

# EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

February 12, 2017  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

### WELCOME

THE PRELUDE (8:30 AM) “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Gounod  
(11:00 AM) “Wade in the Water Hallelujah” Children’s Choir

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT “Glorify Thy Name” TFWS No. 2016

**Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who seek God.  
**Blessed are those whose hearts are set on God’s commandments.**  
In all we do, God offers us choices.  
**We are offered the choice between good and evil, between life and death.**  
How shall we know the ways of God or understand the choices that are ours?  
**In worship we encounter God’s commandments and love God.**  
In worship we learn the ways of God and better understand God’s will.  
**We give this time to hearing and obeying our Creator.**  
Thanks be to God!

\*HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” UMH No. 546

### OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, we come to worship this day to hear and obey your will for us. We pray that you will make your ways known to us for we have found that human wisdom is insufficient and sometimes seriously mistaken. Embrace us here with eternal truth that we cannot escape or ignore your intentions for us during the coming week. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM) UMH No. 39

**Cassidy Laureen Gruber**  
Parents: Katie and Adam Gruber

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 NT pg. 156  
*In this reading Paul reprimands the Corinthians for their bickering and divisions.*

HYMN “Freely, Freely” UMH No. 389

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:21-30; 33-37 NT pg. 4  
*In our Gospel we hear of Jesus’ concern with the heart of human behavior. Discipleship means far more than observance of the outward forms of the law. This is the word of God for the people of God.*  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON “The Book of Re-evaluation” Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN “The Gift of Love” UMH No. 408

### 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 (8:30 AM)

\*Presentation of Gifts

\*Doxology

*“On A Journey Together”*

Chancel Choir

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

**Loving God, you have shown us your ways and led us in the paths of  
abundance. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In you we see that we are loved.  
We offer you our lives, for we have chosen to follow you. We offer you our praise,  
for your love is great. Use our gifts, our money and our hearts to establish your realm  
of love upon the earth. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30 AM)

*Transferring from Linganore United Methodist Church*

***Rich Holl***

***Cheri Holl***

***Rachel Holl***

***Will Holl***

UMH No. 38

\*HYMN

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

UMH No. 557

\*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](http://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](mailto:eumcwinfield@gmail.com)  
**Pastor's Email:** [revjae@aol.com](mailto: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

Butch Barnes, Bob Davis

## Last Week

Attendance: 118      Offering: \$4,298.00

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grades is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgists	Bill Jones	Deb Mathias

## SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Church	11:00 AM
	Youth Group	12:00 PM
Monday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Wednesday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	NO Choir practices	
Thursday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	WoWs	7:00 PM
Saturday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	9-11 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEWSLETTER** – If you have not done so already, please be sure to pick up your newsletter at the back of the Sanctuary.

**YOUTH GROUP** – “Who Knows Abe Lincoln?” game and lunch today after the late service.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT 2017 - March 17-19: "God's Miracles" ....** 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. **Brochures and Registration Forms** are in the narthex. There is also a chart on the bulletin board showing if you have already signed up and paid a deposit. **The final payment is due today.** Any questions can be directed to Susan Brown at [StmpnSusan@AOL.com](mailto:StmpnSusan@AOL.com) or by calling [410-442-2884](tel:410-442-2884).

**SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON** – Mark your calendars for March 26<sup>th</sup>. ONE service only at 11:00 AM. Sunday school at 9:45. Luncheon following worship.

**SPRING FLING UPDATE** - Mark your calendars, Saturday, April 29th, 11AM – 5:30 PM at Ebenezer UMC [this is an update from what was published in the last newsletter]. Next Spring Fling planning meeting; Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 PM at EUMC.

**SHROVE TUESDAY** – February 28<sup>th</sup>. Come enjoy a pancake dinner from 5:00 PM -7:30 PM. Good will offering to support Shaun's Eagle Project. See newsletter for more info.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – March 1<sup>st</sup>. Join Pastor Judy in the sanctuary between the hours of 7 AM to 10 AM and 3 PM to 9 PM for the imposition of ashes, communion and prayer. Please join us as we begin the Lenten Season.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – If you are interested in ordering spring flowers for Easter Sunday, please turn in orders by March 5<sup>th</sup>. Additional forms are in the narthex.

**SCHWAN'S FUNDRAISER FOR EUMC** – If you would like to order from Schwans-Cares.com for frozen food home delivery, they will give a percentage back to the church. You must enter our campaign ID 31130 in order for us to receive these funds! Check the newsletter for more details!



**SNOW POLICY** – With the start of winter comes the threat of bad weather.

We want to keep everyone safe. So please...in the event of questionable weather, check the church website, facebook, email, or phone for any updates before you leave your house. See the full snow policy on the bulletin board in the narthex.

