

**EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

4901 Woodbine Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784  
(410)795-6136

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

**Order of Worship**  
February 2, 2020

**4<sup>th</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    “Fairrest Lord Jesus”    arr. By Mansfield

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who come seeking God’s wisdom.  
**We seek Jesus’ perspective for life that offers us a new way of seeing.**  
Happy are those who look through the eyes of Jesus.  
**We will look for sightings of God’s realm of simplicity, hope and compassion.**  
Let us worship God whose grace draws us here and who enlightens our eyes.

\*OPENING HYMN    “Open My Eyes, That I May See”    UMH No. 454

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy Lord, you are worthy of all of our praises. You reign in majesty above us and are our Lord forever. We thank you for allowing us to be graced by your presence today. We pray that you will always light our way with your presence and your light will always shine on us. May all people see your glory through us and come to worship you as the living God. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful God, we have strayed from your ways. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have gone against your holy laws. We have left undone those things we should have done; and we have done those things we should not have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore us and change our hearts that we may live a righteous life before you and one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

SOLO    “To God Be the Glory”    Bill Jones

GOSPEL LESSON    Matthew 5:1-12    NT pg. 4  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON    “Life Choices!”    Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN    “Change My Heart, O God”    TFWS No. 2152

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests  
Pastoral Prayer

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements  
Offertory (11:00 AM)    “Go Not Far”    Chancel Choir  
\*Presentation of Gifts

\*Doxology

UMH No. 64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, we discover such a contrast to our present culture when we read the Beatitudes. We rejoice that these generous gifts will strengthen this congregation's ability to engage in ministries of peace, mercy, comfort and truth. We dedicate them to you in gratitude for your Son, Jesus Christ. 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

Communion Hymns: #2269, #2203, #2155

Prayer Following 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

*"Blessed Assurance"*

UMH No. 369

\*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

February 2, 2020

Church Office: (410) 795-6136

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

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Pastor's Email: [revjae@aol.com](mailto:revjae@aol.com)

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
1/26/20	5,444.00	4,290.38	1,153.62
Year to Date	24,302.00	17,161.52	7,140.48

<b>Attendance Last Week 155</b>
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## 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 Shacochois

## This Week's Schedule

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

OWLS Luncheon

6:30 PM

Children's Choir

6:30 PM

Chancel Choir

7:30 PM

Fri, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

ROCK – Youth in Ocean City

Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Men's Group – FP2

8:30 AM



In case you haven't heard –

We have passed all inspections and will be moving  
Into our new space this week!!

Thanks Be to God!!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLESSINGS BAGS** - It is time once again to collect items for the Blessing Bags that we hand out to the clients we serve at the cold weather shelter. The folks who received them in the past were most appreciative! We will be filling them again with food and personal care items. Many of the personal care items can be purchased at area dollar stores. The specific items needed are on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. All donations need to be brought to church by Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**POSSIBLE TRIP TO ISRAEL IN SUMMER 2021** - Bill Jones is putting together a guided group tour to Israel in the Summer of 2021. The itinerary hasn't been set yet but places we'll get to see will likely include the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the Jordan River, the Mount of Beatitudes, and various sites throughout Jerusalem. If you're interested please email Bill at [billjones3@comcast.net](mailto:billjones3@comcast.net), or sign up on the signup sheet posted in the Narthex. For those who are interested, sometime in the next few weeks there will be an informational meeting where Bill will answer any questions you might have.

**FINANCE NOTE** - Please be aware that if you, or anyone you know, gives a memorial donation to Ebenezer, you **will** receive a written acknowledgement from us. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact Cindi Arnold and/or Sandy Wean to make sure your donation has been received. Please reach out to any family, friends, acquaintances and make them aware that they should also receive acknowledgements. This receipt of acknowledgement is your way of knowing that the donation has indeed been received. Thank you.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** - 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 19<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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.