

# EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

## Order of Worship

September 11, 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.

### PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”

Hopson

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT (11:00 AM)

Joyful Noise/Cherub Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Working at home, at the office or in school, sitting in a backup of traffic:

**We wait for you, God of all words, to speak to us.**

Pacing the halls of a hospital, sitting outside the doctor’s office:

**We wait for you, God of comfort, to fill us with hope.**

In the silence of each night, beginning each day's new journey:

**We wait for you, God of Love, for you are our safe place.**

Sitting in this sanctuary, praying before worship:

**We wait for you, God of wisdom, to teach us and lead us once again.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

UMH No. 378

### OPENING PRAYER

God of love and peace, we come this day to accept the gospel invitation. Your deliverance is more than the highest hopes of the prophets, your generosity exceeds the wildest expectation of the psalmist, your grace surpasses the promises of all. With every breath of our being, we come to give you thanks and praise. Speak to us in this hour and help us to listen and respond. Through Christ Jesus our hope and salvation we pray. Amen!

### PSALTER

Psalms 14

UMH No. 746

*This psalm offers a description of the depravity of human nature and the refuge found in God.*

*Sung Response – UMH No. 143*

**On Eagle’s Wings**

**And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.**

### EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

NT Pg. 196

*In this reading Paul offers an expression of thanksgiving and praise to Christ for counting him faithful and enabling him to be of service.*

### ANTHEM (11:00 AM)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Chancel Choir

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

NT Pg. 73

*Our text is the reading of the lost sheep and the lost coin which speaks of the joy of heaven over lost sinners being restored.*

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

“A Remembrance with Hope”

Rev. Judy Emerson

### HYMN

“This Is My Song”

UMH No. 437

### 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

### \*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**

**Redeeming God, we know what it is like to be wandering in the wilderness like lost sheep. We remember your hand, like those of a caring shepherd, guiding us back to our home in you. We seek to help others experience this same spiritual nurture. So we provide these financial gifts to be multiplied with other offerings. We are confident that these funds will inspire new ministries and reach the lost. We offer these gifts in the name of the Lamb of God, Jesus the Living Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*“Grace Alone”*

TFWS No. 2162

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

## \*POSTLUDE

\* = Standing as able.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal

Page Number (Pg.) = In The Pew Bible

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 and 11:00 AM      Sunday School: All Ages 9:45 AM

Church Office: (410) 795-6136      Church Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com  
Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237      Pastor's Email: revjae@aol.com

Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson      Secretary: Cindi Arnold  
Music Director: Linda Bange      Treasurer: Sandy Wean  
Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton      Nursery Coordinator: Olivia Wisner

Last Week  
Attendance 106      Offering \$5,037.00

Notes

Prayer Requests will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks at a time.  
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	10:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgists	Kate Luetze	Deb Mathias

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Today, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grief Support Group	6:30 PM
Monday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Wednesday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Mart Crafts	9:30 AM - Noon
Wednesday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Thursday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	WoWs Meeting	7:00 PM
Saturday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND/OR YOUTH - If you volunteer at any time, in any capacity, with children or youth, we need you to fill out and sign one of the Sexual Misconduct forms (labeled Questionnaire) found on the table by the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have filled one out in the past, you only need to date and sign the form. We are required by the BWCUMC to have these forms filled out and kept on file at the church every year. Leave signed forms in back folder.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Put on that happy face! We will be updating the church directory. Keep one of the following dates available: Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> and Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Sign up starts next Sunday.

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

WOWS – Please join us for our first meeting of the fall on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

GRIEF SUPPORT – Today at 6:30 PM we will gather in the fellowship hall for refreshments and to offer Christian support to those who are dealing with the loss of loved ones. You may share your personal experiences or just come and listen as others share.

CHURCH WORK DAY - The Trustees will have a church workday on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Come and eat breakfast with the men's group and then help clean up around the church. We have something for everyone with indoor cleaning and outdoor maintenance. All help is appreciated!!

COLLEGE STUDENTS – Parents with students away at school are asked to send the following information to either Cindi in the church office or directly to Ellie Baublitz, at [elliebaublitz@netscape.net](mailto:elliebaublitz@netscape.net): Student's name, college address, what year they are in, birthday, and any other relevant information you would like to share about the student's college life and activities.

HOLLY MART VENDORS - If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in being a vendor for Holly Mart, please have them get in touch with Susan Brown, [410-442-2884](tel:410-442-2884) or [StmpnSusan@aol.com](mailto:StmpnSusan@aol.com) as soon as possible. We are always looking for unique crafters and direct sales company distributors.

HOLLY MART'S SILENT AUCTION SUPPORT NEEDED - Please contact Nicole Streaker for more information at [410-635-8232](tel:410-635-8232) or at [4streakers@comcast.net](mailto:4streakers@comcast.net).

