!" Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN "Take My Life, and Let it Be" UMH No. 399

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Let us now confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we're just ordinary folks. What do you expect us to do? Who will listen to us anyway? Even if they do, they'll only get mad. You'd do better to find someone else—someone older, someone younger, someone more articulate, someone with more courage, someone with more faith. But still we hear our call and your promise. Forgive our feet of clay—when we try and evade your call, when we make excuses, when we doubt your presence, when we reject your prophets, when we reject ourselves. In the opportunities and challenges in our lives, help us see that you are there and help us respond in faith, hope, and love. Hear our prayers, O God, and forgive us we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is our rock and our fortress. In God we find our hope and our strength. We are always surrounded by God's forgiving love, a love that has known us from birth and will never leave us. In Jesus Christ, God has given us the ultimate gift of love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests: *Pam Higgs, the Family of Esther Pond*

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

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

"Glorify Thy Name"

TFWS No 2016

**Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.**

**Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts as we give them freely, joyfully and prayerfully. With them we praise you. With them we celebrate the great power that is love—a love that abides always, a love that radically transforms, a love that makes us whole. May they be used to glorify your name. Amen.

*HYMN

"We Are Called"

TFWS No. 2172

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

* = Standing as able.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

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Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org

Summer Church Office Hours

Through Sept 1st

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Worship at 10:00 AM Only

Through September 4th

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

Church Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com

Pastor's Email: revjae@aol.com

Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson

Music Director: Linda Bange

Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton

Secretary: Cindi Arnold

Treasurer: Sandy Wean

Nursery Coordinator: Olivia Wisner

Last Week

Attendance 72 Offering \$4,357.00

Notes

Prayer Requests will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks at a time.

Nursery for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Children's Church for Pre-K through 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:00 AM.

The Attendance Roster is at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass it to others.

Worship Today

Service	10:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean
Liturgists	Sandy Wean

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Wednesday, August 24th Holly Mart Meeting 6:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC – Don't forget to sign up for the family picnic to be held on Sunday, August 28th at Piney Run. See bulletin board for details!

FAMILY CAMPING – Come join us for a weekend at Harmison. Dates are September 30th to October 3rd. See bulletin board to sign up.

CAMP HOPE – Please join us for worship on Sunday, September 4th as our CAMP HOPE team will share their week's experiences with us.

WoWs – Please join us for our first meeting of the fall on September 15th at 7 PM.

HOLLY MART MEETING - The first Holly Mart planning meeting will be on August 24th at 6:30. Please consider attending this meeting for fellowship and time to organize for our November event. There is always plenty to do to prepare for this. If for some reason you can't attend the meeting but wish to help out in any way, please contact Meghan Estes mbrestes@aol.com.

HOLLY MART'S SILENT AUCTION SUPPORT NEEDED -Here are the ways you can help...
1. Donate items (Please include the value.) 2. Make follow-up calls to local businesses. 3. Pick up donations from local businesses. Last year, the Silent Auction sold 62 items and made \$2,178! This was only possible with the help from our amazing congregation! Please contact Nicole Streaker for more information at [\(410\)635-8232](tel:4106358232) or at 4streakers@comcast.net.

EBENEZER TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY (ETM) – I am coordinating a program to help those in our church who need help getting to a doctor's appointment, pharmacy or grocery store. I learned firsthand when I could not drive for two weeks after surgery how much I needed friends to help out! If you want to be part of this important ministry, you can reach me by phone [\(410-259-0039\)](tel:4102590039)/[410-848-1561](tel:4108481561)) or email: jedavis711@comcast.net. Thank you for volunteering! Janet Davis.

BUILDING ON OUR ROCK OF FAITH - Approaching Local Businesses for Support. The congregation of Ebenezer UMC very generously responded to our Capital Campaign this year. It is now time to consider asking local businesses to contribute to our efforts. If you are willing to ask a local business to support our building project, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please write your name and the name of the business you plan to contact on the chart and we will send you information to utilize when asking for support. Please DO NOT approach a business until you have received a packet of information from the church office!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY – We are working on updating directory information. There is a master copy on the table in the narthex. Please check your information and make any necessary corrections. There will be a non-pictorial directory distributed soon.

