EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4901 Woodbine Road Sykesville, Maryland 21784 Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor

> *November 13, 2016* 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

WELCOME

THE PRELUDE

"My Tribute"

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,
we come to worship a God who feeds the hungry.
In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,
we come to worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.
In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war,
we come to worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.
In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,
we come to worship a God whose grace and love has no end.

*HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH No. 593

Crouch

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, as we gather here to worship and praise you, we give you thanks for fellowship and family and for this community of faith. We ask that you strengthen us, restore us and inspire us with your love as your message is shared through scripture and song. Fill us with your peace, O God, and help us to pour out your love and grace to others. Help us to make your promises known to all the earth through our words and our deeds. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT I (11:00 AM) Presented for Baptism Abraya Skye McGehrin

Reception of New Members Kathy McGehrin, Robert Stevens, Dawn Stevens

PSALTER	Psalm 71:1-12 (Without the sung response)	UMH No. 794			
GOSPEL READINGMatthew 25:34-40NT Pg. 27This is the word of God for the people of God.Thanks be to God. Amen.					
HYMN	"Trust and Obey"	UMH No. 467			
SERMON	"The Rock of Help"	Tony Sager			
HYMN	"We Are Called"	TFWS No. 2172			

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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.

GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements Offertory (11:00 AM) *Presentation of Gifts

"In -a-That Day"

Chancel Choir

UMH No. 33

This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!

*Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world. We pray that you will multiply these gifts in order that the hungry may receive all they need and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS No. 2129

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL *POSTLUDE

> TFWS=The Faith We Sing Hymnal UMH=The United Methodist Hymnal * = Congregation stands as able

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

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

Pastor: Rev. Judy EmersonSecretary: Cindi ArnoldMusic Director: Linda BangeTreasurer: Sandy WeanNursery Coordinator: Jess MiddletonNursery Coordinator: Olivia Wisner

Attendance 127 Offering \$4,260.00

<u>Notes</u>

<u>Prayer Requests</u> will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks at a time. <u>Nursery</u> for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. <u>Children's Church</u> for Pre-K through 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 AM. <u>The Attendance Roster</u> is at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass it to others.

Prayer Requests

Pam Higgs, Tony Torosky

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM		
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger		
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange		
Liturgists	Bill Jones	Deb Mathias		

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Youth Group	5:00 PM
Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Staff Parish Meeting	7:00 PM
Trustees Meeting	6:30 PM
WOWS	7:00 PM
Food Pantry	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
	Feed My Sheep Brinton Woods Staff Parish Meeting Trustees Meeting WOWS

THANK YOU – A huge thank you goes out to everyone involved in making our Holly Mart such a success. From the donations of food items, silent auction items, elephant room items and especially your time, this congregation always steps up and delivers. We are truly blessed here at Ebenezer.

CHURCH OFFICE – will be closed on Wed, Nov 15th. For any pastoral emergencies, please leave a message on the church phone, and someone will get back to you.

ADVENT STUDY - On Sunday, November 27, 2016 from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM our adult Sunday School classes will join together in the fellowship hall to begin the Advent Season together. All are invited to join us. It is our hope to prepare our spirits for the coming of the Christ Child as we share the good news of God's precious gift.

CALENDARS – 2017 Calendars are available for pre-order. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cost is \$6.00 each.

SAFEWAY STAMPS – If you shop at Safeway and are not collecting the stamps for cookware, please donate those stamps to the church. There is an envelope on the bulletin board. We would love some new cookware for our new kitchen!

NEWSLETTER – Articles for the December/January newsletter must be turned in to the church office by November 20th.

POINSETTIAS - If you would like to order poinsettias in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the order form in your bulletin. The cost is \$10 each. You can place the form, along with either a check or cash, in the offering plate or on Cindi's desk.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS – We are collecting food for our Thanksgiving baskets again this year. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. Our hope is to provide baskets for 10 families. Donations are due by noon on November 20th.

EBENEZER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – Join us on December 3rd for food, fun and fellowship. Reservations will be taken in the narthex thru November 27th.

BLESSINGS BAGS - All donations need to be brought to church by Sunday November 20, 2016. You may also make a monetary donation, please mark it "Blessing Bags".

COLD WEATHER SHELTER – From Nov – March EUMC will be providing dinner on the 3rd Sunday of each month for the Cold Weather Shelter in Westminster. The sign-up sheet is posted for a few volunteers to serve as well as food donations. In addition, the Cold Weather Shelter is asking for donations of new or slightly used winter clothing articles.