

***EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor  
10:00 AM***

***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
July 14, 2019  
Order of Worship***

WELCOME

PRELUDE                                      *“I Love to Tell the Story”*                                      arr. By Keeney

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

**We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.**

Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

**We come here seeking guidance and strength.**

Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

**Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully. Amen.**

\*HYMN                                      *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*                                      UMH No. 103

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now prayerfully confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, sometimes we are confused. We hear the bad news continually shouted on TV, radio, in the newspapers, magazines. The whole world seems to be in pain. Innocent people are being destroyed by the whims of the wicked. Disease and pestilence reign supreme in too many parts of the world. We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others, often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. We close our eyes. We walk away, often crossing over to the side of self-importance and indifference because we are afraid to become involved. Our society is quick to sue and slow to heal. We succumb to those pressures in our fear. Help us, O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Open our hearts and our eyes to see you, O Christ, that we may be empowered to service rather than apathy. Forgive us, Lord. Make us ready to truly become your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be afraid. God’s love is reaching out to you to provide healing. Receive God’s blessing and be assured of God’s eternal love for you. Amen.

HYMN                                      *“Open Our Eyes”*                                      TFWS No. 2086

SCRIPTURE LESSONS                      Amos 5:21-24; 7:10-17                                      OT pg. 805

The Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON                                      *“Amos with a Word for Worshippers!”*  
*Rev. Dr. David A. Highfield*

HYMN                                      *“There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy”*                                      UMH No. 121

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.**

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

- Announcements
  - Offering our Gifts
  - 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

**Great God in Heaven, you remind us to focus our ability on first loving you. Then, you urge us to reflect that love toward our neighbor. Create anew in our hearts a burning desire to care for your children. Encourage us to follow the caring ways that Jesus taught. Multiply these tithes and offerings so acts of tolerance and hospitality are extended through our ministry to all of your children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

- \*HYMN                                   *“Go, Make of All Disciples”*                                   UMH No. 571
- \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
- \*POSTLUDE

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Pastor David Highfield, now in his 52nd year of ordained ministry, retired from the United Methodist appointment system in 2007. His last full-time appointment was as lead pastor of Westminster United Methodist Church from 1992-2007. He is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Wesley Theological Seminary, and earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. During retirement Dave is enjoying community service, hobbies, family time, travel, singing, occasional interim ministries, teaching and preaching. He and his wife Conni are parents, grandparents of thirteen, Westminster residents, and regular participants in the life of Westminster UMC.



# Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: [ebenezerumchurch.org](http://ebenezerumchurch.org)

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

Worship: 10:00 AM

July 14, 2019

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

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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 10:00 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
7/7/19	3,698.00	4,098.08	(400.08)
Year to Date	125,428.31	110,648.16	14,780.15

Please see Sandy Wean with any questions on the budget.

**Attendance Last  
Week:  
110**

## Worship Today

Service	10:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary
Liturgists	Bill Jones

## This Week's Schedule

Sunday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Krimgold Clean-up	Noon
Sun, July 14 <sup>th</sup> - Fri, July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Manidokan	
Tuesday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Thursday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Mart Crafts – FP2	9:30 AM - Noon
	Bible Study – parsonage	10:00 AM
Saturday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHARGE CONFERENCE 2019** - Ebenezer's Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 1:30 PM. We will meet at St. Paul's UMC in Sykesville. Please plan on attending as we gather to celebrate our accomplishment from 2019 and look ahead to all God has in store for us in 2020.

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP** - Part of the work of our Annual Charge Conference is to nominate leaders to hold positions in our church. Some committee leaders have a set term. If you are serving on a committee without a beginning and ending time of service, please let me know if you are willing to continue in your leadership role for another year. Thank you! Rev. Judy.

**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 forms for more information.

**PASTORAL EMERGENCIES** – Rev. Judy will be out of the office from July 10th to the 18th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please leave a message at the church office, and the pastor on call will contact you.

**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". All items are due back by August 4<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry.

**FOOD PANTRY USAGE** – The second floor of the Food Pantry building will be unavailable from August 6<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be in use for packing the backpacks. The parsonage will be available for any meetings. Please be sure to check with the church secretary to schedule any meetings.

**UMYF** - Youth Group Pool Party on Saturday, July 20th 12:00-4:00 PM at The Jones house.  
7251 Lake Hills Ct. Marriottsville

**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).

**CARROLL COUNTY LANDFILL PASSES** - If you received passes that you will not be using, please consider giving them to CAMP HOPE for their projects that require hauling yard waste etc. to the landfill. Please see Paul or Nancy Thompson. Thank you