

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 30, 2025

DECORATING EBENEZER – We are decorating EUMC for Christmas **TODAY**, immediately following the late service. If you can lend a hand for an hour or so, please stay after worship.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – Today is the last day to make a reservation for our Annual Christmas Celebration on Sunday, **December 7th**. Our Christmas **luncheon** will begin immediately following the 11:00 AM service. Please see Sandy Wean and/or Lori Rapids for questions.

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, 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: 11/23/25	\$5,722	127
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Kate Luette	Jen Klausmeyer
Ushers	Julie Schmitt & Liz Mosko	Byron Ricketts & Ryan Piecewicz
Acolyte	John Mosko	Derek Jones
DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday, Nov 30 th	Decorating EUMC	Noon
Monday, Dec. 1 st	Admin Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 2 nd	Holly Mart wrap-up meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 3 rd	OWLS Children's Choir Chancel Choir	12:00 – 2:00 PM 6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Dec. 4 th	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 7 th	Christmas Luncheon	Noon



EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Order of Worship

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

*Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence.
Jeremiah 29:11 says: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” It is our hope that this time of worship will be a blessing to all. Please begin worship in silent prayer.*

PRELUDE(11:00 AM) *"What Child Shall Come"* *Brenda Seibly
Jennifer Klausmeyer*

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Wake up, people of God! Our salvation is near!
We have been asleep and did not know it. Christ comes to awaken all potential!
Let us enter this season of preparation, expecting to be changed.
We hope to be changed through worship and service.
We will watch and ready ourselves for the coming of One whom God sends.

*OPENING HYMN *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* UMH No. 211

OPENING PRAYER

Great God, whom our spiritual ancestors worshiped on the mountain, lift us up in anticipation of Christ’s advent among us. Grant us the vision to see beyond ourselves and to view all humankind as neighbors. Help us to be honest, generous, and merciful in all our relationships. Prepare us and help us to attend to matters of the Spirit so we will be ready for Christ’s coming. To that end, bless our worship today, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture Reading from Isaiah 2:1-5
Lighting Advent Candle I: The Candle of Hope

Sung Response *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”* UMH No. 204
**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 24:36-44

This text is about the uncertainty of the timing of the second coming of Jesus and the importance of being spiritually prepared for his return at any moment.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON ***“Is Your Desk Clean?”*** *Rev. Judy Emerson*

HYMN *“All Earth is Waiting”* UMH No. 210

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

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Offertory (11:00 AM) *"English Advent Carol"* *Chancel Choir*
*Presentation of Gifts
*Doxology *“Praise God!”* Tune: UMH No. 95
**Praise God for gifts of hope and peace.
Praise God for gifts of joy and love.
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell
on earth for us – Emmanuel. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, whose gift of love we can never repay, we offer these symbols of our gratitude. May they equip our church to minister more attentively and lovingly in this community and beyond. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* UMH No. 196

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE