



Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Words of Life

A Note from Your Pastor

Rev. Judy Emerson

April – May 2017 Newsletter

Mark your Calendar

Holy Week Schedule

April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday

Worship - 8:30 AM
Lenten Bible Study - 9:45 AM
Worship - 11:00 AM

April 13, 2017 Maundy Thursday

Covered Dish Dinner - 6:30 PM
Worship/Communion in
Fellowship Hall - 7:30 PM

April 14, 2017 Good Friday

Tenebrae Service in Sanctuary –
7:30 PM

April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service - 6:30 AM
Pancake Breakfast - 7:00 AM
Worship - 8:30 AM
Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Worship - 11:00 AM

When we think of Easter, what comes to mind? Worship? Sunrise Service? Egg hunts? Family gatherings? Food? Easter dress? Springtime? Biblically, the Easter Event (which includes the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) is recorded in all four of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John). This is one way the Gospel writers remind us of the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Culturally, we tend to "tidy" up Easter and make it clean and pain free. We want to jump from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, from shouting "Hosanna! (Save us!)" to "Alleluia! (He is risen!)" For children, we tend to allow the focus of Easter to become more about the Easter Bunny than about Jesus' resurrection from the dead. As faithful Christian adults we should look at Easter from a spiritual perspective in order to see that Easter is the ultimate gift that God provides. In the resurrection of Jesus from the dead we are given new and eternal life, we are forgiven and are able to forgive and we are freed to live and love like Jesus.

The Easter Event is reason why the Church exists and the reason why we are able to receive the Holy Spirit for guidance in living and loving more like Jesus. Looking at Easter from a theological point of view should prompt us to exam our priorities and discern the things in our lives that need changing so that Easter becomes a higher priority for all of us and not a one-day celebration. The church is the place where all of us can find the support we need to live and love more like Jesus.

My hope and prayer is that we begin our Easter journey on Palm Sunday and follow the path of Jesus together through all of the events of Holy Week. By doing so, we will be better equipped to celebrate Easter everyday of the year; receiving new and eternal life, being forgiven, having the capacity to forgive and being free to live and love like Jesus. Now this is something to celebrate! Happy Easter!



2017 Women's Retreat

God's Team at the Peep Show

Please support God's Team by attending the Peep Show at the Carroll County Arts Council in Westminster, April 7th-19th from 10 AM-7 PM. Look and vote for our Peep Creation.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th at 4:00 PM
Infants- 5th graders are invited to join us for a fun time of games, crafts, story, egg hunt and snacks. Please contact Julie Jones at 410-795-2890 or juliejones3@comcast.net if you have any questions. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Ebenezer UMC's 2017 Women's Retreat was a great success! We had 80 participants gather at Skycroft Retreat Center in Middletown, Maryland. Our topic was based on the movie *Miracles from Heaven*.

Thank you to all who made this weekend possible. A special thanks goes out to our Retreat Coordinator, Susan Brown. Mark your calendars now for next year. Our retreat will be March 9th-11th, 2018!! We will be going back to Skycroft!

WoWs

The women had a wonderful weekend at our new retreat location of Skycroft Retreat Center. We all shared God's love with lots of song, laughter and fellowship during this amazing time. A huge thank you to Susan Brown, Rev Judy and the many others who made this incredible weekend a success. We will look forward to next year to another fantastic retreat.

Our sincerest thanks to everyone who helped with our soup and salad fundraiser. From the donations of soups, salads and desserts to participating in our event, all was greatly appreciated. Our Ebenezer Family came together once again.

Our next meetings will be on Thursday, April 20th and May 18th at 7:00 PM. We welcome everyone and hope to see some new faces. May God be in our midst as we come to Him in prayer.



Jail or Bail

Ever want to secretly see one of your friends behind bars??? Now is your chance! Have a warrant issued for an “arrest” to be made during the Spring Fling! Unless the “criminal” can come up with the bail \$\$\$ before then, he/she will have to do the time. \$10 will get you a warrant poster and 10 minutes of jail time. Check out the display in the narthex and make your “friends” do the time or pay for the crime! Remember, multiple warrants can be issued!



The Spring Fling Committee will hold its fifth annual Spring Fling from 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM on Saturday, April 29, 2017 here at the church.

This year's event will offer the usual pit beef and pork cooked in smokers on the parking lot throughout the day, dine-in and carryout. Sandwiches will be sold individually or as platters with cole-slaw, baked beans and chips. Pit beef and pork also will be available for sale by the pound. Hot dogs will be available for kids.

Special featured foods will include dill pickles, fresh-cut French fries, and, new this year, breaded fried shrimp.

Other activities include the sale of homemade baked goods, assorted chocolates, fudge, candy, popcorn; potted flowers and vegetable plants, seedlings and hanging baskets; silent auction; white elephant room; face painting; and moon bounce and all the carnival games for kids with prizes.

Live music will be provided by Tony Sager's band, *Never Say Anything*, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

This year's feature event will be “Jail and Bail.” Have you been naughty or committed a crime for which you could be jailed and have to get your family and friends to bail you out for a sum of money? (It's been suggested that Pastor Judy be jailed for her bad jokes during sermons).

Kim Murchie, Laura Scott and Linda Bennett are once again co-chairing this year's committee, and are asking for cash donations to purchase supplies for food, help setting up for activities, and help the day of the event and clean-up afterwards.

This is a good time to clean out your closets and give those unwanted items to the white elephant room. Items, gift baskets, gift cards, etc., are also needed for the silent auction. See Kim or watch for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board to help with this very fun event.

This is our church's second largest fund-raiser, so please plan to come out and help or at least attend for a day of good food, fun and fellowship.

Men's Group

The Ebenezer Men's Group will host two more breakfast meetings this season:

Saturday April 8 - speaker Andrea Murchie, "Ocean Conservation in South Africa"

Saturday May 13 - Mother's Day Breakfast, IHOP in Westminster

Also - the Men's Group provided dinner at the Cold Weather Shelter in Westminster 5 times this season, and on average we provided a hot, delicious dinner for ~35 folks, breakfast to go in the morning, and in December, blessings bags of snacks, personal and hygiene items. The guests are always profusely thankful and usually comment on how our church has really good cooks!

Scholarship Committee



EUMC undergraduate scholarship applications will be in the narthex April 1, 2017. Any church youth (under age 23) pursuing undergraduate studies at college, trade or vocational school may apply. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Baker.

Graduates

If someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please submit their name in writing to the church office.



OWLS

If you are retired or are old enough to be retired, you are eligible for OWLS. It is one of the perks, just like receiving a sweet monthly deposit in your checking account, or finally being on Medicare, or getting a discount at McDonalds. Denial of your age will get you nowhere with this group; we celebrate the Golden Years. Our Vanity Plates read, "60+ & Proud of It" Membership fees are \$1.00 per month and a covered dish, which may be coleslaw from the deli or a pie from the bakery. Some talented cooks may create delicious casseroles and confections, but a bag of chips will get you in the door. OWLS meets the first Wednesday of each month from September through June in the social hall. Lunch is at noon, but we gather as early as 11 AM to help setup and to catch up on the latest gossip. There is always a lively program and you don't want to miss the fight at the Christmas Party. Dress is casual, sometimes even ridiculous. You need not be a member of Ebenezer, all bald heads and gray heads are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you at OWLS, Diane Biddinger

2017 Schedule

April 5th
May 3rd
June 7th

Covered Dish at Church
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Money (\$77.00) Due for Sept 12th Trip

September 6th
September 12th

Covered Dish at Church
Harrisburg Trip (If we have enough people)
Leave from Ebenezer 7:45 AM
Boat Cruise 9:30 – 10:45
Lunch – Victoria's Mansion 11:45 – 1:15
Train Ride 1:30 – 2:45
Return to Ebenezer 5:15 PM
Cost is \$77.00 Due June 7th

October 4th

Cost includes bus, boat cruise, lunch & train ride
Covered Dish at Church
Money Due for Nov. 16th Trip (\$78.00)

November 1st
November 16th

Covered Dish at Church
American Music Theatre "Christmas Show"
Leave from Ebenezer 10:00 AM
Lunch at Bird in Hand Rest 12:00 – 1:30
American Music Show 3:00 – 5:30
Return to Ebenezer 7:30 PM

December 6th

Cost is \$78.00 and includes bus, lunch and show
Covered Dish at Church

****Please note that you do NOT need to be a member of the OWLS to attend the Harrisburg and Music Theatre trips. Contact Diane Biddinger if you are interested.**

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13th we will be hosting a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall at 6:30 PM. Please see the sign up on the bulletin board, and bring a dish to share. See Carol Wroten with any questions.

Easter Candy and Baked Goods

There is still time!

Easter Eggs will be available for purchase again this year. Orders and payments must be turned in by Sunday, April 2nd for pickup on Sunday, April 9th. Limited extras will be available – so get your order in on time!

Not to be outdone, pies and cakes will also be available! Orders for these are due by Sunday, April 9th, with pickup on Saturday, April 15th.

Annual Conference

The 233rd session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be held from May 31st to June 2nd, 2017 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. This annual event is an opportunity for United Methodists from 631 churches in Washington, D.C., Maryland, the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda to gather for worship, fellowship, learning and holy conferencing as they conduct the business of the church.

Please keep the pastors and laypersons attending conference in your prayers as they have discussions and vote on various topics. Rev. Judy, Lori Rapids and Susan Brown will represent Ebenezer UMC at conference again this year.

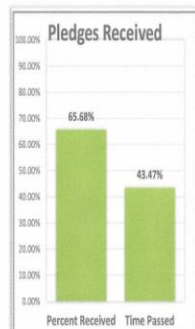
Church Family Camping

Rescheduled - Labor Day 2017 - September 1-4

CAMP HARMISON - Near Berkley Springs, W VA.

Building Fund/Capital Campaign Receipts
From 1/2014 Through 02/28/2017

Total Pledged	\$333,344.00
Pledges Received	\$218,946.37
Unpledged	\$155,711.48
Endowment Pledge	\$500,000.00
Cemetery Pledge	\$29,786.16
Total Funds Rec'd	\$904,444.01
Percent Received	65.68%
Time Passed	43.47%
Pledged Remaining	\$114,397.63



	Pledged	Unpledged	Grand Total
<10/01/2015			
<10/01/2015		\$26,425.00	\$26,425.00
2015			
Oct	\$31,847.75	\$2,025.00	\$33,872.75
Nov	\$5,946.00	\$766.00	\$6,712.00
Dec	\$30,860.00	\$425.00	\$31,285.00
2016			
Jan	\$20,180.00	\$2,630.00	\$22,810.00
Feb	\$3,813.87	\$1,210.13	\$5,024.00
Mar	\$4,341.75	\$50,762.50	\$55,104.25
Apr	\$27,962.00	\$51,930.00	\$79,892.00
May	\$6,954.00	\$2,613.00	\$9,567.00
Jun	\$4,038.00	\$6,550.00	\$10,588.00
Jul	\$4,696.00	\$1,385.00	\$6,081.00
Aug	\$3,181.00	\$580.98	\$3,761.98
Sep	\$3,020.00	\$985.00	\$4,005.00
Oct	\$6,304.00	\$625.00	\$6,929.00
Nov	\$5,667.00	\$718.44	\$6,385.44
Dec	\$45,594.00	\$1,910.00	\$47,504.00
2017			
Jan	\$9,258.00	\$3,230.00	\$12,488.00
Feb	\$5,303.00	\$940.43	\$6,243.43
Grand Total	\$218,946.37	\$155,711.48	\$374,657.85

Treasurer's Tidbit

We received another deposit from our Amazon Smile fundraiser. We have now received a total of \$178.85 as a percentage of your purchases. Thanks to All and continue shopping!!!

Let me assure you that our 2017 budget is doing well. No 2017 reports are available at this time as we await response from our auditor on how to track funding and expenses for the Building Project. As soon as we have that response and implement her recommendations, we can get the usual monthly 2017 reports out. In the meantime, I will keep you posted on any areas of concern.

We continue to receive the generous pledges for the Building Fund.

Ebenezer is blessed to have such a dedicated congregation and we thank each and every one of you for your support. We hope to see the shovel in the ground soon.

Blessings,
Sandy

Vacation Bible School
JULY 23rd – 27th, 2017
Sunday through Thursday



This year's theme is

"Hero Central – Discover your Strength in God!"

