

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
February 3, 2019**

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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.*

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress" arr. By Mansfield

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning to worship God together.

We gather as different people, different lives, different histories:

Yet all children of the same God.

We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears:

Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

We gather to worship and praise God's holy name.

Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us and through us!

*OPENING HYMN "God of Love and God of Power" UMH No. 578

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you knew us before we knew ourselves. You call us to be your servants. Create in us hearts worthy to be your prophets that we might go where you send us and speak the message that you give us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, place your words upon our lips and your grace upon our hearts so that we might pluck up and pull down, destroy and overthrow, build and plant, as you, alone, have commanded. Speak to us in this time of worship and help us to listen and respond. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls the church to follow him, standing by those who suffer and are in need. Let us confess the ways in which we do not follow God's call.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to do your work in this world and we are too ready to offer excuses as to why you don't want us, why we can't answer your call, why we are not the ones you need to step up. Yet, in our hearts we know better. Forgive us and grant us your grace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for the world. Thanks be to God for the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

SOLO "To God Be the Glory" Bill Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT pg. 656

Jeremiah's early call to the work and office of a prophet is stated. He was to be a prophet, not to the Jews only, but to the neighboring nations.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:21-30 NT pg. 57

This is a continuation of last week's text where Jesus visits his hometown, Nazareth. He entered the synagogue and read from the prophet Isaiah. In this week's reading we find out what the synagogue audience thought of Jesus' prophetic declaration and explore the rest of the dialogue between Jesus and his audience.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Tough Call" Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH No. 399

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests
Pastoral Prayer

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory (11:00 AM)

“A Song of Jesus”

Chancel Choir

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

UMH No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

We bring you only what is yours, Generous God, that you might use these gifts and those who offer them, for the building up of your kingdom and the glory of your 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: #2269, #2218, #2016

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Through your Holy Spirit, strengthen us to go into the world to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

UMH No. 585

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org

Church Office Hours -Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Worship: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM

February 3, 2019

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

Church Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com

Pastor's Email: revjae@aol.com

Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson

Music Director: Linda Bange

Treasurer: Sandy Wean

Secretary: Cindi Arnold

Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton

Nursery Coordinator: Lisa Humphries

2019 Regular Offering Summary			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
1/27/19	5,728.00	4,481.29	1,246.71
Year to Date	18,768.75	17,925.16	843.59

Attendance Last Week: 125
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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 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 AM.

The Attendance Roster is at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass it to others.

Sunday School Classes

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

Worship Today

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 4 th	Ad Council meeting – Food Pantry floor 2	7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 6 th	OWLS Luncheon – Taylorsville UMC	Noon
	Children's Choir	6:00 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Friday, February 8 th thru Sunday, February 10 th	ROCK	
Saturday, February 9 th	Men's Breakfast – Food Pantry floor 2	8:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 and will be seated in the last pew during services.

NEW MEMBERS 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. 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 or by calling the church office 410-795-6136.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – The men's group will be meeting on the second floor of the food pantry building on Saturday, February 9th at 8:30 AM. Please join them as they welcome Bill Jones and his presentation on Earth's Changing Climate.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - The Women's Retreat is coming up soon. All registrations have to be in by TODAY - February 3rd ! Our theme this year is *Saved With Amazing Grace*....add a little SWAG to your life!! If you have not signed up yet, please consider going with us again or for the first time! The forms and brochures are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please let Susan Brown know if you have any questions or want to join us!

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER – Christmas shopping may be over, but we still need to shop for groceries and gas. Purchase gift cards to your favorite stores and restaurants for your everyday shopping and enjoyment. The church gets a portion of all sales. Orders are placed at least twice a month. Order forms are available in the back of the sanctuary or go to ShopwithScrip.com and see a more extensive selection! Contact Susan Brown with any questions stmpnsusan@aol.com.

BIBLE STUDY - Sunday Mornings in the Sanctuary. March 10th to April 21st from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM. *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. Plan on walking through the Lenten Season together this year as we navigate the many changes and uncertainties of life as people of faith. See Rev. Judy if you have any questions.

EBENEZER PALOOZA – Save the date! Feb 22nd in the Sanctuary. Details coming soon.

COMMUNICATION – Please be sure to utilize the **lock box** in the back of the sanctuary for all cash and checks. Make sure they are clearly marked. All monies **MUST** go in the lock box and not in the mailboxes. Use the mailboxes for correspondence only. Use the secretary box for anything you are unsure of. Thank you for your help!

COLD WEATHER SHELTER – We will again be supporting the shelter by providing dinners on the 3rd Sunday November through March. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help.

NURSERY HELP –Our Safe Sanctuary Policy mandates that we have no fewer than two adults in a building when children are present. Our Nursery is now in the Food Pantry Building and there will be occasion 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.