

# EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February – March 2019

## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

We are pleased to inform you that we now have our U&O for the Food Pantry Building. Phase 1 was completed coming in under budget. Phase 2 is in full swing. Here are just a few of the things Matt Pollack shared about what MP Construction was able to accomplish throughout the Holiday Season:

- Footers were excavated, prepared, and poured.
- Foundation walls were formed, prepared, poured, and stripped.
- Old crawl space was vacated of all concrete debris and hauled off.
- Subgrade of old crawl space was inspected by the soil engineer and certified the condition to accept the large amount of fill.
- Panels were installed at edge of narthex where the old crawl space meets up. This is to keep the fill material from migrating under the narthex.
- Underground waste lines were marked, cut, and removed to allow the installation of waste lines.
- The underground umbilical was completed allowing placement of the fire suppression suction line to be installed, domestic water line, UF cable for tank heater, and two 1" conduits for future wiring between the pantry building and main building.
- Fire suppression suction line was inspected by the fire Marshall and backfill approved.
- Met with stone veneer subcontractor to review scope of work and obtain samples for approval. Melissa will be making recommendations to the design committee for their thoughts.
- Meetings and conversations with Carroll County Plumbing inspectors to discuss grease trap options.
- Installation of plumbing groundwork
- Installation of fill to the old crawl space area
- Preparation of interior slab including backfill, foam installation, and stone installation
- Inspections for rough plumbing, slab, and foundation wall
- Installation of exterior foam (thermal break)
- Backfill of exterior foundation wall
- Concrete slab is finished.
- Framing and Trusses have started

We have had a few overages including taller foundation walls in selected areas due to unacceptable soil, requirement to remove the debris from the old crawl space and replace with a structured fill, soil engineer inspection. Our hope is that the additional costs are absorbed by the demolition costs that came in under budget.

Framing was started the second week in January. Framing is expected to take three to four weeks to get to a point where we can get the roofing installed. Pray for good weather as rain / snow will delay the foundation and framing.



### Worship:

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

### Sunday School:

9:45 AM

### Website:

[ebenezerumchurch.org](http://ebenezerumchurch.org)

### Church Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### Church Office:

(410) 795-6136

### Pastor's Office:

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### Pastor:

Rev. Judy Emerson

### Music Director:

Linda Bange

### Secretary:

Cindi Arnold

### Treasurer:

Sandy Wean

### Nursery Coordinators:

Jess Middleton and

Lisa Humphries

## CRAFTS AND CANDY

Thanks again for all the help before, during and after Holly Mart.

It is time to think ahead about candy Easter Egg orders. Look for order forms for Eggs at the end of March. Orders to be turned in by April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please try to place orders in advance, we will not have as much space for sales on day of pick up.

We will be making eggs on April 11<sup>th</sup> and packing orders on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM until finished. Lunch will be provided.

**Any time you can help is appreciated.**

**Orders to be picked up APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> after services.**

Thanks in advance for any help you can give and your orders!

We will be starting crafts in MAY

Linda Bennett



Stop in at Ebenezer March 6, 2019

**12:00 Noon to 7:30 PM**

*Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter. During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires.*

*By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.*

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, Ebenezer United Methodist Church will be open from **12:00 Noon until 7:30 PM**. During this time, you may stop in the sanctuary for the imposition of ashes, communion and for a time of personal prayer. All are welcome to begin this Lenten Journey through a time of prayerful reflection.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

### *Embracing the Uncertain*

*Written by Magrey R. deVega*

### **Six-Week Lenten Study Sunday Mornings in the Sanctuary March 10, 2019 to April 21, 2019 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM**

Just turning on the news lets us know we are living in uncertain times. Economic instabilities, eruptions of violence, and natural catastrophes can alter the lives and landscapes of entire communities. Our individual lives are often just as unsteady: relationships can break, plans can falter, and confidence can fail.

Uncertainty can definitely be uncomfortable. Many of us prefer stability and a predictable future to an unknown fate. We are wired to want to control our destiny.

The reality is that in our fast-changing, unpredictable world there are few guarantees in life. It's those who are willing to embrace uncertainty and make the risky decision to follow Jesus despite the many "unknowns" who will reap the greatest rewards.

*Embracing the Uncertain*, invites us to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them. This study uses biblical stories as signposts in the gospel narrative, pointing down at a world filled with uncertainty, but pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.

March 10, 2019	The Uncertainty of Faith
March 17, 2019	The Uncertainty of Forgiveness
March 24, 2019	The Uncertainty of Worry
March 31, 2019	The Uncertainty of Mortality
April 7, 2019	The Uncertainty of Surrender
April 14, 2019	The Uncertainty of Obedience
April 21, 2019	The Proof of the Resurrection

Plan on walking through the Lenten Season together this year as we navigate the many changes and uncertainties of life as people of faith.

## WOWS

Calling all prayer warriors who love the Lord. Come join us at our Thursday meetings @ 6:30 PM (new time). Our scheduled meetings are February 21<sup>st</sup> & April 18th. We will be meeting in the parsonage. We will be having our annual retreat March 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>. This is such a special time to bond with fellow Sisters-in-Christ. Susan Brown has done an amazing job of organizing our time together. Join us in lifting this retreat in prayer & to honor His "Amazing Grace" to us.



## EASTER FLOWERS

We will be selling flowers to be displayed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Orders will due by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be available soon. We will again be selling:

Tulips – yellow, red or pink  
Mums – yellow or white  
Geraniums – red  
Hyacinths – purple, pink or white  
Lilies – white  
Dutch Asiatic Lilies – yellow or white  
(non-fragrant)

All for \$10 each

Also available;

Azaleas – red, white or pink \$20

Hydrangea – assorted colors only \$25



## *Ebenezer's Women's Retreat 2019*

*Saved With Amazing Grace*

*March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2019*



Need a Spiritual Boost? Ever wonder what "Grace" is all about? Consider attending our 28th Annual Women's Retreat for members and friends of Ebenezer United Methodist Church. On Friday, March 8, 2019 we will gather at Skycroft Conference and Retreat Center in Middletown, Maryland. Skycroft is located at the top of the beautiful South Mountain in Frederick County, Maryland. We will be housed in motel type rooms with a private bath and two double beds per room. Linens are provided.

Scripture tells us: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9. God's grace is a gift that is given to us. It is not earned or deserved. During our retreat we will discuss the many ways God's grace can provoke or gently guide us to look deeper into our faith journey and better understand God's presence with us through good times and bad. Not to worry – we WILL make time to sing, rest and play too!!! Please join us for a weekend centered on God's Amazing Grace! Brochures are in the narthex so please pick one up and sign up for our retreat. If you have questions you may contact our Retreat Coordinator, Susan Brown, at [stmpnsusan@aol.com](mailto:stmpnsusan@aol.com) or 410-442-2884.

## **MEN'S GROUP**

The Ebenezer Men's Group will be meeting on the second Saturday of the month through spring, on Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11 at 8:30 AM. The speaker on Feb. 9 will be Bill Jones and the topic will be Earth's Climate. Details of each meeting will be announced by email about a week in advance.

We will continue to support the Cold Weather Shelter with meals, on Sunday nights Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. At this time donations of clothing are no longer needed; we and other organizations have built up a nice reserve of clothing to be handed out."

## **Shrove Tuesday**

Due to our current space restrictions, we will be unable to share a meal on Shrove Tuesday. We hope you enjoy time with your family.



## **OWLS**

Older Wiser Livelier Seniors meet in the first Wednesday of every month from September through June at noon.

During construction, luncheons will be held at Taylorsville UMC on Ridge Rd.

Their first trip will be scheduled for April...so keep your eyes and ears open for further details.

For a nice time and good company, join the OWLS  
Diane Biddinger, Chairwoman

### **What is Scrip Fundraising?**

Scrip is fundraising while you shop<sup>®</sup>! You buy gift cards for over 780 retailer brands you already shop with and earn a rebate on every gift card you purchase at face value. That rebate goes right to our Building Fund.

### **How it Works**

We run our scrip program through [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com), who has worked with over 30,000 nonprofit organizations over the course of 23 years. You can sign up and create an account to order online (Enrollment Code: 5297142A57829) or you can just contact Susan Brown ([Stmpnsusan@aol.com](mailto:Stmpnsusan@aol.com)) and give her a list of cards you want to order. Orders are placed weekly or bi-weekly depending upon how many orders are received. More information is available in the narthex.

## **Ebenezer United Methodist Krimgold Cleanup Crew**

### **Many Hands Make Quick Work**

A big thank you to Ebenezer United Methodist parishioners who have provided the helping hands to keep Krimgold Park litter free. On the second Sunday of each spring, summer and fall month an energetic group meet at the Krimgold parking lot. There we distribute work supplies and walk the trails and pathways for a quick hour of collecting litter.

### **Join the Stewardship**

Starting in April we will meet at the front parking lot. Bring a friend, your walking shoes, work gloves, trash bag or get some supplies from Chuck. Shortly after noon we split up and walk the many pathways collecting litter. After about an hour we return to bag everything into the normal park trash collection. Join us for the next afternoon of Krimgold Cleanup Crew!

**Chuck Wisner 410 852-4356**

## RESTROOMS DURING CONSTRUCTION



During this time of construction, we do not have restrooms available in the same building as our sanctuary. There are restrooms on both floors of the Food Pantry building behind the church and on both floors of the Parsonage. For your convenience, we have our very own EUMC SHUTTLE available to take you to the other buildings. On Sundays a designated driver will be available to drive you to the other buildings. Our driver will be seated in the chair right next to the sanctuary door during services.



Believe it or not this date is not that far off. We will be attending CAMP HOPE June 30-July 6<sup>th</sup>. As we get into spring weather, we will be happy to help with yard projects you may have to help raise the funds for our week of mission.

Ongoing and very beneficial is our recycle program of anything metal. We collect the cans on a regular basis but also will pick up old appliances like washers and dryer, hot water heaters etc. All of this recycle benefits our environment and the funds benefit our mission team.

Thank you for thinking of us and recycling.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Thompson – 410-241-1549



### *Youth Group NEWS*

February 8-10 is the ROCK weekend. Our group of twelve will be going to Ocean City to take part in the Baltimore Washington Conference retreat. The group thanks the congregation for the support they gave us for the Rock Café, to help with the expenses. In addition to the inspiring speakers and awesome music, Rock offers what they call breakout sessions.

All of our participants have signed up to go to some of the different events. Ex. Games and Camping Ministries, Christian Yoga, Middle school focus, and the Joyful Noise Mass choir.

If you would like to read more about this event, please check out [www.bwcumc.org/ROCK](http://www.bwcumc.org/ROCK)

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Youth group will be held at the home of the Kessingers. (For those who are not going to Rock) movie night!!!

February 24<sup>th</sup> – We will meet at church in the “Loft” following late service. We will be putting together some kits for the homeless.

Dates for March are the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> !!!

WE CANNOT  
ALWAYS BUILD  
THE FUTURE FOR  
OUR YOUTH, BUT  
WE CAN BUILD  
OUR YOUTH FOR  
THE FUTURE.





## New Member Gathering

We have been blessed to have several new families join us for worship, programs and activities this year. It is exciting to have you participate as part of our church family. Membership is a lifelong journey and we look forward to walking this path with you at Ebenezer UMC. If you are interested in learning more about Ebenezer United Methodist Church and ready to take your vows of membership, you are invited to meet with Rev. Judy at the parsonage on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM. This time will be spent getting to know each other and learning more about the ministries offered at EUMC. Please let Rev. Judy know if you plan to attend or if you have questions. She may be reached at [revjae@aol.com](mailto:revjae@aol.com) or by calling the church office 410-795-6136. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.



## Communion Servers

On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## PLANNING DAY SUMMARY

On Saturday, January 12th, we had a wonderful turn out for our Administrative Council Planning Day. Under the leadership of our Ad Council Chairperson, Kate Luetze, 35 people gathered on the top floor (LOFT) of our new Food Pantry building. After breakfast and a time of fellowship we then reflected and gave thanks for all that God accomplished through us in 2018. We then looked ahead and set the following goals for 2019:

### GOALS FOR 2019

#### **Find creative ways to utilize our limited shared space.**

Communicate with Church Secretary all requests for using the Food Pantry, Sanctuary and Parsonage.

#### **Remain a welcoming, hospitable congregation.**

Create better signage for visitors.  
Post locations for activities in the bulletin.  
Communicate prayer requests with both worship services.

#### **Continue to grow in faith.**

Begin an online discussion group.  
Offer seasonal Bible Studies.  
Begin a prayer request board in the narthex.  
Continue to build upon our communication efforts.

#### **Continue to make Disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Look for ways beyond the local church to bring people to Christ.  
Continue supporting our Missions, Outreach & Church and Society efforts.

#### **Fundraisers**

Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction at the Winfield Fire Hall. (Date is being negotiated).  
Easter Candy Sale  
Pickles, Jellies and Jams Sale  
Holly Mart

#### **Fellowship Activities**

Krimgold Park Picnic  
Christmas Dinner  
Spaghetti Supper

Dear Members and Friends of Ebenezer:

January 10, 2019

In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we hear: *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

It is because the members and friends of Ebenezer United Methodist Church have given from the heart that we have been able to boldly move forward with the plans God has placed before us. We have been blessed by the generosity of so many cheerful givers and have been able to complete Phase I of our Building Project and begin Phase II. For all of this and so much more, we want to say thank you! Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to our Capital Campaign. Our three-year Capital Campaign ended on December 31, 2018 and we are so pleased to say we received a total of \$588,600.00 from pledges plus above and beyond giving. This number includes money donated to the building fund, capital campaign and memorial gifts designated to this project. Our fundraising efforts, contributions from our cemetery committee and endowment interest income took our total contributions for our building project to \$1,129,269.00. We are truly blessed to have such overwhelming support from our church and community allowing us this opportunity to grow our ministry and build upon the many activities and programs we have at Ebenezer.

We are about half way there in paying for this project as we move forward with Phase II of construction. Phase I has been paid in full. Phase II will present a greater challenge as we now will begin using our line of credit in order to cover construction. As we proceed with our plans, it is our hope and prayer that everyone will once again *"decide in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion"* rather, prayerfully see if you are able to continue giving above and beyond your pledge. Every dollar paid up front for construction will reduce the amount of interest we will pay on our line of credit and hence leaves more dollars available for the ministries of the church. For example: if everyone gave an additional \$20.00 a month for one more year (above and beyond their normal offering) and dedicated that additional income to our building fund, this would reduce the amount we must borrow by \$30,000.00 and save us approximately \$1,100.00 in annual interest.

We have accomplished so much together already and if you decide you have given all you can – that is good enough! If you feel you can give more, it would be of great help. Either way, God has blessed us with an incredibly generous congregation and for this we are thankful. We are overwhelmed by this congregation's faithful support of our regular operating budget while being so generous in supporting the building project. It is yet another reminder of the wonderful ways God works in and through His faithful people.

Thank you for all that you have given of your time, your talents, your gifts and your service. Most of all, thank you for giving cheerfully! So much has been given and none of it has been given with reluctance or under compulsion. For your heartfelt efforts THANK YOU!

May God bless you and keep you! Happy New Year!

Rev. Judith A. Emerson  
Pastor



Rev. Charles Shacochis  
Capital Campaign Chairperson



Ken Middleton  
Lay Leader



Tina Bleken  
Finance Chairperson





# TREASURER TIDBITS

## Finance News.....

**Welcome to 2019.** I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to a new year filled with excitement and surprises. Our building project continues to move along at a rapid pace and is looking quite amazing. I thought I would repeat some of the year end numbers for those who were unable to attend the Planning Day. As you will see, our income exceeded our expenses and our expenses exceeded our budget due to some facilities expenses being absorbed by the General Fund and not transferred to the Building Fund (i.e., electricity, janitorial svcs). Blessings to all of you for your dedication to giving and helping to make and keep us solvent.

2018 Approved Budget \$218,271.00

2018 Income               \$245,940.02

2018 Expenses           \$223,785.23

**Balance:**                       \$ 22,254.79

**Capital Campaign:** See attached Building Project Funding Report

**Additional Outreach** for 2018: \$4,438 (disbursed as approved to Outreach Ministries)

**Good Sam Fund** for 2018: \$1,110 (disbursed as needed by Rev. Judy)

### Fund Raisers:

Spaghetti Dinner: \$ 4,126.71

Palooza               \$ 178.00

Easter Candy       \$ 1,259.55

Clothing Drive     \$ 349.40

Holly Mart           \$12,684.69

(disbursed to General, Scholarship, Kitchen, and Christmas Dinner Funds)

Total:                       \$18,598.35

Overall, Ebenezer had a very good 2018. THANK YOU doesn't seem enough, but its sincere and from the heart. May you receive blessings as abundant as your givings.

Our 2019 Annual Budget was approved at Planning Day for \$233,027. Our needed weekly offer \$4,481.

If you have any questions/concerns or if there is other information you wish to see, don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward with anticipation as to what God has in store for the new year.

God Bless and many thanks,

Sandy





by **Ellie Baublitz**

## **MEET FRANK AND KATHY ZAMOSTNY**

Frank and Kathy Zamostny like to call themselves “helpful hands” around Ebenezer, willing to do what needs to be done.

Kathy started coming to Ebenezer in 1992, followed by Frank a year later. Since then, Frank has been chairman and member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, representative at the Baltimore-Washington Conference, and is currently on the Committee on Lay Leadership and the Scholarship Committee. A serious gardener, he has helped cut down junk trees from the pine grove and trim the bushes around the church. He also took care of the sign in front of the church for a while. And he helps out at Holly Mart. “It’s an evolution of activities,” he said.

Kathy, with Frank occasionally, “loves doing the Food Pantry.” She’s handled the bake table at Holly Mart for 20 years, as well as contributing her sour cream blueberry pound cake and all kinds of cookies. When their sons were younger, Kathy handled the acolytes and the nursery. “I’d rather be behind the scenes,” she said.

Although Kathy grew up Methodist, Frank is “a lapsed Catholic” who attended Catholic schools. The couple met while working at Social Security. They lived in Arbutus until 1984 when they bought a 3-acre property off Gillis Road where Frank could have a garden. Son Jeffrey, now 33, then came along, followed by Jake, 27.

“Barbara Conaway and a few others got me to join Ebenezer,” Kathy recalled. “I grew up in a small Methodist Church in Elkton and loved it, so I figured it was time to go back.” Since then the couple have been through three pastors at Ebenezer, and both love Judy. They have also become close friends with a number of other couples, with whom they play cards and socialize.

Frank retired from Social Security after 38 years, but Kathy was there only 11 years when she had Jeffrey and decided to be a stay-at-home mom. Today, Jeffrey has a doctorate in language and is a Spanish professor at the University of West Georgia. Jake is an IT specialist.

Frank’s chief claim to fame is his gardening, and some parishioners have been the recipient of his wisdom and plants. He has a small greenhouse where he starts his plants for spring, which include asparagus, squash, tomatoes, beans, raspberries, blueberries, strawberries, josta berries, and some exotic fruits, along with a number of herbs. His garden includes a small “Mardi Gras beach garden” area, a bamboo grove, and lots of trees that he planted himself.

“The only thing I don’t get tired of is gardening,” Frank said. “Then the gardening led me into herbal holistic health.” His library includes many books on gardening and herbal plants. The garden also bears many flowers, because “Kathy loves flowers,” so Frank makes sure there are lots, both for indoor and outdoor.

Kathy’s hobbies include reading “a little bit of everything in fiction” and walking and cooking. “I’m very well fed,” Frank said. The couple also hike together and go to the gym. They like to travel, having been to Glacier National Park, Alaska, Vienna, Austria, and the Czech Republic (Frank’s grandfather was from Czechoslovakia), plus a few cities with their son Jeffrey when he attends a conference.

Both also have “a nice extended family of sisters,” Frank said.



## Food Pantry Donations Needed

February -  
Shampoo/Conditioner

March - Toilet Paper

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)

## Food Pantry News

It is so exciting to be in our new food pantry building! The families that come to the pantry just love it, and those of us filling food orders love it, too! We have plenty of space, so we aren't running into each other, room for all the food that comes in from the Maryland Food Bank and such a beautiful space upstairs for the families to sit and wait for their food orders.

When they came on Saturday, they all were so pleased to see the progress on the new building--we got to watch the final walls be put up. What an exciting time at Ebenezer UMC!

A huge thank you to those of you that contribute food, shoes, nonfood items, etc. to our pantry. All of these things are really appreciated by the families. And all the helpers on pantry days and order receiving days!! The pantry couldn't go on without all of you. What a great ministry run by so many people.

If you have any questions about the pantry or want to help, please feel free to email, call or just catch me at church. We have a great time working together, come join the fun!

We are once again collecting household items, clothing, kids' toys, etc. to give out to the families. They were happy to find lots of clothing to go through this month. If you bring things in on Sundays, please put the items in the vestibule in the food pantry building.



