

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor

December 11, 2016
8:30 & 11:00 AM

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

GATHERING 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 “O Come All Ye Faithful” Instrumental Ensemble

INTROIT *“Our Eyes Will See The Lord”*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice with great joy and singing, for you shall see the glory of God.
God has promised to come to us with saving grace to meet our needs.
 God breaks into the deserts of our despair with springs of water to quench our thirst.
May God grant us strength and patience to await God's coming.
 May God grant us joy as we receive the good news.

*HYMN	<i>“Joy to the World”</i>	UMH No. 246
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OPENING PRAYER

God of great joy, open our eyes and open our ears to receive your message for us today. May we find good reason for everlasting joy and gladness through this time of worship as we encounter your truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-10 OT pg. 623

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLE III

God is a never-ending source of joy. If we follow and live in the light of God, we will be sustained through the darkest night and know that joy can defeat hopelessness. We light this candle today as a sign of this deep and abiding sense of joy. “Sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35: 10).

SUNG RESPONSE	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	UMH No. 211
	Stanza #3	

Handel's Christmas Messiah

Prelude

Comfort Ye My People	Ken Middleton
And the Glory of the Lord	Chorus
But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming	Bill Jones, Chuck Shacochis
O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings	Chorus
For Unto Us A Child Is Born	Chorus

PRAVERS 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	<i>“Infant, Holy, Infant Lowly”</i>	Instrumental Ensemble
*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

Generous and patient God, accept these gifts we offer. We bring them and ourselves to share in your transforming work among us and in all the world. In the name of the Christ Child, we pray. Amen.

Handel’s Christmas Messiah

**There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field
Glory to God
We Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Him
Hallelujah**

Mindy Coates
Chorus
Brenda Sebly, Jen Klausmeyer
Chorus

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “*Joy to the World*” Instrumental Ensemble

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

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: 120 Offering: \$3,572.00

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.

Prayer Requests

The Torosky Family, The Seibly Family

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Monday, December 12 th	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Wednesday, December 14 th	Blessings Bag packing	6:00 PM
	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday, December 17 th	Food Pantry	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM



Sunday, December 18th

Children's Christmas Program
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Saturday, December 24th

Traditional Service at 8:00 PM
Candlelight Service at 10:00 PM

Sunday, December 25th - Worship at 11:00 AM only.

No Sunday School

Children will leave service for a story and birthday celebration.

Sunday, January 1st - Worship at 11:00 AM only. No Sunday School

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES FOR 2016— The gifts SHOULD NOT be wrapped and need to be returned to the church by Today. Please attach the tag to the gift. If you have questions you may contact Janet Davis. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

BLESSINGS BAGS – We will be packing the Blessings Bags on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 PM. Any and all help is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS – Please feel free to add your Christmas greetings/cards/letters to the left bulletin board in the narthex.

HOLLY MART CRAFTS – Are still available for sale in the back of the fellowship hall.

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!

SAVE OLD GREETING CARDS – Please bring in your old cards to donate to the ARC of Carroll County for projects with their clients. A box is located in the narthex over the coat rack. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Grim at 410-489-7455 or by email at robertgrim@comcast.net.

PLANNING MEETING 2017 - Mark your calendars now for our annual planning meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 7th from 8:30 AM to Noon.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017 – A new Church Leadership Roster for 2017 is available in the narthex. Check to see which committees you are serving on for the coming year. Some committees have a group listing with the year stated above. This means you will serve on that committee until the end of the stated year.