

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

October – November 2016

Church and Society

Janet Davis



How can I help? That is the important question to ask – just don't ever ask it where Rev Judy can hear you! She will put you to work! Seriously, I am thrilled to be working as Chair of Church and Society this year (and next – you know how that goes!) Judy asked me to write this column to let you know what the committee is up to and, of course, to solicit your help.

Up first is Halloween. We will be providing Treat Bags to the children at the Board of Child Care this Halloween. What can you do to help? Bring me candy! How easy is that? ☺ I need your candy donations by Oct 16th. The MYF is going to put together 100 "bags of treats" for these children which will be delivered the last week of October.

For Thanksgiving, we will do as we have in years past and put together a lovely dinner for families in our Winfield community that could use some extra help. What can you do to assist? Bring food (the sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex in early November) and if the committee needs any help with delivery, we will let you know. It's the usual Turkey dinner with all the fixings – as you might suspect.

For Christmas, our event will be quite similar to last year. We'll put the tree up in mid-November and decorate it with tags for you to select from to purchase gifts. Like last year, the recipients

will be the children at the Board of Child Care. Many more details will be forthcoming.

Again, you can help by being your normal, generous selves.

This small, but mighty committee will be doing much over the next three months to make things better for many families and children during the holiday season. I know we can count on the wonderful, caring and giving members of Ebenezer to step up, as you always do, and help with these worthy causes.

We won't stop there either. We are also looking at some activities for the spring to help with the Board of Child Care. They have an ongoing need for clothing. Nancy Thompson and I have started working on the clothing situation and in the spring, the committee may look at something on a larger scale to help out.

Thankfully, for a committee such as Church and Society, the door is wide-open! All we have to do is wait for the Lord to show us where the need is and we can provide services and support as necessary. This is a church that I have always seen as "willing and able" to do just that, even going above and beyond the call at all times.

Look for updates in the bulletin over the next few months or ask me for details if you are not sure how to help or when we need it.



Worship Schedule

Worship 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM



Children's Church

*During 11:00 AM Worship on the
2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month*

We will continue to offer Children's Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The kids can join Mrs. Hare during worship on these weeks as she has some wonderful stories and activities planned! Older youth are encouraged to provide their usual assistance when possible!!



Communion Servers

On the 1st Sunday of every month we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Each time we come to the table we need 4 volunteers to help the Pastor serve the congregation. If you would like to help, please put your name next to the date you can help on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Another Invitation!!!

WE have plenty of seats available in the chancel choir. Rehearsals are **NEVER** dull.

Come join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. Add your voice and praise in song!!



LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We need individuals and families to light the Advent wreath during worship again this year. You and your family or your church family can join together and participate in worship in a meaningful way. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you are interested in lighting the Advent Wreath, please see Rev. Judy.



**Please join us for a Thanksgiving
Eve Service
Wednesday, November 23, 2016
7:30 PM**



Charge Conference **2016**

Our Annual Charge Conference this year will be held at Ebenezer United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with dinner at 5:30 PM and eat and meet as we do the work of our annual meeting with our District Superintendent, Rev. J.W. Park. Our meeting will conclude by 7:00 PM.

If you are the Chairperson of a committee, please make every effort to attend. All are invited to participate in this gathering. The purpose of this meeting is to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, set the pastor's salary, nominate leadership and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the administrative council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church. Our annual charge conference provides an open dialogue and point of connection between Ebenezer United Methodist Church and the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Please plan on joining us for this gathering.

Treasurer's Tidbits

The 2015 Audit of the Church's finances was completed at the end of June and submitted as required to the Baltimore Washington Conference. The auditor's summary stated that all accounts and amounts are supported by the books and records of EUMC and all disbursements reconcile to supporting documentation and bank balances without exception.

I would like to thank all the money counters, the Finance Committee, and all those who submit receipts to me in such a timely fashion. Together we were able to pass our audit with great success.

Peace and Blessings,

Sandy Wean

Save Old Greeting Cards

Do you toss your greeting cards or recycle them? The ARC of Carroll County uses all types of greeting cards (not just Christmas cards) for projects with their clients. ARC will now take the entire card. Ebenezer UMC has taken almost 2600 cards to ARC during the last two years.

Christmas seems to be the time of year we receive more cards so we will collect cards again during December and January. A box will be placed in the narthex near the coat rack after Holly Mart.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Grim 410-489-7455 or by email at robertgrim@comcast.net

Fall Bible Studies

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.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY—FALL, 2016

Chuck Shacochis will conduct a 6-week study of Pastor Rob Renfroe's book, **The Trouble with the Truth, Balancing Truth and Grace**. He wrote this book in response to his realization that, " ...in terms of understanding the truth about ourselves, we...have never been as confused as we are now." He goes on to discuss the decisions we are asked to make about where we stand on many of today's hot-button issues.

There are 6 chapters in the book, corresponding to the 6 lessons. There is also a DVD presentation of 10-15 minutes for each lesson. The class will be conducted on Thursday mornings from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM October 13th thru November 17th. The books will be handed out on the 2 Sundays before class begins. Please **sign up** on the sheet posted to the bulletin board in the narthex. Please see Chuck Shacochis, if you have any questions, or you may contact him by phone at (443) 928-7593 or e-mail at chuckstg39@msn.com.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING GATHERING



Plan to join Rev. Judy and others on Sunday, Oct 16th at 6:30 PM to discuss raising children in the world today. There will be a sign up on the bulletin board.

COLLEGE STUDENTS – It's that time of year again when the high school graduates will be going off for the first time to college, and those already in college will return for another year.

Ebenezer would like to help those students through their college experiences by keeping in touch with them and letting them know we are caring about them through our prayers and thoughts.

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 (such as, a sport they play, a big game, getting a part in a theater play, making an important presentation, studying abroad, etc.)**

Parents can let us know any time throughout the school year about events or changes in their student's college life.

Ellie Baublitz

Higher Education/Campus Ministry Chair

Building on Our Rock of Faith Capital Campaign



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 each of us is willing to approach even ONE local business in the Community, seeking a financial donation, it would make a huge difference! When asking for assistance to do the work of the Lord - never hesitate! Scripture reminds us and empowers us saying that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength. Scripture also says to love our neighbor as ourselves. There is no commandment greater than these the gospel of Mark tells us. Please prayerfully consider ways you can help us seek the support we now need from our community. Together we can take the ministries we share to a new level of service and share God's love in even greater ways in Jesus' name!

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!

EUMC's Building Project Update

From 1/2014 Through 08/31/2016

Total Pledged \$333,344.00

**Pledges
Received \$143,800.37**

**Percent
Received 43.14%**

Time Passed 28.22%

**Pledged
Remaining \$189,543.63**

Receipts			
	Pledged	Unpledged	Grand Total
= 2015			
Oct	\$31,847.75	\$2,025.00	\$33,872.75
Nov	\$5,946.00	\$766.00	\$6,712.00
Dec	\$30,860.00	\$425.00	\$31,285.00
= 2016			
Jan	\$20,180.00	\$2,630.00	\$22,810.00
Feb	\$3,813.87	\$1,210.13	\$5,024.00
Mar	\$4,341.75	\$50,762.50	\$55,104.25
Apr	\$27,962.00	\$51,930.00	\$79,892.00
May	\$6,954.00	\$2,613.00	\$9,567.00
Jun	\$4,038.00	\$6,550.00	\$10,588.00
Jul	\$4,696.00	\$1,385.00	\$6,081.00
Aug	\$3,161.00	\$560.00	\$3,721.00
= <10/1/2015			
<10/1/2015		\$26,425.00	\$26,425.00
Grand Total	\$143,800.37	\$147,281.63	\$291,082.00

Church Fellowship

CHURCH GAME NIGHT - Phase 10 card party for the entire church! Join us on Saturday, October 8th at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Each family can provide a snack/appetizer or drinks to share. We will rotate tables so you can enjoy playing with many different people. Players ages 8 - 98!!! No skill needed... easy to play. Come and have a fun time and get to know more people in the church.



EBENEZER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Winfield Fire Hall
Saturday, December 3, 2016
5:30 PM

Reservations will be taken
from November 6th thru Nov
27th in the narthex on Sunday
mornings.

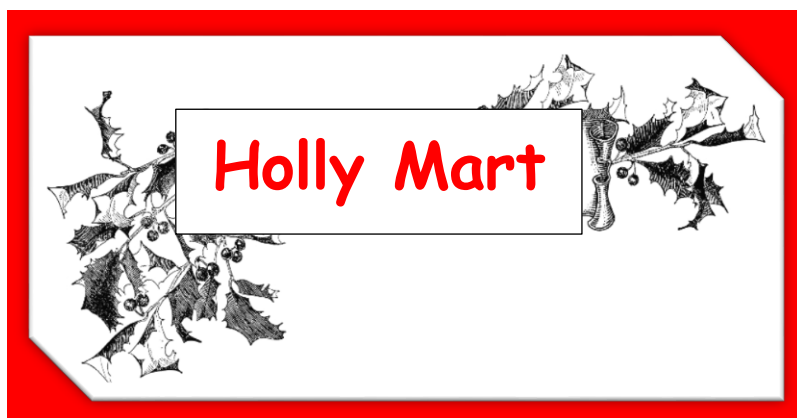
WoWs

We are looking forward to the next few months in our church family. The WOWS will be meeting on the third Thursday of each month. The dates will be October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th. Our meeting time is 7:00 PM. We also look forward to our Women's Retreat in March, 2017. We have a new venue this year & are excited to plan our theme & activities. Susan Brown will be forming a committee soon. We welcome everyone and hope to see many new faces.



New Church Directory

Sign up today to have your family photo taken for the new church directory. Each family that participates will receive a free 8x10 and a free directory. There are many discounts available, and if you order additional photos or Christmas cards, they will be in before Christmas! Bring your extended family, your friends or your neighbors. Anyone who has a photo taken will receive a free 8x10, whether you are included in the directory or not. Just make sure you (and they) sign up in advance. You may call the church office at 410-795-6136, or go to the church website at www.ebenezerumchurch.org and click on the photo link.
Dates are October 13th, 28th and 29th.



The Holly Mart is only a little over a month away! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12th and join us between 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM for a day of shopping, fellowship and GREAT FOOD! In preparation for this day there are lots of things the congregation can do to help make this the most successful Holly Mart yet.

1. Join us for craft days. Craft days are held specific Wednesday's at 9:30 AM. Those with all levels of crafting are invited to join us in the church fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Bennett at bennettga@aol.com.
2. Let's get baking!! Our bake table is one of the most beloved spots of the Holly Mart. Breads (pumpkin, zucchini, and banana), pies, cookies, rolls, and muffins are some of the best sellers. Look for the sign-up sheet on the board in the Narthex soon. Please, no desserts with meringue, custard or cheesecake (Health Department rules).
3. Make a donation to the silent auction. Donations can be a new item, homemade basket or item, service, gift card or monetary offering. Please contact Nicole Streaker at 4streakers@comcast.net. She is currently collecting any donations.
4. Start saving slightly used household items, toys, books, and tools, etc., for the White Elephant room. No clothing or shoes please. We hope to collect all items in late October. Check the church bulletin for more details.
5. Cheese Balls-Yes, we will be selling our ever popular cheese balls again this year. Please check the bulletin board in the Narthex to sign up for donated supplies.

If crafting and baking are not your interest, please consider donating funds to help purchase supplies to get the day started or donate your time the day of the Holly Mart. Volunteers are needed in many capacities the day of the event. Money raised from Holly Mart goes to the general fund and several other church programs to support the congregation.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to another fun, successful Holly Mart. Please contact Meghan Estes with any questions at mbrestes@aol.com.



HOLLY MART CRAFT DAYS

HOLLY MART will be here before we know it - NOVEMBER 12th. Thank you to all of our crafters at church or working at home on items to donate to the craft room to make this year's craft room a good fundraiser.

