

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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

(June through August)

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

Sunday 9:30 AM to Noon



DATE	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 5/17/26	\$5,317.	140
WORSHIP LEADERS		11:00 AM
Liturgist	Curt Roelle	
Ushers	Tony & Susan Sager	
Acolyte	Mason Pollack	
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Children's Church	11:00 AM
Tuesday, May 26th	Adult Bible Study – with Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Thursday, May 28 th	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:30 PM
Sunday, May 31 st	Graduate Recognition Sunday	10:00 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.

NURSERY – Our nursery is always available during all worship services for children, birth through kindergarten.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24, 2026

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING - Sunday, July 26th at 11:00 AM after Worship in Room #1 across from the kitchen. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Ebenezer UMC is invited to meet with Rev. Judy to learn more about our church. Please sign up at the back of the Fellowship Hall if you are planning to join us for this gathering.

CLEAN-UP DAY - The Trustees are organizing a church clean-up day on June 27th 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 29th & 30th** from 2:00 PM - 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 24th & 31st 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. You must use the Church code: **md223** and the Password: **umc1**.

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 next **Sunday, May 31st**.

MANIDOKAN - July 12th to July 17th, 2026. If you have questions, please get in touch with Rachel Biddinger at 443-547-0519.

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

Come and find your strength in God! Please register for all kids ages 3 years through entering 5th grade. Light dinner will be served nightly starting at 5:30 PM. Also, if you are a parent of a child attending, or just an adult who wants to be part of the fun, Rev. Rick will 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>

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Rev. Judy will be out of the office May 27th – 29th for Annual Conference. If you need anything, please call the office.

SCHOLARSHIPS - The EUMC scholarship applications are available in the Narthex and on our website. The deadline to submit an application is next Sunday, **May 31st**. 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 with any questions.

GRADUATE SUNDAY – Next Sunday, May 31st at our 10:00 AM service. A light reception will follow.

KRINGOLD CLEAN-UP - June 14, July 12, August 9th. EUMC participates in Carroll County Recreation & Parks "Helping Hands Program" by collecting trash along trails, pavilions and parking lots. Please join our regular clean-up day at Krimgold Park. Our normal schedule is the second Sunday of the month, which can change because of events or weather. We meet directly after our late worship service at Krimgold's front parking lot (11:30ish during our summer schedule). Thank you to everyone who participated in a clean-up at Krimgold Park. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Wisner at 410 795-7395.

KIDS BIBLE STUDY – P.R.A.Y. Series, *Out of the Water*, A Bible study for kids age 6-10 years old. Discover God's power, faith and love through amazing Bible stories. Please email Jeff Alderdice at AlderdiceJL@yahoo.com if you are interested in having your child participate. More information coming soon.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 31st - Graduate Recognition

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

June - Sept. 6th

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

Office Hours - June through August

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sundays - 9:30 AM to Noon

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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Music Director/Organist
May 24, 2026
11:00 AM*

***Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday***

Order of Worship

WELCOME

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost, over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian Church.

PRELUDE *"Come Now Spirit of God"* Chancel Choir

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God sweeps through our midst like a Mighty Wind.
God gives us new breath and awakens our spirits.
Let us sing to God as long as we live!
May our worship be pleasing to God in whom we rejoice!

***HYMN** *"Spirit of God"* TFWS No. 2117

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, sweep through our midst like the rush of a mighty wind and give us new breath. Awaken our spirits, inspire our praise, set us on fire with your love. May no one here remain unmoved by your presence or cut off from the dreams you inspire in us today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

This lesson tells the story of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages. This was the most dramatic moment in the life of the church, an experience described in terms of wind and fire.

HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"* UMH No. 393

SERMON ***"15 Minute Sermon!"*** *Rev. Judy Emerson*

HYMN *"Here I Am, Lord"* UMH No. 593

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
Offering our Gifts
Offertory
*Presentation of Gifts

"This Little Light of Mine" Chancel Choir

*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

Holy Spirit, come upon us this day. With a sense of happiness and gratitude, we eagerly offer you these gifts for your ministry in this community and beyond. May all who call upon your name be filled with habits of generous giving. All praise and glory be unto you. Amen.

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

Class of 2026 Confirmation Leaders

Susan Brown, Cindi Arnold, Dave Arnold, Rev. Judy Emerson

Confirmand	Mentor
Sophia Bergmann	Sandy Newsome
Jakob Partridge	Byron Ricketts
Jaxon Partridge	Doug Diethrich
Mia Pollack	Susan Brown
David Rodriguez	Dave Arnold
Aaron Torosky	Ed Newsome
Autumn Torosky	Cindi Arnold
Chassidy Ware	Cindi Arnold

*HYMN

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

TFWS No. 2153

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
 the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
 and be gracious to you;
 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
 and give you peace!**

Numbers 6:24-26

*POSTLUDE