

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER



June/July/August 2024

Worship

Sundays
10:00 AM

Sunday School

(off for the summer)

Worship on Facebook

Ebenezer United Methodist Church
Worship Services

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Website

Ebenezerumchurch.org

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Pastor's Email

REVJAE@aol.com

► Upcoming Events ◀

June 2nd - Graduate Recognition

June 8th - Clean-Up Day

June 23rd - Meeting for C.R.E.W.

June 24-28th - C.R.E.W.

July 14 - 19th - Camp Manidokan

July 22 - 26th - Vacation Bible School

August 25th - Church Picnic

September 3rd - Return to Regular
Office Hours

September 8th - Fall Schedule Begins

- *Sunday School at 9:45 AM and Worship Services at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

Pastor: Rev. Judith A. Emerson

Music Director: Linda Bange

Secretary: Lori Rapids

Treasurers: Steve & Katie Cave

Nursery Coordinators:

Lisa Humphries & Susan Rodriguez

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A Message from Your Pastor

As Spring of 2024 was quickly approaching, I kept saying "I'm ready for a break!". Once my Sabbath Leave finally arrived and my "break" was here, I had to ask myself "Exactly what am I breaking from?". Each of us needs a "break" from our normal routines and constant scheduling. However, that doesn't mean taking a break from God.

As the summer months are upon us, our worship schedule is changing, and Sunday School is finished until September. However, God is still calling us to love and serve. God's call for each of our lives is not seasonal. Just because the calendar says June, July or August...it does not give us permission to stop seeking God's presence and serving God's people. In other words, when we find ourselves in need of a "break" don't take a break from God.

The summer activities we choose should not replace our walk with Christ, rather, they should strengthen our faith journey in new ways. Whether you are sitting on the beach observing God's creation as the waves wash upon you, or hiking, kayaking, playing sports, camping or traveling, take advantage of these moments. Take in all that God offers us and allow these experiences to strengthen your faith. Look for opportunities to reach out to others in small ways. Share your faith with friends and strangers. Find ways to draw closer to God and others.

I pray that the summer of 2024 will lead us in new and refreshing ways and we will come to know God more, love God better and live for God and God's glory!

Psalm 139:7-10 says "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

As we begin a more relaxing schedule this summer, may God take us by the hand and lead us to draw closer to God and one another!

Blessings,
Rev. Judy



BACKPACK MINISTRY


We will again be supporting Winfield Elementary School with backpacks for the students. We need to fill about 125. The need is still great. We will be collecting during the summer months and will be packing them at the end of August.

Look for the backpack tags coming in the next few weeks at the beginning of July. If you don't wish to fill an entire backpack, the following is a list of items we could use most.

Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated. Just place in the offering plate marked "Backpacks". As always, thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry.

Glue Sticks * pencils * 8 Pack of Wide Markers * Highlighters
Blunt Scissors * Packages of Pencil Top Erasers * 12 Pack Colored Pencils
Fine Tip Black or Blue Dry Erase Markers * 1" 3 Ring Binders

Another Year of Beautiful Music



Ebenezer and I are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and talented choir. Your weekly participation adds so much to the worship experience in helping to proclaim God's word. Rehearsals are so much fun and yet the musical results are so rewarding. Laughter and singing must be great companions. Your commitment to our group fosters success. Enjoy your summer break, September will come quickly!

Sincere Thanks and God Bless,

Linda



Holly Mart Craft Group

Come join us when you are able for crafts and fellowship, no experience necessary!

We meet on the top floor of the food pantry.
Come for as long as you can, all help is appreciated.

Thursday, June 6 9:30 to 12:00

Thursday, July 11 9:30 to 12:00

Thursday, July 18 9:30 to 12:00

Thursday, August 1 9:30 to 12:00

Thursday, August 15 9:30 to 12:00

Thanks in advance for your help to make Holly Mart Crafts a success again this year.

Questions: Linda Bennett bennettga@aol.com
or leave a message at 1-301-253-3367

Thank you from the Holly Mart Craft Group

Vacation Bible Camp 2024

**Monday, July 22nd -
Friday, July 26th**

6:00 - 8:30 PM

**Mark your calendars now
and share with friends!**

**Plan on
joining us for a fun week!**



**Music CD/Downloads
Available Now!**

SIGN UP NOW @
<https://ebenezerunitedmethodistchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



Join Us!



Please consider joining our chancel choir. We always have room for "one more". You will not be disappointed with our wonderful group of members and hope you will enjoy our choices of music! We meet one hour on Wednesday evening. If you wish you can choose to just join us for Christmas or Easter services. Bring your voice and come! Any questions, feel free to contact me at bigbange@comcast.net

Linda

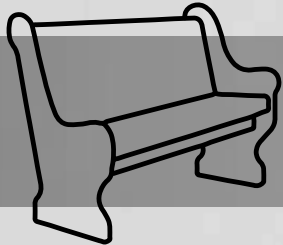
NIGHT BY NIGHT SHELTER

Ebenezer continues to support the *Night-by-Night Shelter* at 127 Stoner Avenue in Westminster with dinner the third Sunday of each month. If you'd like to contribute a dish, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4babag2ba2fb6-cold> and Scott Murchie will contact you the beginning of the week with a reminder and to arrange drop-off of food in the church kitchen, either ahead of time or at 5:30 PM Sunday for hot dishes. Arrangements can also be made for food to be picked up. **Thank you!**

OWLS - Older Wiser Livelier Seniors

The OWLS are looking forward to Barbara Conaway's program on Wednesday, June 5th. Barb wants each of us to dress in our favorite past-time or hobby. If gardening makes you happy, wear your gloves and bring your hoe. If you love water aerobics, wear your bathing suit. It is a fun idea for our last meeting until SEPTEMBER 4th!

Diane Biddinger, Parliament Head



A View from the Pew

By Ellie Baublitz

MEET DICK AND DIANE STAIGER

In the summer of 2008 Dick and Diane Staiger were looking for a new church to attend. "We were trying to decide where we wanted to start first and I drove by Ebenezer one Sunday and saw the parking lot was full and said, 'let's try'," Diane said. "It was the first church we tried and never went anywhere else. There were some familiar faces that we knew there and we loved Judy's sermon." The couple joined shortly afterward. "I feel Ebenezer is my second family," Diane said. "I've made such friendships here and I love Rev. Judy and Pastor Rick's Bible studies." Diane joined the WOWS group right away and gradually got into other parts of church life. She's on the Cemetery and Lay Leadership committees and prepares the Communion elements each month and at Easter. "It's an honor to prepare Communion, that is really special to me," she said. Preparation includes cutting the bread and pouring the grape juice into the tiny cups for each service. She also works the craft room at Holly Mart and loves to bake for different events at church. Diane hails from Baltimore City and County, while Dick is from Akron, Ohio [site of the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions]. Diane started working in 1965 as an administrative assistant for 30 electronic engineers at NSA in Fort Meade. A few years later NSA went to Akron University, where Dick was studying, to seek new workers. When Dick finished at Akron University, he decided to apply and got a job at NSA as an electrical engineer. They started dating in 1970 and married in 1971. "He was nice, and we talked and both of us liked to bowl, and he asked me out to go bowling and have pizza, and the rest is history," Diane said. Later, they bowled in an NSA bowling league for several years. The couple lived in Bowie until 1978, when they moved to Carroll County. After eight years at NSA, Diane stopped working to have the couple's family: two sons, Paul and Brian. Later she worked at other jobs as administrative assistant. She fully retired 19 years ago, "when our first granddaughter was born," she said. Dick stayed longer at NSA, and after retiring from there, worked in the private sector before permanent retirement. Family is a main focus now. Paul lives with his wife Maria in Hampstead with their daughters Leah, 17 in June, and Cara, 15. Brian is in New Market with wife Kristin and children Lauren, 19; Kaitlyn, 16; and son Evan, 10. "We're 20 miles from each of them, in between, so we do the special events as a family," Diane said. "We go to the grandkids' sports games around Carroll and Frederick counties, that's our hobby now. The girls are in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse, and Evan is in flag football and basketball. It's been nice getting to know the other players' parents and grandparents." Though they haven't bowled for awhile, they used to take the grandkids bowling, Diane said, "and they loved it." Diane "loves to bake and is addicted to flowers and gardening." While the couple used to have a large garden, including vegetables, Diane now grows just flowers and pumpkins every year for a family pumpkin day. "We pick the biggest pumpkin and whoever guesses the weight gets bragging rights. But grandpa is under suspicion because he's won the last two years!" she said. Their biggest pumpkin to date has been a Big Max at 71 pounds, Diane added. A cookout follows the contest. Dick joins Diane in the garden, but also enjoys collecting different kinds of trains. "He had a table with trains on it, but is taking it up because we're trying to downsize," Diane said. Dick is also a reader and trades book with friend Frank Zamostny. He especially enjoys books about World War II as his dad served in the Army in the Pacific at that time. "We also have two grand dogs, which we love," Diane added. "Paul has Frosty, an unknown breed, and Brian has Hayley, a golden retriever." We are so glad that we have the Staigers as members of Ebenezer!

Pill Bottle Recycling



You Make a Difference!

Our very successful pill bottle recycling program is 13 months strong. In that 13 months, EUMC has collected and shipped over 4,600 pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries for use in their medical mission and shredding programs. These bottles are packed, along with other medical supplies, and shipped worldwide. They are sent from Hawaii to Haiti, from North Carolina to Ukraine, and from Texas to the Commonwealth of Independent States in Eastern Europe. As we help others, we are also reducing our need for plastics and saving space in landfills.

This program has expanded into the community. Mindy Coates collects bottles from places like the Mt. Airy and South Carroll Senior Centers and the Lions Club. Her last contribution was 700 bottles as seen in the picture above!! Please continue to bring in your clean bottles. We are making a difference, one bottle at a time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A very special thank you to all of our Sunday School Teachers:

Pre-k - Elizabeth Blocher, Sandy Biddinger

k-2 - Joanne Davis, Lynn Baker

Grades 3-6 - Julie Jones

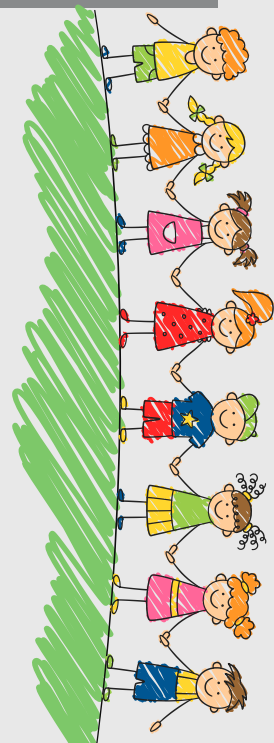
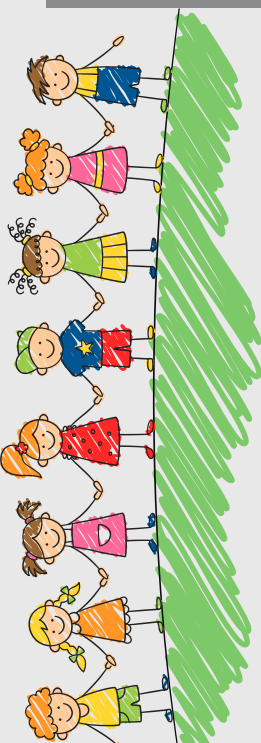
Middle/High School - Doug and Cyndi Diethrich

Dave and Cindi Arnold & Byron Ricketts

Adult - Buck Scott

Ken Middleton

We have enjoyed having your children, youth and adults in class. Classes will end May 26, 2024, and resume in September. Vacation Bible School will be held July 22- July 26. Come out and continue to learn about God!





Children's Church

The children have been busy learning even more Bible stories. They also enjoyed making Resurrection Buns for Easter again this year and always have fun with their fingerplays. We have finished for the school year and will begin again in September so stay tuned! Thank you so much to our wonderful youth volunteers who are always so ready and willing to help in any capacity.

Thank-you,

**Meghan Estes
Joanne Davis**



Food Pantry Monthly Needs

January – Laundry Detergent

February – Shampoo/Conditioner

March – Toilet Paper

April – Household Cleaners (Mr. Clean, etc.)

May – Deodorant

June – Body Wash/Soap

July - Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

August – Liquid Dish Soap

September – Paper Towels

October – Toilet Cleaner

November – Bleach

December – Fabric Softener (liquid/dryer sheets)





YOUTH GROUP

Ebenezer's Youth Group is open to all youth in 6th grade and higher (including our college/young adults no longer in school)

We meet typically every other week on a Sunday evening from 6 -8 PM. Watch for current month scheduling and come join the fun!

