

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor

November 27, 2016
8:30 & 11:00 AM

1st Sunday of Advent

GATHERING
WELCOME
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Advent is the season when we prepare ourselves to receive God's gift of Jesus. It is a time of "getting ready" for the celebration of Christmas. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his first Advent and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his second Advent. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship this Advent Season.

PRELUDE “All The Earth is Waiting” Arr by Lash

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again, Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

Let us worship and praise God together!

*HYMN *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* UMH No. 196

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we welcome you each and every time we come into this place. But we pray that today, more than ever before, our hearts will be open to your coming into our homes, our places of work, and our relationships, to illumine every area of life with the light of your presence. Come, thou long expected Jesus. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE

We are a people of hope and the darkness will not overcome us. Darkness will become light, war will become peace and death will give way to life. We light this candle today to provide a source of light and warmth that guides our paths and gives us confidence for the journey, reminding us of the source of hope.

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLE I

SUNG RESPONSE	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	UMH No. 211
	Stanza #1	

ANTHEM (11:00 AM) *"The King is Coming Soon"* Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 24:36-44 NT pg. 26

In our Gospel lesson Jesus tells his disciples of the need for readiness because the Son of Man will come at a day and hour, which no one knows.

HYMN	<i>“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”</i>	UMH No. 204
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SERMON *“The Incredible Gift of Advent”* Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN *“Blessed Be the God of Israel”* UMH No. 209

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Announcements

Offertory

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Tune: UMH No. 211

**All praise to God, the Holy One:
Praise Christ, in whom God’s grace is fully known:
Praise to the Spirit, evermore:
Praise Holy Trinity, whom we adore!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Praise God, the Lord above
who sets us free through mercy and love!**

*Prayer of Dedication

**O God, may the gifts we offer this morning abound in love for one
another throughout the world. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*HYMN

“All Earth is Waiting”

UMH No. 210

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*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

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

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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 92 Offering \$2,907.50

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.

Prayer Requests

The Torosky Family, Pam Higgs, Julian Bryant, Fred Seibly

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Chuck & Rebecca Wisner	Curt & Cheryl Roelle
Liturgists	Susan Sager	Curt Roelle

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 27 th	Youth Group Movie Night	5:00 PM
Wednesday, November 30 th	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday, December 3 rd	Church Christmas Dinner	5:30 PM



EBENEZER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – Join us on December 3rd for food, fun and fellowship. Winfield Fire Hall. Appetizers at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 PM. Reservations will be taken in the narthex thru Today.

YOUTH GROUP - will meet at 5:00 Today at the home of Bill & Julie Jones. Movie Night!! Any questions see Nancy Thompson

WOW's CHRISTMAS DINNER -The WOW's end of year Christmas Dinner will be held at Salerno's in Eldersburg on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and sign up on the sheet in the Narthex as I need a head count NLT 12/6. The dinner is open to ALL women at Ebenezer including your friends, neighbors, etc. Please bring a \$10 gift to participate in our annual gift exchange. Looking forward to seeing everyone there as we celebrate together the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES FOR 2016– If you would like to purchase a gift for one of the families and/or children we are adopting this Christmas, you may choose one or more tags from the Christmas tree in the narthex and write you name next to the tag number(s) on the chart on the bulletin board. The gifts SHOULD NOT be wrapped and need to be returned to the church by December 11th. Please attach the tag to the gift. If you have questions you may contact Janet Davis. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CALENDARS – 2017 Calendars are available! Cost is \$6.00 each. See Cindi.

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!

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 the narthex. Today is the last day for orders. 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.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION – Please check the directory listings in the narthex to make sure it has the correct information. This is what will be printed in the new directories. Please use the highlighter to check if correct, or make changes now. Thanks for your help!

