

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20, 2026

CUB SCOUTS - The Cub Scouts will be selling their delicious popcorn again this year. You can find them between services by the Coffee Corner, **TODAY ONLY!**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Sept. 27th. Please come join us. For ages 4-15!

HOLLY MART CRAFTERS - Thursday, September 24th from 9:30 AM - Noon in the upper room of the Food Pantry building. Please join us!

VACCINE CLINIC - Giant Pharmacy will be here again this year next Sunday, **September 27th** from 9:30 – 1:00 PM! Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex and let us know what vaccinations you need. Please fill out the form available in the narthex or office before you come and bring it with you.

PICKLE, SALSA, JELLY SALE - Join us between services on **Oct. 18th** to pick up your favorite items and add to our Holly Mart total. Be thinking about what you can use for yourself and gifts for friends and family. We will have different kinds of pickles, salsas, relish and jellies and who knows what else... Thank you to everyone for your support of our labors.

EUMC CHURCH CONFERENCE - Saturday, October 24th at 1:00 PM at Deer Park UMC, 2205 Sykesville Road, Westminster, MD 21157. Please plan to attend if you are able.

NEW PICNIC TABLES FOR THE PLAYGROUND - The Trustees met and determined that our current picnic tables need to be replaced. The cost is approximately \$150.00 each and we would like to purchase four. If you would like to contribute toward the tables please place it in the offering plate with a note that it is for this purpose.

COLLEGE BOUND - Ebenezer would like to help our young people with their post-high school years by keeping in touch with them. Parents are asked to send the following information to Lori in the church office or directly to Ellie Baublitz at elliebaublitz@netscape.net:

Student's/Child's Name
College/Military/Other Address
Year of Schooling
Birthday

FALL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS - The Rock of Help Food Pantry Needs List continues to evolve with our client needs. For September and October, we are collecting peanut butter, hot tea and cocoa, and socks. Peanut butter is useful all year! As the weather turns, our friends will appreciate tea or cocoa and a pair of warm socks! Thanks for your support.



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Worship 8:30 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

DATE	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 9/13/26	\$6,240	140
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Janet Davis	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Rocky Mabry and Rick Byrd	Doug & Cyndi Diethrich
DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday, Sept. 22 nd	Adult Bible Study with Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, Sept 23 rd	Girl Scouts Chancel Choir	6:30 – 7:45 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Sept. 24 th	Holly Mart Crafters Pachelbells	9:30 AM – Noon 6:45 – 7:30 PM
Sunday, Sept. 27 th	Vaccine Clinic Children's Church	9:30 AM – 1:00 PM 11:00 AM

TODAY'S ACOLYTE (11:00 AM) - Anna Alderdice

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

4901 Woodbine Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
(410)795-6136
Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Organist/Music Director

September 20, 2026
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Order of Worship
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship service! May your spirit be uplifted and your faith strengthened as we share this time together. Please begin in a time of silent prayer.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT (8:30 AM) *"Let Music Fill This Place"* Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Call on the name of God and give thanks.
Make known God's deeds among the people.
Sing and tell of God's wonderful works.
Let those who seek God rejoice in their hearts.
Let us worship God together!

*HYMN *"Sanctuary"* TFWS No. 2164

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, during this time of worship we pray that you will expand our vision and remind us that you are the Creator and we are the created. Break open our assumptions and direct our attention away from ourselves and toward those who struggle. Awaken our hearts and our minds through this time of worship. In the name of the One who came and gave the gift of life itself, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00 AM) *"I Shall Not Be Moved"* Joyful Noise Choir

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (11:00 AM) Nicole Streaker

PSALTER Psalm 105:1-11 UMH No. 828

Without sung response
Psalm 105 is a powerful hymn that recounts the faithfulness of God throughout Israel’s history, emphasizing His covenant with His people.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard teaches us about the boundless generosity and grace of God, symbolizes the equal opportunity for salvation and blessings that God offers to all who believe in Him, regardless of their background or the timing of their acceptance of His grace.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN *"How Great Thou Art"* UMH No. 77

SERMON *"The Gift of God’s Grace"* Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN *"Grace Alone"* TFWS No. 2162

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 Invitation
As signs of our gratitude, may we offer our gifts that God’s work may continue through the ministries of our church.

Offertory

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

**Giver of all good gifts, you offer us abundance beyond measure. Help us to
release our grip on worldly desires and focus our hearts on your eternal grace.
Accept these offerings as acts of gratitude and trust. In Christ’s name, we pray.
Amen.**

*HYMN *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”* TFWS No. 2153

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

God shows mercy and love to all of God’s people.
We go into the world where conflict and injustices prevail.
Bring God’s love to others.
We offer the love of God and rejoice in the opportunity to share.
Go in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
and may God’s peace be with you always. Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (8:30 AM) *"Go Now In Peace"* Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE