

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 24, 2025**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** - We will meet tomorrow at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

**SYKESVILLE/ELDERSBURG HUB GATHERING** – There will be another HUB gathering on **August 27, 2025** at 4:00 PM. Clergy and one or two church members from each congregation in our district are invited to attend. Please let Rev. Judy know if you are interested in participating. This group meets monthly.

**CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC – August 31<sup>st</sup> - immediately following worship!** Plan on staying for our annual picnic at Ebenezer! Bring a lawn chair, games you wish to play, and a dessert or side dish to share. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, paper products, lemonade and ice water! Looking forward to wrapping up the summer together!

**CHANCEL CHOIR** - will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 3rd** at 7:30 PM. We have a seat for you! Please join us.

**FALL SCHEDULE** – On Sunday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>** we will return to our normal schedule of worship at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM in the sanctuary and Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 AM.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Reverend Rick Gray will be offering another bible study on the Corinthian Letters on Tuesdays starting **September 9<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30-11:00 AM in Room #4. Please come and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and learning.

**HANDBELLS** – The Pachelbells handbell choir will be starting rehearsals in the fall and would be thrilled to welcome additional ringers! If you have experience or are brand new to handbells, we want you! Let Jennifer Wise or the office know if you are interested. Thank you so much!

**HOLLY MART CRAFTS** – Join us this **Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. No experience necessary. We appreciate any time you can give. We meet on the top floor of the Food Pantry building at 9:30 AM until around 12:00 Noon.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** – An organizational meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:45 AM in the fellowship hall. All participants, parents and mentors are encouraged to attend.

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

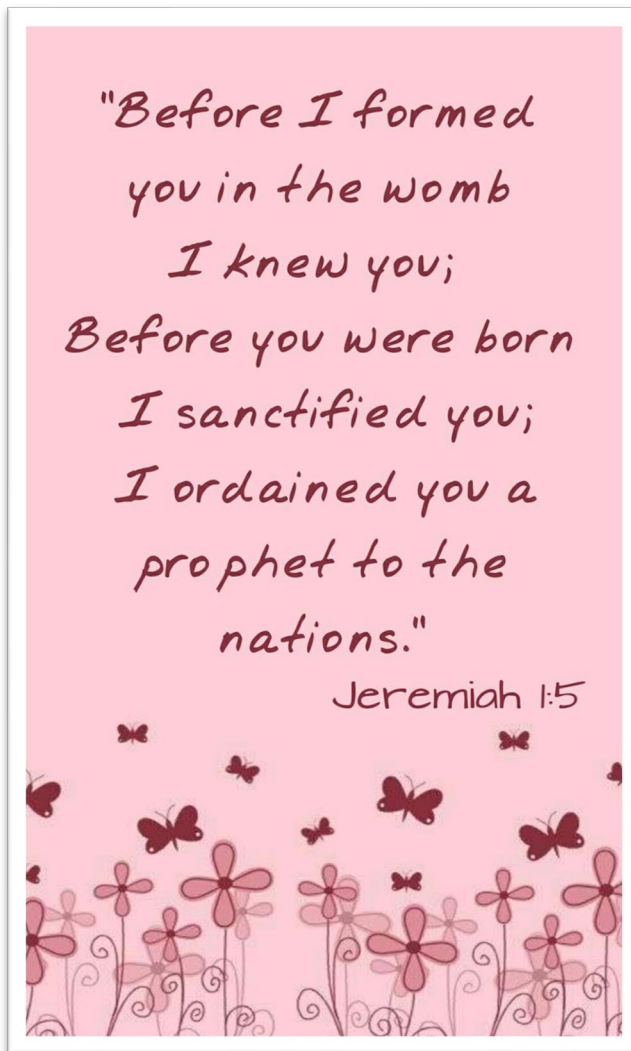
**BISHOP EASTERLING** – Our Bishop will be visiting each of the Districts in the Baltimore-Washington Conference in September. She will be gathering with the Lakes District on **Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM at Deer Park United Methodist Church in Westminster, Maryland. This will be a time of sharing and interaction. As our new structure takes effect and we begin new relationships in the Lakes District and across the area, this will be an important time of connection. This is an in-person meeting and will not be live-streamed or recorded. We will not have a registration for this event, please just come join us!

**NURSERY ASSISTANCE** - If you are age 16 or above and able to volunteer in the nursery during worship once a month, please let the church office know. We have a staff member there each week. However, in accordance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy it would be helpful to have another person present in the room. Assistance is needed from 8:20 AM to 9:30 AM and again from 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon.

**PARENTS:** Is your child in college, either away from home or commuting, in the military, or working or volunteering somewhere far away? Ebenezer would like to keep in touch with them! Parents can send the following information to either Lori in the church office or directly to Ellie Baublitz, Higher Education/Campus Ministry Chair, at [elliebaublitz@netscape.net](mailto:elliebaublitz@netscape.net) :

**Student's/child's name, college/military/other address, what year they are in, birthday, and any other information you would like to share about the student's life and activities.**

**PASTORAL EMERGENCIES** – Rev. Judy will be away on vacation this week. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office and leave a message. The pastor on call will respond as soon as possible.



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### 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 to Noon

### Summer Worship

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

No Sunday School

	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 08/17/25	\$4,745.	107
WORSHIP LEADERS	10:00 AM	
Liturgist	Jen Klausmeyer	
Ushers	Karl & Nicole Streaker	
Acolyte	Ryan Piecewicz	
DATE	EVENT	TIME
Monday, August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ad Council Mtg.	7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	HUB gathering	4:00 PM
Thursday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Mart Crafters	9:30 – 12:00 Noon
Sunday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Church Picnic	11:00 AM
Wednesday, Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	OWLS	12:00 – 2:00 PM
Sunday, Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Class Info Mtg.	9:45 AM
Monday, Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Community Table	12:00 Noon
Tuesday, Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study – w/ Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Saturday, Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM

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**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 24, 2025  
10:00 AM**

***Order of Worship***

WELCOME

*On this 11th Sunday after Pentecost, we gather to celebrate the God who knows us, calls us, and frees us. No matter where you've come from or what you carry, you are welcome here. Let's worship with open hearts and joyful hope.*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the God of peace and compassion.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is injury, pardon.

**Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope.**

Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.

**O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.**

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

**For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Let us worship God, who calls us to live in love and peace.

\*HYMN

*"Joyful, Joyful"*

UMH No. 89

OPENING PRAYER

**God of compassion, you knew us before we were born and called us to speak your truth. You see our burdens and lift us with healing grace. As we gather, open our hearts to your word and free us to live boldly in your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

*God invites us to come as we are—broken, burdened, and beloved. Let us turn to the One who is always ready to forgive.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we confess that we have not always lived in the freedom you offer. We've turned away from your voice, ignored your healing, and failed to love as you command. Forgive us for our fear, pride, and silence. Renew us by your Spirit and set us free to walk in your grace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers in Jesus' name, Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*God's mercy is deeper than our failings, and God's love is stronger than our fear. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live anew. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 1:4-10

*Though Jeremiah felt too young and inadequate, God promised to be with him and to give him the strength to speak. This passage teaches that God's call is rooted not in our ability but in God's own authority, and that God's kingdom, unlike all else, will not be shaken.*

Luke 13:10-17

*Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath, challenging the legalistic interpretations of the law and demonstrating the priority of compassion over ritual.*

The Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

*"O Lord, You're Beautiful"*

TFWS No. 2064

SERMON

*"Free at Last..."*

*Rev. Rick Gray*

HYMN

*"He Touched Me"*

UMH No. 367

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

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Offertory

*"My Story"*

*William Streaker*

\*Presentation of Gifts

\*Doxology

*“Give Thanks”*

TFWS No. 2036

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son;  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong";  
let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us."  
Give thanks, give thanks.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Lord God, we thank you for creating all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Your son Jesus warned us not to store up treasures here on earth but to store up treasures in heaven. Guard our hearts and may we, in bringing our offerings to you now, store up treasure in your kingdom. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. In your powerful name we pray. Amen**

\*HYMN

*"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

UMH No. 480

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE