

**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  
March 10, 2019**

*The First Sunday in Lent*

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. We pray that this time of worship will be a blessing to you. Welcome!*

PRELUDE                      *“The God of Abraham Praise”*                      Hopson

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,  
**that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.**  
In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
**In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.**

\*OPENING HYMN                      *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”*                      UMH No. 173

OPENING PRAYER

**God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen**

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Psalm 51:10-17                      OT pg. 492  
*In this Psalm we hear a confession of sin and guilt and a prayer for a clean heart.*

GOSPEL LESSON                      Luke 9:51-62                      NT pg. 66  
*In our Gospel we hear how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, encounters opposition and misunderstanding and then speaks with several would-be disciples.*

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

SERMON                      **“Embrace the Journey”**                      *Rev. Rick Gray*

HYMN                      *“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”*                      UMH No. 357

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests  
Pastoral Prayer  
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.**

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements  
Offertory  
\*Presentation of Gifts  
\*Doxology

*“Seek Ye First”*                      UMC No. 706  
**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of Deliverance, you led your chosen people long ago out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land. Lead us now and guide our gifts so that they may be multiplied to help those still struggling in the wilderness of uncertainty. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

UMH No. 396

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

\*Congregation standing when able  
TFWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal  
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal



# 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

March 10, 2019

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

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Pastor's Email: [revjae@aol.com](mailto: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

## 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.

2019 Regular Offering Summary			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
2/24/19	5,375.00	4,481.29	893.71
Year to Date	42,018.67	40,331.61	1,687.06

<b>Attendance Last Week: 103</b>
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## Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgists	Bill Jones	Deb Mathias

## This Week's Schedule

Sunday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	UMYF – Splashdown	
Monday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Choir	6:00 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM



**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** – A Memorial Service for Darlene Carlock will be held at Ebenezer UMC on Saturday March 23, 2019 at 12:00 Noon. There will be a luncheon following the service at the WINFIELD Community Vol Fire Dept. Carol Wroten will coordinate the luncheon.



**CAMP MANIDOKAN REGISTRATION** - If you signed up your child on the bulletin board, you should have received registration information from Julie Partridge via email. If you did not receive an email, please reach out to Julie at [jpartridge623@gmail.com](mailto:jpartridge623@gmail.com) or 410.596.2501.

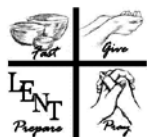
**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS** – Order forms are in your bulletin today to order flowers to be displayed on the altar on Easter Sunday. Orders will be due back by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see Cindi with any questions.

**BOARD OF CHILD CARE** -EUMC will again be providing Tee Shirts for the youth at the Board of Child Care. This year we plan to use Budgeted Funds to do so. No need for contributions from this generous congregation. The youth are always so appreciative of this Easter gift from us.



**APR-MAY NEWSLETTER** – Articles for the next newsletter will need to be turned in to the church office by Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**SAVE THE DATE** – This year's Men's Retreat will be held the weekend of November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Look for more information soon.



**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** - Sunday Mornings in the Sanctuary beginning today through April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM.

*Embracing the Uncertain*, invites us to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them.

**GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** – Easiest fundraiser EVER! Order gift cards to places you frequent...grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, local shopping stores. You'll have 'money' in your pocket AND support our church. Orders are placed at least twice a month. Order forms are available in the back of the sanctuary 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.

**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.

### A LOOK AHEAD:

Palm Sunday -April 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 & 11:00 -with Sunday School and Children's Church

Maundy Thursday – April 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM

Good Friday – April 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday – April 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30, 8:30 & 11:00 – with Sunday School – Sunrise Service at Krimgold Park