

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor

December 22, 2019

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

4th Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“He is Born”

Arr. By Lash

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We remember God’s promise of a Ruler of Peace.

**Filled with the Spirit of God, of wisdom and understanding,
of counsel and might, of justice and faithfulness.**

We light this Advent Candle and we pray: Come Lord Jesus!

Open our lives to the Peace which you bring; let us turn to you and get ready!

*HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH No. 230

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, thank you for this day and for this time of worship where we can
celebrate your gift of love. By the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.
May the Christ Child be born in our hearts once more and restore within us the
image and likeness of you, our Creator. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture reading from Isaiah 7:10-16

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes
in Christ, the candle of Peace, remembering God’s dream of a peaceful

world, and the candle of Joy, remembering the Spirit within us who brings joy.

Lighting Advent Candles I, II, III & IV

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Scripture tells us “There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.” (1 John 4:18).
God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. God’s love
pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to lovers,
God’s love is there.

We light this candle in Love.

On this day, we remember God is Love.

Sung Response

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

UMH No. 204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00AM)

UMH No. 39

Emory John Cesar

Born May 12, 2019

Parents: Kathleen and Vertus Cesar

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

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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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Announcements

Offertory

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology *“What Child is This”* UMH No. 219
**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

*Prayer of Dedication
**O God, may the gifts we offer this day be used for your purposes
through the ministries we share. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN *“Away in a Manger”* UMH No. 217

MORNING MESSAGE
 (8:30 AM) *“Christmas Interruptions”* Rev. Judy Emerson
 (11:00 AM) *“The ABCs of Christmas”* Children’s Sunday School

*HYMN *“Joy to the World”* UMH No. 246

*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

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Church Office: (410) 795-6136
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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.

2019 Regular Offering Summary			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/15/19	5,740.00	4,098.08	1,641.92
Year to Date	230,600.08	204,904.00	25,696.08

Attendance Last Week 194

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, December 22nd
Wed & Thurs Dec 25th & 26th

Children's Program
Church Office Closed

11:00 AM

DECEMBER 2019 WORSHIP SCHEDULE



December 24th

Christmas Eve

Traditional Service at 8:00 PM
Candlelight Service at 10:00 PM

December 29th

One service only at 11:00 AM
No Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS – Take a look at the Christmas tree in the narthex. It is adorned with homemade ornaments by our own Barbara Hare. Please feel free to take one with you as a gift from your Ebenezer family.

CHURCH OFFICES – will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th. If you have a pastoral need, please leave a message and someone will get back with you as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS – in your bulletin is a preprinted postcard announcing the Christmas Worship times. There are more in the narthex. Use them as a reminder or take them and hand them out or mail them. (Postage is not paid, and they will need a first-class stamp.)

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL PLANNING DAY - is scheduled for January 11th. All are welcome to attend. We will have a covered dish breakfast at 8:30 AM and start our meeting at 9:00 AM.

GREETING CARDS - The green collection box for recycling greeting cards has been placed in the narthex. The plan is to collect cards through the end of January. As a reminder, they take the entire card now. Therefore, no need to separate them. Any questions, please contact Sharon Grim @ 410 489 7455 or robertgrim@comcast.net

2020 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS – Still \$6 each. Only 5 left – get yours today! See Cindi

COLD WEATHER SHELTER – The Men's Group is 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 is in the narthex. Each week in addition to a couple of people to serve food, we request a coordinator to pick up contributed food items from anyone who is not showing up in person at the shelter. Scott Murchie will 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.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020 – A new Church Leadership Roster for 2020 is available in the narthex. Check to see which committees you are serving on for the coming year. Some committees have a group listing with the year stated above. This means you will serve on that committee until the end of the stated year.

