

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 31, 2019

4th 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.

PRELUDE “*The Old Rugged Cross*” Bill Jones

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away;

now we have been found and welcomed home.

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

*OPENING HYMN	<i>“Spirit Song”</i>	UMH No. 347
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OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, through this time of worship we pray that we will feel your presence, hear your Word proclaimed and respond by sharing your love with others. It was said of the Prodigal Son that he “came to himself”. Help us to wake up to ourselves and to you. Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human. Help us not to chase after an imaginary life and to find satisfaction in our real lives. Forgiving God, turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might see that your arms are open in welcome. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now return to our God and make our confession. Let us pray.

PRAAYER OF CONFESSIION

Loving God, there are times when we feel as though there is enough sin within us to shake our confidence. Sometimes there is enough doubt in us to challenge our faith. Some days there is enough weariness in us to diminish our hopefulness. Yet, thankfully there is also enough discontent in us to make us return home to your love. Have mercy on us, O God, forgive us our numerous sins, lead us to the fountain of your grace and wash us thoroughly from all that corrupts us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Welcome back home. Jesus welcomes sinners and even eats with the likes of us! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”* UMH No. 349

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 NT pg. 73

With these three parables, Jesus demonstrates what it means to be lost, how heaven celebrates with joy when the lost are found and how the loving Father longs to save people.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN	<i>“Freely, Freely”</i>	UMH No. 389
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SERMON “*One More Time!*” Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” UMH No. 348

PRAVERS 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	<i>“Jesus Will Make Us His Own”</i>	Chancel Choir
*Presentation of Gifts		
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	
	<i>Tune: Soon and Very Soon</i>	UMC No. 706

**Praise the Lord, our God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise the Lord, our God,
all creatures here below;
praise God from above,
all ye heavenly host;
praise the Father,
praise the Son and
praise the Holy Ghost.**

*Prayer of Dedication
**Patient God, we pray that you will multiply these tithes and offerings so that
they may be used to open the ears of your lost children to your message of
unconditional love. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS	UMH No. 33	
Steve Cave	Elizabeth Mosko	Charles Rosier
Katie Cave	Isabella Mosko	Pauline Rosier
Brian Cave	John Mosko	
Jason Cave	Julie Schmitt	

The Cave Family joined Ebenezer UMC on Sunday, March 17, 2019 following the 8:30 AM Worship Service. They came to us from Calvary UMC in Mt. Airy. Today we welcome Julie Schmitt, The Mosko Family and Charles and Pauline Rosier. Julie and The Moskos join our church family today on Profession of Faith. The Rosiers are transferring their membership from Gaither UMC in Sykesville.

*HYMN	<i>“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”</i>	TFWS No. 2151
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*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

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 31, 2019

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

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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

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.

2019 Regular Offering Summary			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
3/24/19	4,330.00	4,098.08	231.92
Year to Date	54,767.67	49,176.96	5,590.71

Attendance Last

Week:

112

Please see Sandy Wean with any questions on the budget.

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean	Billy & Bonnie Zavona
Liturgists	Kate Luetze	Billy Zavona

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 1 st	Administrative Council Meeting – FP2	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 3 rd	OWLS Luncheon – Taylorsville UMC	Noon
	Children's Choir	6:00 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday, March 28 th	Lenten Bible Study – parsonage	10:00 AM

A LOOK AHEAD:

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

Maundy Thursday – April 18th – 7:30 PM

Good Friday – April 19th – 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday – April 21st – 6:30, 8:30 & 11:00 – with Sunday School –

Sunrise Service at Krimgold Park



ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER CANDY SALE- Order forms are in your bulletin for this year's Easter candy sale. Forms and money are due back 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 (April 14th).

APR-MAY NEWSLETTER – Is available at the back of the sanctuary. Please make sure to pick one up.

EASTER EGG HUNT – This year's festivities will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 PM. It will be held on the 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!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - Sunday Mornings in the Sanctuary continue today through 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. We will also offer the same study on Thursday mornings in the parsonage at 10:00 AM.

STEEPLE FUND - At our Administrative Council Planning Day in January, 2019, we voted to pursue a steeple for our new church building. Our Building Sub-Committee 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".

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 or 410.596.2501.

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.

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

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 and see a more extensive selection! Contact Susan Brown with any questions stmpnsusan@aol.com.

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.



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.