

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 16, 2025

THANK YOU - Many thanks to everyone for their help with this year's Holly Mart. Final totals are still being calculated, but we know it was another successful year.

DECORATING EBENEZER – We will be decorating EUMC for Christmas on Sunday, **November 30th**, immediately following the late service. If you can lend a hand for an hour or so, please plan on staying after worship.

ADVENT WREATH - It is always so nice to have families and friends light the Advent wreath each Sunday and on Christmas Eve. Gather a friend group from church or family members and sign up. You could even do a committee group, such as the Holly Mart group! Be creative! You will receive the scripture and prayer for the day with instructions the week before. Thank you for helping to lead worship this Advent!

FRIENDSGIVING - Potluck Thanksgiving Day, **November 27th** at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Thompson or call 410-241-1509.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – Reservations can now be made for our Annual Christmas Celebration, on Sunday, **December 7th**. Our Christmas **luncheon** will begin immediately following the 11:00 AM service. Make a reservation now for a great time of fun, fellowship, and delicious food. Reservations must be made no later than November 30th. Please see Sandy Wean and/or Lori Rapids for questions.

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, 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!

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY - Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church will again be participating as we honor the veterans buried here in our Church Cemetery. We are looking for veterans to place the ceremonial wreaths during the ceremony. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, see Cindi directly or contact her at darno455@aol.com. We will be taking wreath sponsorships - \$17 per wreath - which will defray costs for the wreaths used during the ceremony. Forms are in the Narthex. Please make sure to designate the funds to Ebenezer UMC Cemetery. If they are in memory of someone specific, please note that as well. All forms and money need to be handed in to Cindi by the end of November. Checks should be written directly to Wreaths Across America. We have 52 veterans here in our cemetery and have been honored to be able to place a wreath at each with donations we receive.



Ebenezer United Methodist Church

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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: 11/9/25	\$4,874	145
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Janet Davis	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Rick Byrd & Rocky Mabry	Doug & Cyndi Diethrich
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Derek Jones
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Youth Group – Progressive Dinner	5:00 – 8:15 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 18 th	Adult Bible Study w/ Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, Nov. 19 th	Children's Choir NO Chancel Choir	6:30 – 7:15 PM
Thursday, Nov. 20 th	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 23 rd	Children's Church	11:00 AM
Tuesday, Nov 25 th	Adult Bible Study w/ Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, Nov. 26 th	Children's Choir Chancel Choir	6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Nov. 27 th	Friendsgiving – FH	1:00 PM

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*November 16, 2025
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM*

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today. May you feel the love and peace of Christ as we worship together. Please begin this time in silent prayer.

PRELUDE

"A Joyful Ring"

Pachelbells

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Holy God
open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.
O loving God,
open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate.
O God of peace,
Open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.
O Generous God,
Open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Hope of the World"

UMH No. 178

OPENING PRAYER

In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God's love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God's love and power. Amen.

THE CANTICLE OF HOPE

UMH No. 734

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

This passage is about the promise of a new heaven and earth where God's people will live in peace and abundance, free from suffering, and enjoying the blessings of a restored creation.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

This lesson is a profound passage that recounts the story of Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, and his transformative encounter with Jesus Christ.

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

UMH No. 474

SERMON

"The Promise of Hope"

Rev. Rick Gray

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH No 451

THE 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

"And Can It Be?"

Pachelbells

***Doxology**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

UMH No. 62

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we stand before you today with open hearts, offering our gifts in the midst of a world that is often troubled and uncertain. May these offerings be a symbol of our commitment to remain steadfast, to endure in faith, and to trust you in times of trial. Strengthen us for the journey ahead, knowing that in all things, you are with us. We offer these gifts in the name of Christ, our hope. Amen.

*HYMN

“Soon and Very Soon”

UMH No. 706

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE