

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April – May 2019

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR...

Many exciting things have been happening at Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We have received 10 new members into our community of faith just in the past month. In April we will receive 2 more members and baptize another child. We are certainly blessed to be in ministry together with these wonderful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Even though there have been some growing pains during our transition from our old space to our temporary locations, we have all now become accustomed to the shared spaces we are using during construction. We are blessed to have our Sanctuary, new Food Pantry Building and Parsonage for Sunday School, meetings and office space during this time. As together we have watched MP Construction build a beautiful structure and our new church space takes shape, members, friends and visitors to our Church have been overwhelmingly positive when they walk through and see the beautiful addition to Ebenezer. Everyone has been offered an opportunity to take a tour of our new fellowship hall, kitchen, classrooms and offices.

God has blessed us in this building process and in many other ways. Let us use the Lenten and Easter time to give thanks for what the Lord has done through the many efforts and resources of our church family and friends. I look forward to the day when we will gather as the people of God to consecrate our new Food Pantry Building and Church Building for the mission and ministry to which we have been called. Even though the construction process has come with several challenges, the worship, mission and ministries of our church have continued. We will soon celebrate the Resurrection of Christ which marks God's great "YES" to all the "NOs" that life can put upon us, including that great "NO" of death. By raising Jesus from the dead, God has broken the power of those "NOs" and granted to us the gift of life eternal, a life that is filled with joy and hope!

With God's help, our congregation has overcome the "NO" of a building in need of repair, there were days we felt like we were swimming upstream. But we are the church, the body of Christ. And just as God raised the body of Jesus from death to new life, we now see evidence of how God in Christ continues to raise us up and give us the strength, courage and resources to move into the future with a church that is equipped to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world we live in today, tomorrow and for generations yet to come. What a statement of Easter that will be for all to experience!

As Easter day is getting near, I am extending an invitation to you and your family to join us in celebration of this great "YES" of our Lord. Our Holy Week and Easter Services are as follows:

- April 14th - Palm Sunday Worship at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM - Sunday School at 9:45 AM.
- April 18th - Holy Thursday Holy Communion at 7:30 PM
- April 19th - Good Friday Service of Tenebrae at 7:30 PM
- April 21st - Easter Day Sunrise Service at Krimgold Park at 6:30 AM followed by refreshments. Worship at Ebenezer UMC at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM. Sunday School at 9:45 AM.

May the joy and hope of Easter, this great Good News of new life, bring blessings to you and your family.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Judy



Worship:
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School:
9:45 AM
Website:
ebenezerumchurch.org

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

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Rev. Judy Emerson
Music Director:
Linda Bange
Secretary:
Cindi Arnold
Treasurer:
Sandy Wean
Nursery Coordinators:
Jess Middleton and
Lisa Humphries



Schedule



Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

Worship at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM



Thursday, April 18, 2019
Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:30 PM in Sanctuary



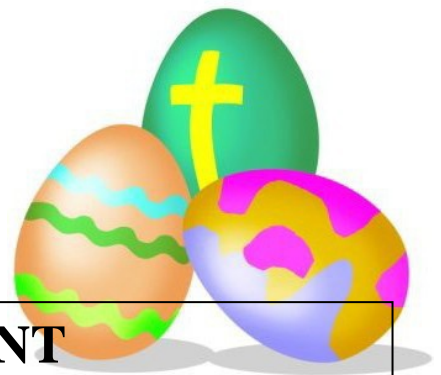
Friday, April 19, 2019
Good Friday

Worship at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary



Sunday, April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM
At Krimgold Park
Coffee & Donuts to follow
Worship at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Sunday School at 9:45 AM



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 PM
2nd floor of the food pantry building

Please join us for crafts, games, egg hunt and snacks. Infants-5th grade. Please contact Julie Jones 410-795-2890 or juliejones3@comcast.net

Needed:

Candy or other fun small objects to fill the Easter eggs. Please bring in by Sunday, April 7th. The youth group will be filling the eggs during their meeting, before the Easter egg hunt. Objects can be given to Julie Jones or placed in the box in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

EASTER CANDY SALE AND HOLLY MART CRAFTS

Order forms for Easter candy are out. Orders need to be turned in by April 7th.

Please try to place orders in advance if possible, we will not have as much space for sales on day of pick up.

We will be making eggs on April 11th and packing orders on April 12th from 9:30 AM until finished. Lunch will be provided. Any time you can help is appreciated. We will be working on top level of food pantry.

Orders to be ready to be picked up APRIL 14th after services. Thanks in advance for any help you can give and your support of the fundraiser with your orders!

We will be starting crafts on MAY 9th and 23rd from 9:30 AM until around 12 (Top level in food pantry)
Come join in fellowship and crafting. No experience necessary, there are a lot of little jobs to help get projects ready to be finished up. Come and give us a try for whatever time you can give and that will be a good thing.

Thanks

Linda Bennett bennettga@aol.com 301-253-3367



What is Scrip Fundraising?


Scrip is fundraising while you shop®! You buy gift cards for over 780 retailer brands you already shop at 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, 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) 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. We have already made over \$800 for the Building Fund in just 8 weeks! More information is available in the narthex.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020:

We have booked Skycroft for March 20-22, 2020 so please consider going again (or for the first time)! Registration is open and requires a \$25 non-refundable deposit per person. We booked for a low number, but can add more if there is availability, so please do not wait until the last minute! Now is the time! Any questions, contact Susan Brown, StmpnSusan@AOL.com.


Attention all high school seniors and undergraduate college students: The 2019 Ebenezer United Methodist Church Scholarship Application Form will be available April 14, 2019 and the deadline for submission is June 16, 2019. See Brenda Baker for details.




STEEPLE FUND - At our Administrative Council Planning Day in January 2019, we voted to pursue a steeple for our new church building. Our Building Subcommittee has been given the authority to purchase a steeple providing we raise enough funds and it does not delay the project. To date, we have approximately \$7,000.00 donated for the purchase of a steeple. We estimate needing approximately \$11,000.00 total. If you would like to make a contribution for this purpose, you may do so by making a check payable to EUMC and marking it "Steeple Fund".

GRADUATES

If someone in your family will be graduating from high school, college or trade school, please submit their name, where they are graduating from and their future plans to the church office. We will be honoring our graduates in early June.



MEN'S GROUP

The Ebenezer Men's Group will hold its last two meetings of Spring 2019 on

Saturday, April 13 (8:30 AM in the loft of the Food Pantry building) and

Saturday, May 11 (8:30 AM at IHOP in Eldersburg).

A reminder and more details will be circulated by email a week prior to each event.

In early November 2019 we will again take part in a retreat at Camp Manidokan. More information will follow in April or May.

OWLS

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

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

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

WOWS NEWS...

The year has gone by so quickly and the crazy weather wasn't kind to our meeting dates. In addition, our April meeting falls on Maundy Thursday. Our next meeting will be on May 16th and we will have our end-of-year dinner on June 20th. More info to follow. We still have so many blessings to praise our Lord for as well as many prayer requests. We must be intentional in our prayer life and always encourage each other. Come join us in May & June.



Communion Servers



On the 1st 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.

Ebenezer United Methodist Krimgold Cleanup Crew

Many Hands Make Quick Work

A big thank you to Ebenezer United Methodist parishioners who have provided the helpinghands 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.

CAMP HOPE

*Christian Appalachian Mountain Project
Helping Other People Enthusiastically*

On June 30th our team will be heading to western Maryland to serve those in need. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us as we go to serve in His name. The dates for this year's trip are June 30th to July 6th.

On Saturday, June 29th at 5:00 PM, we will be having a "sendoff" picnic at Krimgold Park pavilion. All are welcome to come. Fellowship, good food and prayers for a safe week at CAMP HOPE.

CAMP HOPE CARES

We are always looking for helpful ways to save our environment from things that can be recycled instead of going into landfills. The aluminum cans and steel cans we collect are a beginning. We also take any type of metal- ex. Brass, copper, tin. If you are not sure if it is something we can recycle feel free to ask. We encourage our church family to make every effort to recycle items in your homes and work places.



**One small step for your kids...
One giant leap for God's Kingdom!**

*Blast off with the first VBS to land on the moon! Cokesbury's **To Mars and Beyond** will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in your Assembly area-an outpost on Mars-they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of- this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!*

June 23rd – June 27th 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.

YOUTH GROUP

Spring is here and so are all the spring sports. Here are the dates we hope you can make to Youth Group.

Meet us on April 7th for an egg-cellent time!

May 5th is also on the calendar for a get together.



Welcome Cave Family! Steve and Katie Cave, along with sons Brian and Jason, joined Ebenezer on Sunday, March 17th.

On Sunday, March 31st, we welcome Elizabeth Mosko and her children Isabella and John, Julie Schmitt, and Charles and Pauline Rosier.

In April, we will welcome Richard and Brooke Cassing along with their son Alexander.

CAMP MANIDOKAN NEWS

Ebenezer's week at Camp Manidokan is fast approaching: **July 14 – 19, 2019!** All campers that previously indicated that they were interested in attending should have received an email from Julie Partridge with registration instructions. If you missed that email, please let Julie know ASAP!

If you still need to register, the link is: <https://app.campdoc.com/!/home/auth/login?r=manidokan>.

All registration is done through the CampDoc Portal, including payment of your \$100 non-refundable deposit. If the system indicates that your child has been waitlisted, contact Julie to have your child moved into a guaranteed slot.

We are still **in need of volunteers** for our week of camp! Who doesn't love a FREE vacation? We welcome all volunteers no matter what your area of expertise! Can you lead a hike? Great! Can you lead bible study? Perfect! Can you be an extra set of eyes and ears during game night? We would love your help! See Julie for information!

Julie Partridge, 410.596.2501, jpartridge623@gmail.com





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)

Thank you to everyone that has contributed Campbells labels over the past 20 some years! We sent them to the Board of Child Care, and they received many wonderful things for the children to use. Unfortunately, Campbells has discontinued this program. The good news is we can still collect the "Box Tops for Education" found on many products. The bin for collecting these box tops is in the Food Pantry building in the Vestibule. When we have enough, I will send them to the Board of Child Care. Thank you for bringing them in to church!

Thank you to every person that helps in any way with the Food Pantry, from the people that help put the food orders away, the people that check in the families and make them feel at home, the ones that quickly fill the food orders, the men that load the cars in all kinds of weather, the clean-up crew, those that donate food items for the Winfield Snack Packs and for the pantry, the folks that purchase new shoes to be given out....as you can see, it takes a village! We are so blessed here at Ebenezer with many kind-hearted people that are so willing to give their time and help financially.

Our Missions Committee voted to give \$2,500 to CAMP HOPE for their mission trip coming up this summer. So many lives are touched by this each year, both the homeowners that are helped but also the youth and adults that spend the week working together. Thank you to all who support this ministry in any way.

In the past couple years, we suggested taking a week to help the victims of the devastating hurricanes that took place in the south. There wasn't much support for this idea, so I am open to suggestions for a more "local" mission day, weekend or week-long work project. In the past we have helped Carroll County homeowners that couldn't afford to do the repairs needed to their house or physically couldn't do the work. I was thinking of talking with Social Services to see if there are any elderly/veteran homeowners that could use our help. If you would be interested in helping with this kind of project, please email me so I can see if there would be enough help to do a project like this. We helped an elderly couple in Taylorsville last year and they really appreciated our help.

In His service,

Sue Bergmann

sue_bergmann@yahoo.com



TREASURER TIDBITS

Hello SPRING (finally!!!!)

It's so nice to finally feel the warmth of Spring and say goodbye to the cold, frigid winteriness. Thank you, God, for changing the seasons for us just when we need them.

- Our finances are on a positive track for 2019. You may have seen a change in the weekly offering report. After a delayed upload of the new 2019 budget into our financial system, I noted an incorrect weekly target. That has been corrected and, as you see in the bulletin, our budget is doing great. Thank you for your dedication to making sure our offerings are sufficient to meet God's needs.
- I'm currently working with the Auditor on our 2018 audit. This should be completed ahead of the June 30 deadline.
- Our 2018 statistics were completed in January and the Conference has confirmed our submission and provided our estimated apportionment for 2020. Looks like a slight increase, but manageable.
- Our Building Project continues to progress and looks AMAZING!!! We have used all of our donations to the Capital Campaign and Building Fund and we are now using our established Line of Credit (LOC). We are closely tracking those draws, interest payments, and anticipated expenses going forward. And just as a reminder, we sincerely appreciate any additional monies given to the Building Fund or continuation of your donations to the Capital Campaign. Remember to mark your donations "**Building Fund**" or "**Capital Campaign**". Any additional donations will reduce the amount of money we have to draw from our LOC which in turn costs us less in interest payments. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who continue to support this incredible project. It is truly Amazing what our little church is doing. And the positive comments we have received from others in the community prove that we are and will continue SHARING GOD's LOVE.
- We are also accepting donations for our Steeple Fund. If you would like to donate towards that effort, please mark your donations "Steeple" and it will be put into the correct fund.

If you have any questions/concerns about the church finances, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me by email (treasurereumc@yahoo.com), phone (410.795.6136), or just stop me when you see me at church. I'm happy to address your questions/concerns.

Wishing you and yours a warm and Blessed Easter season. HE IS RISEN!!! INDEED!!!!

Sandy 🍷🍷



WELCOME PIYAWAT

We are pleased to announce our new compassion child. Piyawat Saensuk-udomkaew is 7 years old. Ebenezer will be supporting him through our missions' outreach.



Dates to Remember

April

- 1 – Ad Council Meeting – FP2 7:00 PM
- 3 – OWLS Luncheon – Taylorsville 12:00 PM
- 4 – Lenten Bible Study – Parsonage 10:00 AM
- 7 – Lenten Bible Study – Sanctuary 9:45 AM
- UMYF – FP2 12:00 PM
- Easter Egg Hunt – FP2 2:00 PM
- 8 – Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM
- 11 – Easter Candy making – FP2 9:30 AM
- Lenten Bible Study – Parsonage 10:00 AM
- 12 – Easter Candy packing – FP2 9:30 AM
- 13 – Men’s Group – FP2 8:30 AM
- 14 – Palm Sunday
- Lenten Bible Study – Sanctuary 9:45 AM
- Children’s Church – FP2 11:00 AM
- Candy pickup
- Krimgold clean up 12:00 PM
- 16 – Brinton Woods 10:30 AM
- 18 –Lenten Bible Study – Parsonage 10:00 AM
- Maundy Thursday service 7:30 PM
- 19 – Good Friday service 7:30 PM
- 20 – Food Pantry 9 – 11 AM
- 21 – Easter Sunday (see pg.2)
- Lenten Bible Study – Sanctuary 9:45 AM
- 28 – Children’s Church – FP2 11:00 AM

May

- 1 – OWLS Luncheon – Taylorsville 12:00 PM
- 5 – UMYF 12:00 PM
- 6 – Ad Council Meeting – FP2 7:00 PM
- 9 – Crafts – FP2 9:30 AM
- 11 –Men’s Group – Ihop Eburg 8:30 AM
- 12 –Children’s Church – FP2 11:00 AM
- Krimgold clean-up 12:00 PM
- 13 –Feed My Sheep 10:30 AM
- 16 - WOWS – Parsonage 6:30 PM
- 18 –Food Pantry 9-11 AM
- 21 –Brinton Woods 10:30 AM
- 23 –Crafts – FP2 9:30 AM
- 26 –Children’s Church- FP2 11:00 AM
- 29 through June 1 – Annual Conference



April Birthdays

- 4 – Lori Rapids
- 4 – Angela Flanagan
- 4 – Luke Pieciewicz
- 5 – Greg Will
- 7 – Hannah Streaker
- 9 – Jim Leary
- 9– Cheryl Roelle
- 10 – Dylan Will
- 11 – Dawn Stevens
- 17 – Chuck Wisner
- 18 – Jen Klausmeyer
- 20 – Lisa Humphries
- 21 – Steve Davis
- 21 – Dutch Adams
- 22 – Nicholas Kessinger
- 23 – Austin Diethrich
- 28 – Bob Davis
- 28 – Lilli Murphy

May Birthdays

- 1 – Joanne Davis
- 3 – Carli Bergmann
- 4 – Linda Bange
- 10 – Judy Emerson
- 10 – Carol Wroten
- 11 – Jenavieve Partridge
- 13 – Sandy Biddinger
- 14 - Will Holl
- 18 – Jim Brown
- 20 – Brian Diethrich
- 23 – Summer Lange
- 29 – Julie Davis

Anniversaries

April

- 3 – Frank & Kathy Zamostny
- 8 – Steve & Sue Bergmann
- 22 – Rich & Cheryl Holl
- 26 – Ken & Kim Middleton
- 27 – Chuck & Rebecca Wisner
- 29 – Mel & Carol Wroten

May

- 2 – Greg & Christy Kessinger
- 10 – Jim & Nancy Huff
- 27 – Barb Robinson & Jerry Stroter



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

OUR SAFE SANCTUARY Policy dictates that at least two adults should be in a building with children. During our church services, we may occasionally have only one adult during Nursery time in the temporary Food Pantry location while we are under construction. It will be necessary to request volunteers serve as the second adult during our church services. No special duties are required, volunteers merely need to be in the building. For the April – June time period, we need volunteers for the following church services:

5/26 8:30 Service

6/9 8:30 Service

6/16 11:00 Service

6/23 8:30 Service

Please contact me at narrowh1@comcast.net if you can help.

Thank you!

Valerie Hyer

9:45 AM

Sunday School Superintendent: Kim Middleton

Nursery: Jess Middleton & Lisa Humphries

Pre-K: Valerie Hyer & Sandy Biddinger

Located on the 1st floor of the Food Pantry Building

K-1-2: Joanne Davis & Lynn Baker

Located on the 2nd floor of the Food Pantry Building

3-4-5: Julie Jones

Located on the 2nd floor of the Food Pantry Building

6-7-8: Cyndi & Doug Diethrich

Located on the 2nd floor of the Parsonage

9-10: Bill Jones

Located on the 2nd floor of the Parsonage

11-12: Carolene Will

Located on the 2nd floor of the Food Pantry Building

Adult Class: Buck Scott

Located on the 1st floor of the Parsonage

Adult Class: Ken Middleton

Located on the 2nd floor of the Parsonage

Children's Church

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

We will continue to offer Children's Church on the 2nd and 4th 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.