At VBS Hero Central, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God. They will become Heroes and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. After a high-energy opening assembly at Hero Central, the Heroes make their way to the Bible Story Headquarters. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Hero Codes to equip your Heroes for an active life with God. Your Heroes will discover a Hero Verse (Bible memory verse) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS. The students will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at Craft Headquarters, singing new songs at Music Headquarters, exploring the wonders of creation at Science Headquarters, playing games at Recreation Headquarters, and enjoying tasty treats at Snack Headquarters.

Bible School Hours
6:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Parent pick-up in the Sanctuary

New this Year – Middle School Class
Continue the fun....

Register by July 1st and receive a Free Music CD!

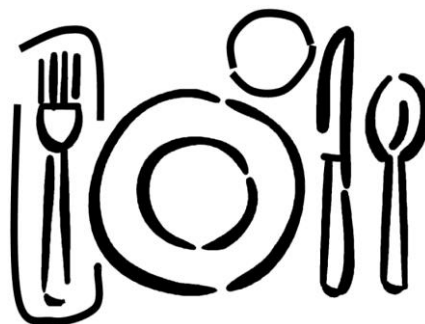
Sundae Sunday

Bring the family and join us on Sunday, July 23rd in the Fellowship Hall after closing to celebrate VBS with an Ice Cream Social. **We will not be serving dinner on Sunday.**



Monday through Thursday
Dinner on Us!

Bring the family and have dinner before we start.
5:45 PM



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2 Lenten Bible Study 9:45 AM	3 Ad Council mtg 7:00 PM	4 Spring Fling mtg 6:30 PM	5 OWLS Luncheon - noon	6 Choc Easter Eggs 9:30-2	7 Choc Easter Eggs 9:30-12	8 Men's Breakfast
9 Palm Sunday Lenten Bible Study 9:45 AM Children's Church Youth Group noon	10 Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday Covered Dish Dinner 6:30 PM Worship 7:30	14 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:30 PM	15 Food Pantry 9-11 AM Egg Hunt 4:00 PM
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21 Youth Group noon	22	23	24	25 Holly Mart Crafts 9:30-12	26	27
28 Children's Church	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Annual Conference			



Stephen Ministry

Ebenezer United Methodist Church currently has a group of Stephen Ministers, well-trained lay caregivers, who provide one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing various difficulties in life.

As a pastor, I'm grateful for our congregation's Stephen Ministry Team. They help me make sure that our caring needs are met by offering support to those who are hurting in our church and community.

If you would like to learn more about our Stephen Ministry program or would like to meet with one of our Stephen Ministers, please contact me or Sue Bergmann, our Stephen Ministry Leader.

Blessings,

Rev. Judy

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?"

Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

...*after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

...*after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

...*after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.

...*after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there is nothing more we can do."

...*after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

...*after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away – and the house suddenly seems empty.

...*after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

...*after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

...*after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

...*after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk about it.

Stephen Ministers are the *After People*. They are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

Meet Rich and Cheri Holl



Although they just started attending Ebenezer in November and joined in February, Cheri has already jumped in to help with events. Cheri likes to bake, so has provided cakes for two memorial services and she attended the last Spring Fling meeting to get information on providing goodies for that event. Rich has been “threatened” by Pastor Judy with something to do. “When Judy found out I had been on the Board of Trustees at Linganore United Methodist, she said she had something in mind for me,” Rich said.

The couple and their two children, Rachel, 25, and William, 21, joined EUMC after transferring from Linganore UMC, where they had been members since 2000. Prior to that, they had attended Flohrville UMC in Sykesville.

“The kids were baptized at Flohrville, but it was a small church with no children’s programs and we decided we wanted our kids raised up in the church,” Cheri said. So, they transferred to Linganore, where Rich was president of the Trustees for 12 years. Cheri worked on mission programs and was the Treasurer for two years.

Unfortunately, Linganore’s congregation is growing older and some programs have been dropped, so Rich and Cheri started looking for another church with active programs for them to participate in.

“We tried several other churches, and came here in November and instantly loved it,” Cheri said. Perhaps Cheri, being a Poole and growing up in Winfield, had something to do with their decision as well. A sister and her grandparents are buried in Ebenezer’s cemetery. “The Poole’s were very active in the Winfield area,” she said. Rich, however, is originally from New York City. “I grew up two blocks from Yankee Stadium,” he said proudly, hence the worn Yankees jacket he wears.

The couple met through work, where both worked at Entenmann’s bakery, now part of Bimbo Bakeries. In 1976, Rich requested a transfer from the Connecticut Depot to the Maryland Depot, becoming the first Route Sales Representative in this state. Cheri started working for Entenmann’s in 1986 as a cashier/ assistant office manager.

The couple started dating in October 1988 and married April 22, 1990. As Rich said jokingly of their courtship, “That was because I was senior man and had top bid to date her.” They then settled in Winfield.

Being 10 years older than Cheri, Rich could retire 14 years ago, but after seven years, Bimbo Bakeries asked him to come back and he worked another six years as warehouse manager before permanently retiring in December 2016 after the position was eliminated. Now, he’s a house husband and “driving me nuts,” said Cheri, who has been a payroll manager for Carroll County Government the last 24 years.

The couple’s children are both in college. Rachel is a Certified Nursing Assistant and is going for her Licensed Practical Nurse degree at Carroll Community College. She also works for Target Industries, helping challenged clients. William, an Eagle Scout, is studying computer science at University of Maryland University College.

Rich and Cheri spend Sunday mornings in church and then relax with the family. Rich will watch his favorite sports teams on television (New York Yankees, Giants and Washington Capitals).

Cheri loves to read a variety of books and is heavily into genealogy, having traced some of her relations back to 1600s England. She also searches area cemeteries, where 25 Poole relatives lay in Linganore UMC’s churchyard. On a trip to England in 2015, she found many Poole’s, some whose names were found in the Tower of London after they had gotten on the wrong side of King Henry VIII.

Continued....

Rich is half Italian, half German and Cheri wants to visit Germany to research his father's family, who were Presbyterian. Rich's Catholic maternal grandfather grew up near the Vatican, and on a 2013 trip to Rome, the couple were able to attend Pope Francis's first public address. "We landed on Palm Sunday and went in and they gave us palms and let us sit in the special seated area," Cheri said. "It was a very spiritual experience. The Italians were so nice, all the churches were open, they didn't care what religion you were, it was very open."

They've also traveled to Bermuda, the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean. As a minor league hockey player, Rich also traveled to other sites.

As Cheri loves to bake, naturally Easter is her favorite holiday. "My mother would make all kinds of candies for Easter," she said. For Rich, it meant a new suit. "Other kids got candy, I got a new suit," he said. "My mother said the candy is gone in a week, but the suit is forever."



by Ellie Baublitz



On the 1st Sunday of every month we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Each time we come to the table we need 4 volunteers to help the Pastor serve the congregation. If you would like to help, please put your name next to the date you can help on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



April

Birthdays

Lori Rapids	4/4
Angela Flanagan	4/4
Luke Pieciewicz	4/4
Greg Will	4/5
Hannah Streaker	4/7
Jim Leary	4/9
Cheryl Roelle	4/9
Dylan Will	4/10
Chuck Wisner	4/17
Steve Davis	4/21
Dutch Adams	4/21
Karen Gauvin	4/28

Anniversaries

Steve & Sue Bergmann	4/8
Ken & Kim Middleton	4/26
Chuck & Rebecca Wisner	4/27
Mel & Carol Wroten	4/29

May

Birthdays

Joanne Davis	5/1
Linda Bange	5/4
Rev. Judy Emerson	5/10
Carol Wroten	5/10
Jim Brown	5/18
Julie Davis	5/29
Gabby Kehyari	5/31

Anniversaries

Jeff & Julie Partridge	5/1
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Worship 8:30 AM

Lenten Bible Study 9:45 AM

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April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

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Sunday Worship : 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Sunday School for all ages : 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

Children's Church : 11:00 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

The kids can join Mrs. Hare during worship on these weeks as she has some wonderful stories and activities planned! Older youth are encouraged to provide their usual assistance when possible!!



Holly Mart Crafts

We will be covering the chocolate Easter candy eggs at the church on April 6th from 9:30 AM to around 2 or 3 PM (light lunch provided) and on April 7th from 9:30 AM to around lunch time (finishing eggs and packing orders). Signup sheet is in the narthex - Helpers still needed for any time you can help those days. When we are done with our Easter fundraiser and Spring Fling activities we will be ready to start thinking about Holly Mart.

This year we will be working on Thursday mornings for anyone that can help. No experience needed, there will be something for everyone. We have a good time working together, talking and socializing as we work. You can work for as little or as much time as you can give and it will be appreciated. Give us a try, no problem if it doesn't work for you.

Thursdays,
May 11th - 18th - 25th
June 1st - 8th - 15th - 29th
9:30 AM to around 12 Noon

If anyone would like to work on a project on your own and donate to the craft room, that would be appreciated also. If you need supplies, check with us to see if we have some donated supplies that you can use. If there is enough interest in an evening session once a month I would be willing to do that also. Let us know what night works for you.

Thank you in advance for anyone that can help make the Holly Mart Craft Room a success again this year.

Linda Bennett
bennettga@aol.com
301-256-3367

Missions Committee News

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped at the food pantry the weekend of the Women's Retreat. We had an abundance of volunteers and I hope all of you want to help again! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex—please sign up for the day(s) you want to help. This way we can make sure we have enough help each time and not too much help!

Thank you to Paul Thompson and Tony Sager for taking the lead and showing everyone what needed to be done at the pantry-you two are the best!

Our Missions Committee is working on a one-day work project here in the Winfield area. Watch for details in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

We also would like to participate in a week-long mission trip next spring. We will look at the different VIM (Volunteers in Mission) trips that the BWCUMC has planned and decide on one that works for us. If you have any interest in joining us on this trip, please email me so I can start a list. My email is:

sue_bergmann@yahoo.com

In His service,
Sue Bergmann



April – Household Cleaners (Mr. Clean, etc.)

May – Deodorant

June – Body Wash/Soap

July – Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

August – Liquid Dish Soap

September – Paper Towels

October – Toilet Cleaner

November – Bleach

December – Fabric Softener (liquid/dryer sheets)

Please note that there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those wishing to help with the food pantry.

Our pantry is available on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9-11 AM



C.A.M.P. H.O.P.E. June 25– July 1

Christian Appalachian Mountain Project
Helping Other People Enthusiastically

The next few months our team will be busy working to raise the remaining funds needed for the mission week in June. Here are some highlights:

April 22 - Camp Hope Yard Sale at the Thompson's. If you have items you would like to donate we can pick them up or you can drop them off any time at 7435 Springfield Ave. Any items left from the sale will be brought to the church for the Spring Fling. We will also have team members available that day to do yard projects. If you have a job that you would like done we work happily for any donation towards Camp Hope. You can contact Nancy Thompson with questions or requests. 410-241-1509.

May 20 – We will have a spot at the Lions Club big pavilion sale. We are asking for donations of baked goods to sell. They were a big hit the last time we were there. It also gives us the opportunity to promote the church's activities and our VBS program. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are willing to donate something for the Bake Sale. Proceeds go towards the Camp Hope fund.

During the month of May we are asking for gift cards from Martins/Food Lion/ or Wal-Mart. These are for buying the lunch items needed for the teams each day and for purchasing the food needed for the dinner that Ebenezer prepares for the whole camp of volunteers one night that week. Nicole Streaker is the coordinator for this dinner this year.

June

4- Our leaders will be going to Mt Zion UMC for a meeting and will be given our work projects and other information.

10- The team of adults will go to Frostburg area to introduce ourselves to the homeowners and see what will be needed for the project.

11- Youth and their parents along with our team of adults will meet at Ebenezer to go over the final plans for the trip.

25 – We leave for Camp Hope!!

We thank you for your support throughout the year and your help in raising the funds needed to be a part of this amazing opportunity to help others. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Thompson – 410-241-1509



Youth in Action

SPRING DATES FOR YOUTH GROUP



April 9th – Noon at the church

April 15th – Saturday help with Easter Egg Hunt

April 16th – Easter Sunrise Service

April 23rd – Noon at the church

May 7th – Noon at the church

May 21st – Noon at the church