

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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October 5, 2025
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Order of Worship World Communion Sunday

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. It's great to see you today. In Matthew 18:20, Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them." This morning, we gather in the name of Jesus and trust that He is here with us. May all be blessed by this time of worship together. Let us begin by drawing closer to God in silent prayer.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Increase our faith, O God!

Let our worship uncover clearer understandings of you.

Increase our trust, O God!

Let our prayers reveal stronger connections to you.

Increase our hope, O God!

Let our study release brighter possibilities from you.

Come, let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN

"I Come with Joy"

UMH No. 617

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, throughout the world today, Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We come together with a bountiful table set amid struggle and strife. Help us to receive the bread and cup for the nourishment of our souls and for the strengthening of our witness to your love for us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14

The Apostle Paul encourages Timothy to be brave and protective of his faith. Paul reminds Timothy that the Spirit of God grants Christians spiritual power.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:5-10

This text consists of two sets of sayings on being a follower of Jesus. The first deals with faith and the second deals with what is expected of disciples.

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Be Still My Soul"

UMH No. 534

SERMON

"Walk by Faith"

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

UMH No. 462

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory (11:00 AM)

"If We Truly Believe"

Chancel Choir

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

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

Holy One, you guide our lives with truth and love. You invite us to accept you with joy. We prayerfully present these tithes and offerings today praying they symbolize our renewed commitment to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

"Musical Setting A"

UMH No. 17

Breaking the Bread
Sharing the Cup
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.

Communion Offering: Carroll County Food Sunday
Communion Hymns: #2224, #620, #618
Prayer following communion

Lord, we come before you today with thanksgiving. Having taken the bread and the cup, our hearts overflow with gratefulness. Thank you for your love which surpasses all understanding. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“He Is Exalted”* TFWS No. 2070

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 5, 2025

YOUTH GROUP - The youth will be hiking **TODAY**. We will leave church following the second service and return between 3 and 3:30 PM. Please wear/bring appropriate clothing and shoes. Also, bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. String backpacks are helpful. Since we will need to accommodate transportation, PLEASE let Miss Cindi know if you are attending. This includes any guests you would like to bring.

HOLLY MART CRAFTS – We will meet this month on Thursdays, Oct. 9th and Oct. 23rd (bird feeders - meet in church kitchen). No experience necessary. We appreciate any time you can give

30th ANNIVERSARY – We will have a covered dish luncheon to celebrate **Linda Bange's 30th year of musical service** to Ebenezer next Sunday, **October 12th**. 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!

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

POPCORN – The Cub Scouts will be here selling popcorn for their Pack next Sunday, **October 12th** between Sunday School and the 11:00 AM service. Stop by their table at the Coffee Corner and pick up a bag of popcorn, a box of microwave popcorn or make a donation. 70% of all proceeds go directly to their Pack. Thank you so much for your help with this wonderful fundraiser!

DONATIONS – If you are making donations to the Compassion Closet (shed) or food pantry, **PLEASE** do not leave your items outside in the parking lot or leaning against the buildings. Arrangements can be made to meet someone to let you in. Thank you so much for your help in this matter. Please contact Nancy Thompson for Compassion Closet donations at 410-241-1509 or the office at 410-795-6136.

KITCHEN DONATIONS - The Holly Mart Kitchen Donation Lists have been posted and are ready for your choosing. In addition to the donated items list, we are again asking for monetary donations for our Holly Mart Kitchen. As you know, the price of food has increased considerably, so we sincerely appreciate all donations to offset the cost of running the kitchen so we can keep our prices reasonable for our customers. We have posted a list of the items bought with your monetary donations. Please mark your donations “Holly Mart Kitchen”. Many thanks from the Kitchen Committee.

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



Holly Mart 2025

We know that your schedule gets full around the holidays, so make sure you mark your calendars for one of the best and biggest holiday craft days in the area!

Saturday November 8, 2025

Winfield Volunteer Fire Department Hall
1320 West old Liberty Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

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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: 09/28/25	\$5,999.	132
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Barb Conaway	Ryan Piecewicz
Ushers	Brenda Baker & Janet Davis	Bob & Dawn Stevens
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Derek Jones
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Youth Group – Hike McKeldin Park	Noon
Monday, Oct. 6 th	Administrative Council Mtg.	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 8 th	Children's Choir Chancel Choir	6:30 -7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Oct 9 th	Holly Mart Crafters Pachelbells	9:30 AM – Noon 6:45 - 7:30 PM
Sunday, Oct. 12 th ONE SERVICE ONLY	Children's Church Luncheon for Linda Bange	11:00 AM Noon
Monday, Oct. 13 th	Community Table	Noon
Saturday, Oct. 18 th	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM
Sunday, Oct 19 th	Youth Group	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct 22 nd	Children's Choir Chancel Choir	6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Oct 23 rd	Holly Mart Crafters (bird feeders) Pachelbells	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM 6:45 - 7:30 PM