

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

**April 28, 2019
The 2nd Sunday of Easter**

WELCOME

It is a joy to welcome you, in the name of Jesus Christ, to Ebenezer United Methodist Church on this joyous day! Whether you are here for the first time or have been here many years, may you experience this service as a sacred moment. Please be sure to complete the attendance roster sitting on the end of the pew and pass it to others sitting next to you. May this time of worship be a blessing and a time of spiritual renewal for you!

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing a new song!

A joyful melody of springtime glory and rebirth.

Sing praise to our God of new beginnings!

He has rolled away the stone!

Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain of new birth.

We place our visions and hopes at the altar.

For God has taken ordinary things and made them extraordinary.

Sing a New Song!

***OPENING HYMN**

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

UMH No. 304

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, as you have taken what we call an absurdity and turned it into possibility.....as you have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias where once there was a gray dawn, as you have called us out of the tombs we inhabit into an undreamed of tomorrow, we praise you for this day! Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope and help us to begin anew during this Easter Season! Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT I (8:30 AM)

UMH No. 33

Alexander Cole Cassing

Born May 5, 2018

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Richard and Brooke Cassing

Today we welcome Richard and Brooke as members of Ebenezer UMC. They join the church on Profession of Faith.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Away in a Manger”

UMH No. 217

Stanza #1

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

NT pg. 115

HYMN

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

TFWS No. 2086

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

NT pg. 108

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Don’t be a Summer Christian!”

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“Trust and Obey”

UMH No. 467

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING INVITATION

There are moments in our lives when we just have to laugh! Easter teaches us that laughter and love are at the heart of God’s work. Joyfully we are able to give knowing that our gifts will help others to see the blessed miracle of God’s creative joy.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *“Your Love Defends Me”* William Streaker

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology *“Alleluia, Alleluia”* UMH No. 162

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come, let us praise the living God.

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we offer these gifts that they may be further transformed like echoes of grace. May our lives speak of the joy of Easter as we use these gifts to serve your children in need. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“He Lives”* UMH No. 310

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Follow now the new path Christ has opened up for us.

Christ is Risen!

May you sing a resurrection song.

We go forth with God to let joy reside in our hearts always.

Go in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*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

April 28, 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
4/21/19	5,210.14	4,098.08	1,112.06
Year to Date	74,811.31	65,569.28	9,242.03

**Attendance Last
Week:
220**

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	Chuck & Rebecca Wisner	Curt & Cheryl Roelle
Liturgists	Susan Sager	Curt Roelle

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 28 th	Children's Church	11:00 AM
Wednesday, May 1 st	OWLS Luncheon – Taylorsville UMC	Noon
	Children's Choir	6:00 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

Upcoming

Sunday, May 5 th	UMYF	Noon
Monday, May 6 th	Administrative Council Meeting – FP2	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 9 th	Crafts – FP2	9:30 AM
Saturday, May 11 th	Men's Group – IHOP Eldersburg	8:30 AM

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EASTER FLOWERS – If you ordered flowers for the altar for Easter Sunday, please take them home with you today. Let us know if you do not want them, so we can clean out the sanctuary.

GRADUATES – If someone in your family will be graduating from high school, college or trade school, please forward their name to the church office. Please include where they are graduating from and their future plans.

SCHOLARSHIP – The 2019 Ebenezer UMC Scholarship applications are available. All high school seniors and undergraduate college students who are active members are eligible. Forms are located in the back of the sanctuary in the standup file above the mailboxes. Deadline for submission is June 16, 2019. See Brenda Baker for details.

EASTER CANDY SALES – Huge shout out to Linda Bennett and her team for the delicious Easter candy. This fundraiser raised **\$1,600.00** for our church!! We are blessed with the amount of generosity at Ebenezer.

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

BOARD OF CHILD CARE - Thanks to our budget line we were able to donate new tee shirts to the youth at the Board of Child Care for Easter this year. Each resident will receive a very nice new tee shirt in the color of their choice. Thank you all for your continued support of this ministry.

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.

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.