October craft dates: 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM or for whatever time you can give.

October 5th and 12th - Jar mixes (light lunch provided).

October 19th and 26th - bird feeders (light lunch provided).

If you are able to help in the craft room the day of Holly Mart, please let Linda Bennett know when you are able to work.

Bennettga@aol.com



HOLLY MART SILENT AUCTION

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. (Eldersburg, Westminster, Mount Airy)
3. Pick up donations from local businesses. (Eldersburg, Westminster, Mount Airy)

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.



PRE-HOLLY MART PICKLE, JAMS AND JELLIES!

It's almost time again for the Pickle, Jam and Jelly Sale. This year it will be October 23rd and 30th. As usual, we will be selling after both services. We will have the usual pickles, jams and jellies, salsa and chili sauce as well as some new offerings. We have added dill pickles, zucchini relish, sweet pickle relish, pepper jelly, freezer pesto and hopefully apple butter. So start thinking about what you need for yourself and special people on your gift list. Some items will be in short supply so come early for the best selection.

The Church Canning Ladies



CHEESE BALLS!



Please consider helping with the cheese balls for Holly Mart.

We need donations of ingredients and help in making the actual product.

Sign-up sheets will be posted soon on the bulletin board in the narthex.

We will make the cheese balls on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 PM.

Questions may be directed to Susan Brown at 410-442-2884 or stmpnsusan@aol.com.



NEW ADDITION !

In case you haven't noticed, we have a new addition in the parsonage yard.

A HUGE thank you to Lori and Brian Rapids for the donation of the rainbow playset. Since the Rapid boys had outgrown the set, Lori and Brian had the company disassemble the set in their yard and reassemble the set here at the church.

It was then power washed and restained.

Looks like new!

While we are thrilled that the children have somewhere to play, we do ask that they not play unsupervised. So please make sure an adult is present at all times.

EAGLE PROJECT

So where can you hang out while the kids play?
At the new picnic tables and benches to come!

Shaun Arnold has chosen Ebenezer Church as the recipient of his Eagle Scout project. His plans include digging up the ground around the playset and laying playground chips. He will also be making a few picnic tables and benches to be placed around the set. Our goal is to make the parsonage back yard into a family friendly area. Look for a spring groundbreaking. Meanwhile, check out his fundraising efforts:

Spirit Cups

Shaun will be selling Spirit Cups to raise money for his project. These hard plastic cups are made in the USA and are BPA free.

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Spirit Cups are sold in packs of 4 for \$20

Travel Cups are sold in packs of 2 for \$20, or
1 for \$12

There is a flyer on the bulletin board listing all the available teams. Or you can check them out online at www.spiritcupsfundraising.com.

Shaun will accept orders until October 9th for the first order to be delivered by Holly Mart. He will then sell at Holly Mart and place a second order that night to be delivered the first week of December.

These make great Christmas gifts!

These are just some of the offerings.



Youth Group



October and November

October 2nd the youth group will be going to Charlene's Farm for the fall activities of corn maze, hayride, and good food.

October 16th - Meeting at the church and part of the activities will include preparing Trick or Treat bags for the Board of Child Care.

October 30 - Trick or treat...Trunk or Treat... costumes and fun.

November 13 - Meeting at the church

November 27 - Meeting at the church, preparing for Advent

God's Team

This year God's Team will meet every other month. All 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join us. We will have shared leadership for our activities.

A tentative schedule is listed below. The activity and the date for each activity will be set by the leader and advertised in advance.

OCTOBER

Fall Festival

Leader is Julie Jones

DECEMBER

Making Christmas Cookies for shut ins.
We are in need of a leader.

FEBRUARY or APRIL

Making PEEPS Display

We will invite the Middle School Group to work with God's Team on Display
Leaders: Christy Kessinger
and Shannon Murphy.

APRIL or MAY

Spring Activity!

We are in need of a leader.

