

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Director of Music and Organist*

Order of Worship

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

October 27, 2019

Reformation Sunday

WELCOME

*Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence.
Please be sure to sign the roster at the end of the pew and pass it to others near you. It is
our hope that this time of worship will be a blessing to all. Please begin in silent prayer.*

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

Arr. By Mansfield

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*United Methodists celebrate Reformation Sunday with a sense of moving toward unity
and community. Reformation Sunday remembers Martin Luther and the central role he
played in the reform movement that split the western church of Rome. Though United
Methodists are not descendants of Luther, both John and Charles Wesley were priests in
the Church of England, so our roots are deep in the Anglican tradition.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

It is by God’s grace that we gather for worship.

And it is by God’s grace that our lives are changed.

We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, God brightens our worship!

God empowers us to be faithful followers of Jesus.

For this, we give thanks and praise.

*OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH No. 110

OPENING PRAYER

**God of the faithful, we give thanks for your abundant blessings. Thank you for
our fathers and mothers in the faith who, sometimes with significant risk, stood up for
their beliefs. Give us the courage to speak out and speak up, that we might share your
merciful love and grow in grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, when we stand at the edge of brokenness and allow our questions of faith to
distance ourselves from you and others, forgive us and free us. When the ways we live
as the church limit our ability to offer compassion, forgive us and free us. When we
try to be “holy” without changing the way we are with others, forgive us and free us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The face of God we seek is a face of compassion, steadfast in love and longing to
forgive. Receive the power of God’s compassion so that we might have the capacity for
love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Freely, Freely”

UMH No. 389

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

NT pg. 144

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

NT pg. 76

DUET (11:00 AM)

”The Gift of Love”

Brenda Sebly & Jen Klausmeyer

SERMON

“A Grace-Filled Gift!”

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“Grace Alone”

TFWS No. 2162

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests

Pastoral 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

Chancel Choir

UMH No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Caring God, we humble ourselves today by returning the gifts you first shared with us. We strive to increase our commitment to being thoughtful, generous people. Help us to be unassuming in our service, but bold in our witness. We pray in the name of the one who served you here on Earth, Jesus the Living Christ. Amen.

TFWS No. 2223

*POSTLUDE

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

October 27, 2019

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

Pastor: Rev. Judy Emerson

Music Director: Linda Bange

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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
10/20/19	4,156.00	4,098.08	57.92
Year to Date	191,468.31	172,119.36	19,348.95

**Attendance
Last Week:
160**

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Chuck & Rebecca Wisner	Curt & Cheryl Roelle
Liturgist	Susan Sager	Curt Roelle

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 27 th	Children's Church Pickle, Jam, Jelly & Relish sale Trunk or Treat	11:00 AM Between/after services 12:30 PM
Wednesday, October 30 th	Children's Choir Chancel Choir	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Fri, Nov 1 st – Sun, Nov 3 rd	Men's Retreat	



Don't be late for church next week!
Set your clocks back one hour
Before bed on Saturday, November 2nd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU - I want to thank everyone for the love and support that you have shown our family, for coming to Bob's viewing, funeral and luncheon and for the cards and prayers. Thank you Church Family...Diane Biddinger

JAM- PICKLE- JELLY SALE – Come make your purchases today in the narthex.

NEWSLETTER – The Nov-Dec-Jan newsletter is available today!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – is Sunday, November 3rd. We will again decorate our sanctuary with pictures of your loved ones. Please bring framed photos with your name on the back to the church office by October 31st.

TRUNK OR TREATING – We will celebrate Halloween with our annual trunk or treating in the church parking lot Today at 12:30 PM. Adults – come and be creative with your trunks. Kids – let's see those great costumes!

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING - will take place in November. If you are interested in becoming a member of Ebenezer, please contact Rev. Judy at revjae@aol.com or by calling the church office.

2020 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS – are in. Still a bargain at \$6 each. See Cindi Arnold.

CALLING ALL CHEESEBALLS - The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex for ingredients needed for the cheeseballs as well as help making them on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00 PM in the food pantry building. If you can donate ingredients, please leave in the parsonage by the 3rd. Mark with your name and "cheeseballs"! Any questions contact Susan Brown- stmpnsusan@aol.com. Thank you for all of your support!

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 - is less than 2 weeks away! **November 9th** will be her before we know it. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex to see how you can aid in making this year's Holly Mart successful. All help is greatly appreciated. Some specific needs are:

Men – Friday afternoon, evening and Saturday (see Tony Sager or Janet Davis) to help with set up and clean up

Youth – Saturday lunch deliveries and trash collection

ALL – Help needed as greeters, table and general room clean up, and other "jobs as assigned". See Janet Davis
We need YOU!

COLD WEATHER SHELTER - We will be supporting the Cold Weather Shelter in Westminster the 3rd Sunday of each month with a hot home-made dinner from November to March. A signup sheet will be posted in the narthex shortly. NEW ITEM: Each week in addition to a couple of people to serve food, we are requesting a coordinator to pick up contributed food items from anyone who is not showing up in person at the shelter. I will still organize by email and coordinate with the Cold Weather Shelter staff.

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.

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.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE – Please be sure to turn lights off and lock up as you leave any of our buildings. If it has a switch, turn it off. Also – even though you think you have locked the doors, please give it an extra push to make sure it is latched. We need to all work together to ensure the safety of our buildings.