

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Music Director/Organist

December 29, 2019
11:00 AM

The First Sunday After Christmas

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You reign, O God, over all that you have made. You have redeemed and comforted your people. Number us among those who have responded to the good tidings your messengers bring. Create peace in our midst and empower us to proclaim your peace. May our worship be filled with the glad sounds of people eager to sing your praise! Amen.

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE *"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"* Brenda Sebly

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God has spoken to us by a Child.

We have known the Word-made-flesh in Jesus.

We come to worship at the manger.

The True Light that enlightens everyone is coming, but many have not seen it.

Jesus is the light, sent to help us see; we long to become children of the light.

The glory of God is made known in a child's face.

The deepest night is overcome.

Let all God's angels worship the Child.

Let us find ourselves in Jesus' presence.

*OPENING HYMN *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* UMH No. 238

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving God, let us hear once more your good tidings of peace in a world that often rejects the Word and turns away from your revelation. May the coming of your Child prompt a new song within us and bring depths of joy to this community of faith. We await your Word of grace and truth. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 3:1-10 NT pg. 181

SINGING FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:16-24 NT pg. 72

SERMON *"A Great Invitation!"* Rev. Judy Emerson

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 *"Mary, Did You Know?"* Bill Jones

*Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* UMH No. 221

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part:
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

May our offerings sing a new song of praise, as we marvel at your care for us, gracious God. We offer all that we have and all that we are in thanksgiving for your glorious gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH No. 251

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*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
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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
12/22/19	3,586.00	4,098.08	(512.08)
Year to Date	234,186.08	209,002.08	25,184.00

Attendance Last Week 175

Worship Today

Service	11:00 AM
Greeters	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Tony & Susan Sager
Liturgist	Susan Sager

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 29 th	One Service Only – No Sunday School	11:00 AM
Wed & Thurs Jan 1 st & Jan 2 nd	Church Office Closed	

Coming Next Week

Sunday, January 5 th	Camp Manidokan adult meeting – FP2	NOON
Saturday, January 11 th	CHURCH PLANNING DAY	8:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU – to everyone who donated to the Christmas dinners, as well as all the wonderful gifts for the children at the Board of Child Care. Ebenezer continues to show it's love and compassion with every donation.

CHURCH OFFICES – will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st and January 2nd. If you have a pastoral need, please leave a message and someone will get back with you as soon as possible.

CAMP MANIDOKAN MEETING: Please join us on Sunday, January 5th following the late service for a meeting to discuss plans for Summer Camp 2020. We are asking parents of campers and volunteers (from both 2019 and prospectives for 2020) to attend this meeting; campers will not be needed at this time. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let Julie Partridge know so that information may be passed along to you.

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.

