



Ebenezer United Methodist Church

JUNE – JULY – AUGUST 2021



JUNE thru SEPTEMBER 5TH

10:00 AM

In the Fellowship Hall

Watch service live on our
Facebook page, Ebenezer
United Methodist Church
Worship Services

SEPTEMBER 12TH

RETURN TO

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH OFFICE

JUNE 1ST - SEPT 3RD

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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THE CROSS IN OUR WINDOW

The cross in our window represents the moment in time when Jesus took the world's sin upon Himself, the day He gave his life for us.

This handcrafted wooden cross was designed to remind us of what happened that day. It is made of three kinds of wood: oak, walnut and maple. The colors contrast to create a beautiful, multi-colored cross that serves as a beautiful centerpiece in our worship space.

Measuring 8 feet tall, this cross was customized to fit our new Fellowship Hall altar. It was made-to-order for Ebenezer United Methodist Church and finished with a hand-rubbed, natural beeswax finish to enhance the grain and protect the wood. The cross was purchased with the proceeds collected from engraving pavers on our new patio. It was handmade in Texas and shipped to us on April 26, 2021. We pray it will serve the members and visitors of Ebenezer for generations yet to come. May it be a constant reminder of God's gift to us in Jesus Christ.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

John 3:16



Rev. Judy Emerson

LISTEN and SILENT
Think about it!

I saw a quote by the author Ashley Evans that says: ***“God speaks to those who take time to listen, and He listens to those who take time to pray.”*** The title of the book is equally intriguing: ***“Listen and Silent are spelled with the same letters. Think About it.”***

It’s hard to believe we are just about halfway through 2021 and the summer months are approaching quickly. It has been a very long year of isolation for all of us and we had way too much time to think. Now, it seems as though the windows are open and life as we once knew it is returning.

I believe most of us will enter the month of June with high hopes for gardening, beach time, visiting and enjoying time with others. We hope to slow the pace of working and find time for vacationing. My prayer is that we will also include time for listening to God each day. This is the perfect time to become more intentional about listening. September will arrive before we know it and our routines will be moving full speed ahead. The more spiritual habits we adopt now, the easier it will be to keep them going later on when the shock of a normal routine returns.

In order to hear what God has to say, we must first make time to be silent. Psalm 46:10 says: ***“Be still and know that I am God”***. Jeremiah 15:16 says: ***“Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts”***.

We often rush through the scriptures, or we get caught up in drilling down for answers to our questions. Psalm 46 and Jeremiah 15 remind us that when we feed on God’s word, we will find joy. We do not read the scripture lessons to gather data, rather, we should approach them with an openness to encounter the living God. When we move beyond just reading and truly encounter God’s Holy Presence, we allow ourselves to become shaped by God’s truth and love.

So, let’s take time this summer and visit with God regularly. Go to God with all of your questions, sorrow, confusion, doubts and discomfort. Take your joys, your plans and your excitement about what is yet to come in this life and share it with God. Then, be still and listen for what God is saying to you in response. Remember, we use the same letters to spell the word “LISTEN” as we do to spell the word “SILENT”. Hmmmmmm – perhaps the two go together!

Summer has arrived and it’s time to get back to the many good things we enjoy. Make listening for what God wants to tell us part of your day. Spend time being silent and truly experience the presence of the living God. Thank God early and often for the many blessings received. I am thanking God for each of you and for all the ministries we share at Ebenezer UMC!

May God continue to bless you, rest you and refresh you!

Rev. Judy

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

—Jeremiah 29:11



2021 Graduates

Hope Allen has graduated from William Carey University of Osteopathic Medicine. She was matched with Geisinger Health System in PA, where she will complete her residency in Emergency Medicine as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Brian Diethrich will be graduating from South Carroll High School. He will be majoring in Chemical Engineering at University of Maryland.

Katie Grim will be graduating from Westminster High School. She will be studying psychology at UMBC.

Andrea Murchie will be graduating from California College of the Arts with a MFA in Design and a MBA in Design Strategy. She has a new job at A New Deal Design in San Francisco, CA.

Luke Pieciewicz will be graduating from Century High School. He will be attending Carroll Community College in the fall.

David Rapids will be graduating from South Carroll High School. He will be attending University of Massachusetts at Amherst in the fall.

William Streaker will be graduating from South Carroll High School. He will be majoring in Music Therapy and Music Education at Slippery Rock University.

Brian Zepp will be graduating from South Carroll High School.



The 2021 Ebenezer UMC Scholarship applications are available. All high school seniors and undergraduate college students, including trade and vocational school, who are active members are eligible. Forms are located in the church office. You may also request one be emailed to you by contacting the office or Brenda Baker. Deadline for submission is June 13, 2021. See Brenda Baker for details.

Bdbaker01@comcast.net



Please consider this an open invitation to join our Chancel Choir as we return to the Lord's service.

Our rehearsals will begin on September 8th at 7:30 P.M.

We have fun and welcome all singers!

If you need any more information, please contact me

"We sing to the Lord Always".

**Sincerely,
Linda**

THIS AND THAT

HOLLY MART

It is not too early to start thinking about our annual Holly Mart, which is always the second Saturday of November. The Holly Mart is Ebenezer's largest fund raiser. We have a loyal following of attendees, some coming from out of state! For those of you who are new to our church, this event features home made lunches, baked goods, candies, and cheese balls; beautiful craft items; many vendors; and a silent auction.

Due to the pandemic, last year's Holly Mart was cancelled. We are hoping that this year, we will be able to return to the Holly Mart events that we have had in the past. We have our first Holly Mart Meeting on June 16th at 6:30 PM at the church.

Valerie Hyer

OWLS

The OWLS will be meeting for lunch on Wednesday, June 2nd at 12:00pm. Please bring your own lunch and drink and enjoy some wonderful fellowship. We will be meeting in the adult Sunday School classroom. Regular meetings will start again on September 8th. More details to follow.

Any questions call Diane Biddinger 410-795-2613.

HOLLY MART CRAFTS

We are going to try to get in a few craft days in June if all continues to go well.

We will be on the top of food pantry building.

Thursdays, June 10th and 24th

9:30 AM until around 12 Noon

Please join us for crafts and fellowship.

The decision about Holly Mart has not been made yet, but we will be finishing up some craft projects in hope that there will be some sort of Holly Mart this year.

Looking forward to being able to move forward.

Linda Bennett and the craft team.

bennettga@aol.com

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

In person meetings will resume in Fall 2021. Look for more information in late summer. If you are interested in giving a talk to the group, please let Scott Murchie know so we can start pulling together a schedule.

The multi-church retreat that we have attended in the past falls this year on top of Holly Mart, so for now it looks like we'll have to pass this year.

Ebenezer Church continues to partner with dozens of other churches and community organizations to support the former Cold Weather Shelter- now the Night by Night Shelter – in Westminster through its transition to operating year-round. We'll continue supplying dinner the third Sunday of each month. The link to sign up for slots from April to September is below; dropoff will be at the Ebenezer church kitchen and Scott Murchie will pick up food for delivery, at 5:30 PM on the Sunday night of interest. If you need to reach him, email at scott.murchie@jhuapl.edu or call/text him at 240-381-8137.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4baba92ba2fb6-cold>

WOWS

Missing all the WOWS prayer warriors. Looking forward to fall when we can meet again in person. Continue to hold up those in need of our prayers. God is always listening and wants to be active in our lives.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We will again be supporting Winfield Elementary School with backpacks for the students. We do not have specifics numbers or dates yet, but please be aware that we will be collecting during the summer months and will be packing them sometime in August. Though there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel, the backpack committee has decided to request monetary donations again this year. But if you are comfortable buying backpack items to donate, please see the list posted below.

More information will be available in the bulletin as soon as we have it. As always, thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry.

Glue Sticks

24 pk. crayons

Highlighters

12 pack colored pencils
erasers

Backpacks

Fine tip black or blue dry erase markers

Pencils

8 pk. wide markers

Blunt scissors

Package of pencil top

Zippered pencil cases



Christian **A**ppalachian **M**ountain **P**roject
Helping **O**ther **P**eople **E**nthusiastically

With understanding, but still disappointment, we are unable to make the trip this summer due to COVID concerns.

This does not put our passion and compassion on hold until next summer. We continue our recycle efforts, but for this season, we are giving the funds we collect from recycling to the Mission Fund for the Food Pantry and the other ministries it supports.

The container for can collection is located on the side of the Fellowship Hall across from the recycle bins. It is clearly marked for CAMP HOPE. We appreciate the continued support.

As a reminder it is not just cans we are able to collect. We take small motors, copper, brass, electric cords, aluminum gutters, etc. If you think it might be recyclable call us and we can tell you if it is something we can handle.

After this summer we will begin to meet again as a team and explore ways to continue the spirit of CAMP HOPE here at home until we can take our trip in the summer of 2022.

Please feel free to contact Nancy Thompson 410-241-1509, if you have any items you would like picked up, or if you have any questions.

KRIMGOLD CLEAN-UP

Thank you to the good people participating in Krimgold cleanup, second Sunday of the month, join us about 12:30 PM.

Chuck Wisner
410 795-7395



CHURCH PICNIC

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Worship & Picnic

Krimgold Park

August 29, 2021

10:00 AM

We will worship at the park - not at the church.

Bring your own lawn chair, games or activities.

We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, rolls!

You bring enough extras and drinks for your own family.

We will not have shared food/covered dish this year!



June – Body Wash/Soap

July – Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

August – Liquid Dish Soap

EBENEZER YOUTH

While COVID 19 prompted the cancellation of this past year's Sunday School classes, we adjusted. Ebenezer has been blessed with a group of caring and creative teachers. They each found their own way to keep in touch with our kids, from delivering activities and gifts to their doorsteps, to creating text chains to keep them connected. We even had a few opportunities to get together for a few bonfires. Our latest adventure was supposed to be an outdoor movie night for our middle and high school kids. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had different ideas, so we did what we have been trained to do...adjusted. The drinks were cold, the popcorn hot, and the kids were excited to be together again.

We hope the summer months bring us more opportunities to stay connected. VBS is in the works as well as some other fun surprises. Stay tuned....



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Mrs. Hare will be taking a break this summer but look for Children's Church fun to start again in September.

VBS 2021 – KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

Plans are under way for a fun filled week of VBS, but your help is needed!

Kids ages three through entering 5th grade in the fall – register now!

Middle school youth – register now... spend opening and closing with the group...then head off for a special activity.

High school youth – register as a volunteer! Earn service hours for school or just come and have fun with us.

Register online at <https://ebenezer-united-methodist-church.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Or contact the church office, Miss Cindi, Miss Cyndi, or Miss Angie directly.



TREASURER TIDBITS

SANDY WEAN

Blessings to All

Our current financial situation is good. Our income to date (offering and non-offering) is \$104,053 and our expenses to date are \$96,556. Our income this year has been very good as you can see. Our expenses are tracking close to expected with a few increases in areas like insurance, workers comp, parsonage maintenance, and electricity. At this point in the year, I do not foresee any issues coming in at or below budget. Sending up prayers of thanks to ALL for your generous and steady tithing and offerings.

I'm working with our auditor to complete our audit of 2020. We are on schedule to have this completed and submitted to the Conference by June 30.

I'm also working with a dedicated group on establishing our Fixed Asset/Depreciation policy. This has been a requirement of our auditor since we completed our building project. Since we are a non-profit organization, we are not required to depreciate our assets, but it will help us when we start working with mortgage companies to establish our mortgage. Our group should be taking our recommendations to the Finance Committee for approval within the next month or so.

Results of our Fund-Raising efforts to date:

Gift Card Profit - \$942
Easter Candy - \$1,346
Spaghetti Dinner - \$519
Holly Mart - \$333
Amazon Smile - \$150

And don't forget our Joe Corbi fund raiser going on right now. Treat yourself to something yummy!!! Many thanks to all who have chaired these events and also to those who supported them. Watch in your bulletins for more fund raisers to come.

I will be using our Additional Outreach (AO) funds to support our Compassion Children this summer. We have two children currently that we support; Liam and Piyawat. Our AO funds were also used to provide support to the Feed My Sheep program at Wesley Freedom and also a donation to the Zion Korean UMC for providing such beautiful music for our online services.

We were just recently incredibly blessed to receive full forgiveness of our SBA PPP Loan through the PNC Bank. Our current loan balance is \$0. We applied for this loan at the direction of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Our conference Treasurer was very helpful in providing guidance and additional documentation required by SBA. Ebenezer met all of the requirements for this loan and the PPP funds were used for payroll expenses in 2020 as well as to pay interest on our LOC at WesBanco. We are very thankful for these funds during a time of great uncertainty.

We have seen an increase in the use of the bank's bill pay system as members send in their offerings. This is a great way to send in your offerings whether it be weekly, monthly, or otherwise. There is no cost to you and no fees for us to pay. If you would like to know more about this process, feel free to contact me.

I pray all of you will enjoy a safe, healthy, Covid free, and fun filled summer. As always, if you have questions/concerns about our finances, please feel free to contact me.

Many Blessings and Happy Summer 2021!!!

Sandy☺



By Ellie Baublitz

Dear Members of Ebenezer,

I can't believe it's been five years already, but Abraya will be five years old on the 4th of July. When I received custody of Abraya at five weeks old and Bob and Dawn agreed to help me raise her, I was really nervous about taking on the responsibilities of another child in my mid 50's. We had Abraya for about a month when I told Bob and Dawn that I wanted to have Abraya baptized and maybe Reverend Judy would agree to perform the ceremony. We made an appointment to meet with "The Reverend" to discuss our wishes, and by the end of our meeting we made the decision to join Ebenezer. So on November 13, 2016, we were blessed to have our bundle of joy christened and to have our family join the Church on the same day. We are truly blessed that we have been accepted by the members of the church with open arms, and that we have met many wonderful new friends. The last five years have come with some ups and downs, but through it all we couldn't have done it without our family and friends who have contributed their time and words of encouragement through this journey we call "Three Old People and a Baby". It's so true what they say, "It takes a village to raise a family."

Blessings and Thank You
Everyone, Kathy McGehrin

P.S. Now the fun really begins, Abraya starts Kindergarten in September!

NEWS FROM THE BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE UMC

On July 1, 2021 Rev. JW Park will become the pastor of St. Matthews UMC in Bowie. He will leave his position as the District Superintendent of the Central Maryland District. We thank Rev. Park for eight years of serving Ebenezer UMC as our DS and wish him well in his new appointment.

Rev. Dawn Hand will begin serving as the District Superintendent of the Central Maryland District on July 1, 2021. She comes to us after serving as the District Superintendent of the Pittsburgh District in the Western Pennsylvania Conference. Rev. Hand has also been called to serve as the new Dean of the Cabinet for the Baltimore Washington Conference of the UMC. We welcome her as our new DS.

June Anniversaries

Buck & Laura Scott	6/06
Steve & Kate Luetze	6/07
Mike & Angie Grim	6/07
Steve & Joanne Davis	6/12
Karl & Nicole Streaker	6/23

July Anniversaries

Dave & Cindi Arnold	7/08
Lisa & Kevin Piecawicz	7/15
Paul & Nancy Thompson	7/16
Tony & Susan Sager	7/21
Matt & Jess Middleton	7/25
Jeff & Julie Partridge	7/28
Brenda & Rick Baker	7/31

August Anniversaries

Susan & Jim Brown	8/02
Jim & Doris Leary	8/12
Billy & Bonnie Zavona	8/14
Jared & Elizabeth Blocher	8/23
Ron & Linda Bange	8/29

June Birthdays

Brittney Zavona	6/02
Diane Biddinger	6/05
Doug Diethrich	6/05
Jaxon Partridge	6/06
Billy Zavona	6/07
Rich Holl	6/07
Christopher Rapids	6/11
Brian Connelly	6/11
Haley Wildbore	6/13
Erin (Roelle) Pruner	6/18
JoAnne Weatherholtz	6/20
Katie & Donnie Roe	6/20
Buck Scott	6/23
Debbie Paulsgrove	6/23
Jakob Partridge	6/23
Mike Grim	6/27
Joyce Davis	6/28

July Birthdays

Abraya McGehrin	7/04
Kathleen Biddinger Cesar	7/05
Mindy Coates	7/07
Shannon Murphy	7/11
Scott Baker	7/12
Becky Middleton Faulkrod	7/13
Sam LeDuc	7/15
Kenny Wean	7/19
Jennifer Conaway	7/21
Jason Humphries	7/22
Kim Watson Middleton	7/23
Shannon (Roelle) Brown	7/24
Becky Paulsgrove	7/25
Mary Lamb	7/25
David Thompson	7/27
Jeff Arnold	7/30

AUGUST

Judy Kressig	8/01
Tony Sager	8/04
Susan Brown	8/08
Chris Will	8/09
Jim Lutz	8/10
Stephanie Wells	8/10
Robbie Middleton	8/11
Cyndi Diethrich	8/13
Ally Kessinger	8/18
Julie Shacochis	8/21
Jan Connelly	8/21
Cole Murphy	8/24
Sammie Jaharias	8/25
Brian Rapids	8/25
Linda Bennett	8/25
Brenda Seibly	8/30
Angie Grim	8/31

