

# **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  
May 25, 2025***

***The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

## **WELCOME**

*Welcome to Ebenezer UMC. We pray that you will experience this service as a sacred moment. May this time of worship be a blessing and a time of spiritual renewal!*

## **PRELUDE**

## **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Those who love Jesus keep his words.

**Those who love Christ will make their home with God.**

Those who know Jesus will know his peace.

**Those who know Jesus will be taught in the ways of peace.**

Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord, who has come to be among us.

**Come, worship God, who lives among us, loves us, and calls us home. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

*“America“*

UMH No. 697

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Loving God, as our nation pauses to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort, guidance and peace. We pray that your peace will prevail among all the nations. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who alone gives this peace and hope for eternity, we pray. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Nicole Streaker

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Revelation 21:1-6

*This text is about the promise of a new heaven and a new earth, symbolizing God’s ultimate plan of restoration, renewal, and redemption for all creation.*

John 14:23-29

*Our lesson tells how Jesus sends an Advocate who brings us peace and empowers us to share that peace with others.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

*“This is My Song“*

UMH No. 437

## **SERMON**

***“A Different Kind of Peace“***

*Rev. Judy Emerson*

## **HYMN**

*“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace“*

TFWS No. 2171

## **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

## **LITANY**

Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

**WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

For leaders in nation and state and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for our common good:

**WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

For those who served their country in its hour of need and especially for those who gave their lives in that service:

**WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Almighty God, as we remember your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your servants with mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## **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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Announcements

Offertory (8:30 AM) *"We Are a Church"* Chancel Choir

\*Presentation of Gifts

\*Doxology *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"* UMH No. 160  
**Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
one God forever more.  
Rejoice, Rejoice,  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, as we remember and give thanks for those who have given so much, remind us once again that you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Bless this offering which supports those ministries that enable and empower us all to live by the Spirit. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*HYMN *"America the Beautiful"* UMH No. 696

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

\*Congregation standing when able  
TFWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal  
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

## **Announcements**

May 25, 2025

**VBS NEEDS - July 21 - July 25, 2025** – We still need decorations and props for the upcoming VBS week and volunteers to help create the fun spaces. We will be working on props on the first three Tuesdays in June, beginning Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM in Classroom 5. Anyone interested is encouraged to come and help. Any questions, please contact Nancy Thompson at 410-241-1509

**YOUTH GROUP** – Next Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, will be our last gathering for the school year. We will be going paintballing! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. **PLEASE** sign up to let us know you will attend so we won't have to cancel!

**BACKPACK MINISTRY** – We will again be supporting Winfield Elementary School with backpacks for the students. Look for the backpack tags coming in July. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Just place in the offering plate marked "Backpacks". Thank you so much! Please contact Kate Luethe at [cs141@hotmail.com](mailto:cs141@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** - are in the narthex or on our website. They are available to active church youth (under age 23) for up to four years of undergraduate studies, including trade and vocational school. All applications should be placed in Brenda Baker's church mailbox no later than next Sunday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**.

**PAVERS** - We will once again be placing an order for more engraving on our patio pavers. If you would like one in honor or in memory of someone, please see the forms in the Narthex for information and pricing.

**C.R.E.W. - June 23-27**. We are seeking volunteers (adults or youth) who might have a day or two they can give to help with projects. You might not be able to do the whole week, but you may have a day you could share. Please see Nancy Thompson or the signup sheet on the bulletin board.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Starting June 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

No Sunday School



## Ebenezer United Methodist Church

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### *Office Hours*

Tues - Thurs 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM - Noon

### *Summer Office Hours*

*June 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Tues & Thurs 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM - Noon

	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 05/18/25	\$5,935	115
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Janet Davis	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Tony & Susan Sager	McGehrins & Stevens
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Derek Jones
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Children's Church	11:00 AM
Thursday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pachelbels	6:45 – 7:15 PM
Sunday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Graduate Recognition Youth Group - Paintball	10:00 AM 12:30 - 4:30 PM
Monday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Administrative Council Mtg	7:00 PM
Wednesday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	OWLS	12:00 -2:00 PM
June 23-27	C.R.E.W.	8:00 – 5:00 PM