

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

January 15, 2017
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME

THE PRELUDE

“My Tribute”

Crouch

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH No. 349

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

We come to follow Jesus.

Come and see!

We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Come and see!

Yes, Lord we come to follow you!

*HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH No. 77

OPENING PRAYER

God of our salvation, pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, so your grace might strengthen us for service; so your peace might calm our troubled souls; so your hope might mend our broken hearts. Speak Lord, for we are ready to listen and respond. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

OT pg. 638

In the midst of crisis Isaiah speaks a word of hope in this text. God will send a servant who will do justice.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:29-42

NT pg. 86

In John’s gospel today John the Baptist is introducing us to Jesus saying, "This is the Lamb of God, Jesus." It is now up to us to allow Jesus to shape our identity.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Cry of My Heart”

TFWS No. 2165

SERMON

“**What are You Looking For?**”

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“Lamb of God”

TFWS No. 2113

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)

“You Are God, You Are the Lord!”

Chancel Choir

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

UMH No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance.

In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN *“This Little Light of Mine”* UMH No. 585

*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

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

Prayer Requests

Dawn Stevens, Dotty Lydard,
The Seibly Family, The Barnes Family, The Torosky Family

Last Week

Attendance: 137 Offering: \$3,419.50

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.

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean	Diane & Rachel Biddinger
Liturgists	Sandy Wean	Dave Biddinger

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 15 th	Youth Group	12:00 PM
	Cold Weather Shelter Dinner	
Tuesday, January 17 th	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Wednesday, January 18 th	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday, January 21 st	Food Pantry	9-11 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP will meet today immediately following the late service. Bring a game you got for Christmas!

NEW MEMBERS – If you are interested in learning more about joining the Ebenezer UMC family this year, join Rev. Judy in her office on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 PM. If you can't make this date, but are still interested, contact Rev. Judy at the church office or by emailing her at revjae@aol.com. We will receive new members in February.

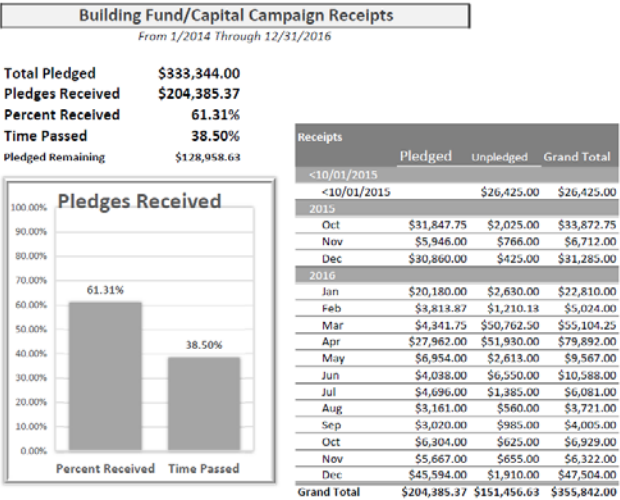
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES must be turned in to the church office no later than Monday, January 23rd for the February-March newsletter.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2017 - March 17-19: Save the date for this year's Women's Retreat! You won't want to miss it at our new location of Skycroft Conference Center in Middletown, Maryland. More details will follow, but if you have not signed up already, please do so as soon as possible. **Registration Forms** are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Any questions can be directed to Susan Brown at StmpnSusan@AOL.com or by calling **410-442-2884**.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017 – Please be sure to pick up a 2017 Church Leadership Roster in the narthex.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – New offering envelopes for 2017 are available in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up.

NEW OFFICE LOCKBOX – There has been a lockbox installed in the church office to the left of the mailboxes. Moving forward, please make sure any cash or checks that you would normally leave for the money counters is put in this box. There are envelopes on the outside if you need to note what the money is for.



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