

**EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**4901 Woodbine Road**

**Sykesville, Maryland 21784**

**(410)795-6136**

*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor*

*Linda Bange, Director of Music & Organist*

*8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

***Order of Worship***

***June 30, 2019***

***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost***

**WELCOME**

Welcome to Ebenezer UMC. We pray that you will 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!

**PRELUDE**

*“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

Arr. By Chesterton

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

**May God continue to bless the Church in our country and in this world.**

We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.

**May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.**

We seek to live in harmony and peace, together with all peoples on the earth.

**May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“America, the Beautiful”*

UMH No. 696

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Almighty God, as we celebrate Independence Day this week we pray you will bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Make us more deeply aware of our heritage realizing not only our rights but also our responsibilities as citizens. Make this great land and all its people know clearly your will and your ways that we will faithfully follow Christ. Speak to us your message of truth and help us to listen and respond. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

NT pg. 179

*In light of all that Paul has previously said, he now challenges the Galatians to walk in the truth he has presented making a final appeal to walk in the liberty of Jesus.*

Luke 9:51-62

NT pg. 66

*In this reading Jesus sets out on his final journey to Jerusalem. In this text we hear two major themes: The tension between Jesus and the religious leaders and the need for Jesus to prepare his disciples for his death.*

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*“America”*

UMH No. 697

**SERMON**

***“Free to Be Fruitful!”***

*Rev. Judy Emerson*

**HYMN**

*“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”*

UMH No. 402

**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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Announcements

Offertory

\*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

**O God, we present these gifts as the expression of a desire to do what is pleasing in your sight. From our hands into yours we commit our offerings of funds and faith. Use these gifts as you will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*“Battle Hymn of the Republic”*

UMH No. 717

\*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

June 30, 2019

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

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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.

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
6/23/19	3,487.00	4,098.08	(611.08)
Year to Date	118,010.31	102,452.00	15,558.31

Please see Sandy Wean with any questions on the budget.

**Attendance Last  
Week:  
91**

## **Worship Today**

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Rick & Brenda Baker	Billy & Bonnie Zavona
Liturgists	Kate Luethe	Billy Zavona

## **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> through

Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Camp Hope

Worship at 10:00 AM Only

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **BEGINS NEXT WEEK!**

July 7<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY

at 10:00 AM.

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** – Congratulations to our 2019-2020 scholarship recipients. They are Rachel Biddinger, Brian Cave, Jason Cave, Ethan Riccio and Brittney Zavona. We wish them all the best as they head to college in the fall.

**BACKPACK MINISTRY** - We will again be supporting Winfield Elementary School with backpacks for the students. We need to fill about 100. We will be collecting during the summer months and will be packing them on August 20th at 9:30 AM. The backpack tags are in a basket in the back of the sanctuary. If you don't wish to fill an entire backpack, there is a list of the items we could use most. You may also donate money to buy supplies for the backpacks that are not filled, just place it in the offering plate marked "Backpacks".

As always, thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry.

**CAMP HOPE** - The team is away this week working in Westernport, MD. Please keep them in your prayers for safety and for the work that they are doing for the families there.

**CAMP HOPE DINNER** - Ebenezer will host dinner on July 2nd at Frostburg United Methodist Church. We are still in need of desserts. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. They can be dropped off at Nicole Streaker's house (2649 Leslie Road, Mount Airy) on Sunday or Monday. We could also use more volunteers to help serve the Taco Dinner in Frostburg. You will get to eat, too! For more information, please contact Nicole at (443)824-8260 or (410)635-8232.

**ENGRAVED PAVERS** – Our new walkway and office entrance will include a patio designed with pavers. We are providing an opportunity for members and friends of Ebenezer to donate a paver to help pay for the initial installation of the patio and walkway. Pavers can be inscribed with your name or the name of a loved one. They can be donated in memory of someone, in honor of someone or just because! Please see the order form in your bulletin for more information.

**SERVICE-LEARNING HOURS** can be earned this summer as a student volunteer with Feed My Sheep, the Soup Kitchen at Wesley Freedom UM Church. The sign-up sheet is now posted on the narthex 'tunnel' bulletin board. Both the bulletin board and the June/July/August newsletter have more details.

**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](mailto:StmpnSusan@AOL.com).

**SAFE SANCTUARY HELP** -The volunteer list is being finalized for the next few months for Safe Sanctuary. Please see the bulletin board or contact Valerie Hyer if you can help. The dates and times we need volunteers for next quarter (July - Sept) are listed on the bulletin board.



**TO MARS AND BEYOND** – What a fantastic week! We had 20 campers this year who traveled To Mars and Beyond with us. Many thanks to our adult volunteers who come back year after year to share their gifts with our children. And a shout out to our 22 youth (from seventh graders to college students) who spent their week sharing their own talents and leadership skills. I am grateful for all of them.

*"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."* Ephesians 3:20