JUNE

Pool Party

Leader: Julie Jones



Rock of Help Food Pantry

Non-Food item:

October - Paper Towels

November - Toothbrushes and/or
Toothpaste

Camp Hope Team



Christian Appalachian Mountain Project
Helping Other People Enthusiastically

QUILT FOR SALE



A friend of Sharon Grim's in West Virginia gave her a quilt for our youth to sell towards funding their trip to Camp Hope. It measures 80 x 95 and is designed for a "His and Her's" quilt. It will be on display and for sale at the upcoming Holly Mart on November 12th.

Camp Hope

This mission project is not just a week during the summer. It is something that we want to bring back into our community and help each other where needed. It is a way to say thank you, and a way to pay it forward. We were able to help Bob and Diane Biddinger and their family with building a deck and ramp in September. Many hands made the project possible. We have some yard work projects coming up in October. We will be at the Holly Mart with some fun things for sale.

If you have a project you think we might be able to help you with, please contact Nancy Thompson, 410-241-1509.

As we work toward our financial goal for next summer's trip we continue to collect aluminum cans, and various metals for recycle.

Sincerely,

Nancy Thompson and the Camp Hope Team

Fall Fest & Trunk or Treating October 30th 3:00 PM

Infants-5th graders are invited to join us for games, crafts, trunk or treating and refreshments. Feel free to invite family members, friends and neighbors. Contact Julie Jones with any questions [410-795-2890](tel:410-795-2890) or juliejones3@comcast.net

And:

Trunks needed for the Fall Fest trunk or treating October 30th. Fall Fest starts at 3:00, please have trunks ready at 3:30. Please contact Julie Jones [410-795-2890](tel:410-795-2890) or juliejones3@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Thanks!



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!!

A Note from William Holz about his Camp Hope Experience

This past summer marked the third time that I have participated in Camp Hope. As every year passes, I grow fonder of the experiences I have in Frostburg, from helping my homeowners, to the feeling of community between the churches. But I must look back before I can truly explain how amazing these things are.

First off, thank you so much to everyone who helped to raise the funds necessary to complete our worksite projects. Without your contributions, we never would have been able to leave the church parking lot. In addition to the contributions, these fundraising activities helped us as a team to strengthen our bonds. Cooking the sunrise service breakfast, to hauling away scrap metal, these events helped us to be able to trust in all of our coworkers even before we set foot in Camp Hope. You have to trust the person holding the ladder!

Even before you step inside the dorms, you feel an energy around everyone. A feeling of angst, a wanting for the work to begin. But what is even more present, is the feeling of community. Churches that never once interacted with each other are suddenly family, united by a common goal. A goal to help people in need of home repairs, from putting on a new coat of paint, to building a fifty-foot ramp from scratch.

Day one of the worksite is always the most crucial. Your week and work is set on how day one is planned. On my worksite, the owners were Mrs. Shirley and Mr. Charley. Mr. Charlie was fighting cancer and bedridden, and Mrs. Shirley was taking care of him. What they needed from us was a ramp from the back porch to the driveway, so that Mr. Charlie would have easier access to their cars. We spent our day digging holes in the ground through solid rock, which really made it a challenge. But, the challenge was completed, and by time it came to leave, we had all the posts for the ramp cemented in place.

From then on, it was up to Mr. Paul and Mr. Karl to figure out the logistics of the ramp. For the next three days, it would be Justine, JT, Katie and I waiting on the hill until the logisticians had come to a decision, and told us what to do. However, once we had a job, we completed it as fast as humanly possible. Even while putting down the decking for the ramp, Mrs. Sue led some of us to repaint the outside of the garage.

By Friday, it was a mad scramble to get everything done. Finish putting down the decking, complete the ramp to the driveway, and get the entire thing a coat of red paint. We all worked hard to the finish, and because of that, we were able to finish on time, and have a ribbon cutting ceremony for our homeowners. It was that moment that made all of the hard work and effort worthwhile. To see how this single week could affect a couple so much. It was truly wonderful.

