

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 04, 2026

THANK YOU for the generous Christmas gift from the congregation, the many other gifts from individuals, the cards, and the support so many offered throughout Advent and Christmas. Your kindness is a blessing to me and to the ministry we share at Ebenezer. May 2026 bring many wonderful times ahead. Happy New Year! Rev. Judy

EBENEZER CRUISERS – There is now less than a year before our cruise! If you have procrastinated and not made your reservation yet, there is still time. Please get your deposit in and join us for this great time of fellowship and fun. For reservations and questions about pricing and availability, please contact Linda Dayhoff at dayoff@comcast.net or 410-875-2093.

NIGHT BY NIGHT SHELTER - A number of people have asked if the Night by Night Shelter needs any supplies beyond food. They do various drives throughout the year to support all of their programs which you can find at <https://hspinc.org/>. For supplies for the shelters and street outreach, they maintain an Amazon Wish List at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/29KCQC7PAVOL6?ref=wl_fv_le. Please note that some items are seasonal. They cannot accept used mattresses or used baby items, including swings, saucers, walkers, and car seats. Thank you if you can help!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL PLANNING DAY – Monday, January 12, 2026, from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM. Bring a covered dish to share and we will eat and meet as we plan programs, fundraisers and activities for 2026. We will finish promptly at 8:30 PM! Come join us!

OFFERING ENVELOPES – Our offering envelopes for 2026 are in the Narthex on the counter. If you don't see a box with your name on it and you would like one, please speak with Lori Rapids and she can take care of that for you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 04, 2026

THANK YOU for the generous Christmas gift from the congregation, the many other gifts from individuals, the cards, and the support so many offered throughout Advent and Christmas. Your kindness is a blessing to me and to the ministry we share at Ebenezer. May 2026 bring many wonderful times ahead. Happy New Year! Rev. Judy

EBENEZER CRUISERS – There is now less than a year before our cruise! If you have procrastinated and not made your reservation yet, there is still time. Please get your deposit in and join us for this great time of fellowship and fun. For reservations and questions about pricing and availability, please contact Linda Dayhoff at dayoff@comcast.net or 410-875-2093.

NIGHT BY NIGHT SHELTER - A number of people have asked if the Night by Night Shelter needs any supplies beyond food. They do various drives throughout the year to support all of their programs which you can find at <https://hspinc.org/>. For supplies for the shelters and street outreach, they maintain an Amazon Wish List at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/29KCQC7PAVOL6?ref=wl_fv_le. Please note that some items are seasonal. They cannot accept used mattresses or used baby items, including swings, saucers, walkers, and car seats. Thank you if you can help!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL PLANNING DAY – Monday, January 12, 2026, from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM. Bring a covered dish to share and we will eat and meet as we plan programs, fundraisers and activities for 2026. We will finish promptly at 8:30 PM! Come join us!

OFFERING ENVELOPES – Our offering envelopes for 2026 are in the Narthex on the counter. If you don't see a box with your name on it and you would like one, please speak with Lori Rapids and she can take care of that for you.





Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Church Office: 410-795-6136

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org

Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com

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: 12/24 & 12/28/25	\$4898.	286
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Lori Rapids	Bill Jones
Ushers	Doug & Becca Flater	McGehrins & Stevens
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Derek Jones
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Birthday Party for Jesus Remove Christmas Decorations	9:45 AM Noon
Tuesday, Jan. 6 th	Adult Bible Study with Rev. Rick Gray - RM #4	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, Jan. 7 th	OWLS Children's Choir Chancel Choir	12:00 – 2:00 PM 6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Jan 8 th	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:15 PM
Sunday, Jan. 11 th	Children's Church Jesus & Me Class(K-1 st)-Rm #4	11:00 AM 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Monday, Jan. 12 th	Planning Day - Potluck	6:00 - 8:30 PM
Saturday, Jan. 17 th	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM
Sunday, Jan. 25 th	Children's Church Jesus & Me Class(K-1 st)-Rm #4	11:00 AM 1:00 – 3:00 PM



Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Church Office: 410-795-6136

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org

Email: eumcwinfield@gmail.com

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: 12/24 & 12/28/25	\$4898.	286
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Lori Rapids	Bill Jones
Ushers	Doug & Becca Flater	McGehrins & Stevens
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Derek Jones
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Birthday Party for Jesus Remove Christmas Decorations	9:45 AM Noon
Tuesday, Jan. 6 th	Adult Bible Study with Rev. Rick Gray - RM #4	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, Jan. 7 th	OWLS Children's Choir Chancel Choir	12:00 – 2:00 PM 6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Jan 8 th	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:15 PM
Sunday, Jan. 11 th	Children's Church Jesus & Me Class (K-1 st)-Rm #4	11:00 AM 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Monday, Jan. 12 th	Planning Day - Potluck	6:00 - 8:30 PM
Saturday, Jan. 17 th	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM
Sunday, Jan. 25 th	Children's Church Jesus & Me Class(K-1 st)-Rm #4	11:00 AM 1:00 – 3:00 PM

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
January 4, 2026
2nd Sunday after Christmas
Epiphany of the Lord***

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence. It is our hope that this service will be a blessing to all. Please begin worship in silent prayer.

PRELUDE(11:00 AM) *"Hidden as a Baby"* *Debbie Paulsgrove
William Streaker*

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise God in word and in deed.

We praise God in our attitudes and actions.

God is at work in us, and God is served through our efforts.

We rejoice in the opportunity to reach out to those in need.

God is making all things new!

Praise God, all nations!

Come, let us praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN** *"Love Came Down at Christmas"* UMH No. 242

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we welcome the new beginning that a fresh year offers. All our good intentions are caught up in the promise of starting over. Help us to leave behind that which we cannot change and move forward boldly on the paths in which you would lead us. Tell us again, O God, your intentions for us this year. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 60:1-6

This text speaks to the need for God's people to return to Him. It encourages believers to seek Him and to rely on Him for guidance and protection.

FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 2:1-12

This verse refers to the moment when the Magi, also known as the Wise Men, traveled from the East to visit Jesus after his birth. This event is significant because it fulfills the prophecy of the Messiah being visited by kings and nations.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN *"Sing We Now of Christmas"* UMH No. 237

SERMON ***"Detours All the Way!"*** *Rev. Judy Emerson*

HYMN *"We Three Kings"* UMH No. 254

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory(11:00 AM) *"Mary Go Tell It"* *Chancel Choir*

*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! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we joyfully acknowledge that our spiritual blessings are evidence of your love for your children. May these generous gifts be applied according to your plan as we glorify your Holy Name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Communion Offering for Carroll County Food Sunday

Hymns During Communion: #216, #217, #219

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* UMH No. 251

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE