

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 29, 2026

EASTER CANDY – Make sure to pick-up your Easter Candy orders between services **today**.

EASTER EGG HUNT - TODAY at 3:30 PM. Please join us for a fun time of crafts, games, snacks and an egg hunt. All children through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Feel free to invite family members, friends and neighbors. Any questions, contact Julie Jones 410-404-1275 or juliejones3@comcast.net. Thank you!

MANIDOKAN - Camp this year will be from **July 12th to July 17th, 2026**. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in attending. If you have questions, please get in touch with Rachel Biddinger at 443-547-0519.

MEN'S MINI-RETREAT - Saturday, May 2, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. Rev. Rick Gray will be leading the retreat. The Theme is *Encountering Jesus Along Our Faith Journey*. The day will start with breakfast at 8:30 AM, followed by morning sessions from 9 AM to 12 noon. Subway lunch will be brought in at noon and then we'll have an early afternoon session and adjourn by 2 PM. The link to sign up and reserve a breakfast order is below. If you have questions about the retreat experience, ask Rick; for questions on logistics or to sign up without using the link, talk to Scott Murchie or call him at 240-381-8137.

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

VBS - July 20th - July 24th - 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM. Snowball Mountain Challenge!

Come and find your strength in God! Registration is now open for all kids ages 3 years through entering 5th grade. Light dinner served nightly starting at 5:30 PM.

Are you willing to be part of our incredible volunteer team? Sign up as well! Lastly, if you are a parent of a child attending, or just an adult who wants to be part of the fun, Rev. Rick will again be sharing a bible study based on the same stories at the same time. Please sign up! *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me"* (Philippians 4:13 NRSV) **See our VBS Website** - <https://www.myvbs.org/eumc2026>

VBS MEETING - We will have a meeting for all volunteers on **April 12th** in Room #4.

TREASURE SALE - Coming soon! **April 25th** - 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM . Save your spring cleaning items to donate to the sale. Items can be dropped off on Thursday, April 23rd and Friday, April 24th in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Any questions contact Nancy Thompson @ 410-251-1509.

ORIOLES FAITH NIGHT - Thursday, July 9th. The game is at 6:35 PM vs. the Chicago Cubs, followed by player testimonials and a performance by a contemporary Christian band. The cost for tickets and parking will be between \$25-\$30 each, depending on the size of the group. Multiple parking passes for lot B/C have been secured so we will be able to park relatively close to the stadium. A group will meet at church at 4:30 PM to carpool to the game. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please contact Karl Streaker via email at 4streakers@comcast.net. The due date for signing up is **Sunday, May 31st**.

EBENEZER CRUISERS - There's Still Time to Join! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us on this fantastic cruise! Call Linda @ 410-875-2093 for cabin availability and pricing. Information is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – Universal Church Directories will be here taking pictures on **June 29th & 30th** from 2:00 – 8:30 PM so mark your calendars NOW! We haven't had a directory since 2022, and we have so many new families to include this time. We will need a few volunteers on both picture days to help sign people in. More information will be coming out soon, so stay tuned!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM – Fellowship Hall
April 3rd – Good Friday 7:30 PM – Sanctuary
April 5th – EASTER – 6:30 AM – Outside by patio
8:30 & 11:00 AM – Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM – Sunday School

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

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Office Hours

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

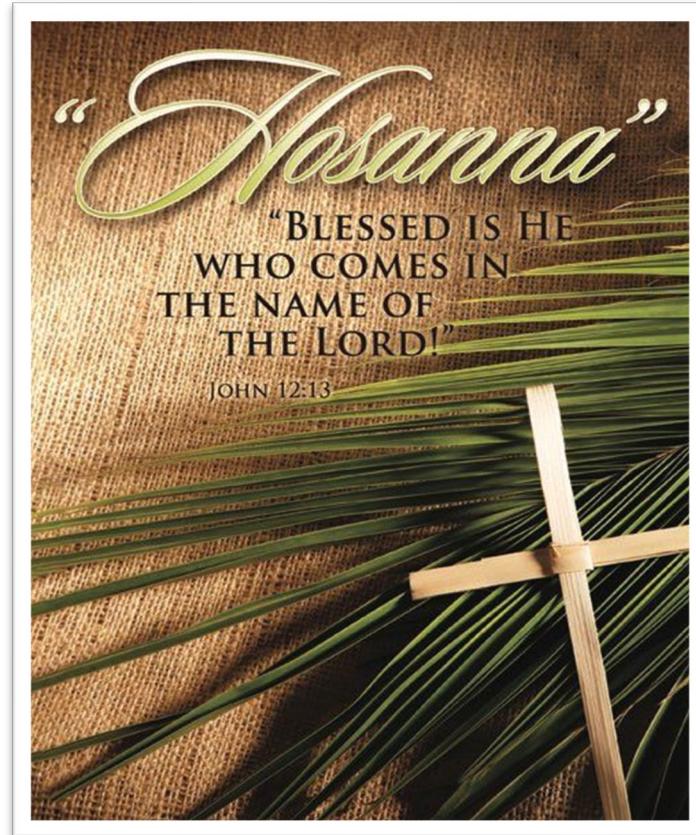
Sunday 9:30 AM to Noon

Worship

8:30 AM Service in Sanctuary

9:45 – 10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Service in Sanctuary



DATE	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 3/22/26	\$3,280	136
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Lori Rapids	Jen Klausmeyer
Ushers	Julie Schmitt & Diane Staiger	Byron & Judy Ricketts
Acolyte	Betsy Pollard	Braelynn Blocher
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Easter Candy Pick-Up Easter Egg Hunt	Between Services 3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 31 st	Adult Bible Study with Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, April 1 st	OWLS	12:00 – 2:00 PM
Thursday, April 2 nd	Maundy Thursday Service Fellowship Hall	7:30 PM
Friday, April 3 rd	Good Friday Service Sanctuary	7:30 PM
Easter Sunday, April 5 th	Sunrise Service Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service	6:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM

SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY - In accordance with Ebenezer’s Safe Sanctuary Policy, we are asking that all children, 3rd grade and under, always be accompanied by an adult in the church building and on the church property. If your child needs to leave the sanctuary for any reason, an adult needs to go with him/her.

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Music Director/Organist*

*March 29, 2026
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM*

***Palm Sunday
Order of Worship***

WELCOME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record the arrival of Jesus riding into the city on a donkey, while the crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the street, shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" to honor and praise him as their long-awaited Messiah and King.

The palm branches waved by the crowds are more than festive decorations; they symbolize victory and peace. In ancient times, palms were used to celebrate military victories and to honor dignitaries. Here, they signify the people's recognition of Jesus as their victorious King, though they do not yet fully understand the nature of His victory.

THE PRELUDE

INTROIT *"Majesty" Chancel Choir*

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* UMH No. 278

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, on this day, your son Jesus Christ, entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 2:5-11*

This text is a profound section of scripture that examines the nature and attitude of Christ, urging believers to adopt the same mindset. It serves as both a theological foundation and a practical guide for daily living.

HYMN *"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"* UMH No. 277

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 21:1-11*

This lesson narrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, a momentous event that precedes His crucifixion and resurrection. This passage holds deep significance as it marks the fulfillment of messianic prophecies and serves as a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry.

SERMON *"Fans or Followers?"* *Rev. Judy Emerson*

HYMN *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"* TFWS No. 2071

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

Offertory(11:00 AM)

"Ride On King Jesus"

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 forevermore.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Blessed Lord, you have given us the gift of enduring steadfast love. Multiply these gifts so that we may share the magnitude of your joy-filled message throughout our community and world. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

*HYMN

"Filled with Excitement"

UMH No. 279

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE

_TFWS=The Faith We Sing Hymnal

UMH=The United Methodist Hymnal

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