



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 WORSHIP

Worship 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

DATE	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 10/4/26	\$10,284.	121
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Ruth Hesen	Sandy Newsome
Ushers	Rick & Brenda Baker	Scott & Sharon Lange
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Children's Church Youth Group	11:00 AM 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 13 th	Girl Scouts	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 14 th	Joyful Noise Choir	6:30 – 7:15 PM
Thursday, Oct. 15 th	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, Oct 17 th	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00 AM
Sunday, Oct. 18 th	Pickles, Jams & Jellies Sale	Between Services
Monday, Oct 19 th	Newsletter Articles due	All Day
October 22 nd	Holly Mart Crafters (Bird Feeders in Kitchen)	9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

TODAY’S ACOLYTE (11:00 AM) – Emerson Saulsbury

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

October 11, 2026

HOLLY MART - Flyers are in the narthex. Please share them anywhere you can think of. Post around town!

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 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 **next Sunday, 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.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES – Reverend Judy is out of the office this week, so if you have an emergency, please call Lori Rapsids at 443-487-1149 or leave a message on the church office phone. It is monitored throughout the day.

THANK YOU - Susan and Jim Brown and I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation and thanks for the kindness you have shown to us during this special time. Pastor Appreciation month should really include all of you as well. I want to say a word of thanks to Rev. Rick Gray for the many ways he serves the congregation of Ebenezer. It is certainly a team effort. Your constant love and support are what makes our shared ministry special. Your notes, letters and gifts have been so kind and generous yet let me assure you that it is your prayers that are most highly valued and needed. Thank you all for your kindness. See you next Sunday! Blessings, Rev. Judy

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 **Monday, 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.

RECYCLING DUMPSTER - We 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.

FALL FEST - **Sunday, October 25th, 5:00 PM**. Please join us for a time of games, crafts, snacks and Trunk or Treating. Feel free to invite neighbors, friends and family from infants-5th grade to join in the fun. Any youth, 6th grade or older, are welcome to help. If you are decorating a trunk, please have it ready by 5:30 PM. Any questions, contact Julie Jones at juliejones3@comcast.net or [410-404-1275](tel:410-404-1275)

HOLLY MART – We will have a meeting on **Tuesday, October 27th** at 6:30 PM.



EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome! We're so glad you've joined us today, whether it's your first visit or you're a familiar face; your presence matters, and we're grateful you're here. We hope today's service brings encouragement and peace to your heart

THE PRELUDE *"My Lord, What a Morning"* Brenda Sebly

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

***HYMN** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* UMH No. 89

OPENING PRAYER

We are reluctant, O Author of Love, to set aside our hurt, our anger, our disappointment. Heal us with your tender touch, that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts, all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution. Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 5:13-26

This passage teaches that Christian freedom is expressed through love and service, guided by the Spirit, producing the fruits of the Spirit rather than indulging the desires of the flesh.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes present Jesus' teachings on the attitudes and qualities that are blessed by God and characterize citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* UMH No. 375

SERMON ***"Some Side Effects May Occur..."*** *Rev. Rick Gray*

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

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.

GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements
Offertory

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”
**Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

UMH No.160

*Prayer of Dedication

**O creator and mighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for
the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing
sympathy, undying love. O creator and mighty God, help us to continue in your
promise. Amen.**

*HYMN

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

UMH No. 601

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE