

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***4901 Woodbine Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784***

*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Music Director & Organist*

***February 19, 2017
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM***

The 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Our scripture from Matthew's gospel today challenges us to ask ourselves how we respond when we are insulted or when someone takes advantage of us. Can we ignore hurtful words spoken by hurting people? Are we willing to go the extra mile in our work and giving and do so with a godly attitude? If we fulfill Jesus' words in this lesson, how will we make friends with those who treat us poorly at home, work and school?

THE PRELUDE

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

Let us be led in the paths of God's commandments.

By following these paths we can appreciate the richness of God's life.

We come to worship God in honesty and directness.

We do so in order that Christ's Spirit may complete us for God's realm!

Through our worship may we be led in the paths of God's commandments.

Let us worship and praise God together!

*HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

UMH No. 103

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you long for us to hear that the heart of your commandment is truthful love. Even more than that, you long for us to embody this way of integrity in all facets of our lives. Dealing justly with our neighbors and even the strangers among us draws us close to the holiness of everyday life, the witness of Jesus and the fruit of the Spirit. Inspire our worship, that our lives may be transformed into living testaments of your grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 119:33-40

OT pg. 535

HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH No. 454

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:38-48

NT pg. 5

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

"Assembly Required"

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH No. 451

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) “*On A Journey Together*”

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

Generous God, in grace you freely give and in love you joyfully command us to imitate you. Let these gifts bear witness to the justice for which you long and offer a faithful response to the loving care that you have first given us in your law, your prophets and your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

“*Jesus Calls Us*”

UMH No. 398

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Wonderful God, you call us to do the impossible:

To love our enemies, to confront injustice, to share bountifully with the poor.

You call us to be perfect in our imitation of you.

You give us everything: Love, the foundation of Christ and the gift of creation.

Bless us, therefore, as we depart this place:

Give us the blessing of a faithful spirit, a willing heart and a kingdom of grace.

Amen!

*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

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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: 146 Offering: \$4,590.00

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.

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers		Diane & Rachel Biddinger
Liturgists	Carolene Will	Dave Biddinger

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 21 st	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Wednesday, February 22 nd	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Trustees Meeting	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S TEAM- All 4th and 5th graders are meeting after the 11:00 AM service on Sunday, February 26th to start working on the Peep creation for the Peep Show. Please pack a lunch for your child, we will eat lunch and then start working. Please contact Shannon Murphy or Julie Jones if you have any questions.

SHROVE TUESDAY – February 28th. 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 1st. 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 5th. Additional forms are in the narthex.

VBS: HERO CENTRAL – Dates for 2017 VBS are July 23rd through 27th. We will run this year Sunday through Thursday. We will also be offering a middle school class! So put the date on your calendars, and get ready to have some fun. Sign up early and receive a free Hero Central music CD!

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

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – “*Give Up Something Bad for Lent!*” - The practice of Lent can easily become routine and mechanical. We can go through the motions without letting them touch our hearts or change our lives. This Bible study will help you take time to make sure that as you give up something, you will gain much more. On March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th, we will gather during the Sunday School hour and explore together what the scriptures have to say to us about Lent and the Good News of Easter.

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.

THANK YOU - to everyone that brought in cards for our greeting card project for ARC. We collected 3291 cards.

