

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 26, 2025

FALL FEST - TODAY at 5:30 PM. Please join us for games, crafts, snacks and Trunk or Treating. Invite your families and neighbors. Please contact Julie at 410-404-1275 or juliejones3@comcast.net if you have questions or want to decorate your trunk

JAMS, JELLIES, PICKLES & SALSA, OH MY! –TODAY! Head down the hallway after services and be ready to pick your favorite jams, pickles & salsa and make sure you pick some for your friends and family!

CANDY MAKING – If you can help, please join us on **Wednesday, October 29th** in the kitchen at 9:30 AM. Contact Linda Bennett if you are able to help or with any questions at bennettga@aol.com or leave a message at 301-853-9967.

KITCHEN DONATIONS - Please continue to sign up! As you know, the price of food has increased considerably, so we sincerely appreciate all donations to offset the cost of running the kitchen. For monetary donations, please mark with “Holly Mart Kitchen”. Many thanks from the Kitchen Committee.

HOLLY MART SILENT AUCTION-If you have an item you'd like to donate to be part of the 2025 Holly Mart Silent Auction, please list it on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you for your support of the Silent Auction. Please contact Kim Cooper Murchie with any questions at kacooper945@gmail.com or 443-838-7410.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER - The youth are planning a progressive dinner for the evening of **November 16th**. If you would be interested in hosting them for part of the meal, please contact a youth leader ASAP. We typically do 4 stops – appetizer, soup/salad, main entree and dessert. This is a great time to get to know our youth and show off your cooking skills (or carry out skills - we are not picky)!

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Our meeting will be on Thursday, October 30th at 6:30 PM. We will be in the adult sunday school room (room #1).

ALL SAINTS' DAY - All Saints' Sunday is an opportunity to give thanks to God for those who have gone before us in the faith. If you would like to bring a framed picture of loved ones who have passed away, we will place them around the sanctuary for worship. Please drop off framed pictures, with your name on the back, in the office by Thursday, October 30th. Thank you so much!

FRIENDSGIVING - Potluck Thanksgiving Day, **November 27th** at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to come and join those of us who are not traveling or have other plans for this day. We all bring a dish to share and have a wonderful meal and fellowship together. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Thompson or call 410-241-1509.

HOLLY MART CRAFTERS - Thanks again for another good year. Holly Mart is almost here and we still need some help at the craft table. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We need help setting up the craft section at the fire hall on **Thursday, November 6th**. We will be transporting all the crafts from the church beginning at 8:30 AM, hoping to begin setting up by 10:00 AM at the fire hall. We will also need help when Holly Mart is over to pack up and transport things back to the Social Hall for after-sales the next two Sundays. Thanks in advance for your help and support. Please see Linda Bennett with any questions!





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: 10/19/25	\$4,283	144
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Susan Sager	Lori Rapids
Ushers	Tony & Susan Sager	Karl & Nicole Streaker
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Ryan Pieciewicz
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Jams, Jellies and Pickles Sale Fall Fest – Trunk or Treat	9:30 AM to Noon 5:30 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 28 th	Holly Mart Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, Oct 29 th	Candy Making - Kitchen Children's Choir Chancel Choir	9:30 AM 6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Oct 30 th	Finance Meeting – Room #1 Pachelbells	6:30 PM 6:45 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 5 th	Owls Cheeseball Making	12:00 – 2:00 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 8 th	Holly Mart	8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Director of Music and Organist
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

***Order of Worship
October 26, 2025
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday***

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence this morning. Reformation Sunday is a time to reflect on a movement of theological reform that emphasizes the importance of grace rather than “good deeds” in making salvation possible.

PRELUDE

INTROIT(8:30 AM) *"His Name Is Wonderful"* Chancel Choir

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we gather to worship you, show us your presence, O God.

As we unite our voices to praise you, show us your glory, O God.

As we tremble in the cleft of the rock, show us your goodness, O God.

Let the earth shake in your praise, Most High!

We worship your great and awesome name, Almighty God!

*OPENING HYMN *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* UMH No. 110
Stanzas 1 and 2

OPENING PRAYER

God of all hope, move among us and awaken us to your loving presence. When we lose our way and put our confidence in our possessions and our wisdom, call us back to you. Remind us that our very identity is dependent on your abiding mercy. Show us how to walk in faithfulness, following the path of justice and goodness in our daily lives. May our days be filled with joy and hope as we share the good news of abundant life that comes from following Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00 AM)

Nicole Streaker

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to us, longing to have pity on us. In faith, let us make our confession to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we place our trust in things we can see and touch and we question whether you are really there. Forgive us when we fail to see that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Help us when we lose our way and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong. Open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; open our hands to serve you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God says, “My presence will go with you , and I will give you rest.” In the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven! We will rest in God’s mercy!

HYMN *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* UMH No. 110
Stanzas 3 and 4

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 2:1-9

This passage is about the human condition of being dead in sin, God’s great love and grace towards us, and the salvation that comes through faith as a gift from God, not by our own works.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 18:9-14

This passage is about the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, teaching humility and the importance of recognizing one’s own sins before God rather than boasting about one’s righteousness.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN *“We Will Glorify”* TFWS No. 2087

SERMON *“Shaped, Sharpened, and Polished!”* Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN *“Grace Alone”* TFWS No. 2162

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 Praise Go Round"

Chancel Choir

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

God, source of all that is, lover of justice and source of equity, help us live boldly and truthfully as we seek to follow your ways. Encourage us to share with others the gift of grace that you have so abundantly given us. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you now. In the name of the One who gives us life, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

UMH No. 133

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE