

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***4901 Woodbine Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
(410)795-6136
Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM***

Order of Worship
September 18, 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 *"I Surrender All"* Rogers
LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT *“More Precious than Silver”* TFWS No. 2065

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is calling to you today.
God is calling us today.
 Why is God calling us?
To be the church. People united by God in faith.
 For what purpose would God do such a thing?
Because God has given each member a gift to share. If we all come together and lean on one another, we can become all that God has called us to be.

*OPENING HYMN *“There Is a Balm in Gilead”* UMH No. 375

OPENING PRAYER

Most loving and inviting God, you have gathered us here together from the four winds. For each new member brought into your house we rejoice. From the beginning it was said that it isn't good for us to try to go through life alone and so, at creation, you created for us partners to journey together. Today we gather as pilgrims journeying to share our faith, our joys and our concerns. We hold one another up when times are hard and celebrate when times are good. Together, we share a bond, commitment and purpose that unite us and make us stronger. For all these things and many more, we thank you, gracious Redeemer, Healer and Comforter. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 8: 18- 9: 1 OT Pg. 667

ANTHEM (8:30 AM) Cherubs & Joyful Noise
(11:00 AM) *“If We Will Seek The Lord”* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:30 AM)

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 NT Pg. 196
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “*Blessings*” Mindy Coates

HYMN “We Are Called” TFWS No. 2172

PRAVERS 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

**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!**

UMH No. 94

*Prayer of Dedication
Gracious God, the generosity of your Spirit is evident all around us in the diversity and pageantry of your creation. May our giving to your mission and ministry be cheerful, open-handed and gracious, as we give thanks for our blessings and recognize the needs of our neighbors, both near and around the world. Amen.

*HYMN *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”* TFWS No. 2153

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
Life is too short and too hard to try to make it alone,
but thanks be to God we aren’t alone.
God will never ever forsake us or leave us.
God has placed us here in this community of faith,
surrounded by a family of faith who love us and care for us
and on whom we can fully rely when times get tough.
So let us go forth as people of faith who know from where their help comes. Amen.

*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
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 123 Offering \$3,565.00

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 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.

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Buck & Laura Scott	Diane & Rachel Biddinger
Liturgists	Laura Scott	Dave Biddinger

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Today, September 18 th	Youth Group Kickoff	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 20 th	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Tuesday, September 20 th	OWLS Train Trip	7:30 AM – 5:15 PM
Wednesday, September 21 st	Holly Mart Crafts	9:30 AM- Noon
Wednesday, September 21 st	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 21 st	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL NEEDS – Rev. Judy will be on vacation this week. If you have a pastoral emergency while she is away, please leave a message at the church office. Our Church Secretary will have the Pastor on call respond as soon as possible. Please extend a special thank you to Mindy Coates for leading worship this morning!

NEWSLETTER – Articles for the October/November newsletter are due to the church office by Monday, September 19th.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Put on that happy face! We will be updating the church directory. Keep one of the following dates available: Oct 13th, Oct 28th and Oct 29th. Sign up starts today in the narthex or online. The link is on our website.

WEBSITE – And speaking of our website, have you taken a look yet? The new website is up and running! (Thank you Greg Kessinger) If you are in charge of an event or group, please take note of your space on the website. If you have updates or pictures you would like added, please send them to the church office.

YOUTH GROUP BEGINS ITS FALL GATHERINGS! - Tonight at 5:00 the youth will kick off the beginning of our fall gatherings! Youth who are in grades 6th – 12th are invited to come and join the fun. After a brief opening the High school youth will go into their own group and the Middle school will have their separate activities. We will meet until 7:00 p.m.

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!!

FALL EVENING BIBLE STUDY- From October 13th through November 10th you will have an opportunity to participate in a Thursday Evening Bible Study with Rev. Judy from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. The study is on 1 Peter: Walk the Talk. We will discuss the topic of transformation, our relationship with God and others and the split-second decisions we make each day. Please consider joining us for all or some of the classes. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

FALL DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY- there will be a Daytime Bible Study offered for 6 weeks from Oct 13th - Nov 17th on Thursday mornings from 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM. The study, called "The Trouble with the Truth", will be led by Rev. Chuck. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING GATHERING – Sunday, Oct 16th join Rev. Judy and others to discuss raising children in the world today. There will be a sign up on the bulletin board soon.

THANK YOU – We would like to thank Lori and Brian Rapids for the generous donation of the swing set that is now in the parsonage back yard. Please be aware that children are not allowed on the set unless supervised by an adult. We look forward to many happy hours here.

EAGLE PROJECT – Now that we have this play equipment, we would like to make the area family friendly. Shaun Arnold has chosen Ebenezer UMC as the recipient of his Eagle project. Shaun will prepare the ground under the playset and fill with playground chips. He will also be building and adding picnic table and benches. To raise funds for this project, he will be selling sports cups. You may take a look at what teams they offer on their website – <http://www.spiritcupsfundraising.com/fundraising-products/>. Shaun will be selling at Holly Mart, but will take orders anytime between now and then.

HOLLY MART IS COMING! – November 12th is fast approaching. Please keep your ears open and see below on ways you can help prepare.

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 as soon as possible. We are always looking for unique crafters and direct sales company distributors.

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.

HOLLY MART CRAFT DAYS - Please join us on Wednesday, September 21st and/or 28th from 9:30 AM – Noon to help with crafts. No experience necessary. Also, see the sign up on the bulletin board to see what fun stuff we will doing.

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 no 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, 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!

VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND/OR YOUTH - If you volunteer at any time, in any capacity, with children or youth, you must 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 requiring the BWCUMC to have these forms filled out and kept on file at the church every year. Leave signed forms in the labeled folder.

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: 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.

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM - Great News! If you ever shop online at Amazon...1. go to smile.amazon.com instead of the usual Amazon.com site. 2. search for and select Ebenezer United Methodist Church as your supported charity. You will find 4 Ebenezer(s) in SMILE; ours clearly says Sykesville, Md. From then on, EUMC automatically receives 1/2 % of all your purchases. The only difference in your shopping experience is having to go to smile.amazon.com.

SCHWAN'S CARES FUNDRAISER – If you would like to place a frozen food order to be delivered to your home you may go to <https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/28051>. Click “Shop to Give” or call 1-855 -870-7208 and give the EUMC ID code 28051 when ordering. Ebenezer will receive a percentage of your purchase total.

