

Announcements

February 23, 2025



JOE CORBI'S – Stock up on your favorite pizza kits, cookie dough, gourmet desserts & snacks while supporting EUMC's Pavilion Fund. Orders and money are **due TOMORROW**. Please see Cindi Arnold for any questions.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - "Picture This" and plan to join us for our annual Women's Retreat on March 7th-8th in our own beautiful building. We will gather to enjoy a movie together on Friday evening and then join again Saturday morning for good food, fun and fellowship. If you cannot make it on Friday evening, you can watch the movie ahead of time and just join us on Saturday. Registration forms with more information concerning the theme and schedule are available in the narthex. Registration and payments due by **February 28th**. For questions contact Susan Brown at stmpnsusan@aol.com.

EASTER FLOWERS – If you would like to order Easter flowers in Honor or Memory of someone, there are order forms in the Narthex. You may also donate to our Building Fund or Food Pantry in Honor or Memory of someone. Orders are due in the office no later than **March 2nd**. Thank you!

AD COUNCIL – Our next Ad Council meeting will be on **March 3rd** at 7:00 PM.

SHROVE TUESDAY – March 4th from 5:00 – 7:30 PM. Come and join our Youth as they prepare and serve pancakes, sausage and Mountain Man. All proceeds from the Pancake dinner will go to the fund for our Youth Spring Trip. Join us in fellowship for the start of the Lenten Season.

ASH WEDNESDAY – will be drop-in on **March 5th** from 11:00 – 1:00 PM and 5:00 – 7:30 PM.

ADULT LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – "What are you giving up for Lent?" Seeking God's Help in Giving Up! Join Rev. Judy as we explore a meaningful Lenten Season together! The class will meet in Room #1 across from the kitchen on Wednesday evenings from **March 12th through April 9th from 7:00 – 8:30 PM**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you plan to attend.

EASTER CANDY – It will be Easter soon so it is time to start thinking about what you want to order for family and friends! You can find order forms in the narthex. Order forms and payments are due by **Sunday, April 6th**. Pickup orders on April 13th after services.

MANIDOKAN – Camp Manidokan registration is OPEN! Register your kids online! We will be attending camp this year from July 13th, 2025, to July 18th, 2025! Attending Sunday school regularly can help you get a scholarship for camp, as long as you don't miss more than two Sunday school classes, beginning in February! A deposit of \$100 is still required for each camper when you register online. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, so we know who to look forward to having with us at camp! Thank you so much!



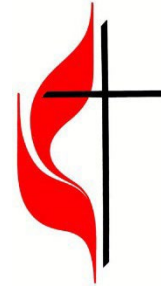
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Office Hours

Tues - Thurs 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM - Noon

	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
Last Week: 02/16/25	\$6,355.	128
WORSHIP LEADERS	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist	Susan Sager	Lori Rapids
Ushers	Tony & Susan Sager	Karl & Nicole Streaker
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Derek Jones
DATE	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Children's Church Youth Group	11:00 AM 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, February 24 th	Joe Corbi's Orders Due	-
Tuesday, February 25 th	Bible Study – with Rev. Rick Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, February 26 th	Children's Choir Chancel Choir	6:30 – 7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, February 27 th	Pachelbells	6:45 – 7:30 PM
Monday, March 3 rd	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 4 th	Pancake Supper	4:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 5 th	OWLS Ashes Drop In	12:00 – 2:00 PM 11:00-1:00 & 5:00-7:30 PM
Friday & Saturday, March 7-8 th	Women's Retreat	At the Church

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Director of Music/Organist
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

Order of Worship
February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME

Good morning, Ebenezer UMC! It's a beautiful day to gather for worship - welcome to everyone here. To our regular members, it's always a joy to see you. And to our new visitors and first-time guests, we're so glad you're with us today. We hope this will be the first step of many in your journey here at Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of life.

*OPENING HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu"

UMH No. 432

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, everlasting source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the strength it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Nicole Streaker

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. (Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16) In faith and repentance, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who benefit from deceit and dishonest ways; it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are hurting and ignored. We long to see the proof of the righteous and the fortune of those who work to bring your realm here on earth. We long for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us live into that day, O God, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine through our lives, our actions and our ministries. Teach us your ways of life, O God, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even in our moments of doubt, our lack of faith, and the blindness which means we fail to see God with us, God is still at work. God is still healing. God is still forgiving. Even when we fail to see God, God still sees us and still loves us. Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven. Go in peace and give praise to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 45:3-11, 15

In our text today we learn how Joseph was an example of grace for God's people of all ages to follow.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:27-38

Having addressed his disciples with the blessings and woes last week, Jesus now addresses the multitude of people.

May God bless the reading of this holy word.

Amen.

HYMN

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

TFWS No. 2171

SERMON

“Put Your Scissors Away!”

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“Freely, Freely”

UMH No. 389

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 (8:30 AM)

“It Is Well”

Chancel Choir

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

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

Holy One, we give because you ask us to give. We give because you call us to be merciful and to love our enemies. We give because we seek to be your followers who do what is right and expect nothing in return. May the offering we place upon the altar humble us so that we do not judge or condemn but offer love and forgiveness so all will know we are Christians by our love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

TFWS No. 2223

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE