

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 7, 2025

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – Today is our Christmas luncheon! If you have made your reservations, please join us in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin immediately following the 11:00 AM service.

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!

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY - Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 at Noon. Ebenezer United Methodist Church will again be participating as we honor the veterans buried here in our Church Cemetery. We have 52 veterans here in our cemetery and we have been honored to be able to place a wreath at each with donations we receive.

SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL DONATIONS - There is still time to donate Christmas gifts for Springfield Hospital and a few others. These gifts are very needed and so appreciated. Follow the link below to the Sign-Up Genius and please let me know if you have any questions at all. They are due back to church by December 9th so we can get them delivered. If you have trouble getting on the Sign-Up Genius, just contact Susan Brown at stmpnsusan@aol.com.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AADA723AA8-53266228-christmas>

RECEPTION AFTER CHURCH - Next Sunday, December 14th, please plan on staying after the late service for refreshments. The Chancel Choir is hosting a reception for Ken and Kim Middleton as we wish them well as they begin a new chapter in their lives. They will be moving to Pennsylvania in the coming weeks and will be greatly missed at Ebenezer. Plan on joining us as we give thanks for the ministry we have shared.



*Christmas
Schedule*

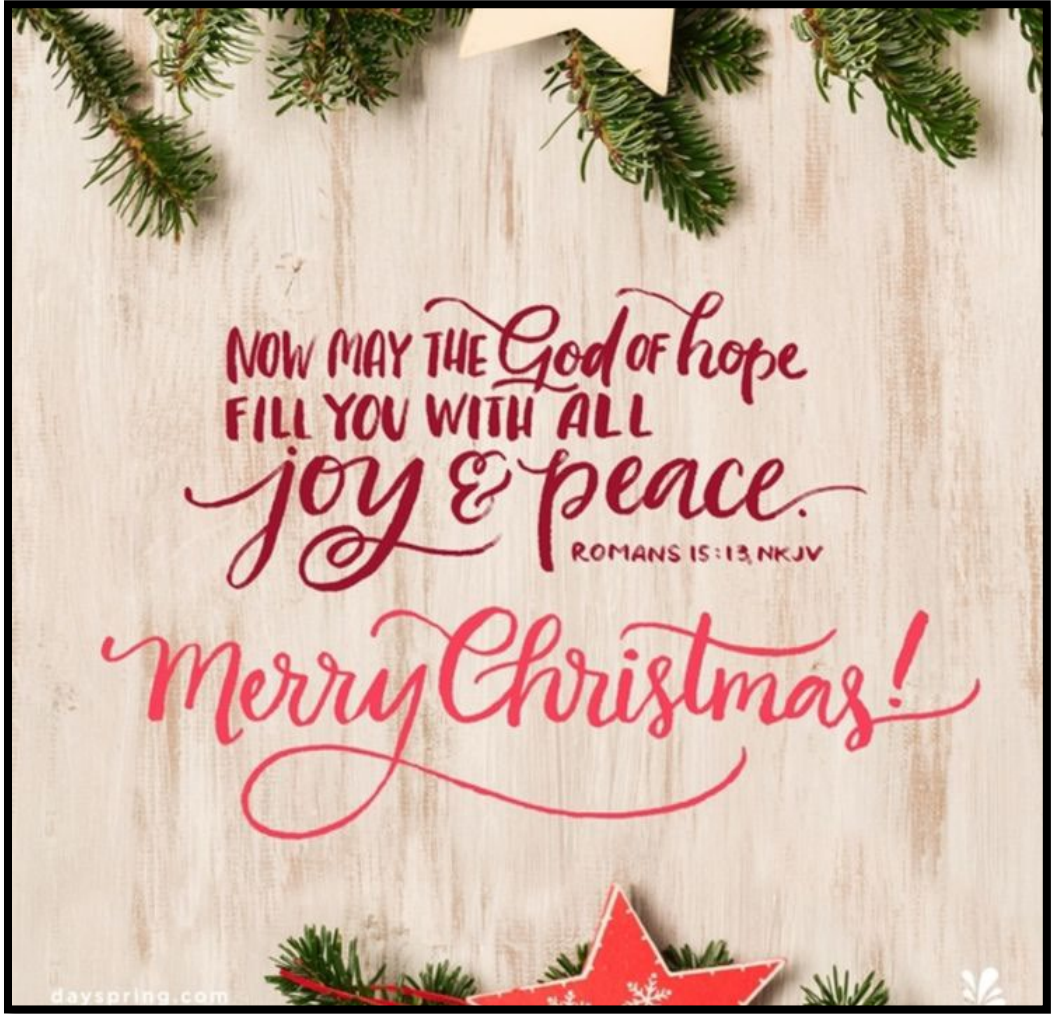
Dec. 14th - 8:30 & 11:00 AM Chancel Choir Cantata - Fellowship Hall
Noon - Reception for The Middletons
(Sponsored by the Chancel Choir)

Dec. 21st - 8:30 AM Service - Sanctuary
11:00 AM Children's Pageant - Fellowship Hall

Dec. 24th - 8:00 PM Worship Service with Music by The Chancel Choir
(Sanctuary) 10:00 PM Candlelight Service with Special Music

Dec. 28th - One Service **ONLY** at 11:00 AM - Fellowship Hall

Jan. 4th - Birthday Party for Jesus during Sunday School - Fellowship Hall
Noon - Taking Down Christmas Decorations



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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: 11/30/25	\$4,252	120
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Lori Rapids	Bill Jones
Ushers	Rick & Brenda Baker	Kathy McGehrin & Bob Stevens
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Ryan Pieciewicz
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Christmas Luncheon	Noon
Monday, Dec. 8 th	Community Table	Noon
Tuesday, Dec. 9 th	Adult Bible Study – Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec. 10 th	Children's Choir Chancel Choir	6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Dec. 11 th	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 13 th	Chancel Choir Practice Wreaths Across America	9:30 AM Noon
Sunday, Dec. 14 th	Chancel Choir Cantata – Fellowship Hall Reception for Middletons	8:30 & 11:00 AM Noon

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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 December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. The celebration of Advent involves intentional preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. For Christians, the Advent season reminds us not only of Jesus' birth, but of His eternal presence and eventual second coming. Let us begin this time of worship in silent prayer. We pray this time of worship will be meaningful to you.

PRELUDE(11:00 AM) "Every Valley" Ken Middleton

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice together, people of God!
We anticipate the coming of God's chosen one, who brings peace.
The promises of God are for all humankind.
We draw near for instruction and encouragement.
May we be surrounded by righteousness and faithfulness.
We rejoice as God's people!

*OPENING HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH No. 220

OPENING PRAYER

O God, in whom we hope, awaken all our senses to the meaning of Christ's coming. Baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire that we may be alert to opportunities for faithful witness and deeds of service. We welcome one another in this service of worship as Christ has welcomed us. Grant us your peace as we learn and serve together. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture Reading from Isaiah 11:1-10
The Candle of Peace
Lighting Advent Candle I & II
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.**

ADVENT SCRIPTURES

Romans 15:4-13

This text from Romans encourages us to move deeper into the vision outlined last week. The unexpected return is not something that should throw a wrench into our daily routine, but is something to be joyfully welcomed as part of the baptismal journey.

Matthew 3:1-12

In Matthew we learn that the coming of God's promised rule through the Messiah is near. As a result, people should prepare their hearts through repentance.

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

SERMON

"Change of Routine!"

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

UMH No. 221

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests
Pastoral Prayer

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements
Offertory (11:00 AM)
*Presentation of Gifts

"Come, Emmanuel, Come"

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

"Praise God!"
Praise God for gifts of hope and peace.

Tune: UMH No. 95

**Praise God for gifts of joy and love.
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell
on earth for us – Emmanuel.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, with these offerings we move beyond words and deeds. We share good news and seek the peace you alone can give. We express our faith in your goodness and in the witness our church can make in a needy world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH No. 15

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

Giving the Cup

Communion Offering: Carroll County Food Sunday

Hymns during communion: Medley of Christmas Hymns

Prayer after communion

Lord, we come before you today with thanksgiving. Having taken the bread and the cup, our hearts overflow with gratefulness for your love and sacrifice. Your desire to have a relationship with us was so great that you made a way for us to be with you. Thank you for your love and peace given to us which surpasses all understanding. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

UMH No. 224

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE