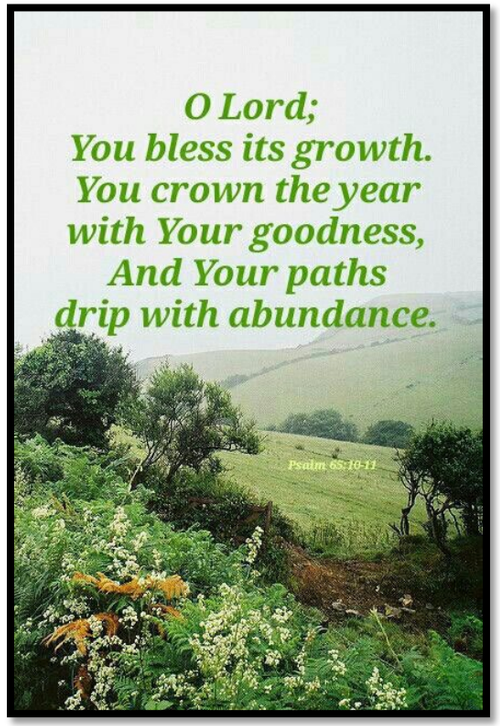


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OFFICE HOURS
Tues - Thurs 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM to Noon

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

DATE	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 10/11/26	$3,118.00	110
WORSHIP LEADERS	**8:30 AM**	**11:00 AM**
Liturgist	Janet Davis	Jen Klausmeyer
Ushers	Gary Kretschmer and Paul Thompson	Doug & Cyndi Diethrich
DATE	**EVENT**	**TIME**
TODAY	Pickles, Jams & Jellies Sale	8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 20th	Adult Bible Study With Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 1100 AM
Wednesday, Oct. 21st	Girl Scouts Joyful Noise Choir Chancel Choir	6:00 – 8:00 PM 6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 22nd	Holly Mart Crafters – Bird Feeder Project (kitchen with lunch provided) Pachelbells	9:30 – 1:00 PM 6:45 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, Oct 24th	Church Conference at Deep Park UMC Youth Group – Corn Maze	1:00 PM 5:15-10:30 PM

TODAY'S ACOLYTE (11:00 AM) – Betsy 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
October 18, 2026

PICKLE, SALSA, JELLY SALE - Join us between services **TODAY** to pick up your favorite items. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Thank you to everyone for your support.

NEWSLETTER - Articles for the November, December, January newsletter are due into the office no later than **tomorrow**. Thank you so much for your help.

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 – This **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.

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.

EUMC CHURCH CONFERENCE – This **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.

YOUTH GROUP – On **Saturday, October 24th,** we will be visiting Magnolia Meadow Farm for their corn maze. We have reserved a fire pit to act as home base for the evening. We will leave church by 5:15 PM and return around 10:30 PM. PLEASE sign up on the board in the narthex as we will need to preorder tickets. Cost will be $10 per person. Bring a friend? Absolutely! But again, please sign up so we can purchase tickets AND have enough space in vehicles.

FALL FEST – On **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

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

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4901 Woodbine Road
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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Music Director/Organist

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome everyone, especially if you are visiting us today for the first time! Today we gather with thankful hearts. God has carried us through another week with mercies that were new every morning. Let us worship and give thanks to God together!

THE PRELUDE (11:00 AM) Joyful Noise

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, come hear the good news.
But we hear the voice of God calling us
to places we are afraid to go.
Take courage in the loving, sustaining presence of God.
We are here to find strength and courage,
to find faith and hope, to lean on
the everlasting, loving arms of God.
Come, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"* UMH No. 369

OPENING PRAYER

O God, amid many voices that challenge our calling, we come to hear your voice of affirmation; we come to hear your voice encouraging us to be and do what you have called us to be and do. Let this time of worship quiet our fears, soothe our bruised souls, and energize us for ministry in and with your beloved world. Let faith, hope, and love abide—here in this sanctuary, in this community, and in our world, but most of all, in our hearts. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PSALTER Psalm 65 UMH No. 789
With Sung Response

In this Psalm David praises God for hearing prayer, pardoning sin, and for satisfying and protecting God's people.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:15-22

This text conveys an essential lesson about respecting authority while also honoring our spiritual commitments.

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

HYMN *"Near to the Heart of God"* UMH No. 472

SERMON ***"Putting God First"*** *Rev. Judy Emerson*

HYMN *"I Am Thine, O Lord"* UMH No. 419
Stanzas 1 and 4

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 (8:30 AM) "*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*" Chancel Choir
*Presentation of Gifts
*Doxology *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"* UMH No.160

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts for they have belonged to you since our very beginning. May these gifts of love be used to build up the body of Christ and serve your children in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* UMH No. 133

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE