

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 26, 2026

HOLLY MART CRAFTERS – August 6th and August 27th from 9:30 - Noon in the upper part of the Food Pantry building. Please join us!

BACKPACKS - The backpack tags are out and ready to choose from. Thank you in advance for your support of this yearly ministry. Gentle reminder that we do not need the physical backpacks, just the supplies. Also, if you would rather, you may make a monetary donation towards supplies so we can buy in bulk. Make your check out to EUMC and write "Backpacks" in the memo line. Thank you so much for considering!

KRINGOLD CLEAN-UP - August 9th. We will meet directly after our worship service at Krimgold’s front parking lot. Thank you to everyone who has participated in a clean-up at Krimgold Park. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Wisner at 410 795–7395.

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING – TODAY at 11:00 AM after Worship in Room #1 across from the kitchen

SUMMER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS - This summer we are collecting adult incontinence products, pet food in easy-to-dispense packaging, and cleaning supplies. All are frequent requests of our clients. Thanks for your continued support.

PAVERS – We still have plenty of room on our patio for anyone interested in purchasing a paver. The forms are in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Just fill out the form and drop it in the office with your check made out to EUMC and "pavers" on the memo line. Thank you!

REMINDER – Administrative Council will not meet again until **August 31st at 7:00 PM.**



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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: 7/19/26	\$5,709.	100
WORSHIP LEADERS	10:00 AM	
Liturgist	Sandy Newsome	
Ushers	Karl & Nicole Streaker	
Acolyte	Betsy Pollard	
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	New Members Gathering	11:00 AM
Tuesday, July 28 th	Holly Mart Meeting	6:30 PM
Thursday, Aug 6 th	Holly Mart Craft Group	9:30 - Noon

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.

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

July 26, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God knows and values all of us; nothing is too great or small for God's care.

We bring all that we have and all that we are to the throne of grace!

Come, let us worship the Lord our God!

*OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH No. 369

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we gather this morning to worship and praise you. We seek to understand your will and to know what is so valuable in life that it is worth all we have and all we are in this world. We pray that this time of worship will help us to see you at work for good even when circumstances seem to be so wrong. Nourish us in our relationship with you and one another. Refresh our hearts and spirits that we may rejoice in Christ's ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:26-39

This passage celebrates that God is always present and always willing to help in our hour of need and reminds us that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:30-32

This lesson is about Jesus recognizing the need for his disciples to rest and recharge after their ministry work, showing compassion and understanding for their physical and spiritual well-being.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS No. 2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

**You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.**

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

SERMON

"Making Space!"

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

"Come Away with Me"

TFWS No. 2202

Come away with me to a quiet place,
apart from the world with its frantic pace,
to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come and pray with me on a gentle sea,
on top of a hill in the Galilee,
in gardens like Gethsemane.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come today with thought of the countless ways
that God's steadfast love blesses all our days,
and join with me in silent praise.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come and say, in words whispered from your soul,
the feelings and actions you can't control.
Your spirit needs to be made whole.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come away with me to a quiet place,
to God's loving arms waiting to embrace
all those who come in hope of grace.
Come away with me. Come away.

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

"Homesick for Heaven"

William Streaker

*Presentation of Gifts

*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

Generous God, you search the recesses of our minds and the depths of our hearts. You call us to be givers and receivers of your gift of grace. We now present our offerings grateful to be joined to you in love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

“I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

UMH No. 333

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE