

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**4901 Woodbine Road
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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Director of Music/Organist
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

**Order of Worship
January 19, 2020**

2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

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

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!

Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!

We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it.

Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.

Let your light shine through us, now and forever.

Come, let us worship the Lord together!

*OPENING HYMN

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

UMH No. 601

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Lord, we welcome your presence and grace in our lives. We ask that you manifest your glory today and shine your light on us. Through your light, may we illuminate the lives of those around us. As we feel your presence in worship today, may our knowledge of your divine mysteries continue to grow and change our lives forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now bring our confession to God, knowing that God will hear our prayers and forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come back to you to renew our commitment. We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods. We spend more time with our hobbies than with your cause. We pay more attention to our toys than to your truth. Your law is no longer in our hearts. We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service. O God, bring us back to yourself. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:8-12

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 40:1-11

UMH No. 774

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:29-42

NT pg. 86

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Lamb of God"

TFWS No. 2113

SERMON

"God is at Work!"

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

UMH No. 344

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 (11:00 AM)

"In Christ Alone"

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

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN

"The Summons"

TFWS No. 2130

*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
January 19, 2020

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.

2020 Regular Offering Summary				Attendance Last Week 117
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
1/12/20	6,909.00	4,290.38	2,816.62	
Year to Date	12,746.00	8,580.76	4,165.24	

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean	Rodriguez Family
Liturgist	Sandy Wean	Dave Rapids

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 19 th	Cold Weather Shelter Dinner	
Tuesday, January 21 st	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Wednesday, January 22 nd	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC - The choir piece today is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Dolly Hardesty.

NEWSLETTER – Articles for the February-March newsletter need to be turned in to the church office no later than Monday, January 20th.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - The Women's Retreat is 2 months away which does not seem possible! Our theme this year is *20/20 Vision*. If you have not signed up yet, please consider going with us again or for the first time! The forms and brochures are in the narthex. Please let Susan Brown know if you have any questions or want to join us!

SAFE SANCTUARY - The volunteer list is being finalized for the month of February 2020 for Safe Sanctuary. As you know, per our Safe Sanctuary policy, no child can be in a building without 2 adults present. During our construction, there are times that the Nursery may need another adult present during church services. The move into the new building is right around the corner, but we are getting volunteers through the end of February just in case. Please see sign up on the bulletin board or see Valerie Hyer.

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.

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.

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.