

**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: 4/26/26	\$5,892.75	131
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Toni Byrd	Bill Jones
Ushers	Julie Schmitt and Ruth Heslen	Derek Jones and Ryan Pieciewicz
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Braelynn Blocher
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Youth Group – Nerf Wars	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 5th	Adult Bible Study – with Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, May 6th	Girl Scouts	6:00 – 7:45 PM
	Children's Choir	6:30 – 7:15 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday, May 7th	Holly Mart Crafters	9:30 AM - Noon
	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:30 PM
Sunday, May 10th	Children's Church	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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 2026

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** – this month will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

**CLEAN-UP DAY** – The Trustees are organizing a church clean-up day on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – Noon. There is a list of tasks on the bulletin board that need to be completed. Please sign up if you can help.

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** – Universal Church Directories will be here taking pictures on **June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00 – 8:30 PM. We will need a few volunteers on both picture days to help sign people in. Please see Lori if you would like to volunteer on picture days. We will be having in-person sign-ups on May 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> before and after services. You may also sign up by scanning the QR code on the posters around the building, the bulletin inserts OR you can use the link to the website at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). You must use the Church code: **md223** and the Password: **umc1**.

**ORIOLES FAITH NIGHT - Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:4streakers@comcast.net). The due date for signing up is **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**MANIDOKAN - July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**VBS - July 20<sup>th</sup> - July 24<sup>th</sup> - 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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>


**SCHOLARSHIPS** - The EUMC scholarship applications are available in the Narthex and on our website. The deadline to submit an application is May 31<sup>st</sup>. This scholarship is available to any active youth under age 23. Please place completed applications in Brenda Baker's office mailbox. Contact Brenda Baker at [bdbaker01@comcast.net](mailto:bdbaker01@comcast.net) with any questions.

**A SINCERE THANK YOU** - The past few weeks have been a roller coaster for my family. On Wednesday, we said goodbye to my mother and sent her off with a beautiful memorial service. I cannot thank my Ebenezer Family enough. From the multitude of cards, texts, Facebook posts, and hugs to the many hands that donated food, prepared, served and cleaned, to those that just showed up and offered a hug, we have been blessed beyond belief. Thank you does not seem nearly enough. The year ahead will be difficult, but knowing our church family is there with us is incredibly comforting. Cindi, Dave, Jeff, Shaun and Tyler Arnold (My extended family also sends their gratitude.)

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** - will meet tomorrow, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**NEWSLETTER** – Articles are due for the June/July/August newsletter on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please send them into the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

**GRADUATE SUNDAY** – Please let the office know if you have a church member in your family graduating this year. We would love to recognize them on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at our 10:00 AM service, with a light reception to follow.



**SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Sunday/Pentacost (Wear RED)**  
One service only at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall  
Sunday School at 9:45 AM

**May 31<sup>st</sup> - Graduate Recognition**  
One service only at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

**June - Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**  
One service only at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

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

May 3, 2026  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**Order of Worship**  
*The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

WELCOME

*Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. It is wonderful to have you join us today. We're reminded of Paul's words to the church in Rome, "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." We hope that our time together is a blessing to you as we bring glory to God!*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us worship and give thanks unto the Lord!

**He is the way, the truth, and the life, both now and forever.**

\*HYMN

*"Standing on the Promises"*

UMH No. 374

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, speak to us as we come to offer our worship and praise to you. Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day and bring us words of comfort and hope, words of challenge and courage. May this time of worship give to us that peace, which passes understanding, that we may put our fears aside and rest in your presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

UMH No. 764

*With Sung Response #2*

*Psalm 31:5 was quoted by Jesus Christ on the cross as His final words before yielding His life.*

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

*Jesus responds to the anxiety of his disciples by saying, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me". Jesus calls them back to this fundamental relationship of trust and assures them that he is not abandoning them. This text is not only about life after death but is a text that has everything to do with our lives here and now.*

HYMN

*"To Know You More"*

TFWS No. 2161

SERMON

**"Place Makers"**

*Rev. Judy Emerson*

HYMN

*"How Great Thou Art"*

UMH No. 77

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory(11:00 AM)

*"We Praise the Lord"*

*Chancel Choir*

\*Presentation of Gifts and Doxology

UMH No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, accept these gifts as an expression of our gratitude, and enlighten us that they may be used to glorify your name and build your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with  
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Amen.**

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.**

Breaking the Bread  
Sharing the Cup  
Communion Offering for Carroll County Food Sunday  
Hymns During Communion: #2254, #2203, #2068

Prayer Following Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have  
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your  
Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*"I'll Fly Away"*

TFWS No. 2282

\*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

\*POSTLUDE