

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 13, 2025

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON! July 21st to 25th

Sign-Up

If you haven't signed your kids/grandkids up for a week of fun yet, please go to this link TODAY <https://ebenezerunitedmethodistchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/> so your kids don't miss out! We're going on a Road Trip with God! Come and join us for a great week of snacks, games and learning about our God!!

Donate Meals

If you would like to donate to the meals every night for VBS please mark your donation with "VBS Meals" so we are sure it goes to the right place. Thank you for your help!

Volunteer

We will be setting up for VBS following Worship on **July 20th**. We are also asking for help on **Saturday, July 26th**, at 9:30 AM to put everything back together. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you can help. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Thompson at 410-241-1509.

HOLLY MART CRAFTS - If you are available to help with crafts on Thursday, July 31st, we would appreciate any time you can give. Our craft days in August are Wednesday, August 13th and Thursday, August 28th. No experience necessary. We meet on the top floor of the Food Pantry building at 9:30 AM until around 12:00 PM. Thank you!

BACKPACK MINISTRY - We have realized that quite a few of our backpacks are being returned empty from the school. It seems the supplies are greatly needed by the students and teachers, more so than the bag itself. With your help, we would like to provide just the supplies for the students this year. Please contact Kate Luethe at cs141@hotmail.com or Brenda Baker at bdbaker01@comcast.net with any questions. Stay tuned for tags coming at the beginning of July. If making a monetary donation, please be sure to note in the memo field of your check "Backpack Ministry". We are always grateful for your support.

CANNING GROUP - If anyone has excess produce or fruit that they would like to donate to the canning group, we would appreciate it. Please let Laura Scott or Linda Bennett know. Thank you so much!



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Summer Office Hours

June 1st – Sept 2nd

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

Sunday 9:30 AM – Noon

Summer Worship

June 1st – Aug 31st

10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

No Sunday School

	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 07/06/25	\$8,690	85
WORSHIP LEADERS	10:00 AM	
Liturgist	Sandy Wean	
Ushers	Scott & Sharon Lange	
Acolyte	Ryan Piecewicz	
DATE	EVENT	TIME
July 13th-18th	Manidokan	All Week!
Saturday, July 19 th	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM
Sunday, July 20 th	VBS Set-up	11:00 AM
July 21st-25th	VBS	5:30 – 8:00 PM
Saturday, July 26 th	VBS Take down	9:30 AM
Tuesday, July 29 th	Holly Mart Meeting	6:30 PM
Thursday, July 31st	Holly Mart Crafters	9:30 – 12:00 PM

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Music Director/Organist
 10:00 AM

5th Sunday After Pentecost
July 13, 2025

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Welcome! We are pleased to have you join us for worship today. This morning, we will look at the story of the Good Samaritan. There are a lot of references to good Samaritans in our culture — including hospitals and churches and institutions that bear the name of Good Samaritan. We see articles in print or on TV about people who do “Good Samaritan” deeds, but Jesus says it is really a matter of faith and being able to put our faith in action.

PRELUDE *"Seek Ye First"* *Jennifer Wise*
LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wherever we go we are in the presence of God.
God has searched us; God knows our thoughts.
 No darkness can hide us or cover our activity.
God is with us always.
 God lays a hand of blessing on us.
How wonderful is our Creator!

*HYMN “Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH No. 140

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now prayerfully confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray...

PRAAYER OF CONFESSIION

Lord, this world seems to be in pain. Innocent people are suffering, and we turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others. We are so overwhelmed, and we feel helpless in the face of chaos. We are afraid to become involved. Help us, O God. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Open our hearts and our eyes to see you that we may be empowered to service rather than incapacitated by fear. Forgive us, Lord. Make us ready to truly become your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be afraid. God's love is reaching out to you to provide healing. Receive God's blessing and be assured of God's eternal love and mercy for you. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Colossians 1:1-14

This text is about Paul expressing gratitude for the faith, love, and fruitfulness of the Colossian Christians, highlighting the power of Christ's redemption and reconciliation in bringing believers into a relationship with God.

Luke 10:25-37

In the lesson of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is preaching to his disciples when a lawyer stands up and asks Jesus what he needs to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus responds by asking the man what the Bible says. The man replies that it states that he will love God with all his heart and soul and love his neighbor as he loves himself.

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

HYMN “*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*” UMH No. 402

SERMON “*A Step of Faith!*” Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN	<i>“Freely, Freely”</i>	UMH No. 389
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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 *"Do Lord"* *Jennifer Wise*

- *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 forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

- *Prayer of Dedication

Great God of love, encourage us to follow the caring ways which Jesus taught. We pray that you will multiply these tithes and offerings so acts of tolerance and hospitality are extended through the ministry we share for those in need. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“I’m Gonna Live So God can Use Me”* TFWS No. 2153

- *DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

- *POSTLUDE