

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

February – March – April 2021



Wednesday, February 17th
Ash Wednesday

Drive thru Ashes and Communion.

Sunday, March 28th
Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 1st
Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 2nd
Good Friday

Sunday, April 4th
Easter Sunday

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Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

A Lenten Message from Your Pastor

Rev. Judy Emerson

On Ash Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent. This is a forty-day time of preparation for Easter. In many parts of the world people celebrate with a huge party the day before we begin this season. Often, they wear masks for the occasion. Unfortunately, this year we all have our own masks to wear for other reasons, sadly not for a celebration. Ash Wednesday is a time to remove the masks of sinfulness and turn our faces and hearts to God and to God's people.

In this holy season we reflect on the true meaning of our lives. We are invited to receive ashes on our foreheads with the invitation, "*Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.*" We are given the opportunity to turn away from doing the things that are not of God and return to God.

As a community of faith, I invite all of us to do our best to spend time in prayer, worship, personal reflection and the reading of the scriptures. Even though we must wear physical masks in public right now in order to avoid transmitting the Coronavirus, Lent is a time to put our invisible masks away and move toward being our true selves with God and one another. We need not hide our true selves under a mask for God knows all about us. May we take this time to learn more about God and God's ways and respond in faith.

I pray that we will all use this Lenten season as a time for spiritual growth through our acts of worship, compassion, devotion and justice.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Judy

ASH WEDNESDAY

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Drive-Thru

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Drive up to the glass doors next to the kitchen.

Remain in your car. We will come to you!

The season of Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday before Easter Sunday. It is a time for reflection and preparation. It is a time to change our ways, draw closer to God and strengthen our relationships with one another as we renew our liturgical practices of the Church.

This year we will gather on Zoom for a Lenten Bible Study and take a closer look at the Gospel of Mark. Lent marks the beginning of the next chapter in the church year and in our spiritual journey. We will attempt to make some important connections between Jesus, God and God's kingdom.

This reflective season is a time to remove those things from our lives that are not of God in order that we may realign our priorities and focus on what it means to follow Christ. I hope you will join me for this time of prayer, reflection and discussion.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Judy

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 2021

Begins on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Reflections on the Gospel of Mark

Wednesday Evenings on Zoom 7:00 PM

Week	Date	Topic	Text
#1	Feb 24 th	One Thing I asked of the Lord	Psalm 27:4-6
#2	Mar 3 rd	Intro to the Gospel of Mark	Mark 1:1-15
#3	Mar 10 th	Take Up Your Cross & Follow	Mark 8:22-10:52
#4	Mar 17 th	Naming Spiritual Hypocrisy	Mark 11:1-13:37
#5	Mar 24 th	Seeing the Big Picture	Mark 14:1-72
#6	Mar 31 st	Turning the world upside-down	Mark 15:1-47

Discussion Questions for February 24, 2021 - Week #1

1. How do you define Lent and its purpose in your own words? What does it mean to you?
2. As we begin our study of the Gospel of Mark what do you hope to gain?
3. Read Psalm 27:4-6. What stands out to you in this prayer? What things do you want to change in your life in order to strengthen your relationship with God and others?
4. Spend time in intentional prayer, reflection and confession. Speak to God about what is happening in your life right now and what changes you would like to make?
5. If you were the author of Psalm 27:4-6 – what might this prayer say?

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL PLANNING DAY SUMMARY

Ebenezer UMC Profile, Goals & Fundraisers for 2021

“Looking Under the Hood and Finding all that’s Good!”

PROFILE

Strengths of EUMC

Flexibility, Creativity, Dedication, Generosity, People, Hospitality, Unity, Willingness.

Critical Needs

Communication, Patience & Staying Connected.

Vision over next 3 to 5 years

Continue to grow, Community Center, Build next generation of leadership.

GOALS

Worship

Live Streaming Services
Continue Posting Services Online
Compassion Sunday
Continue Drive-Thru Communion

Administration

Staying Connected
New Church Directory
Continue to Adapt as Needed
Energize Small Groups

Mission & Outreach

Rock of Help Food Pantry
Springfield Hospital
Shoe Collection
Community Breakfast

Backpack Ministry
Blessing Bags
Feed My Sheep
Nursing Home Ministry

Escape Ministry
Cold Weather Shelter
Camp Hope
Campus Ministry

Christian Education/Formation

Study the Books of the Bible
Navigating Stress for Children
Dealing with Depression

Short-Term Studies
Seasonal Studies
Dealing with Stress

Dealing with Isolation

Finance & Facility

Pay Down Building Debt
Establish Policies & Procedures for Building Usage

Fellowship

Board Game Night, Church Picnic, Sing-a-Long, Health Seminars, Time & Talent Survey.

FUNDRAISING

Holly Mart, Cookies, Candy, Cakes, Pies, Dumplings, Easter Candy, Rada, Joe Corbi, Pickles, Jellies, Jams, Crafts, Scentsy Candles, Color Street Nails. Dinner Auction, Fried Chicken Dinner.



COLD WEATHER SHELTER –

Ebenezer is still providing dinner the 3rd Sunday of each month through the end of March. In a change from past practices driven by COVID, we are preparing covered dishes of food and/or trays of individually wrapped items and bringing them to the church where CWS staff do the serving. If you are able contribute food, please let Scott Murchie know by emailing him at scott.murchie@jhuapl.edu or calling at 240-381-8137. We are typically serving 25 people per night.



ROCK OF HELP FOOD PANTRY

As our pantry continues to operate on the 3rd Saturday of each month, please remember the following items are still welcome each month.

January – Laundry Detergent

February - Shampoo/Conditioner

March – Toilet Paper

April – Household Cleaners (Mr. Clean, etc.)

May – Deodorant

June – Body Wash/Soap

July – Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

August – Liquid Dish Soap

September – Paper Towels

October – Toilet Cleaner

November – Bleach

December – Fabric Softener (liquid/dryer sheets)

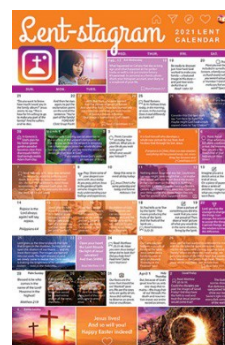
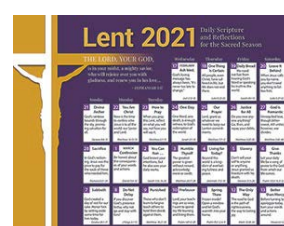
OFFERING

Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the pandemic. In response to your request, we have added a locked box outside the kitchen door where you can leave your offering when the church office is not open. Another option is to use bill pay directly through your bank.



LENT 2021

We have ordered Lenten Devotional Calendars for adults, youth and children. We also have a set of children's bulletins for the six weeks of Lent. These will be available at the drive thru on Ash Wednesday, or anytime during office hours. If you would like one to be mailed to you, please contact the church office and we will get one out to you.



Children's Church continues to be offered every Saturday evening on Facebook at Ebenezer United Methodist Church Worship Services.

Join Mrs. Barbara Hare as she tells her bible stories and keeps our kids (as well as some adults!) engaged. Thank you, Mrs. Hare, for your dedicated ministry.





Purses and Prayers: A Virtual Women's Retreat!
Friday, March 19, 2021
7:00 PM

In 2020 we were shocked to discover we would not be able to gather for our annual retreat. We are even more disappointed to inform you that we will have to cancel again for 2021. We have reached out to Skycroft Retreat Center and have reserved the same weekend in March for 2022 since they have held onto our money. If holding your money for another year creates a hardship for you, please speak with Susan Brown and we will work it out together. The dates will be March 25-27, 2022.

In an attempt to connect with our group, we are offering ***Purses and Prayers: A Virtual Women's Retreat 2021***. All are invited to join us on ***Friday, March 19, 2021, at 7:00 PM on Zoom***. We will send a link out to everyone a few days before as we prepare to gather for a virtual time of fellowship, a few laughs and a discussion on Ways to Experience God.

In this world where everyone is constantly on the go, it is easy to drift away from the One who makes us most secure. Psalm 46:10 says: "*Be still and know that I am God*". Together, we will try to discern (in one evening) a few ways to experience His presence in the midst of all the things we must do and while coping with all the emotions of the past year. By incorporating small moments of prayer and mindfulness into the fabric of daily life, women can feel more balanced and prepared to juggle many roles.

If you are interested in joining us for this Virtual Retreat – please sign up on the following link or contact the church office 410-795-6136 and we will add your name to the list. There are no fees involved, no directions for travel and no pressure. Just sign in and enjoy the evening catching up with your friends in Christ.

Looking forward to connecting with all of you!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Judy & Susan

Retreat Coordinators

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aada723aa8-virtual>

EASTER EGG SALE

Order forms are attached and will need to be turned in by Sunday, March 21st, 2021, so we can get the supplies needed.

Drive-through pick up will be on Saturday, March 27th, 2021 12:00 noon 2:00 PM at the kitchen Side door. Stay in your car and your order will be brought to you.

We will be making the eggs on Thursday, March 25th from 9:30 AM until finished, hopefully by 2:00 PM. Lunch will be provided, or you can bring your special lunch if you would like to. **We will be social distancing with masks and gloves at several workstations in the social hall and kitchen.** We will be wrapping the eggs and packing the orders on Friday from 9:30 AM until finished, hopefully around lunch time. Please let Linda Bennett know if you can help for any amount of time at: bennettga@aol.com or leave a message at 1-301-253-3367. We will confirm the help list closer to the workday.

Thanks in advance for your support of this fundraiser.
and Ebenezer Church.



Holly Mart Crafts are still on hold at this time.

Hopefully we may be able to do a Christmas in July and use some of our finished items if things get better by then.

When we are able to get together, we will try to work on crafts in anticipation of being able to hold Holly Mart this year. Look for more information in the future. If you would like some fabric to work on a project at home or are interested in making things at home and need supplies, please let me know. We have a lot of donated supplies that can be picked up. Thanks again for your help and support in these special times.

Blessings,

Linda Bennett bennettga@aol.com or leave a message at 1-301-253-3367

EASTER FLOWER/MEMORIAL PAGE

We will not be selling Easter Flowers this year due to the pandemic. However, we will still print a Memorial Page to be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

Please send names of those you would like to be remembered and by whom.

PICKLES, JAMS AND JELLIES...CONTINUED

If you are still looking for some yummy additions to your pantry, the following items are still available. They can be picked up during office hours – please check availability with Cindi before you come.

Peach Jam - \$4.50

Sweet Pepper Jelly - \$4.50

Lime Pickles - \$5.00

Pepper Relish - \$5.00

Sweet Pickle Relish - \$4.00

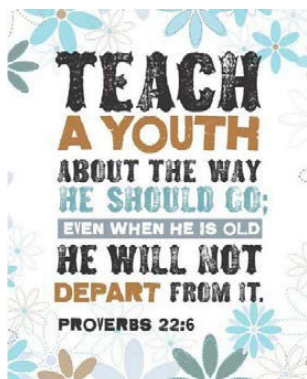
Green Tomato Relish - \$4.00

Black Raspberry Jelly - \$5.00



CAMP MANIDOKAN

Ebenezer's week at Manidokan is scheduled for the week of July 18th. More info will be shared as it becomes available.



First Day of Spring & Youth Group

March 20th is the date on the calendar and with it will be those sunny days we look forward to. Our hope is that the outdoor weather will allow us to get together for some safe recreational activities. Stay tuned!

ROCKish 2021

ROCK(ish) 2021 will be a free interactive online event for youth and youth leaders Feb 5-6. Friday night features an interactive time with Bishop Easterling, as well as music by Urban Street Level and the ROCK Mass Choir. Saturday will offer a range of virtual interactive breakout sessions. Topics include addressing racism, human rights, mental health, life after high school, regional breakouts, faith in the time of covid and youth leader training.

You must register to attend. To register, please go to www.bwcumc.org/ROCK IT'S FREE!! ALL ARE WELCOME! Please invite your friends and family!

For \$3, you can buy an iron on decal with the ROCKish 2021 logo.

For \$10, you can buy a ROCK swag bag that includes the decal.

ROCKish schedule -

Friday, Feb 5 - Main Session

7:50PM - Preshow begins

8:00PM - 9:00PMish ROCKish main session with Bishop Easterling, Urban Street Level and ROCK Mass Choir.

Saturday, Feb 6 - Breakouts

9:00AM Youth Leader Training with Steve Argue

10:00AM Addressing Racism with K. Scarry

11:00AM Human Rights with Stacey Cole Wilson & Kyle Durbin

12:00PM Regionals

1:00PM Mental Health & Depression with Xanthia Johnson

2:00PM Faith in the Time of Covid with Twanda Prioleau & Nick Bufano

3:00PM Life After High School with Cristin Cooper

God loves you!!

EASTER TIME FUN:

We are hoping to be able to do an Easter egg hunt or some other fun activity outside for the kids. At this time, we will wait and see how things are in late March/early April. Information will be sent out in an email and in the announcements.



BE THE LIGHT!

During the inauguration we were all introduced to the Poetry of Amanda Gorman. At the close of her recitation she shared these words.....For there is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.

It struck me as I relate it to our witness as Christians in this world. It reminded me of our congregation shining the light with the luminaries in December.

Thank you to everyone who shared in this experience. A special thank you to Katie & Jason Cave, Julie Jones, the Streaker family, the Sager Family, Kate Luetete, Dave Rapids, Chris Rapids, Kenny Wean, and Paul Thompson for volunteering to help with this. I have a feeling it might be a new tradition for Ebenezer.

Sincerely, Nancy Thompson



Helping Other People Enthusiastically is what we hope to be able to do this summer as we approach Camp Hope 2021. Our dates are June 27th to July 3rd. This is all depending on where things stand with the Covid virus. The Board of Directors for Camp Hope are working on plans and guidelines as it would affect the program. We will know more in March. Meanwhile, our team continues our recycle endeavors which is how we have been able to safely raise funds for the mission trip. We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we hope for a summer mission trip to western Maryland.

Thank you, Nancy Thompson

RUTH GOSNELL EDUCATION FUND

Springfield Presbyterian Church

7300 Spout Hill Road, Sykesville, MD 21784 (410-795-6152)

www.springfield-church.org

INTEREST-FREE COLLEGE LOANS AVAILABLE

Need an interest-free loan for the 2021-2022 academic year to complete your college Junior, Senior or Graduate School studies? The Ruth Gosnell Education Fund, directed by the Springfield Presbyterian Church, provides interest-free loans for those full-time student categories. Regardless of religion, all applicants will receive impartial consideration; and repayment of the loan does not start until 6 months after graduation. Loan applications will be evaluated on academic performance, financial need, and a short essay. Download the RGEF Form A, "Ruth Gosnell Education Fund Loan Application" at www.springfield-church.org, or call SPC at 410-795-6152.

Completed applications must be received by March 1, 2021.

E-mailed applications are acceptable (spc.office@verizon.net).

FEBRUARY

6 Jake Zamostny
7 Rachel Holl
10 Sharon Torosky
12 Bonnie Zavona
14 Eric Brown
15 Tim Baker
17 Bridget Estes
22 Don Bergmann
23 Cheri Holl
26 Maddie Jones
28 Sharon Grim

MARCH

2 Jason Cave
3 Ellie Klausemeyer
3 Byron Ricketts
6 Doris Leary
7 Steve Cave
8 Dave Biddinger
9 Deb Mathias
10 Jim Carlock
14 Olivia Wisner
14 Andrea Murchie
14 Becca Flater
16 Betty Fullerton
17 Bill Jones
19 Katie Cave
23 Tyler Arnold
25 Mel Wroten
27 Kim Middleton
27 Karl Streaker

APRIL

3 Justin Flater
4 Lori Rapids
4 Angela Flanagan
4 Luke Piecewicz
5 Greg Will
7 Hannah Streaker
9 Jim Leary
9 Cheryl Roelle
10 Dylan Will
10 Dawn Stevens
17 Chuck Wisner
18 Jen Klausemeyer
20 Lisa Humphries
21 Steve Davis
21 Dutch Adams
22 Nicholas Kessinger
23 Austin Diethrich
28 Lilli Murphy
28 Bob Stevens



MARCH

2 Chuck & Julie Shacochis
21 Brian & Lori Rapids
25 Doug & Cyndi Diethrich

APRIL

3 Frank & Kathy Zamostny
9 Ellie & Charles Baublitz
17 Linda & Gerry Bennett
22 Rich & Cheri Holl
26 Kim & Ken Middleton
27 Chuck & Rebecca Wisner
29 Mel & Carol Wroten

MEMORIAL BENCHES



Benches have been purchased with memorial funds and placed around the church building. They will be engraved with the following names:

Steve Bergmann
Ruth & Edwin Bennett
Mazie & Charles Barnes
Bob Biddinger
Gary Paulsgrove

There are still spots available. If you would like to memorialize someone, the cost would be \$100. Please contact the church office if interested.

Do all the good YOU CAN.
BY all the means you can.
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN.
At all the times YOU CAN.
To **ALL THE PEOPLE**
AS LONG as you can.
as you ever can.
John Wesley

What is Scrip Fundraising?

Scrip is fundraising while you shop®! You buy gift cards for over 780 retailer brands you already shop at and earn a rebate on every gift card you purchase at face value. That rebate goes right to our Building Fund.

How it Works

We run our scrip program through ShopWithScrip.com, who has worked with over 30,000 nonprofit organizations over the course of 23 years. You can sign up and create an account to order online (Enrollment Code: 5297142A57829) or you can just contact Susan Brown (Stmpnsusan@aol.com) and give her a list of cards you want to order. Orders are placed weekly or bi-weekly depending upon how many orders are received. We have already made over \$8000 for the Building Fund since we started! More information is available in the church office.



Hello Ebenezer Family:

We are starting two fundraising opportunities to help get ready for the upcoming holidays (Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day), as well as provide a "pick-me-up" during these dark winter days.

We are offering a Sentsy fundraiser as well as a Color Street fundraiser.

Sentsy offers a wide assortment of fragrance, cleaning, and gift items. We know how difficult it is to get out to do any shopping for birthdays and the upcoming holidays, so this could be just the opportunity you are looking for!

Color Street is a nail décor product that are nail polish strips that go on dry. They offer various shades, as well as many fun designs. NOTE – Should you want special nail décor for Valentine's Day, please order quickly as they are quite popular.

Ebenezer will get 25% of the selling price from both Sentsy and Color Street products (excluding shipping, handling, and tax). A special link has been set up for our congregation, but feel free to forward this to anyone outside our congregation who may be interested. Our personal sales representative is Heather Mathias, Deb's Mathias's sister-in-law, who will take care of any specific questions that you may have. Heather's contact information is 843-697-8820 mackandcats@gmail.com. Orders will be sent directly to you via USPS. Brochures are available in the church office. Please see the links below for order information and details on the products. Many thanks!

Valerie Hyer

Color Street - last day to order 3/12/2021
colorstreet.com/HeatherMathias/party/2270804

Scentsy - last day to order 4/16/2021
heathermathias.scentsy.us/party/13764931



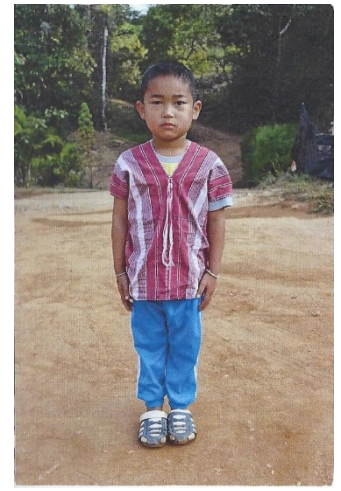
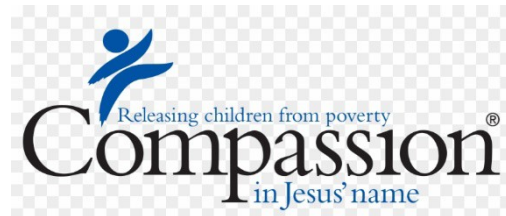
Liam Dariel Quisbert Bautista

DOB: April 24, 2015

Country: Bolivia

COMPASSION

Ebenezer has been sponsoring children through the Compassion Program for many years. We have always supported two children. As these children outgrow the program, we sometimes change who we are supporting. Currently we support Liam, a five year old from Bolivia and Panakorn, a nine year old from Thailand. While our main support is financial, we also ask our Sunday School classes to write letters. Below is a snapshot of these boys and a blurb about what the program does for them.



Piyawat Saensukudomkaew

(Panakorn)

DOB: November 16, 2011

Country: Thailand

Liam lives with his father and mother. His father is sometimes employed as a construction worker. His mother is sometimes employed and is a homemaker. Liam helps his family by being good. His is too young to help around the house.

Liam's favorite activity is playing games with balls. Liam is not old enough yet to take part in activities designed for preschool and elementary-age children. At this age, having someone to love and take care of him can mean the difference between life and death. That's why your sponsorship provides a trained Survival Specialist from his local church to visit him every month at home.

These Specialists provide access to much-needed immunizations and medical care, as well as food and water to meet critical physical needs. They also lend emotional and spiritual support to family members committed to caring for him. Your sponsorship allows Liam a strong, healthy start, early in life when it can have the biggest impact. His Christian activities include attending Sunday School & church. His favorite activity at the Compassion project is spending time with friends.

Please remember Liam in your prayers. Your love and support will help him to receive the assistance he needs to grow and develop.

Panakorn lives with his father and mother. His father is sometimes employed as a farmer. His mother is sometimes employed as a farmer. Panakorn helps his family by caring for the animals, buying or selling in the market, cleaning around the home and running errands.

Panakorn's favorite activities are art or drawing, bicycling, group games, jump rope, playing marbles, playing house, reading, running, singing, playing soccer (futbal), playing sports, and storytelling. In kindergarten, his performance is average, and his favorite subject is language.

His Christian activities include only project activities. His favorite activity at the Compassion project is spending time with friends.

Please remember Panakorn in your prayers. Your love and support will help him to receive the assistance he needs to grow and develop.



Greetings to Everyone:

As discussed at our Planning Day, our 2020 budget year ended very well. Even with the Covid crisis, again our income was more than anticipated and our expenses came in under budget. The attached charts were discussed at Planning Day and show our status at the end of 2020 and our approved budget for 2021. We are still awaiting instruction from PNC regarding our PPP loan. If you have any questions about our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me or Tina our Finance Chair. Thanks to everyone for your financial dedication to so many of God's mission here at Ebenezer.

Your generous giving supported many underprivileged families and those in need through our Additional Outreach, Cold Weather Shelter, Food Pantry, ESCAPE lunches, Christmas Families, etc. Looking forward to another positive year in 2021

The second attachment gives a quick overview of the Building Project and how we ended that project financially. As Tina discussed at Planning Day, we ended the project without using the full amount of our Line of Credit (LOC). Tina and the Finance Team will be looking to convert our line of credit (LOC) into a mortgage soon. Our current LOC and CD rates are still considered very good in the current market.

Our Fund-Raising efforts were very different in 2020, but still profitable. Our "in lieu of" Holly Mart netted \$6,443 which was split between the Scholarship Fund (25%) the Building Fund (\$25%) and the General Fund (50%). The Holly Mart included jams/jellies/salsa; pies/cakes/dumplings; and cookies and candies. We also continued to profit from our Amazon Smile (\$371) and Gift Cards (\$2,191) Thank you to all who participated and supported these efforts. Please watch for new socially distanced fund raisers in 2021 as we continue to survive in a Covid environment.

Our current 2021 giving is steady but less than anticipated. I'm encouraged by the increase in people using bill pay at their financial institution to submit their offering. It makes giving very easy, regular, and without cost to you; not even a stamp! You can schedule your offering to come to Ebenezer on a regular basis in any amount you designate. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on setting this up.

Looking forward to when we can all gather again. But in the meantime, we give thanks to you for your continued financial dedication to Ebenezer.

God Bless,

Sandy :-)



"No one has ever become poor by giving."

Fund Name Ebenezer UMC General Fund

		2019	2020	2020	2021
		Values			
Account Type	Major	Sum of Prior-Actual	Sum of Curr-Budget	Sum of Curr-Actual	Sum of New Budget 1
5	10-Offerings	\$ (238,060)	\$ (223,100)	\$ (247,297)	\$ (222,120)
	20-Non-Offering Income	\$ (15,491)	\$ (13,300)	\$ (14,235)	\$ (35,330)
5 Total		\$ (253,551)	\$ (236,400)	\$ (261,532)	\$ (257,450)
6	10-Staff Expenses	\$ 150,468	\$ 154,971	\$ 146,910	\$ 154,584
	20-Denominational Support	\$ 28,422	\$ 29,106	\$ 29,106	\$ 29,799
	30-Facilities	\$ 28,048	\$ 41,042	\$ 33,393	\$ 44,300
	50-Church Administration	\$ 7,816	\$ 10,195	\$ 5,458	\$ 10,850
	60-Programs & Ministries	\$ 13,893	\$ 16,778	\$ 12,633	\$ 14,403
	70-Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	95-Cash Transfer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6 Total		\$ 228,647	\$ 252,092	\$ 227,500	\$ 253,936
Grand Total		\$ (24,904)	\$ 15,692	\$ (34,032)	\$ (3,514)
PPP Loan		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (24,203)	

Update on Capital Campaign

We are so blessed to be on this side of our building project at Ebenezer. Our actual Capital Campaign started October 2015 and ended September 2018. We received pledges for \$333,344 but the actual pledges paid were \$338,675. We have also received un-pledged donations totaling \$305,097. Bringing our total Capital Campaign donations to \$643,772 to date.

We currently continue to receive regular donations even after the Campaign concluded. Each and every donation goes towards payment of our Line of Credit. And eventually, when we convert the LOC to a mortgage, we will use the donations towards paying down that mortgage. If you would like to continue making contributions to our building project, we certainly welcome your donation and ask that you make a notation that says "Building Fund".

We are so incredibly blessed by the generosity and dedication of our congregation. We have a beautiful building, and hopefully someday soon, we will be able to congregate again and use this new facility for God's work. God has blessed all of us generously and we are THANKFUL!!

EUMC Rock of Faith Building Project Cost Recap

Original Estimated Project Cost - from Church Conference in August 2017		
Building Project Estimated Cost	\$	2,198,709
Building Committee 5% Contingency	\$	109,935
Building Expenses Paid to Date	\$	78,940
Total Project Cost	\$	2,387,584

Final Building Project Cost		
As of December 2020	\$	2,447,241
Project Estimate vs. Final Cost	\$	(59,657)

NOTE: The scope of the building project had to be broadened for a variety of reasons, such as the rotting of the Narthex floor, etc. that Kenny will review with us. All of these "extra" components are included in the final cost numbers above.

Line of Credit Recap

Line of Credit Issued by Damascus Community Bank (now WesBanco)	\$	1,100,000
Amount Withdrawn from Line of Credit (Principal amount we have to pay back)	\$	975,500
Unused Line of Credit	\$	124,500





Vacation Bible School

August 22nd to 26th

Join us for another fun filled week of VBS!
This year's theme is "Knights of North Castle" and Sparky the Dragon will guide you through some exciting adventures!

VBS will run Sunday through Thursday. So, put it on your schedule now and keep an eye out for updates and registration as we get closer.

Our hope is to have in person VBS this year, but as with most things we will need to play a wait and see game.

If we are unable to gather, we will still bring you some type of VBS...so keep your ears open.

As always -the fun cannot happen without our awesome volunteers. Let us know if you are willing to help in any way. Thank you in advance.

Cindi Arnold, Cyndi Diethrich & Angie Grim,
VBS Directors



**Be strong in the Lord and in the
strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10**

ASH WEDNESDAY

SPAGHETTI DINNER TO GO

Dinner for 4 to include one-pound uncooked spaghetti, one quart of homemade sauce, salad and breadsticks. Coming to drive thru for ashes and communion? Pick up dinner to go at the same time. Cook at your leisure. Choose marinara or meat sauce, both recipes from our own Winfield Fire Dept. Send in or drop off your order and payment by February 12th.



NAME _____

Dinner for 4 pack _____ @ \$15.00
total _____

Meat _____

Marinara _____



Ebenezer United Methodist Church



Easter Egg Sale

PLEASE PLACE ORDERS – No extras will be available this year!

Orders and Payments Due by Sunday, March 21st, 2021

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

***DRIVE-THRU PICKUP on Saturday, March 27th, 2021 from 12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM**

Easter Egg/Candy Choices	LARGE 8 oz. (in box)	Quantity	Amount Due (Price x Qty)	SMALL 2 oz. (in foil)	Quantity	Amount Due (Price x Qty)
Vanilla Butter Cream	\$7.00			\$2.50		
Chocolate Butter Cream	\$7.00			\$2.50		
Peanut Butter	\$7.00			\$2.50		
Cherry Vanilla	\$7.00			\$2.50		
Coconut Butter Cream	\$7.00			\$2.50		
Fruit and Nut	\$7.00			\$2.50		
Black Walnut	\$7.00			\$2.50		

Subtotals

Large _____

Small _____

Total Amount Due _____

Please make all check payable to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Drop off order forms and payment or mail to:

Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 4901 Woodbine Rd. Sykesville, MD 21797

For questions or other pickup arrangements email Susan Brown - StmpnSusan@AOL.com