

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**4901 Woodbine Road
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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Organist/Music Director*

*September 29, 2019
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

***Order of Worship
16th Sunday After Pentecost***

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence. It is important to us to have a record of your attendance today. Please be sure to sign the roster at the end of the pew and pass it to others near you. May this time of worship be a blessing to you today and in the week ahead. Please use this time to be in silent prayer.

PRELUDE "Largo in G" HANDEL
LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT "On Eagle's Wings" UMH No. 143

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God delivers and protects us.

Praise be to God!

God saves us in times of trouble.

Thanks be to God!

God satisfies us with the gift of our salvation.

Glory be to God!

*HYMN "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH No. 176

OPENING PRAYER

God our Redeemer, you promise deliverance to those who love you. Draw unto us as we draw unto you in worship. Open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend and our spirits to encounter the revelation you have for us this day. Transform us with the truth of your love and grace, in the name of the one who loved us and gave his life for us. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess all that separates us from God and one another. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow the gift of your love. Forgive us, we pray—when we don't see or recognize your gifts for what they are; when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity; when we take what you give and beg you for more; when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us; when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction. Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others. As we are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others, in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE AND PARDON

People of God do not set your hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on the richness of God, who provides us everything for our enjoyment. Be rich in good works, generous and ready to share. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM) UMH No. 39

Liam Philip Gruber

Born February 18, 2019

Parents: Katie and Adam Gruber

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19 NT pg. 198

HYMN "More Like You" TFWS No. 2167

GOSPEL READING Luke 12:13-21 NT pg. 70

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Life is Difficult!" Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN "When We Are Living" UMH No. 356

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

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

God, our refuge and fortress, we thank you for hearing our call and for rescuing us. We thank you for the gift of our salvation. Bless now these gifts that we offer back to you—the gifts of our resources, the gifts of our hearts. Use these gifts so that others may come to know the abundant life you offer in Christ. Amen.

*HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

UMH No. 514

*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 29, 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 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.

Attendance Last Week: 125
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Worship Today

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, September 29 th	Children's Church	11:00 AM
Wednesday, October 2 nd	OWLS Luncheon – Taylorsville UMC	Noon
	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLLY MART CRAFTS – Holly Mart is right around the corner and we are still in need of help. No experience needed! We appreciate any extra hands. Please see sign up sheets on the bulletin board. Craft days start at 9:30 AM and will wrap up around 2:00 PM in the food pantry building. Light lunch will be provided.

October 10th Making Jar Mixes

October 17th check out last year's crafts and finish up started crafts

October 24th Making Bird Feeders

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 just a little more than a month 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. Whether it is volunteering to work; help with crafting; donating food items or money for kitchen needs; baking and/or making candy for the bake table AND/OR donating a new or handmade item for the Silent Auction. All help is greatly appreciated!

JAM- PICKLE- JELLY SALE – This year's sale will take place on Sunday, October 20th and 27th. Start thinking about items needed for yourself and gifts for family and friends. Help make this a good fundraiser again this year.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH – will be celebrated on Sunday, October 20th. Youth participants will be practicing during Children's Church today and on October 13th.

MENS GROUP UPDATE - Sat., Oct 12 - Mens Group meeting is cancelled.
Sat., Dec 14, 8:30 AM at IHOP in Eldersburg – Christmas outing!

FALL 2019 MEN'S GROUP RETREAT - Friday Nov 1-Sunday Nov 3
Location: Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center, 1600 Harpers Ferry Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758
Before the beginning: For those interested, meet for dinner Friday night at a local restaurant
What's Included: 5 meals (Sat. breakfast, lunch, dinner; Sunday breakfast, lunch), study periods Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday morning)
What about Saturday afternoon? That's free time to hike, visit Maryland Heights, Antietam, Harper's Ferry, or walk around the 470 acres of Manidokan to take in the natural beauty
Who's leading the retreat: Cape St. Clare UMC Pastor Dale Thomas
How much will this cost: \$152
How do I sign up: The signup sheet is in the Narthex (or email Scott Murchie at scott.murchie@jhuapl.edu)

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.

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. We will be helping with the pumpkin painting station. See Julie Jones for more info. 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.

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.

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.

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.