In between the times of work, the whole camp socialized together. We all ate together, worshiped together, and had fun together. Each evening and morning, a different church from the community would provide a meal, which we would eat in their fellowship hall. Afterwards, we would all congregate in the sanctuary to watch the devotion planned by a church for that day. Later in the night, everyone would hang out in the lobby of the dorms having fun together. Chatting, playing games, having deep decisions, everyone was part of a group. We all learned to love each other as a family member.

So, again, thank you all so much for what you have given. Whether it be donations, time, or prayer, it has most definitely helped us during our week at Camp Hope. Whatever you gave helped Mrs. Shirley and Mr. Charlie. It afforded us the opportunity to help them in ways that we may never comprehend. And for that, I must truly say, thank you.

William Holz

Amazon Smile Program

Great News! Note and instructions on how you can help our church - Ebenezer United Methodist Church - feed, clothe, house, and support our neighbors-in-need at no direct cost to you, thanks to the Amazon Smile program.

Here are the instructions 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

There ya go!

Thanks from the bottom of our Jesus loving hearts. Every dollar we receive is matched by many, many hours of volunteer service from members of the congregation. We have a very big footprint for a small church.

Please SHARE wide and far.



October

Curt Roelle	10/1
Susan Sager	10/4
Mary Smith	10/6
Julian Bryant	10/6
Julie Partridge	10/8
Carla Clagett	10/8
Nicole Streaker	10/12
Dave Arnold	10/26
Andrew Rapids	10/31

November

Hope Allen	11/2
Sue Bergmann	11/9
Rebecca Wisner	11/11
Rev. Ann Adams	11/16
Matt Middleton	11/21
Carolene Will	11/25
Tony Torosky	11/26
Laura Scott	11/27
Kate Lurette	11/27



MEET MEGHAN AND RICK ESTES

Meghan Estes is Ebenezer's 2016 Holly Mart chairwoman, heading up the church's longest running and biggest money-raising event. "I enjoy this position because it gives me a chance get to know more people in the church," she said. "I'm a crafty person, I love to go to all the bazaars in the area. It is fun to see new ideas."

Holly Mart involves coordinating many committees of volunteers, most of whom have been doing the same thing for years, such as making chocolate candies, working the kitchen, and making crafts. "This is just so well run with each committee, committed to doing their job," Meghan said. "And we have such a good turnout, we have a lot of the same people who come to Holly Mart year after year, for the food, crafts, and to share in the fellowship."

Meghan has been attending Ebenezer for 24 years since her daughter Bridgett was born. Over the years she has been Sunday school teacher and superintendent, helped with VBS, and volunteers at the Food Pantry when she can. "I enjoy how this church pulls together to do the most amazing things for the community," Meghan said. "We have so many generous people at Ebenezer and this has been proven to me in so many ways over the 24 years."

One of Ebenezer's many school teachers, Meghan is in her 17th year at Winfield Elementary, currently teaching kindergarten, though she has taught preschool to first grade, both special and regular education. She previously taught in Howard County 14 years.

"I love teaching children, talking to them, helping them to learn," she said. "The kindergartners are so eager to please, interested in learning and just so dear."

Meghan, from Catonsville, and her husband Rick, from Sykesville, have been married 29 years and live on a beautiful 5-acre plot in Taylorsville. Rick's dad was

Meghan's high school gym teacher. Though she knew of Rick, they didn't start dating until they met at a party while he was home on leave from the Navy, where he was a chef.

"He cooked for the admiral in the Navy," Meghan said. Now he cooks for the family, as well as for special events when people call him. "He prepares a lot of our meals," Meghan said. "The girls would prefer he cook than me. He just knows how to throw ingredients together without a recipe and it turns out great."

Besides Bridgett, a medical receptionist in Westminster who lives at home, there is daughter Becca, 21, a student at the University of Delaware studying communications, advertising and management leadership. While the girls were young, they were also in the church choir and youth group, Meghan said.

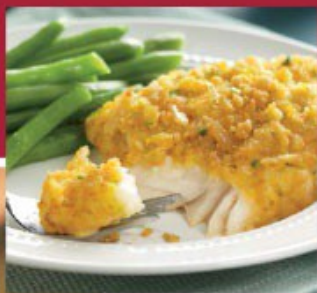
And there's the family pets - black Labrador Jake and wire haired dachshund Max. "I love dogs and all animals," Meghan said. "We've always had dogs. Rick will tell you every time he's had a surgery, I brought home another dog!"

Around her many work hours at school and home, and Rick's variable hours -- he also is a part time bus driver for sports and field trips, especially on weekends - the couple enjoy swimming in their backyard pool, taking hikes and walking, going to the beach and playing cards. Rick also has a vegetable garden, while she grows flowers. "He's an amazing gardener and gives much of his produce away to family and friends," she said.

Meghan also loves to read mysteries and non-fiction, and doing crafts. She scrapbooks, sews and does some quilting. "I made a quilt out of the girls' sports T-shirts, and I just finished one for my mother-in-law of family pictures," she said. In her school days, she spent a summer in the Netherlands as an exchange student, and during college, was a waitress at Phillips' restaurant.

Besides his cooking and gardening, Rick likes sports. The family even traveled to Italy one year for Becca's soccer team, where she played three teams.

But their most important priority is family. Meghan's parents are still at home in Catonsville. Rick's parents live at Carroll Lutheran Village. "Most important to us is our experiences and time with family," Meghan said.



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OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Youth Group to Charlene Farm World Communion Sunday	3 Rosh Hashanah Ad Council Meeting 7:00 PM	4 Holly Mart Meeting 7:00 PM Leadership Meeting 7:00 PM	5 OWLS Lunch Noon Crafts 9:30 – Noon Children's Choir 6:00 PM Chancel – 7:30 PM	6	7	8 Men's Group 8:30 AM Church Work Day Game Night
9	10 Columbus Day Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM	11 Staff Parrish Meeting 7:00 PM	12 Yom Kippur Crafts 9:30 – Noon Children's Choir 6:00 PM Chancel – 7:30 PM	13 Fall Bible Studies 9:30 AM-11:00 AM 7:00 PM-8:30 PM Pictures 2 PM –9 PM	14	15 Food Pantry 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
16 Christian Parenting Gathering 6:30 PM Youth Group 5-7 PM Children's Sabbath	17	18 Brinton Woods 10:30 AM Finance Comm Meeting 7:00 PM	19 Crafts 9:30 – Noon Children's Choir 6:00 PM Chancel – 7:30 PM	20 Fall Bible Studies 9:30 AM-11:00 AM 7:00 PM-8:30 PM WOWS – 7:00 PM	21	22
23 Pickle & Jam Sale	24 United Nations Day	25 Charge Conference 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	26 Crafts 9:30 – Noon Children's Choir 6:00 PM Chancel – 7:30 PM	27 Fall Bible Studies 9:30 AM-11:00 AM 7:00 PM-8:30 PM	28 Pictures 2:00 PM-9:00 PM	29 Pictures 10:00AM-5:00 PM
30 Fall Fest & Trunk or Treating 3:00 PM Pickle & Jam Sale	31 Halloween				Notes:	

NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 OWLS Lunch Noon Children's Choir 6:00 PM Chancel – 7:30 PM	3 Fall Bible Studies 9:30 AM-11:00 AM 7:00 PM-8:30 PM	4	5
6 Daylight Saving All Saints Sunday	7 Ad Council 7:00 PM	8 Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM	9 Children's Choir 6:00 PM Chancel – 7:30 PM	10 Fall Bible Studies 9:30 AM-11:00 AM 7:00 PM-8:30 PM Cheese Ball Making 6:30 PM	11 Veterans Day	12 Holly Mart 8:30 AM-2:00 PM
13 Youth Group 5-7 PM	14	15 Brinton Woods 10:30 AM	16 Children's Choir 6:00 PM Chancel – 7:30 PM	17 Fall Bible Studies 9:30 AM-11:00 AM WOWS 7:00 PM	18	19 Food Pantry 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:30 PM	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 1 ST Sunday of Advent Youth Group 5-7 PM	28	29	30 Children's Choir 6:00 PM Chancel – 7:30 PM			