

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
December 8, 2019

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

*The season of Advent is a time of gratitude and anticipation. We welcome you in love as we **anticipate** and **celebrate** the coming of the Promised One together.*

PRELUDE “*People Look East*” arr. By Bertolozzi

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT “*Prepare Ye The Way of The Lord*” Children’s Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare the way;

**The way for Christ –
the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ –
to enter our world, to enter our hearts.**

We cry out together in the wilderness:

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

We come to be a part of the light—

the light that shines in the darkness.

*OPENING HYMN *"Blessed Be the God of Israel"* UMH No. 209

OPENING PRAYER

**In you alone we put our hope,
God the Father, Creator and Sustainer, who gives all good things seen and unseen.
In you alone we put our hope,
God the Son, Savior and Redeemer, who died for our sins and rose again.
In you alone we put our hope,
God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter, who moves us to sing “Our God reigns!”
In you alone we put our hope. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture Reading from Isaiah 11:1-10

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ.

Lighting Advent Candle I & II

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace.

On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

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.**

SOLO

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Ken Middleton

ADVENT SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-12

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAAYER OF CONFESSIION

**Holy and loving God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light;
we have been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings.
Smooth down the mountains of our pride and lift up the valleys of our doubts.
Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to you again.
Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom.
O Lord, Hear our prayer. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Gracious Lord, fill our waiting hearts with gratitude, love and forgiveness.

SERMON	“ <i>Bumps in the Road...</i> ”	Ken Middleton
HYMN	” <i>Hail to the Lord’s Anointed</i> ”	UMH No. 203

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 (8:30 AM) “*Will We Know Him?*” Chancel Choir
*Presentation of Gifts
*Doxology “*What Gift Can We Bring*” (vs. 4) UMH No. 88

**This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise.**

*Prayer of Dedication
Holy God, you are the only One who can purify us and make us whole. Through the righteousness of Christ, you restore us. We trust that you are working in our hearts and minds to renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit. As we present our offerings, we ask that our gifts may be pleasing in your sight. By your grace, bring forth a harvest of faith in our lives and our communities. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*HYMN	” <i>Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated</i> ”	UMH No. 399
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*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



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

December 8, 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.

2019 Regular Offering Summary			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/1/19	6,055.10	4,098.08	1,957.02
Year to Date	220,758.41	196,707.84	24,050.57

**Attendance
Last Week:
98**

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgist	Bill Jones	Deb Mathias

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 8 th	Children's Church	11:00 AM
	UMYF Christmas Party – FP2	4:30 PM
Monday, December 9 th	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Wednesday, December 11 th	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday, December 12 th	WOWS Dinner – Salerno's	6:30 PM
Saturday, December 14 th	Men's Group – IHOP	8:30 AM

DECEMBER 2019 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 15th

3rd Sunday of Advent

Cantata –

“The Glory of Christmas”

Presented in the memory of

Darlene Carlock

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

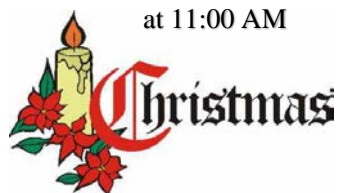
December 22nd

4th Sunday of Advent

Traditional Service at 8:30 AM

Children's Christmas Program

at 11:00 AM



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

YOUTH GROUP Christmas Party This Sunday, December 8th at 4:30 in the Food Pantry. Bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for the Christmas gift game!

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES FOR 2019 – Unwrapped gifts should be returned TODAY. Thank you for your generosity! If you have questions you may contact Janet Davis

CHRISTMAS DINNER HELP - There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the families for Christmas. We are in need of Hams, Apple Pies and Rolls ***only***. Food is due on Dec 15th. Thank you!

ADVENT WREATH - We are still looking for someone to light the advent wreath on Christmas Eve. You and your family or you and someone from your church family can join together and participate in worship in a meaningful way. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider participating in worship in this special way during the Advent Season.

WOWS CHRISTMAS DINNER – The WOWS will hold their annual Christmas Dinner at Salerno's on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30. All women of Ebenezer and friends are welcome. Please sign up in the narthex. And remember to bring a \$10 gift for the exciting gift exchange. Come join the fun!

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER – Last order before Christmas! Orders go in on Monday, December 16th. Gift cards make great gifts or purchase cards and use for your Christmas shopping (lessens the burden of spending too much money at one time!). Either way – earn money for our church! Purchase gift cards to your favorite stores and restaurants for your everyday shopping and enjoyment as well. The church gets a portion of all sales. Orders are placed at least twice a month. Order forms are available in the narthex or go to ShopwithScrip.com and see a more extensive selection! Contact Susan Brown with any questions. stmpnsusan@aol.com.

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.

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

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. 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.

PASTORAL CARE - Rev. Judy will be away on medical leave. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office. You may leave a message and the Pastor on call will respond as soon as possible.