

**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 9, 2020**

**5<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 "Go Not Far" Chancel Choir

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:  
That it is not we who chose Christ,  
**but Christ who chose us,**  
That we are not here because of our goodness,  
**but because of Christ's grace.**  
That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,  
**but to allow Christ to enlighten us.**  
That we have not come to be entertained,  
**but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**  
Let us begin this time of worship lifting our voices in praise and thanksgiving!

\*OPENING HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH No. 57  
Stanzas 1-4

OPENING PRAYER

**God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory and be moved to serve you. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. Let us now renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 We believe and although we fall short, we must persevere to the end. Hold tight to God's Word. We are forgiven. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 95:1-7 OT pg. 520

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 1:18-20 NT pg. 218

HYMN "More Precious than Silver" TFWS No. 2065

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:13-20 NT pg. 4  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "A Few Things to Remember" Rev. Judy Emerson

SOLO "When He Speaks to Me" Ken Middleton

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 (8:30 AM)

*"Let Your Light Shine"*

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

**O God, accept our gifts today as they are symbols of our hope and inner desires. Receive them and transform them by the mysterious power of your love. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

TFWS No. 2153

\*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 9, 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
2/2/20	5,881.00	4,290.38	1,590.62
Year to Date	30,183.00	21,451.90	8,731.10

<b>Attendance Last Week 141</b>
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## **Worship Today**

<b>Service</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgist	Bill Jones	Deb Mathias

## **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Church	11:00 AM
Tuesday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Wednesday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	9-11 AM

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME HOME!!!** It is so exciting to be in our new, wonderful, beautiful building! We are now planning a service of celebration. If you would like to help with the planning, please let Rev. Judy know.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** – Will now be held in classroom #2.

**MUSIC** – Today’s offertory choir music is dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Darlene Carlock.

**PRAYER REQUEST** - Please keep our children, leaders and chaperones in your prayers as they travel to and from Ocean City for the ROCK youth conference.

**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 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.

**BLESSINGS BAGS** – All donations are due today. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

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

**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.

**SAFE SANCTUARY** – Volunteers will no longer be needed. We thank you all for your service.

**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.

**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.