

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

## NEWSLETTER



April/May 2026

## ► Upcoming Events ◀

### Worship

Sundays

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

### Sunday School

9:45-10:45 AM

### Worship on Facebook

Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
Worship Services  
(11:00 AM only)

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

### Website

[Ebenezerumchurch.org](http://Ebenezerumchurch.org)

Church Phone: 410-795-6136

Pastor's Office: 410-795-1237

### Church Email

[eumcwinfield@gmail.com](mailto:eumcwinfield@gmail.com)

### Pastor's Email

[REVJAE@aol.com](mailto:REVJAE@aol.com)

### Easter Schedule

**Maundy Thursday, April 2nd** - 7:30 PM Worship - FH

**Good Friday, April 3rd** - 7:30 PM Worship - Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday, April 5th**

6:30 AM - **Sunrise Service**

(bring your own chair)

8:30 AM **Celebration of the Resurrection**

(in Fellowship Hall)

9:45 AM **Sunday School for all ages**

11:00 AM **Celebration of the Resurrection**

(in Fellowship Hall)

**April 25th** - Treasure Sale

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** - **Confirmation Sunday/Pentecost (Wear RED!)**

One Service only at 11:00 AM

Sunday School at 9:45 AM

**May 31st** - **Graduate Recognition** - One service only at 10:00 AM

► **June, July, August** ◀

One service only at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

**Pastor:** Rev. Judith A. Emerson

**Treasurers:** Steve & Katie Cave

**Music Director:** Linda Bange

**Nursery Coordinators:**

**Secretary:** Lori Rapids

Lisa Humphries, Meredith & Susan Rodriguez

4901 Woodbine Road. Sykesville, MD 21784

# Treasure Sale

April 25th

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

RAIN or SHINE



**Save your SPRING CLEANING items for us to sell!**

**Volunteers needed to help with the Treasure Sale**

✧ Drop OFF on Thursday, April 23rd, 5-8 PM & Friday, April 24th from 9 AM until we are finished. ✧

***Please no clothes (they go to the pantry shed),  
christmas decorations or large pieces of furniture.***

**Proceeds from the Treasure Sale will go to support  
the Rock of Help Food Pantry.**

The Kitchen will be open the whole time with breakfast and lunch items available to purchase. There will also be a Bake Sale with delicious homemade goodies.

**All profits from the Kitchen and Bake Sale will  
go to paying off our mortgage.**

If you would like to volunteer to help,  
please contact Nancy Thompson @ 410-241-1509.

## NIGHT BY NIGHT SHELTER

Ebenezer continues to support the *Night-by-Night Shelter* at 127 Stoner Avenue in Westminster with dinner the third Sunday of each month. Signup slots are available through June 2026. If you'd like to contribute a dish, sign up at

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foc4baba92ba2fb6-cold>**

and Scott Murchie will contact you the beginning of the week with a reminder and to arrange drop-off of food in the church kitchen, either ahead of time or at 5:30 PM Sunday for hot dishes.

Arrangements can also be made for food to be picked up.

**Thank you!**



# Holly Mart Craft Group

We will start crafts again in May. Come join us when you are able for crafts and fellowship. No experience is necessary! We meet on the top floor of the food panty. Come for as long a you can. All help is appreciated.

**Thursday, April 9th 9:30 to 12:00**  
**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21st 9:30 to 12:00**

Thanks in advance for your help to make Holly Mart Crafts a success again this year.

**Questions:** Linda Bennett - [bennettga@aol.com](mailto:bennettga@aol.com), Cell # : 443-474-7110



## SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Every Sunday September through May at 9:45AM**  
**Classes from Pre-K through Adult**

Pre-k through grade 5 classes will complete the Sunday School year with stories from the New Testament. All classes have been having a fun time studying the Bible.

**We want to thank our teachers who have donated their time this year:**

**Pre-K** - Elizabeth Blocher and Sandy Biddinger

**K-2** - Lynn Baker and Joanne Davis, helper -Hannah Streaker

**Grades 3-5** - Julie Jones

**Confirmation** - Rev. Judy, Susan Brown, Dave and Cindi Arnold

**High School** - Doug Diethrich, Bryon Ricketts, Travis Saulsbury, Greg Will

**Adult Sunday School** - Rev. Rick Gray, Karl Streaker, Sandy Newsome

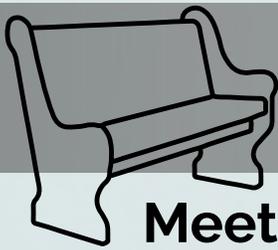


## Ebenezer Cruisers

There's Still Time to Join!

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us on this fantastic cruise!

Call Linda for information on cabin availability and pricing... 410-875-2093



# A View from the Pew

By Ellie Baublitz

## Meet Travis and Katy Saulsbury and Family

Katy Saulsbury, a “numbers person” as she calls herself, is Ebenezer’s new finance chairperson. As such, she describes her job as “a good resource to oversee the whole finance picture, interpreting needs and coming up with a solution to the issue.” The most recent issue is solving the ongoing audio/visual/sound problems throughout the entire church building. Katy said she and the finance committee have come up with a solution to pay for the project, which hopefully will be fixed in the coming months.

Katy and husband Travis, also a “numbers” person, and their three children, have been attending Ebenezer since after Covid. During Covid they no longer felt spiritually fulfilled with their previous church and started looking around for a new church home. Having visited Ebenezer before with Katy’s sister, Elizabeth Blocher, who attends with her family as her husband grew up going to EUMC, as well as Katy’s mom Valerie Hyer and stepdad Mike Hyer, Travis and Katy became members. “We felt comfortable coming here,” Katy said. “For me, the message is important, I need to understand it and be able to relate to it in my everyday life. And Rev. Judy does that.” Being in a smaller church where they can get to know people, feel connected and where every generation is represented was also important. “The people here are amazing,” Travis said.

All the family is active in various areas of church life. Besides finance, Katy is a young adult representative, on Staff-Parish Relations Committee, is involved with Holly Mart and VBS, and a ringer for the Pachelbells handbell choir. She has attended the Women’s Retreat for years and last year attended Camp Manidokan with their oldest daughter Emerson. Travis started teaching the middle school Sunday school class in 2024, but since those members are all confirmands, this year he’s helping with the high school class. He also helps with VBS. All three of their kids are in Sunday school and the Children’s Choir.

Travis and Katy met when she worked at PNC Bank in Woodbine. His parents had moved to Woodbine and he wanted to get a house of his own. “It was the summer of 2011, and my dad said to go to PNC Bank and talk to them about financing,” Travis recalled. “Soon as I walked in the door there was a beautiful woman sitting at her desk. But I was too shy to say anything to her.” Just as well, because unknown to him, Katy was already in a relationship. A few months later Travis went back to see if she was still working there, which she was. While Travis debated if he should talk to her, the next morning his daily devotion had the message from Proverbs 6 about the ways of an ant, its work ethic and wisdom. Verse nine writes “How long will you lie there, you sluggard.” Travis stated “It was God talking to me, saying go! So on my way home from school I stopped by the bank and talked to Katy about CD rates and such and asked her if she’d like to go on a date. Thankfully she gave me her number and our first date was so amazing. As I was driving down her driveway after dropping her off, I asked myself, ‘did I just meet my future wife?’” The jubilant answer was YES! Katy agreed that God was definitely involved. “It was truly divine intervention because if Travis had asked me for a date the first time he came in, I was unavailable” she said. “But the third time he came in I was out of my other relationship. And he was such a gentleman.”

Katy stayed at PNC Bank from 2010 to 2020, and then went to work for Cypress Wealth Management starting as their Business Development Officer and recently transitioning into their Chief Financial Officer.

Travis is in his 20th year as a high school math teacher at Western Tech in Catonsville, hoping to go another 10 years. For 28 years, He has also had a small lawn mowing business, which is how he can show his creativity. He loves being precise about the striping of each lawn he mows. On the morning the couple were married, June 14th, Travis mowed his parents’ lawn, cutting the numbers 6-14 into the backyard grass. This June they’ll celebrate 12 years of marriage. “Six is my favorite number and 14 is his,” Katy said. “And so we chose to get married on Flag Day.” The family now includes daughter Emerson, who will be 9 years old in April; Caleb, 7; and Tucker, 4 ½. Emerson is in third grade and Caleb is in first grade at Linton Springs Elementary School, while Tucker is in pre-school at Messiah Lutheran Nursery Program. A sporty, outdoor family, mom and dad coach the kids’ teams, which include field hockey, soccer, basketball, baseball and softball. Emerson is also in the church-sponsored Girl Scout troop and American Heritage Girls, a Christian girls development program, for which Katy is the leader.

Travis and Katy both enjoy being in nature, playing games, and bike riding, which is what they were doing when they got engaged. Katy also enjoys reading mysteries, having grown up on Nancy Drew, and crafting, which she and Emerson do together. Travis, an avid Maryland Terrapins alumni and fan, enjoys playing video games with the boys, like Mine Craft, which he says “Caleb is a pro at,” and Mario Kart. As Travis stated, the Saulsburys are “grateful to have finally found a church family,” with EUMC.



# VBS 2026

*July 20th to 24th*

Dinner Served:  
5:30-6:00 PM

VBS: 6:00-8:30 PM

*Children ages 3  
through 5th Grade*



<https://www.myvbs.org/eumc2026>

Looking forward to another awesome week!



## Hoffa House

The Hoffa House is a local home where 7-8 men live while recovering from addiction. Our church provides dinner once a month for 10-12 men during their Monday meetings. These meetings help the Hoffa Foundation board members stay connected with the residents and give the men a chance to reflect on their positive and negative experiences each week.

Our church has been incredibly supportive of this nonprofit organization, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered this year to prepare meals for the group. We will continue to provide meals for the Hoffa House and, if you're able to help, please sign up on the narthex bulletin board. Meals can be homemade, or you can donate gift cards, which I will be happy to pick up. The mission of the Hoffa House has been deeply appreciated.

*Meghan Estes*

# ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Next Ad Council Meeting: Monday, May 4th @ 7:00 PM

## Pavilion Building Fund

Help us build a new outdoor ministry space on our property behind the food pantry. This could be used for so many activities for our church family, including for VBS, youth, picnics and so much more. If you would like to donate, just mark "Pavilion Fund" on your check. You can also donate in memory or in honor of a loved one.



## Pill Bottle Recycling Wash Those Bottles!

We at EMUC continue to collect an amazing amount of Rx bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries. We need to be as amazing at cleaning the INSIDE of these bottles! They must be washed out to remove ALL pill residue (visible and invisible). If a couple of bottles in the collection box appear dirty/contaminated, then ALL of the bottles must be washed before shipment to prevent life threatening allergic reactions. These bottles may be shipped to a place where water to wash them is not available. Thank you for your participation in this wonderful multi-level ministry.

## OWLS - Older Wiser Livelier Seniors

First Wednesday of Every Month (Sept.-June)  
Noon - 2:00 PM

Ebenezer's mission for senior citizens provides a social and entertaining get together with potluck lunch and a fun program. This group is not just for our church members, everyone is invited to attend. Our April meeting is actually on April Fool's Day, so beware, there will be a lot of joking around and leg pulling. But more importantly we will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. We hope you will join us on April 1st at noon.

Diane Biddinger  
Mission Control





# Children's Church

**Children's Church meets on the second and fourth Sunday of every month from 11 AM to 12 PM. All children ages 4-17 are welcome to join us!**

Children Church has been busy with service projects this year - making dessert for the Hoffa House, decorating and packing Blessing Bags for the Cold Weather Shelter and making Valentine Cards for some special church members. A special thank you to Brenda Baker for assisting with the Blessing Bags. The children did each service project with smiles on their faces and happy hearts. We will complete the year with stories from the Bible - the Lord's Supper, Easter, Miracles of Jesus and Pentecost. We continue to follow the routine set up by Barbara Hare. We start with fingerplays and songs, then follow with a Bible Story with questions and then an activity. The children can earn points for prizes by responding to the questions.

**All children Pre-K through middle school are welcome!**

We would like to thank our dedicated teen helpers, Austin Diethrich, Summer Lange, Derek Jones, Ryan Piecewicz, and Hannah Streaker. The children look up to these teens and have a lot of fun with them. The teens exhibit much patience and are good sports.

All high school teens are invited to help.

**Come join the fun while learning about the Bible!**

*Meghan Estes & Joanne Davis*

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The EUMC scholarship applications will be available in the Narthex by April 12th. The deadline to submit an application is **May 31st**. This scholarship is available to our active church youth, under age 23, for up to four years of undergraduate studies, including trade and vocational schools.



**Contact Brenda Baker (bdbaker01@comcast.net) with any questions.**



**Don't forget to bring in your used ink cartridges so we can get \$\$\$\$ for our church!  
See Debbie Paulsgrove with any questions!**

# Food Pantry

Our pantry continues to serve our community each month, and we have a good time together! Everyone enjoys talking with the families, offering them "extras" along with their bags of food. In August we served 69 families and gave out quite a few pairs of new shoes for the children to wear back to school. We love seeing their smiling faces when they like the shoes! God has so richly blessed our congregation and it is wonderful that we can bless these families.

**If you have any questions about the pantry or would like to volunteer, text Sue Bergmann @410-259-1265**

## Recycling

*All funds go to the Food Pantry!*

The collection of aluminum, steel, copper, brass and miscellaneous metals has been going well. It is appreciated if the aluminum beverage cans are crushed because it gives us more storage space between trips to the scrap yard. All items can be placed in the orange container on the side of the church.

**Thank you for your participation!**

**If you have larger items, please contact the Thompsons @410-241-1509.**



### Food Pantry Monthly Needs

- January – Laundry Detergent
- February – Shampoo/Conditioner
- March – Toilet Paper
- April – Household Cleaners (Mr. Clean, etc.)
- May – Deodorant
- June – Body Wash/Soap
- July – Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- August – Liquid Dish Soap
- September – Paper Towels
- October – Toilet Cleaner
- November – Bleach
- December – Fabric Softener (liquid/dryer sheets)



## Compassion Closet

We are very limited on space so please do not donate furniture and clothes that are not in season. If you find some fall/winter clothes, jackets, gloves, etc. as you get ready for the change of seasons, we'd love to have them for the families. Late October through November we will be accepting Christmas decorations (no trees). Let's clean out our extra stuff! Thank you as always for your generous kindness to this program

**If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Thompson @410-241-1509.**

# Easter Candy Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Easter Candy Fundraiser again this year. Special thanks for everyone who helped make and fill the orders as well as everyone who placed an order for family and friends! It takes all to make this a success year after year.

*Blessings to all!*

## Orioles Christian Faith Night

**Thursday, July 9th**

**Orioles vs. Cubs**

Gametime - 6:35pm



### Tickets & Parking

\$25-\$30 per person  
(dependent on group size)

Section - 358 Rows 3-5

Parking Passes in Lot B/C

**Player Testimonials & Live Band Following the Game**

**Sign Up Due Date: Sunday, 5/31**

*Final cost will be determined by Wed, 6/3*

**Questions contact Karl Streaker-4streakers@comcast.net**





# YOUTH GROUP

Ebenezer's Youth Group is open to all youth in 6th grade and higher (including our college/young adults no longer in school)

We meet typically every other week on a Sunday evening from 6 -8 PM. Watch for current month scheduling and come join the fun!

## UPCOMING DATES

**Sunday, April 5th**  
Easter Sunrise Service  
6:00 AM

**Friday, April 17th - Sunday, April 19th**  
Youth Retreat to West River  
6:00 PM Friday

**Sunday, May 3rd**  
Nerf Wars  
Time TBD

**Sunday, May 17th**  
Regular Meeting in Youth Room  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Sunday, May 24th**  
Confirmation Sunday

**Sunday, May 31st**  
Paintball  
Time TBD

Boy, this year is rolling by quickly. The weather has not been our friend, and we have had to move or cancel many meetings. However, two of our youth were able to host meetings for us. First, AJ led a lesson on the book of Genesis, then Austin led one on Samson. Both boys did a fantastic job keeping everyone's attention. We are so blessed to have so many youth willing to share their gifts with us.

February also saw our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The youth showed up! They cooked, served and cleaned. and still had fun with our guests.

This past week was The Amazing Race. This was a huge hit, as we have many competitive youth (and adults). Thank you to Susan Brown and Rev Judy for organizing the event, as well as our hosts, Elizabeth and Jared Blocher, Brenda and Rick Baker and Sandy and Kenny Wean. This was fast paced, but loads of fun. Miss Julie's team came in first (again) and Mr Doug's in last (again). See a theme?

The next month will see our youth leading the Easter Sunrise Service and later in the month heading to West River for a weekend retreat. We will round out the end of the year (already!) with some of our favorites - nerf wars and paintball, as well as another youth led meeting. Stay tuned.!

## The Amazing Race



# Staying Busy in Youth Group



**Bowling!**



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**



**Annual Youth Group Trivia Night**



**AJ and Austin led the group in lessons on Samson and Genesis.**



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## *Birthdays*

### APRIL

3 Larry Lovell  
3 Justin Flater  
4 Lori Rapids  
4 Luke Piecewicz  
5 Greg Will  
6 Carl Fugate  
7 Hannah Streaker  
10 Dawn Stevens  
13 Emerson Saulsbury  
17 Chuck Wisner  
18 Jen Klausmeyer  
20 Lisa Humphries  
23 Austin Diethrich  
24 Bowen Blocher  
28 Bob Stevens  
28 Lilli Murphy

### MAY

1 Joanne Davis  
3 Carli Bergmann  
4 Linda Bange  
7 Pauline Rosier  
8 Parker Emerson Brown  
10 Judy Emerson  
10 Gary Kretschmer  
10 Carol Wroten  
11 Jenavieve Partridge  
11 Stevie Bergmann  
11 Steve Hesen  
11 Rick Byrd  
11 Rocky Mabry  
13 Sandy Biddinger  
14 Will Holl  
14 Ed Rodriguez  
15 Brian Cave  
17 David Rodriguez  
18 Jim Brown  
19 John Mosko  
20 Brian Diethrich  
23 Summer Lange  
29 Rev. Rick Gray  
29 Julie (Davis) Swartz  
31 Judy Lovell

## *Anniversaries*

### APRIL

3 Frank & Kathy Zamostny  
17 Gerry & Linda Bennett  
22 Rich & Cheri Holl  
27 Chuck & Rebecca Wisner  
29 Mel & Carol Wroten

### MAY

10 Jim & Nancy Huff  
26 Charles & Pauline Rosier



## **Camp Manidokan Summer 2026** July 12th-17th

Children entering third grade through their senior year of high school are welcome to attend!

As a part of our ministry, Ebenezer United Methodist Church will cover the cost of Manidokan, except for the deposit, for children who attend Sunday School regularly. Attendance is being recorded from February 8th to May 24th. Each child is allowed to miss two Sundays and still receive this opportunity. If you have any questions, you may reach out to either Jen Klausmeyer at 443-760-5968 or Rachel Biddinger at 443-547-0519.



# Women's Retreat 2026

*"Dare to Imagine"*

So much fun, fellowship and laughter! Plan to join us next year!



## Ebenezer Men's Mini-Retreat



*Encountering Jesus Along Our Faith Journey*

**Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:30 AM-2:00 PM**

The Ebenezer Men's Group will be hosting the next onsite Men's Mini-Retreat in one of the classrooms. Rev. Rick Gray will be leading the retreat. The day will start with a Chick-Fil-A breakfast at 8:30 AM, followed by morning sessions from 9 AM to 12 noon.

Subway lunch will be brought in at noon, followed by an early afternoon session and adjourn by 2:00 PM. The link to sign up and reserve a breakfast order is below; lunch orders will be taken the morning of the retreat.

**This a fun and very moving event, which attendees have really found to be both valuable and enjoyable.**

Questions about the retreat experience, ask Rick; for questions on logistics, ask Scott Murchie (240-394-2363)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BABA92BA2FB6-ebenezer#/>



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