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 23, 2020 Transfiguration 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 "Be Thou My Vision" Instrumental Ensemble

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beyond our busyness, there is a glory born of heaven.

There is a light that shines through the clouds.

A light that transforms darkness into hope.

A light that raises us from the depths of the valleys to the height of the mountains. Let's hear from the mountains once again: "This is my Son, my chosen; listen to him!"

*OPENING HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

UMH No. 173

OPENING PRAYER

O God of light, love and glory, reveal your presence to us this day. As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain, send your Spirit to show us your story. May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place as we dare to proclaim your Word and may we, your people, be always ready to tell all we have heard. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with whirlwinds of wonders, while God silently offers us grace. God waits to forgive us, so let us hold nothing back, but trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us with mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your Word. We watch news, reality TV, silly shows - yet have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given to those who misplace it. Forgive us, O God. Have mercy on us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. Whisper our names, so we might know how much we are loved. O God, being caught by the surprise of your never-ending joy in us, how can we not follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service! Hear our prayers, Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves. By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21 NT pg. 222

HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH No. 349

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 NT pg. 17

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Reality for All of Us!" Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" UMH No. 451

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)

"Let Your Light Shine"

Chancel Choir

Presented to the Glory of God and in Memory of Darlene Carlock.

*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

Majestic Lord, transfigure our simple gifts in a way that will inspire all people to proclaim your everlasting message of love. Strip away our biased convictions so that through our selfless giving we can gaze clearly on your vision for our lives. In the name of your Son, the Beloved One, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"Every Time I Feel The Spirit"

UMH No. 404

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Bless You and Keep You"

Chancel Choir

*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 February 23, 2020

<u>Church Office</u>: (410) 795-6136 Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237

<u>Pastor:</u> Rev. Judy Emerson <u>Music Director</u>: Linda Bange Treasurer: Sandy Wean Church Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com

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Secretary: Cindi Arnold

<u>Nursery Coordinator</u>: Jess Middleton <u>Nursery Coordinator</u>: Lisa Humphries

Notes

<u>Nursery</u> for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. <u>Children's Church</u> 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			
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
2/16/20	3,689.00	4,290.38	(601.38)	
Year to Date	38,697.00	30,032.66	8,664.34	

Attendance Last Week	•
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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, February 23 rd	Children's Church	11:00 AM
	UMYF	4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 25 th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5 - 7 PM
Wednesday, February 26 th	Ash Wednesday Drop-In	Noon – 7:30 PM
	Children's Choir – Room #3	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION! Join us as we celebrate our new building together. We will host an open house on Saturday, February 29th from 2-4 PM. Then on Sunday, March 1st, we will combine for one service at 11:00 AM in our new Fellowship Hall. There will be no 8:30 worship, but we will have Sunday School at 9:45 AM. Join us after worship for a covered dish luncheon.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Plan ahead and don't cook on Tuesday, February 25th. Join us for our annual pancake supper in our new hall. Stop in between 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Free will donations.

ASH WEDNESDAY - On Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, Ebenezer United Methodist Church will be open from **12:00 Noon until 7:30 PM.** During this time, you may stop in the sanctuary for the imposition of ashes, communion and for a time of personal prayer. All are welcome to begin this Lenten Journey through a time of prayerful reflection.

YOUTH GROUP - meets Sunday Feb. 23rd. 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Meet us upstairs in the "Loft' (Food pantry). Bring a Friend!!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - "ON THE ROAD AGAIN" A Faith Journey

Each lesson of this six-week study includes a Scripture reference, a brief reflection, questions for reflection, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week. We will meet in the adult Sunday School Classroom each Sunday from 9:45 AM until 10:45 AM beginning March 1, 2020 and ending on April 5, 2020.

WOMEN'S RETREAT- March 20-22, 2020. Thank you all for inviting friends and family. We have 64 women looking forward to being together at Skycroft in a little less than a month. Final payments are due now. Please make checks payable to EUMC and give to Susan Brown () or put in the offering plate marked for retreat.

DATE CHANGE – Due to unforeseen circumstances. VBS will now be held August $16^{th} - 20^{th}$. Please make sure you put this on your calendars. We will be having a meeting in late March for anyone who is willing to help out.

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.

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.