

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: 11/15/26	$5,415.50.	163
WORSHIP LEADERS	**8:30 AM**	**11:00 AM**
Liturgist	Susan Sager	Curt Roelle
Ushers	Tony & Susan Sager	Karl & Nicole Streaker
DATE	**EVENT**	**TIME**
TODAY	Children's Church Youth Group – Cookie Bakeoff – Fellowship Hall Children's Bible Study with Jeff Alderdice - Rm. 4	11:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:30 – 2:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 24th	Adult Bible Study with Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Thursday, Nov. 26th	Friendsgiving	1:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 29th	Decorating	12:00 PM

TODAY'S ACOLYTE (11:00 AM) **-** Abraya McGehrin

SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY – Please make sure all children, 3rd grade and under, are accompanied by an adult in at all times. 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
November 22, 2026

FRIENDSGIVING - Nov. 26th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for good food and fellowship. Don't eat alone on Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Thompson at 410-241-1509.

HOLIDAY FAMILIES - If you have signed up to donate to the families at Winfield Elementary for Thanksgiving, please bring your donations here by next Sunday, **Nov. 22nd**. Any non-perishable items may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall. Rolls can be stored in the kitchen refrigerator and pumpkin pies can go in the freezer. We are delivering food on Tuesday, Nov. 24th. Thanks to all who are helping!

YOUTH/PARENT/LEADER MEETING - On **Sunday, December 13th** from 9:45 AM until 10:45 AM (during Sunday School), I would like to meet with the youth, the youth leaders and parents in the fellowship hall. We are making changes to our youth program at Ebenezer beginning January 1, 2027. I am providing an opportunity for all to contribute to the discussion before these changes are put into place. Please let me know if you can attend this brief meeting. You can respond by email, text or by calling me directly. My cell is 443-257-9726, and my email is revjae@aol.com. I appreciate your participation in this important discussion regarding the future of our youth program at Ebenezer UMC! Blessings, Rev. Judy

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES - Now that Holly Mart is over, we are turning our minds to Christmas itself and how we can help others this year. Once again, we are planning on delivering gifts to the patients at Springfield Hospital and beyond. They are always so very appreciative and we know everything will be used for a good cause. If you can help, please sign up using the QR code below. All gifts need to be to church by **Sunday, December 13th**. There will be a place in the narthex for the gifts, but if you are donating gift cards, please drop them off in the office. Thank you again for your generosity and please contact Susan Brown with any questions at all.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - Saturday, December 19th. The ceremony begins promptly at **Noon**. Please pick up a flyer/order form from the counter in the Narthex. Donations need to be in **TODAY**. Contact Cindi Arnold with any questions. Thank you!

THANK YOU! - On behalf of the Holly Mart committee, I want to thank the entire EUMC family for all your help and support of our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are not a big church, but with all of us working together, we can accomplish great things. We had 837 people attend and all the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. Financially, the day was also a big success, and final numbers are still being calculated. Our church has many needs, and we are pleased that we can support God's work so well.
Valerie Hyer, Holly Mart Chairperson.

CHEESEBALLS - Cheeseballs make a record!! I want to sincerely thank everyone who touched our cheeseball efforts this year for Holly Mart - those who donated money and those who bought ingredients; those who participated in the labor of love in creating 300 cheeseballs; those who transported them to and from the firehall; those who sold and bought them; and those on the Holly Mart committee who helped shape our cheeseball planning this year. You all contributed to our success!! Thank you! Jennifer

FALL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS - 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/DONATIONS - It's that time of year already! Order your Christmas Poinsettias or place a donation in memory or in honor of your loved ones. The flowers will be displayed on the altar on Christmas Eve and donations and flowers given will be printed in the bulletin. There are order forms in the Narthex. Order forms and checks need to be in the office **TODAY**. Any questions, please contact Lori Rapids.

RADA CUTLERY - Check out Ebenezer UMC's latest fundraiser! We're selling Rada Cutlery! Rada Cutlery is well known for its quality 100% American-made kitchen products. The products are a great value and come with a lifetime warranty! Rada makes great gifts for the holidays, upcoming weddings, graduations, and other occasions. You may shop using this link ***https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4691254.66b722***. Rada is offering $5 off shipping if your order is $35 or higher. Use the code SHIPDEAL. If you would rather not use the online ordering option, contact Cindy Reisberg. Visit the Rada link or get a catalog from the counter in the Narthex to check out all the knives and other products. Remember… your purchase helps support Ebenezer. Any questions, please contact Cindy Reisberg ~ cindyreisberg@gmail.com

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES – Rev. Judy will be on vacation this week, so if you have an emergency, please leave a message in the office. Lori monitors the messages and emails all day, every day, and she will get in contact with the appropriate person. Thank you!

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Director of Music and Organist

Order of Worship

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

November 22, 2026

Christ the King Sunday

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Whether you're here for the first time or as part of our church family, we're glad you're here. Today, we gather by the grace of God to worship, pray, and grow together in faith.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!
I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.

OPENING HYMN *"Let All Things Now Living"* TFWS No. 2008

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and forgiving God, we your unworthy servants give you most humble thanks for all your goodness and lovingkindness, to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that our hearts may be thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 100 UMH 821

With sung response #1

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' healing of ten marginalized people with skin disease, the unique gratitude of the Samaritan who returns, and Jesus' teaching that true faith is expressed through thankful recognition of God's mercy.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

This passage teaches that generous, willing giving results in spiritual abundance, thanksgiving to God, and reflects His indescribable gift in Christ.

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

HYMN *"Now Thank We All Our God"* UMH No. 102

SERMON ***"Questioning Thanksgiving?"*** *Rev. Rick Gray*

HYMN "*What Gift Can We Bring"* UMH No. 87

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests
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 (11:00 AM) 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

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

*HYMN *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"* UMH No. 664

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE