

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 5, 2020***

Epiphany of The Lord Sunday

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 *Variations on "What Child Is This"* Dolmetsch

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:
The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:
The people who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:
**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

O come, let us worship the Lord,
for God has done wondrous things!

*OPENING HYMN *"The First Noel"* UMH No. 245

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and all loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 OT pg. 649

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 NT pg. 1
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"The Stories of Our Lives"* Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN *"Sing We Now of Christmas"* UMH No. 237

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests
Pastoral Prayer

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements
Offertory (11:00 AM) *"Guide Us to the Perfect Light"* 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

Holy One, your light has come. Your light shines brightly in our humble lives. We place this offering upon your altar as an outpouring of your light within us. Glory hallelujah! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Communion Offering for Carroll County Food Sunday

Hymns During Communion: #216, #217, #219

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

"We Three Kings"

UMH No. 254

*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 5, 2020

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
12/29/19	4,034.55	4,098.08	(63.53)
Year to Date	238,220.63	213,100.16	25,120.47

Attendance Last Week 115

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Mel & Carol Wroten	Jim Brown & Paul Thompson
Liturgist	Carolene Will	Chuck Shacochis

This Week's Schedule

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

Coming Next Week

Sunday, January 12 th	Children's Church	11:00 AM
	UMYF	4:00 PM
Monday, January 13 th	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Thursday, January 16 th	WOWS Dinner	6:30 PM
Saturday, January 18 th	Food Pantry	9-11 AM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU - Thank you all for your very generous Christmas gift and for your love and support through the years. I am blessed to serve as your pastor for another year. Love, Rev. Judy

CHRISTMAS HELP – If anyone is available to stay after the late service, we need help taking down the Christmas tree and putting away the decorations from the sanctuary.

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.

WOWS DINNER – the WOWS have rescheduled their annual Christmas dinner for Thursday night, January 16th at 6:30 PM. They will meet at Salernos and will still have their \$10 gift exchange. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. All are welcome!

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

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

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.