

**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 26, 2020**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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                      “We Believe in One True God”                      Glyncannon

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life.

**I’ll show you how to take a real rest.**

Walk with me and work with me. Watch how I do it.

**We come to learn the rhythms of grace.**

Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely.

\*OPENING HYMN                      “Surely the Presence of the Lord”                      UMH No. 328

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, you have made our hearts restless until they rest in you, our souls thirsty unless they drink of you, our minds darkened until they see your light: shine on us now by your Word; cause us to receive your Spirit, that we may find in you our life, our joy, our peace. Speak to us during this time of worship, Lord, that we may listen and respond. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God’s mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So, let us make our confession before God and one another. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings and deeper than all our sin: Take back to yourself your bewildered and broken people. Forgive our foolishness and our excess, our coldness to human sorrow, our passion for things of the moment and our indifference to the deeper treasures of the spirit. Change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way, that we may love what you love and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ died for our sins. We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. Feel that forgiveness in your heart. We are His children. Amen.

SOLO                                      “Deep River”                                      Rev. Chuck Shacochis

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Psalm 61                                      OT pg. 497

*In this Psalm, David once again demonstrates a godly response to overwhelming and depressing developments in life.*

GOSPEL LESSON                                      Matthew 11:25-30                                      NT pg. 11

*In this text Christ invites all to come to him for rest for their souls. He alone gives this invitation.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN                                      “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”                                      UMH No. 348

SERMON                                      “The One Who Can Help!”                                      Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN                                      “Cry of My Heart”                                      TFWS No. 2165

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)

*"Ascribe to the Lord"*

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

**Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

TFWS No. 2129

\*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](http://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 26, 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grades is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
1/19/20	6,112.00	4,290.38	1,821.62
Year to Date	18,858.00	12,871.14	5,986.86

<b>Attendance Last Week 104</b>
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### **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, January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Church	11:00 AM
	UMYF – FP2	4:00 PM
Wednesday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Trustees Meeting – parsonage	6:30 PM
	Children's Choir	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEB-MAR NEWSLETTER** - Printed newsletters are available in the back of the sanctuary.

**YOUTH GROUP** - meets today at the Food Pantry from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

**TRUSTEES** – will meet this Wednesday in the parsonage from 6:30 – 7:30.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** - We are about 2 months away from our 2020 retreat and the days seem to be moving quickly! Please find the brochure and a form to register in the narthex. If you can't remember if you already paid a deposit, just ask! The final numbers need to be in to Skycroft by **February 19th** so now is the time to let me know if you will be attending. Hoping we have a full house again for such a fun weekend! See Susan Brown with any questions.

**SHARE THE GOOD NEWS** - If you have any bibles that you are not using anymore, please consider donating them to the Food Pantry. We would like to have bibles available for our friends who come to the food pantry. There is a Food Pantry box in the narthex, and they will be picked up from there and shared on our Saturdays we give out food.

**SAFE SANCTUARY** - The volunteer list is being finalized for the month of February 2020 for Safe Sanctuary. 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month with a hot home-made dinner from November to March. A signup sheet is in the narthex.

**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.