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 8, 2019

The 13^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	"Near to the Heart of God"	arr. By Schram
LIGHTING THE CANDLES		
INTROIT	"O How He Loves You and Me"	TFWS No. 2108
gratitude, responding in g We offer our whole selv glory.	t and Jesus has invited us to come. Let grateful worship. es to God today. We know that he cr ing, dance, pray, respond – all to the gl	eated this day for his
*OPENING HYMN	"Where He Leads Me"	UMH 338
OPENING PRAYER		

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, you are the stronghold and the refuge of faith, the foundation of hope and the safeguard for all who praise your name. With you we can walk and not stumble, run and not fall, and lie down in safety. We shall fill our days with visions of your lofty splendor, and consider each moment as sacred because of your grace. AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering. We would carry your cross but it weights too much. We count the cost of following you – as long a there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is just and takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Through Christ there is hope of eternal forgiveness. Turn back from your past and embrace God's promised assurance: In Christ there is redemption and release from all sin.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

At what expense does one follow the Christ? It is well to consider the consequences before embarking on any major venture. Some forsake family and friendships in order to be faithful disciples. Any who cannot carry the cross ought to rethink their decision. To follow Christ involves renouncing allegiance to whoever and whatever may get in the way. Are you ready?

OLD TESTAMEN	Г LESSON Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18	OT pg. 545
GOSPEL LESSON This is the Wor Thanks be to	rd of God for the people of God.	NT pg. 73
HYMN	"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"	UMH No. 424
SERMON	"How to Catch a Rabbit"	Mindy Coates
HYMN	"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart (vs. 1-3)"	TFWS No. 2140

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	"How Can I Keep from Singing"	Chancel Choir
*Presentation of Gift	S	
*Doxology		UMH No. 94
P	raise God from whom all blessings flow.	
	Praise God, all creatures here below.	
	Alleluia! Alleluia!	
	Praise God, the source of all our gifts.	
P	raise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.	
	Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit.	
	Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	

*Prayer of Dedication

As the days become cooler and the leaves of summer begin to wear their fall colors, we are reminded of the many ways God interacts with the world in order to meet its many needs. The cycle of life goes on and we are among the actors. But more importantly, we are stewards and caretakers of the earth because we are made in God's image. May this offering be a share in that responsibility as we set aside a portion of our wealth to fulfill our task as stewards of the earth. AMEN

*HYMN	"You Are Mine"	TFWS 2218

*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 8, 2019

<u>Church Office</u>: (410) 795-6136 <u>Pastor's Office</u>: (410) 795-1237 <u>Church Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com</u> <u>Pastor's Email: revjae@aol.com</u>

<u>Pastor:</u> Rev. Judy Emerson <u>Music Director</u>: Linda Bange <u>Treasurer:</u> Sandy Wean <u>Secretary</u>: Cindi Arnold <u>Nursery Coordinator</u>: Jess Middleton <u>Nursery Coordinator</u>: Lisa Humphries

Notes

<u>Nursery</u> for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. <u>Children's Church</u> for Pre-K through 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 AM. <u>The Attendance Roster</u> is at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass it to others

	2019 Regular Offering Summary		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
9/1/19	7,544.00	4,098.08	3,445.92
Year to Date	157,737.31	143,432.80	14,304.51

Attendance Last Week: 68

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	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgists	Bill Jones	Deb Mathias

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, September 8 th	Sunday School classes begin	9:45 AM
	Krimgold clean-up	Noon
	Youth Group – FP2	4:00 PM
Monday, September 9 th	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Wednesday, September 11 th	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday, September 12 th	Crafts – FP2	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Saturday, September 14 th	Men's Group – FP2	8:30 AM
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Worship at 8:30 AM Sunday School at 9:45 AM Worship at 11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU – Rev Judy would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, prayers and support during and after her surgery. For those of you that were at church last week – she loved the picture! She says that recovery is going well and that she can't wait to be back and see everyone.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – We have returned to regular office hours. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

NEWSLETTER – Sept/Oct newsletters are available today at the back of the sanctuary.

CONFIRMATION CHANGE - Confirmation will begin today as a regular session with Cyndi and Doug Diethrich in the classroom on the 2nd floor of the parsonage at 9:45 AM. The parent/mentor/confirmand meeting is rescheduled for Sunday, September 22nd during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Children's Choir will start on Wednesday, September 11th from 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM on the second floor of the food pantry. I look forward to seeing all returning members and hope to have some new children join the fun! All 4-year olds-5th graders are welcome to join! Ask your friends, neighbors, grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

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 <u>elliebaublitz@netscape.net</u>:

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.

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

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.

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.

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.