**Feeding the  
Community**



# CAMP

## MANIDOKAN



# Birthdays

### February

6 Jake Zamostny  
7 Rachel Holl

10 Gary Paulsgrove  
10 Sharon Torosky  
12 Bonnie Zavona  
14 Eric Brown  
15 Tim Baker  
17 Bridgett Estes  
22 Don Bergmann  
23 Cheri Holl  
26 Maddie Jones  
28 Sharon Grim

### March

3 Ellie Klausmeyer  
6 Doris Leary  
8 Steve Bergmann  
8 Dave Biddinger  
9 Deb Mathias  
14 Olivia Wisner  
14 Andrea Murchie  
17 Bill Jones  
21 Edwin Bennett  
23 Tyler Arnold  
25 Mel Wroten  
27 Kim Middleton  
27 Karl Streaker

# Anniversaries

### March

2 Chuck & Julie Shacochis  
21 Brian & Lori Rapids  
23 Edwin & Ruth Bennett  
25 Doug & Cyndi Diethrich

Lots of updates! Here's what you need to know:

**When:** Final dates are **JULY 14-19, 2018** (ignore all the previous back and forth! These are the dates!)

**Camps Available:**

Adventure Grades 3 – 5, directed by Samantha Albright (St. Luke's UMC) (Lodge)  
Adventure Grades 6 – 8, directed by Julie Partridge (Lodge/Cabins)  
Adventure Grades 9 – 12, directed by Jen Klausmeyer (Shelters/Tents)  
Horseback Grades 6 – 12, directed by Sabrina Merrell (St. Luke's UMC) (Lodge/Cabins)

**Activities:** We're going to be shaking things up a bit this year with our programming! (This is where you get excited \*wink wink\*) Things we are adding: ropes courses for all age groups (even you, 3-5!), cooking a meal or two over the fire, better timing of evening activities, more time for stories around the campfire, age-based bible studies, and so much more! This is going to be the best year ever.

**Next Steps:**

- (1) If you are interested in the Ebenezer Sunday School Campership program, be sure you are tracking your attendance on the camp bulletin board and have completed, signed, and returned to Julie an agreement (you can find them on the bulletin board also).
- (2) Keep an eye out for registration information. All campers will need to register online and pay the \$100 deposit. If you earn a campership, Ebenezer will pay the balance.
- (3) Consider volunteering! We are always in need of volunteers for ALL age groups. If you volunteer, you come for free and your campers receive a discount. Can't come the entire week? Consider coming for just a day or two.

Any questions – see Julie Partridge, 410.596.2501, [jpartridge623@gmail.com](mailto:jpartridge623@gmail.com).





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**One giant leap for God's  
Kingdom!**

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**June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday through Thursday evenings**

Rev. Judy asked that all ministries continue during construction.

So... we will be creative,

we will be flexible,

and we **WILL** be having VBS!

Stay tuned for updates.



During phase two of our construction project, it will be necessary to relocate our Sunday School classrooms as well as meeting spaces for other activities. This will definitely be a time for being flexible. Please be sure to check with the office before planning any meetings to make sure we don't overbook any spaces. You will find the list below for where your Sunday School classes will meet.

## Safe Sanctuary in Our new Building

With the move of Sunday School classes and Nursery into the Food Pantry Building, we find that we have an additional need for volunteers. 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 serve as the second adult in the Pantry Building during church services. This does not require that the volunteer be in the Nursery, just be in the Food Pantry Building. There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board. Please consider helping with this important need.

Valerie Hyer

9:45 AM

Sunday School Superintendent: Kim Middleton

**Nursery:** Jess Middleton & Lisa Humphries

**Pre-K:** Valerie Hyer & Sandy Biddinger

Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Food Pantry Building

**K-1-2:** Joanne Davis & Lynn Baker

Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Food Pantry Building

**3-4-5:** Julie Jones

Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Food Pantry Building

**6-7-8:** Cyndi & Doug Diethrich

Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Parsonage

**9-10:** Bill Jones

Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Parsonage

**11-12:** Carolene Will

Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Food Pantry Building

**Adult Class:** Buck Scott

Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Parsonage

**Adult Class:** Ken Middleton

Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Parsonage

## Children's Church

*During 11:00 AM Worship  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of  
the Month*

We will continue to offer Children's Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!!

Children's Church will be located on the second floor of the Food Pantry Building.

