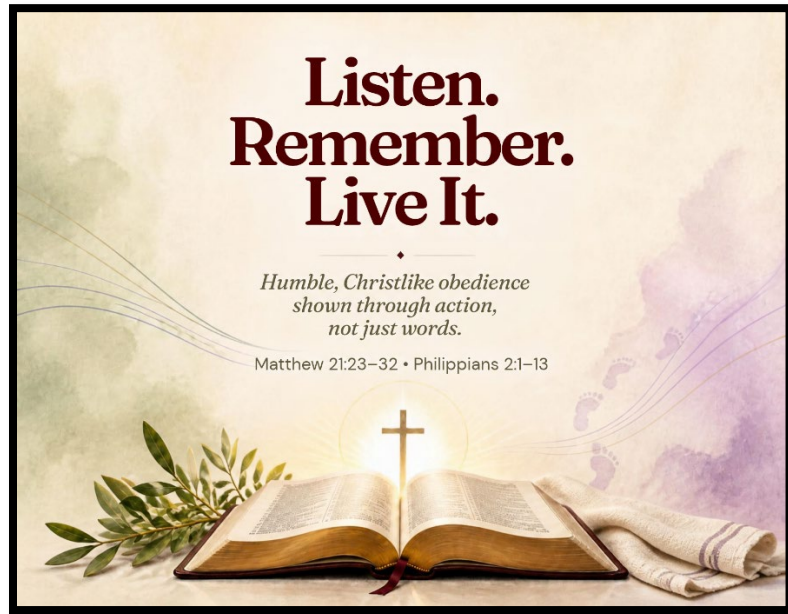


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OFFICE HOURS

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: 9/20/26	\$4,733.	116
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Susan Sager	Curt Roelle
Ushers	Tony & Susan Sager	Karl & Nicole Streaker
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Vaccine Clinic Children's Church Youth Group – Mini Golf	9:30 AM – 1:00 PM 11:00 AM 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, Sept. 29th	Adult Bible Study with Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, Sept 30th	Joyful Noise Choir Chancel Choir	6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 1st	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, Oct 3 rd	Ebenezer Palooza	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, Oct. 5 th	Administrative Council Mtg	7:00 PM

TODAY’S ACOLYTE (11:00 AM) – Robbie Pollard

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

September 27, 2026

VACCINE CLINIC – The clinic is **TODAY** so if you signed up for vaccines please head down to the Fellowship Hall to receive your shot. If you did not sign up and want to receive a vaccine head down to the Hall and ask if they can accommodate you today. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - TODAY. Please come join us. For ages 4-15!

YOUTH GROUP - TODAY. We are going Mini Golfing! Make sure you eat dinner before you come. Meet at the Youth Room at 5:00 PM and join us for a lot of fun! We will return to the Church at 8:00 PM.

CHEESEBALL DONATIONS REQUEST - Holly Mart is just around the corner and preparations are officially underway for our famous Cheeseballs. This year we had the opportunity to buy bulk cream cheese and shredded cheese at a very reduced price. So in lieu of donating the cheeses, we are asking for monetary donations to offset the cost of the bulk cheeses. Any size donation is appreciated. Please make sure to mark your donations for “Holly Mart Cheeseballs” so they are directed correctly. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Wise.

HOLLY MART KITCHEN DONATIONS - Our annual Holly Mart is coming up soon and our kitchen team is busy planning, organizing and getting ready to cook and bake all the delicious holiday favorites that you and our community look forward to every year. As always, we need monetary donations to help offset the rising costs of supplies. Your donations help to keep our food prices reasonable and affordable for everyone who visits the Holly Mart. We have also posted a donation list of food items you can choose to donate. In addition, there is a list of items that we purchase with your monetary donations, so you are aware of our expenses. We appreciate all donations and thank you for considering this request. Please mark all monetary donations “Holly Mart Kitchen” so they are assigned appropriately. Many thanks and blessings from The Holly Mart Kitchen Committee.

HOLLY MART CRAFTERS - Thursday, October 8th and 22nd from 9:30 AM - Noon in the upper room of the Food Pantry building. Please join us! On October 22nd, we will be working on our Bird Feeder project in the Church kitchen from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM with lunch provided.

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 - Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to the purchase of the new picnic tables. We will be ordering them soon.

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.

NEWSLETTER - Articles for the November, December, January newsletter are due into the office no later than **October 19th**. If you are leading an event or committee, please be thinking about what information you want distributed. Thank you so much for your help.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL - Administrative Council will be meeting on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 PM.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – We have received our first draft, made several changes and sent it back and now we are waiting for our 2nd draft. We are hoping to have a finished product by December. We think everyone will be pleased with the new directory.

RECYCLING DUMPSTER – We will incur a **\$75** charge if there are any of the following items left in the recycling dumpster: Clear plastic cups and clamshell containers, **all** styrofoam, including packing foam wrap, plastic food, shipping and bubble wrap, and plastic store bags. We have a couple of church members who have been regularly dumpster diving to try to keep us from incurring the extra charges. **PLEASE** be more aware of what you put in the blue recycling bins inside the church and the dumpster outside.



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

*September 27, 2026
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

Order of Worship The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship service! In our scripture from Philippians today we hear the servanthood of Jesus described as one of humility and obedience to God. Let us prayerfully consider our own servanthood this morning and may our spirits be uplifted and our faith strengthened as we share this time together. Please begin in silent prayer.

PRELUDE (11:00 AM) *"I Just Came to Praise the Lord"* Sandy Biddinger
LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us bow before the holy One.
Come, let us confess God's might.
Come, let us feel God's mercy.
Come, let us live in God's light.
As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.
Glory to you, gracious and loving God!

*HYMN *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"* UMH No. 715

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today? Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted? Who will you lead us to serve? Help us, O Lord, to trust you and to listen. Bless this community of faith as we come together in worship. We pray that this time will encourage us, comfort us, unite us, and make our joy complete. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON *Philippians 2:1-13*
This lesson is about the importance of humility, unity, and selflessness in imitating

Christ's example of obedience to God and serving others with love and compassion.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 21:23-32*

This text is about the religious leaders questioning Jesus' authority and Jesus using the parable of the two sons to teach them about the importance of true repentance and obedience to God.

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

HYMN *"He is Exalted"* TFWS No. 2070

SERMON ***"The Things We Do for Love"*** *Rev. Judy Emerson*

HYMN *"We Will Glorify the King of Kings"* TFWS No. 2087

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

God is always with us, not just when everything seems clear and times are good, but also when we struggle with questions and doubt. Our gifts this morning are our response to God's goodness. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offertory (11:00 AM) *"Anthem of Fellowship"* Chancel Choir
*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

**God of abundance, you fill us with good things. Accept what we give in
return: Our hearts, our hands, our gifts, our love. Use them and use us to answer
the cries of a world in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN

“He Lives”

UMH No. 310

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE