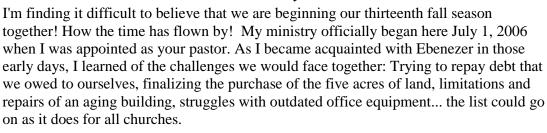


Ebenezer United Methodist Church

September - October -2018

From Your Pastor

Rev. Judy Emerson



Now, however, the list of issues is different. Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, staff and church members we have addressed all of our past issues and find ourselves in the middle of new and exciting challenges as we are in the midst of an incredible Building Project. We have all worked hard together and accomplished a lot!!!!

We still have issues to address, but that is nothing new. All people and organizations need to re-invent themselves from time to time, to rethink things and be ready to change direction as needed. This is what we have been doing for many years and now find ourselves making many changes. I realize that there have been times when things have not moved as quickly as we had hoped, but I assure you we are on the right path and new things are coming! Just take a look at our new Food Pantry Building. It looks great and the final touches are in progress. It won't be long before we start moving in!

Sunday School Begins: As most of you know, Kim Middleton is our Sunday School Superintendent. She has served in this role before and continues to bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to take us through the many changes we will face this year. Sunday School **begins on September 9, 2018 at 9:45 AM.** We will begin the year in our current building, returning to our regular classrooms. Once we receive the official permit for usage and occupancy of our new Food Pantry Building and we are ready to begin Phase II on the Main Church Building, we will begin to transition to our temporary spaces. If you have questions about our Sunday School Program, please speak with Kim.

Worship Schedule Change: Beginning Sunday, September 9th, we are going back to our normal worship schedule, with worship at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. It was wonderful to worship together as one congregation this summer. However, it will be good to get back to our normal schedule.

I'm looking forward to another fall season together with some very new and exciting changes and challenges! Thank you all for your continued prayers, support and flexibility. During times when we face changes and challenges it is good to reflect on Proverbs 3:5-6 which says: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths". We, as a community of faith, continue to place our trust in the Lord and we continue to see some amazing things God is doing in and through us each day. It is so exciting to be part of this with you! Even thirteen years later, I am still incredibly proud to be called the Pastor of Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Thanks be to God!!



SEPTEMBER 9TH
RETURN TO
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH OFFICE
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY
- THURSDAY
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
September 9th and 30th
October 7th and 28th
11:00 AM

4901 Woodbine Rd Sykesville, MD 21784 410-795-6136

www.ebenezerumchurch.org



Sunday School Starts on September 8th at 9:45

Please Welcome back the following teachers:

Sunday School Superintendent: Kim Middleton

Nursery: Jess Middleton & Lisa Humphries

Pre-K: Valerie Hyer & Sandy Biddinger

K-1-2: Joanne Davis & Lynn Baker

3-4-5: Julie Jones

6-7-8: Cyndi & Doug Diethrich

9-10: Bill Jones

11-12: Carolene Will

Adult Classes: Buck Scott & Ken Middleton



Safe Sanctuary in Our new Building

As we prepare to move the Sunday School classes and Nursery into the Food Pantry Building this fall, many last-minute details are being finalized. Our Safe Sanctuary Policy dictates that at least two adults should be in a building with children at all times. During our church services, we occasionally may only have one adult - the Nursery coordinator - in the building with the children. It will be necessary to request volunteers to serve as the second adult in the Pantry Building during our church services. As we get closer to finalizing our move date, I will provide more information and will post a volunteer list on the board.



Valerie Hyer

Safe Sanctuary

children at any capacity during

the year needs to fill out a safe

sanctuary form yearly. This form is titled "Laity Sexual

Misconduct Questionnaire" and is located in the narthex. If

you have filled the form out

First timers, please fill the whole sheet. Please leave

signed forms on Cindi's desk.

before, please answer questions 1 and 2 and sign the paper.

Anyone who works with

SEND US YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT'S INFORMATION

It's that time of year again when the high school graduates are going off for the first time to college, and those already in college are returning for another year.

Ebenezer would like to help those students through their college experiences by keeping in touch with them and letting them know we are caring about them through our prayers and thoughts.

Parents with students away at school are asked to send the following information to either Cindi in the church office or directly to Ellie Baublitz, Higher Education/Campus Ministry chair, at elliebaublitz@netscape.net:

Student's name, college address, what year they are in, birthday, and any other relevant information you would like to share about the student's college life and activities (such as, a sport they play, a big game, getting a part in a theater play, making an important presentation, studying abroad, etc.).

Parents can let us know any time throughout the school year about events or changes in their student's college life.

Ellie Baublitz Higher Education/Campus Ministry Chair



We are pleased to announce that Shaun Arnold received the Ebenezer United Methodist Church scholarship. He will be using it towards his undergraduate studies at Towson State University.

Best of luck to Shaun in his future endeavors.



Choir A Very Special Invitation!!

Please consider joining our chancel choir as we begin our 2018-19 year of singing and service. The choir is a joyful company of musically-inclined worshippers who would love to welcome you to our group. Please consider this musical ministry as we hope to help proclaim God's Word through song. If you have any questions, feel free to talk with me or any of our members. Our first rehearsal is September 5 at 7:30 PM.

Musically,

Linda

FEED MY SHEEP THANK YOU

From Sandy Hudspeth

A well-deserved thanks goes to the Ebenezer FMS team for their continued support of the soup kitchen ministry at Wesley Freedom UMC. Our team consists of Barbara, Carol, Darlene, Gary, Jim, Jim, Julie, Julie, Laura, Linda, Mary, Mel, Nancy, Ruth, and Sharon with occasional help from Brenda, Buck, Chuck, Debbie, Judy and Sue. Also want to give credit to those who have assisted in the past: Adrienne, Barbara, Bob, Brenda, Debbie, Dolly, Gayle, Helen, Hilda, Jean, Jen, Joanne, Joyce, Kathy, Lori, Mazie, Meghan, Michelle, Paul, former team leader Sue and Tina.

This summer there were four student volunteers: Angie, Lily, Olivia and Sarah, who were a big help in and around the kitchen. Former student helpers include Candace, Logan, Tyler, and many others whose names unfortunately weren't permanently recorded before 2016.

Ebenezer's team has been serving lunch on the second Monday of the month since 1999 when it joined the cluster of churches/organizations that support the soup kitchen. Next year, 2019, will mark 20 years in this Ebenezer outreach to the South Carroll community.

THE MEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Ebenezer Mens Group resumes its meetings for the 2018-2019 season on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 8:30 AM at Fellowship Hall. There will be a short presentation on a TBD topic of interest (hopefully the Cold Weather Shelter).



There will also be meetings on Saturday Oct 13th and Saturday December 8th. Due to the uncertain schedule of the construction project, we need to leave the location TBD for the moment. Please notify Scott Murchie if you have an idea for a speaker.

In lieu of a breakfast in November, we will be restarting the annual Autumn Retreats at Camp Manidokan. Consider joining us for a weekend of introspection, prayer, thought, discussion, reading the Bible, getting to know God, getting to know Jesus, getting to know each other. Currently we have 9 signed up. The details are:

- Beginning to end: Friday Nov. 2nd at 7:30 PM through Sunday Nov. 4th at 1:00 PM
- Location: Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center, 1600 Harpers Ferry Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758
- Before the beginning: For those interested, meet for dinner Friday night at a local restaurant
- What's Included: 5 meals (Sat. breakfast, lunch, dinner; Sunday breakfast, lunch), study periods Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday morning)
- What about Saturday afternoon?: That's free time to hike, visit Maryland Heights, Antietam, Harper's Ferry, or walk around the 470 acres of Manidokan to take in the natural beauty
- Who's in charge: Rev. Rick Gray, former pastor at Ebenezer UMC, will lead a group from 5 churches including Ebenezer
- How much will this cost: \$140
- When do I need to commit: Ideally, already, but we could happily take signups through early September.
- What do I need to do? Sign up on the signup sheet posted in the Narthex. Give a check made out to Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center to Scott Murchie, who will act as the interface.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 7th

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The special offering supports World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. We give on the first Sunday in October. The offering provides scholarships for gifted and qualified people around the globe. Our gifts are a blessing to individuals who face financial obstacles while preparing for the vocation God has given them. World Communion Sunday can be especially impactful for ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible.



Another exciting year of VBS as forty-eight kids took a ride of a lifetime with God! As usual, many hands were raised to volunteer for this event and we are thankful for all of them. Special shout out to our 'actors' this year – Dave Rapids and Shaun Arnold and their awesome pineapple suits (3)

Also to Angie and Katie Grim and all the little hands that created our beautiful mural on the hallway wall. Now to figure out how to preserve it...

Stay tuned for plans for next year's adventure!



September Anniversaries

Steve & Rachel Bergmann	9/06
Brian & Kim Middleton	9/09
Mary & Robin Lamb	9/21
Bill & Julie Jones	9/25

October Anniversaries

Ty & Lisa Humphries	10/01
Valerie & Mike Hyer	10/02
Kenny & Sandy Wean	10/09
Jan & Brian Connelly	10/20





September Birthdays

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Jim Huff	9/01
Xander LeDuc	9/01
Brittany Bergmann	9/02
David Rapids	9/03
Lisa Piecewicz	9/07
Olivia Piecewicz	9/10
Nancy Huff	9/18
Ryan Piecewicz	9/19
Ruth Bennett	9/21
Jess Middleton	9/21
Bob Churchman	9/23
Ken Middleton	9/24
Rachel Bergmann	9/26
Heidi Davis	9/29

October Birthdays

Curt Roelle	10/03
Susan Sager	10/04
Mary Smith	10/06
Julie Partridge	10/08
Carla Claggett	10/08
Paul Thompson	10/09
Katie Grim	10/10
Nicole Streaker	10/12
Jeff Partridge	10/21
Janet Davis	10/23
Dave Arnold	10/26
Andrew Rapids	10/31





We are excited for getting our groups together again and doing some great activities. In September we are going to participate with the planned night at the Frederick Keys game on September 2. If you need a ride please contact Cyndi Dietrich (301-518-1589) or Nancy Thompson (410-241-1509).

On September 9th we will meet at Krimgold Park at 1:00 p.m. This is a walk to support our Food Pantry and it sponsored by the Winfield Lions club. Bring a non-perishable food item and a monetary donation if you wish.

Families are welcome to participate. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Contact Ms. Nancy if you have any questions, Ms. Cyndi will be away.

A fall schedule will be posted following the leaders meeting on September 16th!

WALK FOR THE ROCK

September 9, 2018

The Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club is sponsoring a fund-raising walk at nearby Krimgold Park on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Ebenezer Rock of Help Food Pantry. Information is on the bulletin board, as are registrations. Please turn in to Frank Zamostny or Steve Davis.



We were so blessed this past summer to have helped three families with their homes. Coming soon we will have an evening event where we will share the pictures and the youth will share their stories of this experience.

On September 23rd at 1:00 p.m. we will have a "CAMP HOPE 2019" kickoff meeting.

Please continue to save your aluminum cans, anything steel, copper etc. This recycle project has been very helpful to our fundraising efforts. We appreciate your support.



September – paper towels October – toilet cleaner

THIS AND THAT

Older Wiser Livelier Seniors

The OWLS resume meeting on September 5th, in the social hall. There are many interesting programs planned; Vacation Memories in September, and in October Tim Weber from the States Attorney's Office will speak on the opioid epidemic. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at Noon for a luncheon. Please plan to join us.

Diane Biddinger

Women of the Word

The lazy days of summer are at an end and hopefully they were filled with vacations, lots of fun and a time of spiritual renewal. Our 2018-2019 year will be starting soon. Our meetings will be Thursdays @ 7:00 on September 20, October 18 and November 15. Looking forward to another rewarding year to see what God will reveal to us and experience His love for us through our answered prayers. Please come join us. All are welcome.

Sharon Torosky

2019 Women's Retreat

Just a reminder to register for the 2019 Women's Retreat. It will be the weekend of March 8th-10th, 2019 once again at Skycroft Retreat Center. Please register now to hold your spot! Questions? Contact Susan Brown at StmpnSusan@AOL.com.

Pickle, Jam and Jelly Sale

This year's sale is scheduled for Sundays before/between/after worship on October 21st and 28th.

Church Conference

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

1:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S UMC 7538 Main Street Sykesville, MD

Our Annual Charge Conference is now being called a Church Conference which means that all church members are invited to attend and all those in attendance will have voting rights. All are invited to attend. If you are serving in a leadership position, please make every effort to be present.

ATTENTION ALL CANNERS



Just a reminder - As you continue to harvest in your garden please consider contributing some of your canning this year to the Pickle, Jam and Jelly Sale. Anything you can contribute will be appreciated, even just a jar or two. We can always use additional new and different canned items to offer for sale. It all adds to the total raised for the church. There aren't very many canners and we aren't getting any younger! If you need some jars there are a few available in the kitchen or contact Linda Bennett or Laura Scott. Special thanks to everyone for returning jars so we don't need to buy more. Please keep them coming if you don't need them.

Holly Mart Crafts

With the building delay we will try to get in a few more craft days.

We will be working on Thursdays from 9:30 AM to around Noon.

September 13th, 20th and 27th

October 11th and 18th (jar mixes and light lunch)

October 25th (Bird feeders and light lunch)

*We may need to work later for jar mixes and bird feeder days

*If you can help with jar mixes or bird feeders Please let us know.

*We will need extra hands especially on those days in October.

Any donations gratefully excepted.

Any help is appreciated.

NO experience necessary, come and enjoy the fellowship while we craft.

Thanks for whatever time you can help,

Linda Bennett

bennettga@aol.com

HOLLY MART

Holly Mart is coming!

The annual Holly Mart is coming on Nov 10th. It is a wonderful time of fellowship, fun and fund raising. Just like last year, we will again be at the Winfield Fire Hall. Please join us – as either a worker or a shopper. If you have never been, it is an event not to be missed. We have a variety of vendors, handmade crafts (by our own crafty folks), delicious homemade candies and baked goods, a super silent auction and the best lunch (and PIES) around. It is such a fun day for all. We are always looking for help. If you are interested in working that day, contact Janet Davis.

410-259-0039

TREASURER TIDBITS

SANDY WEAN

Hello Friends,

I pray your summer was FANTASTIC and full of many blessings. Here is some financial information that I thought would be of interest to you:

Thanks to Tony Sager, his helpers, and all those who donated clothing and small household goods, Ebenezer made \$349.40 for the Savers Fun Drive in June. These monies will be used to offset our General Fund. Thanks to Tony for leading this effort and to everyone who helped and participated.

Our Capital Campaign continues to thrive. As of 7/31 we have collected 97.6% of our pledges which equates to \$325,218.00. In addition, we have also received \$142,152.00 of un-pledged monies. The official end date of the campaign is 12/31/18 at which time all pledges should be received. However, we will graciously continue to accept donations towards the Building Project as long as you are willing and able to contribute. Each dollar donated helps to offset the cost of the building and lowers the loan amount. As you can see, our Food Pantry Building is coming right along. We are thankful for all the rain, but it did help to delay the completion. Patience is a virtue!!!

Our Gift Card project has raised \$1,656.69 profit through July. WOW!!! Keep buying those cards and please share the opportunity with your friends and neighbors. If you need help getting started with this effort, please see me or Susan Brown. We would be happy to assist you.

Our regular offering continues on track for the year thanks to your dedicated giving. Offering data is printed each week in the bulletin. Our 2017 Audit was completed successfully and submitted to the Conference. We are now preparing reports for our Charge Conference in September. And as we welcome fall, we are gearing for a very very busy time with lots of areas for you to donate your time and resources. As always, if you have any financial questions, please do not hesitate to email me, stop me in the hall, or call my cell.



Ebenezer UMC-"Building on our Rock of Faith" Building Project Funding Report Activity Through 07/31/2018

Donations Received		Capital Campaign Breakdown	
01-Beg. Bal 9/30/2015	\$ 38,045	Capital Campaign-Original Pledge	\$ 333,344
02-Building Fund Donations	\$ 2,859	Capital Campaign Donations	
03-Capital Campaign Donation	\$ 467,370	Capital Campaign-Pledges Paid	\$ 325,218
04-Memorial Bldg. Donations	\$ 14,999	Capital Campaign-Non Pledged Paid	\$ 142,152
Total Donations Received	\$ 523,273	Total Capital Campaign Donations	\$ 467,370
Other Items		Where's The Money?	
05-Amazon Smile	\$ 692	Building Expenses Paid to Date	\$ 354,341
05a-SCRIP Gift Card Profit	\$ 2,346	Building Fund Balance(all accounts)	\$ 177,499
06-Investment Income	\$ 5,529		
Total Donations + Other Items	\$ 531,840	Total Use of Funds	\$ 531,840
Pledges Outstanding		Capital Campaign Status	
10-Capital Campaign-Remaining	\$ 8,126	Pecent of Pledges Paid	97.6%
11-Cemetery Pledge	\$ 30,000	Percent of Campaign Time Passed	87.1%
12-Endowment Pledge	\$ 500,000		
Total Pledges Outstanding	\$ 538,126		
Total Funding	\$ 1,069,966	Funding Remaining	\$ 715,625



Meet Doug & Cyndi Diethrich

By Ellie Baublitz

Doug and Cyndi Diethrich are among the many new members Ebenezer has seen come into the church in recent years. Feeling they needed a change after 17 years at the larger Calvary UMC in Mount Airy, a couple of years ago they went looking for a new church home.

"You realize your alignment is off," Cyndi said. "We were ready to make a change, so we went to several other churches, we did a little church hopping."

But it was Ebenezer's congregation that got them to stay. "It's definitely a good group, they're so community oriented, good workers, definitely our kind of people," they both agreed. And they already knew the Streaker family, they said.

And, of course they love Judy. "Judy is great," Doug said, and Cyndi noted, "She knows us, she has bothered to get to know us, and that means a lot." Son Austin, 9, added, "She's funny."

So, the family joined Ebenezer last year – Doug, Cyndi, and their two sons, Austin and Brian, 15. Previously active in several ministries at Calvary, Doug is already on Ebenezer's Board of Trustees and plays the guitar when the other instrumentalists play on Sundays. Cyndi leads the middle school youth group. "They're really a great bunch," she said. They both also teach a VBS class.

Outside of church, Doug is a mechanic for Montgomery County, working on the ride-on buses. Cyndi is a part-time bookkeeper who works from home. Brian, a sophomore at South Carroll High, plays soccer and is in the Robotics Club. Austin, a fourth-grader at Winfield Elementary, plays lacrosse and soccer and is a bookworm, Cyndi said. "There are stacks of books in his room."

The couple, married for 23 years, are completely devoted to their sons. "The boys are our life, we follow them to sporting events, they dominate our lives," Doug and Cyndi said. Cyndi is especially pleased that Austin "has blossomed at Ebenezer, he actually knows more kids here than he did at Calvary, he's really come out of his shell here."

Both parents agreed that the change was definitely better for both boys, as well as themselves. "I've found some closer friendships here," Cyndi said. "Cindi Arnold and Angie Grim and I get together for dinner and a chat and it's really nice." And Doug has played his guitar a couple of times with Tony Sager's band, "and that was a lot of fun," he said.

When time permits, Cyndi likes to read, especially Stephen King, and thrillers, suspense and mysteries. Doug plays, buys, sells and works on guitars, with a collection of some two dozen right now. He played guitar at Calvary for 10 years and has continued playing with a weekly group there, he added.

Two dogs complete the family: Lily, that looks like a Dingo, and Zoey, a Rottweiler, each about 8 years old. Both were adopted from the Carroll County Humane Society, which was VBS's mission project this year, Cyndi said.

The family also enjoys traveling and has visited numerous state and national parks, including the Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, Yosemite, and Sequoia. Yellowstone is on the agenda for next year. The boys even went on an anniversary trip with them to Jamaica three years ago, Doug and Cyndi said.

"We have a good life and we're happy," they said. "The boys keep us busy. And the boys and church keep us going."



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September 2018							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	ay Friday Saturda		
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2 Keys Game	3 Labor Day	4	OWLS Luncheon Noon	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM	
9 Regular Church Schedule Children's Church Walk for the Rock	Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM	11	12	Holly Mart Crafts 9:30 AM - Noon	14	Food Pantry 9-11 AM	
16	17	Brinton Woods 10:30 AM	19	20 Holly Mart Crafts 9:30 AM – Noon WOWS 7:00 PM	21	22	
Camp Hope kickoff meeting 1:00 PM	24	25	26	Holly Mart Crafts 9:30 AM - Noon	28	29	
30 Children's Church CHURCH CONFERENCE St Paul's UMC at 1:00 PM							

October 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 World Communion Sunday Children's Church	8 Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM	9	10	Holly Mart Crafts 9:30 AM - Noon	12	13 Men's Breakfast
14 Children's Sabbath 11:00 AM	15	Brinton Woods 10:30 AM	17	Holly Mart Crafts 9:30 AM - Noon	19	Food Pantry 9-11 AM
21	22	23	24	Holly Mart Crafts 9:30 AM - Noon	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			
Children's Church						