

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: 11/1/26	$9,235.50	122
WORSHIP LEADERS	**8:30 AM**	**11:00 AM**
Liturgist	Sandy Wean	Deb Mathias
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean	Scott & Sharon Lange
DATE	**EVENT**	**TIME**
TODAY	Children's Church Youth Group – dinner provided	11:00 AM 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 10th	Adult Bible Study with Rev. Rick Gray Girl Scouts – Food Pantry	9:30 – 11:00 AM 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 11th	Cheeseballs Joyful Noise Choir Chancel Choir	6:30 PM 6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, Nov. 12th	Start Set-up for HM at Fire Hall Move craft items to Fire Hall Apple Pie Gang – Church Kitchen Girl Scouts – Food Pantry Pachelbells	All Day 10:00 AM All Day 6:30 – 7:45 PM 6:45 – 7:30 PM
Friday, Nov. 13th	Apple Pie Gang – Church Kitchen Finish set-up at Fire Hall Holly Mart Vendor set-up	All Day 9:00 AM 3:00 – 7:00 PM
Saturday, Nov. 14th	**Holly Mart**	8:30 AM -2:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 8, 2026

TODAY'S ACOLYTE (11:00 AM) **–** Bowen Blocher

HOLLY MART - Flyers are in the narthex. Please share everywhere!

HOLLY MART DONATIONS – Holly Mart is **THIS SATURDAY**, Nov 14th. If you would like to make a donation for Cheeseballs, Kitchen or Silent Auction, please mark all donations accordingly. Also, please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

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.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - Is on **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 by November 15th. Contact Cindi Arnold with any questions. Thank you!

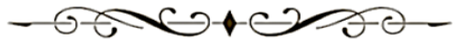
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/DONATIONS - It's that time of year already! Order your Christmas Poinsettias or place a donation in memory or in honor of your loved ones. The flowers will be displayed on the altar on Christmas Eve and donations and flowers given will be printed in the bulletin. There are order forms in the Narthex. Order forms and checks need to be in the office by **Sunday, November 22nd**. Any questions, please contact Lori Rapids. Thank you!

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.

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, email or give me your order and I will place it when I have some others. Just visit the Rada link or get a catalog from me or 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

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.



EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4901 Woodbine Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
(410)795-6136
Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Director of Music and Organist
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Order of Worship
November 8, 2026

Veterans Day Observance

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence. "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand" is an American patriotic hymn written in 1876 by Daniel C. Roberts written for the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It was set to the tune National Hymn, composed in 1892 by George William Warren, written for the centennial of the U.S. Constitution. It is widely regarded as a U.S. national hymn and is often used in patriotic and religious ceremonies. It expresses gratitude for God's guidance in the nation's past and petitions for continued protection and blessing."

PRELUDE
LIGHTING THE CANDLES
INTROIT *"Wonderful Words of Life"* Pachelbells
*CALL TO WORSHIP
Celebrate God's love, which has been poured into your life!
Forgiveness, encouragement, support and healing are gifts of God to us.
Reach out and care for those around you.
We will be people of peace and justice.
Shout for joy!
Let us lift our voices and shout for joy!
Praise the Lord!
Sing God's praises always!

*OPENING HYMN *"God of the Ages"* UMH No. 698
(11:00 AM) *Chancel Choir will sing stanza #1*

OPENING PRAYER

God, you are our refuge. When the world gets to be too much, we turn to you for comfort and healing. Help us to hear your words of compassion. Enable us to be those who would willingly serve all people in need. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess all that separates us from God and one another. Let us pray…

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are so easily pulled in directions that promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to have everything and we want to be happy. We seem to pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise. Lord, turn us around. Help us know that you have provided so much for us. You have given to us abilities and understanding, you have shown us ways to bring peace and justice. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us to truly place our trust in you as we work for ministries that help your people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord has given to us gifts and abilities to work for peace and justice. You are especially blessed by God. Go into this world in confidence of God's presence and love, living as blessed and forgiven children of God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE "*More Precious than Silver"* TFWS No. 2065

ANTHEM (11:00 AM) *"Sing, O Heavens!"* Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 33:12-23

In this text, Moses is very sincere with God. Thus, by the intercession of Christ, we are not only saved from ruin, but become entitled to everlasting happiness.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells an extended parable about the kingdom of heaven and His return, likening it to a bridegroom coming for His bride late at night.

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

HYMN *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* UMH No. 328

SERMON ***"Have You Sharpened Your Ax?"*** *Rev. Judy Emerson*

HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"* UMH No. 369

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Joys and Concerns
Honoring our Veterans
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 *"Immortal, Invisible"* Pachelbells
*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 Wisdom, we rejoice that you have provided us with numerous examples of generous giving. We share this offering in full knowledge that all of our resources are a gift from you. Help us to use them wisely and to share them generously. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who gave his life so we may live abundantly. Amen.

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

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
*POSTLUDE