

**EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**4901 Woodbine Road  
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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor  
Linda Bange, Director of Music/Organist  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

***Order of Worship  
December 2, 2018***

***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent***

WELCOME

*Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence. Please be sure to sign the roster at the end of the pew and pass it to others near you. It is our hope that this time of worship will be a blessing to all. Please begin in silent prayer.*

PRELUDE "Listen For His Coming" arr. By M. Hayes

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from a world of darkness.  
**We come into Christ's world of light.**  
We come from a world of weariness.  
**We come into God's strength and hope.**  
We come from a slumbering world.  
**We come strengthened by the Spirit.**  
We come to awaken our souls.  
**We come to watch for the coming of Christ.**

\*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH No. 211

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing light. In the midst of chaos, O God, you bring peace to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace and give us the blessing of feeling your presence among us. For we ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture Reading from Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reflection

Candle Lighting Liturgy

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I have made.

**To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls:**

**In you, O God, we trust.**

The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

**Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation.**

We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

**We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.**

Lighting Advent Candle I

Sung Response "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH No. 204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.**

ADVENT SCRIPTURE Luke 21:25-36 NT pg. 80

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

DUET "English Advent Carol" Mindy Coates & Brenda Sebly

SERMON "The Language of Advent" Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN "All Earth is Waiting" UMH No. 210

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory (11:00 AM) "Advent Alleluia" Chancel Choir

\*Presentation of Gifts

\*Doxology

*“Praise God!”*

Tune: UMH No. 95

**Praise God for gifts of hope and peace.  
Praise God for gifts of joy and love.  
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell  
on earth for us – Emmanuel.  
Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**O God, we offer you these gifts and tithes. We pray that these funds may  
abound in love for one another throughout the world. Strengthen our hearts in  
holiness as we faithfully give, so that our ways may be directed by you. We pray  
in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Communion Offering for Carroll County Food Sunday

Hymns During Communion: *Singing the 1<sup>st</sup> and Last Stanzas* - #234, #240, #245, #246

Prayer After Communion

**Lord, you now have set your servants free to go in peace as you have  
promised. For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior whom you have prepared  
for all the world to see! Blessing and honor and glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

UMH No. 196

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

# 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 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM

December 2, 2018

Church Office: (410) 795-6136  
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Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson  
Music Director: Linda Bange  
Treasurer: Sandy Wean

Secretary: Cindi Arnold  
Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton  
Nursery Coordinator: Lisa Humphries

2018 Regular Offering Summary			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/25/18	3,201.00	3,866.83	(665.83)
Year to Date	192,245.11	181,741.01	10,504.10

<b>Attendance Last Week: 113</b>
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## Notes

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.

## Sunday School Classes

Food Pantry	Parsonage	Sanctuary
Nursery – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor enclosed room	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	Ken Middleton's adult class
K-2 <sup>nd</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor open area	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	
12 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor small room	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> grade – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	
	Buck Scott's adult class – 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	

## Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Mel & Carol Wroten	Jim Brown & Paul Thompson
Liturgists	Carolene Will	Chuck Shacochis

## This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent Study in Sanctuary	9:45 AM
	UMYF Caroling	12:00 PM
Monday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ad Council Meeting – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Food Pantry	7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Breakfast – IHOP Eldersburg	8:30 AM

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UMYF** – Today, following the second service we will meet on the main floor entry of the Food Pantry. We will be carpooling and CAROLING! With lunch along the way. Plan to return to the church by 2:30.

**ADVENT WREATH** - We need people to light the Advent wreath during worship again this year. You and your family or you and someone from your church family can join together and participate in worship in a meaningful way. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider participating in worship in this special way during the Advent Season.

**EBENEZER LADIES** - Join us Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the **Winfield Inn** for our Annual WOWs Christmas dinner. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we have a count of how many will attend. And as usual, we will have a \$10 gift exchange after dinner. Come enjoy a fun and festive holiday gathering with good food and fellowship. Look forward to seeing you there! Blessings, Sharon Torosky

**BLESSINGS BAGS** - We will be packing the Blessing Bags on Wed. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM on the second floor of the Food Pantry Building.

**HOLLY MART FOLLOW UP** - Profits from our Holly Mart are still dribbling in, but as of November our profit for the event is **\$12,542.69**. What a BLESSING!!!! Many many thanks to the village of people that worked so tirelessly to make it such a success. The Ebenezer Village of workers, donors, cooks, customers, volunteers, leaders, and those who root us on are so much appreciated. We received so many wonderful compliments on the event this year. We are a blessed congregation and as stated before "TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH"!!! Blessings to All.....Holly Mart Committee

**CHRISTMAS FAMILIES FOR 2018**– If you would like to purchase a gift for one of the families and/or children we are adopting this Christmas, you may choose one or more tags from the Christmas tree in the narthex and write your name next to the tag number(s) on the chart on the bulletin board. The gifts **SHOULD NOT** be wrapped and need to be returned to the church by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please attach the tag to the gift. If you have questions you may contact Janet Davis. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

We are also once again collecting food items for our Christmas Baskets. Please see bulletin board for needed items. These are due by December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**2019 CALENDARS ARE IN** - see Cindi. Still a bargain at \$6.00 each!

**GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** –Christmas is coming! Gift cards make great gifts or purchase cards now and use later for your Christmas shopping (lessens the burden of spending too much money at one time!). Either way – earn money for our church! Purchase gift cards to your favorite stores and restaurants for your everyday shopping and enjoyment as well. The church gets a portion of all sales. Orders are placed at least twice a month. Order forms are available in the narthex or go to [ShopwithScrip.com](http://ShopwithScrip.com) and see a more extensive selection! Contact Susan Brown with any questions [stmpnsusan@aol.com](mailto:stmpnsusan@aol.com).

**COLD WEATHER SHELTER** – We will again be supporting the shelter by providing dinners on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday November through March. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help. We are also collecting backpacks and warm weather outerwear (jackets, hoodies, sweatpants, warm socks, gloves) for the guests at the shelter. There is a green collection bin in the narthex. Please see Scott Murchie with any questions.

**NURSERY HELP** –Our Safe Sanctuary Policy mandates that we have no fewer than two adults in a building when children are present. Our Nursery has now moved into the Food Pantry Building and there will be occasion during church services where we won't have the required adults. Please consider helping as a second adult during our 8:30 and/or 11:00 services. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. You do not necessarily be in the nursery, just be in the building as the second adult.