### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **September 14, 2025**

**HOLLY MART CRAFTS** – Our September dates are **Thursday**, **Sept. 11**<sup>th</sup> and **Thursday**, **Sept. 25**<sup>th</sup>. No experience necessary. We appreciate any time you can give. We meet on the top floor of the Food Pantry building at 9:30 AM until around 12:00 Noon.

**VACCINE CLINIC** – Giant Pharmacy will be here on **Sunday, September 28**<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex and let us know what vaccinations you need. Please fill out the form available in the narthex or office before you come and bring it with you.

30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY – We will have a covered dish luncheon to celebrate Linda Bange's 30<sup>th</sup> year of musical service to Ebenezer on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We will start the day with Sunday School at 9:45 AM and ONE service at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall to be followed by the luncheon. Please join us for this special celebration and bring a covered dish to share. Thank you!

MEN'S MINI-RETREAT - Ebenezer Men's Mini-Retreat, Saturday, October 4th, 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM. Rev. Rick Gray will be leading the retreat. The topic will be Embracing the Sermon on the Mount. Sign up at the link address below. If you have questions about the retreat experience, ask Rick; for questions on logistics, talk to Scott Murchie or call him at 240-394-2363 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BABA92BA2FB6-ebenezer#/

**COMMUNITY TABLE** – We are looking for a volunteer to take over coordinating this outreach program for the new year. If anyone is interested, please let Rev. Judy know.

**HOLLY MART MEETING** – Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 PM.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE – Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 PM. We will be meeting in person this year at Wesley Freedom UMC. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**BISHOP EASTERLING** – Our Bishop will be gathering with the Lakes District on **Monday, September 15th** at 6:00 PM at Deer Park United Methodist Church in Westminster, Maryland. As our new structure takes effect and we begin new relationships in the Lakes District and across the area, this will be an important time of connection. This is an in-person meeting and will not be live-streamed or recorded. There is no registration for this event so please just come join us!

**NURSERY ASSISTANCE** - If you are age 16 or above and able to volunteer in the nursery during worship once a month, please let the church office know. We have a staff member there each week. However, in accordance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy it would be helpful to have another person present in the room. Assistance is needed from 8:20 AM to 9:30 AM and again from 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon.

**PARENTS**: Is your child in college, either away from home or commuting, in the military, or working or volunteering somewhere far away? Ebenezer would like to keep in touch with them! Parents can send the following information to either Lori in the church office or directly to Ellie Baublitz, Higher Education/Campus Ministry Chair, at elliebaublitz@netscape.net:

Student's/child's name, college/military/other address, what year they are in, birthday, and any other information you would like to share about the student's life and activities.

**ROAD TRIP MUSIC** - Are your kids still singing the VBS songs? We have CDs available for \$5. See Cindi Arnold.







In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:10



### **Ebenezer United Methodist Church**

**Church Office: 410-795-6136** 

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Pastor's Email: revjae@aol.com

### **Office Hours**

Tues - Thurs 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Sunday 9:30 AM to Noon

### Worship

8:30 AM Service in Sanctuary 9:45 – 10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM Service in Sanctuary

	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 09/7/25	\$8,100.	125
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Sandy Wean	Deb Mathias
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean	Scott & Sharon Lange
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Ryan Piecewicz
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Children's Church	11:00 AM
Monday, Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Easterling Visit	6:00 PM
	At Deer Park UMC	
Tuesday, Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study –	9:30 – 11:00 AM
	w/ Rev. Rick Gray	
Wednesday, Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Choir	6:30 – 7:15 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday, Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM
Sunday, Sept 21st	Youth Group	5:00 – 8:30 PM
<u> </u>	Adventure Park	
Tuesday, Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Holly Mart Mtg.	6:30 PM
Wednesday, Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	HUB Mtg. Fellowship Hall	4:00 – 5:30 PM
	Children's Choir	6:30 -7:15 PM



# Linda's 30th ANNIVERSARY

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 12:00 PM

## **FELLOWSHIP HALL**

PLEASE BRING A CARD FOR LINDA ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup>, WE WILL HAVE A BASKET TO PUT THEM IN. YOU CAN DROP THEM IN THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED TO BRING THEM EARLIER THAN THE 12TH.

THIS IS A SURPRISE SO PLEASE DON'T LEAVE THESE FLYERS LAYING ON THE PEWS!

### EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor Linda Bange, Music Director/Organist

> September 14, 2025 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Order of Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost

### WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence. May this time of worship be a blessing to you. Let us begin worship in silent prayer.

PRELUDE LIGHTING THE CANDLES

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are lost sheep.

God seeks and saves the lost.

We are a lost coin.

God searches and rejoices when we are found.

Let us rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

\*HYMN

"Amazing Grace" Stanzas 1-4 UMH No. 378

### OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, as we gather this morning we come to seek your guidance. Lord, we are all lost from time to time. Give us hearts that are open to see and hear your love. Challenge us again with a message that points beyond where we are and in the direction you would have us go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

In these verses, the Apostle Paul is reflecting on his own life and the incredible mercy

and grace that God has shown him.

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 15:1-10

In this text we hear Jesus' parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin, illustrating God's relentless pursuit of the lost and the immense value He places on individuals. Jesus is emphasizing the joy in heaven when even one sinner repents and is found.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Just as I Am. Without One Plea"

**UMH No. 357** 

**SERMON** 

"God's Grace is Amazing!"

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

"Grace Alone"

TFWS No. 2162

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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

\*Presentation of Gifts

\*Doxology

UMH No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

# Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*Prayer of Dedication

God of mercy, thank you for all we have received through Jesus. As we give our offerings today, help us to be vessels of grace, showing love and forgiveness to everyone. Empower us to live humbly, always remembering that we are redeemed and called to reflect your mercy in everything we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

TFWS No. 2151

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE