

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***4901 Woodbine Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
(410)795-6136***

Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Order of Worship

September 15, 2019

The 14^h Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. 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 renewal!

PRELUDE	<i>"Here I Am , Lord"</i>	arr. by Hayes
LIGHTING THE CANDLES		
INTROIT	<i>"Saranam, Saranam"</i>	UMH No. 523

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

We proclaim that God's presence is real and alive and thriving!

Evildoers declare through their actions, "We go through life alone."

**But we see God's grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love in our lives
and in the world around us.**

Praise be to God!

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*OPENING HYMN	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	UMH 378
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OPENING PRAYER

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy that leads to new life, today and always!

EPISTLE LESSON	1 Timothy 1:12-17	NT pg. 199
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PSALTER	<i>Psalms 51: 1-17</i>	UMH No. 785
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GOSPEL LESSON	<i>Luke 15: 1-10</i>	NT pg.73
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This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN	<i>"God is so Good"</i>	TFWS No. 2056
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SERMON	<i>"Now What?"</i>	<i>Ken Middleton</i>
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HYMN	<i>"Grace Alone"</i>	TFWS No. 2162
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PRAYERS 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 (11:00 AM)

"Rejoice!"

Chancel Choir

*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

Majestic, Powerful and Loving God, you see in children the hearts of generosity and joy; and in adults who should be wise, you see the foolishness of believing we can control our lives through money and power. We bring gifts to you this morning, foolishly believing that what we have is ours to give or hold back. Give us eyes to see we are all your children enjoying breath, life, food, drink, and shelter only because of the unimaginable bounty of your love and caring. In the name of Jesus, who held nothing back, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“Marching to Zion”

UMH No. 733

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing when able
TFWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal
UMH – United Methodist Hymn*



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
September 15, 2019



Church Office: (410) 795-6136
Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

Church Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com
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
9/8/19	5,494.00	4,098.08	1,395.92
Year to Date	163,231.31	147,530.88	15,700.43

**Attendance
Last Week:
113**

Please see Sandy Wean with any questions on the budget

Worship Today

Service	8:300 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean	Rodriguez Family
Liturgist	Sandy Wean	Dave Biddinger

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, September 17 th	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Wednesday, September 18 th	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday, September 19 th	Crafts – FP2	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
	WOWS – Parsonage	6:30 PM
Saturday, September 21 st	Food Pantry	9:00 AM – 11:00 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.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH – will be celebrated on Sunday, October 29th. Youth participants will be practicing during Children's Church on September 22nd and October 13th.

CONFIRMATION CHANGE - The parent/mentor/confirmand meeting is rescheduled for Sunday, September 22nd during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary.

HOLLY MART VENDORS - We still have spots available for vendors. Please let Susan Brown (StmpnSusan@aol.com) know if you would like a spot or know someone who does!

HOLLY MART PLANNING – There will be a Holly Mart meeting on Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 PM in the food pantry building.

YOUTH GROUP - 6th -12th grade will meet on September 22nd from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Food Pantry. Come join the fun! Save the October dates- October 13th & 27th.

ROCK 2020 – Planning has started for ROCK, to be held in Ocean City Feb 7th – 9th. Please let Ms Nancy know if you are interested in going.

WINFIELD FALL FEST – Winfield VFD Ladies Auxiliary is holding a Fall Fest on Oct. 26th from Noon to 4:00 PM. Youth 6-12th grade please look at your calendars early to see if you can help. Come for one hour or stay for the entire time. Whatever you can give would be great. More details later. Scout Troop 733 is sponsoring a scarecrow making station. Any old clothing donations would be welcome. See the flyer on the bulletin board and come support the ladies auxiliary.

EBENEZER MENS GROUP FALL RETREAT – Join the Ebenezer Men's Group for their annual fall retreat. Dates are Friday, November 1st through Sunday, November 3rd at Camp Manidokan in Knoxville, MD. Cost for the weekend is \$152.00 and will need to be handed in before the first week of October. Please sign up in the narthex and see Scott Murchie with any questions.

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.

CAMP HOPE - Registration for Camp Hope 2020 begins September 22nd. Our first meeting of the year will be at 3:15 PM at the Food pantry EUMC. If you are 14 to 18 years old you are eligible to volunteer for the week of mission. If you have questions or want to learn more come join us on the 22nd!

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. They are located on the bulletin board.

PARENTS: Is your child away from home at school, in the military, or working or volunteering somewhere far away? Ebenezer would like to keep in touch with them! Parents can send the following information to either Cindi in the church office or directly to Ellie Baublitz, Higher Education/Campus Ministry chair, at elliebaublitz@netscape.net:

Student's/child's name, college/military/other address, what year they are in, birthday, and any other relevant information you would like to share about the student's life and activities.

SAFE SANCTUARY - Anyone who works with children at any capacity during the year needs to fill out a safe sanctuary form yearly. This form is titled "Laity Sexual Misconduct Questionnaire" and is located in the hanging file on the bulletin board. If you have filled the form out before, please answer questions 1 and 2 and *sign the back of the paper*. First timers, please fill the whole sheet. Please leave signed forms in Cindi's mailbox.