Final Event for the School Year: Paintball - Sunday, June 2nd

Youth Group 2023-20324

We cannot believe this year is already coming to a close! We have had another year of fun activities and I can't tell you who had more fun - the youth or the adults! As leaders, we are so lucky to have such a wonderful group of youth here at Ebenezer. You are kind, well behaved, and agreeable to most of the goofy things your leaders ask you to do. We love that you all feel comfortable enough to be yourselves around us and we have enjoyed being part of your lives! We know that technically there is a point where you age out of youth group, but we love when you still join us anyway. If you attended a youth activity this year, drop us a note and let us know what your favorite activity was and what you enjoyed most about youth group. This feedback will help us plan for next year.

Since the last newsletter we have traveled to Lancaster to attend a live performance of *Daniel* at the Sight & Sound Theatre. What an incredible show! We got back to church in time to enjoy "Breakfast at Midnight" supplied by a few of our parents. Then spent the rest of the evening with crazy lock-in activities. We also enjoyed our second annual 'Nerf Wars' out on the back hill on a fun Sunday evening.

Summer is here and everyone will be taking vacations and doing summer stuff, but keep your eye out for announcements - email or text - that we miss you and will 'plan' a few impromptu activities this summer. Hopefully you will all be able to join us!

Otherwise, stay safe, enjoy your summer and continue your walk of faith. And never forget we are here for you and we love you!

Ms. Cindi, Mr. Doug, Mr. Byron, Mr. Dave, Ms. Julie, Ms. Cyndi



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING



We will have our next Ad council meeting on June 3rd at 7:00 PM. We will not meet again until August.



Camp Manidokan July 14-19

*Eligibility: Entering 3rd Grade to
Entering 12th grade Fall of 2024*

You should have already registered for camp at www.bwccampsandretreats.com if you are planning on attending. The camper is responsible for the \$100.00 registration fee and the rest will be covered by EUMC if you earned a campership by attending Sunday School as required.

We are always looking for volunteers as well. If you love the outdoors, please consider giving of yourself by volunteering for camp. Please email Sandy Biddinger at sbidd@aol.com with any questions.

WOWs

Women of the Word

Our year has come to an end with our last meeting in May. May we all continue our prayers and petitions as the summer activities are unfolding. We especially ask for prayers for our world conflicts, our country and government officials, our churches and those in our own church family. Join us in September for our meetings for He promises "where 2 or more are gathered in my name, there He will be also".

Summer Blessings to All

Sharon Torosky



C.R.E.W.

CARING, REPAIRING, EBENEZER @ WORK

SUMMER C.R.E.W.S (Cruise)

June 24 – 28, 2024

Captain

The one who calls us all to come and serve others. Matthew 4:18-19

Hands-on Deck

Kyle Flater, Austin Diethrich, Derek Jones, Lilli Murphy, Bella Mosko, John Mosco, Meredith Rodriguez, Eric Rapids, Ethan Scott, Hailey Scott (Pending Andrew and Addison)

Ship Mates

Tony Sager, Karl Streaker, Rick Byrd, Susan Brown, Rev. Judy, Brian Cave, Jim Wise, Nancy Thompson

Galley Team

Head Cook (Coordinator) – Ruth Heslen
Becca Flater, Susan Sager, Nicole Streaker, Toni Byrd, Steve and Katie Cave, Joann and Steve Davis, Jennifer Wise, Susan Rodriguez, Cyndi Diethrich, Laura Scott

Hospitality

(pool party)

Julie Jones, Julie Schmitt, Liz Mosco

Vesper Team

William Streaker, Brian Cave, Susan Sager, Jen Wise, Tony Sager, Rev. Judy

Art Work

Hannah Streaker

Cruise Coordinators

Nancy Thompson, Tony Sager

Following the worship service on June 23rd, we will have a short meeting in the Sanctuary to kick off our mission as the youth and their mentors prepare to “C.R.E.W.se” into their work week.

All volunteers please attend.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays

1 JoAnn Beck	13 Jared Blocher
5 Diane Biddinger	20 Katie & Donnie Roe
5 Doug Diethrich	23 Buck Scott
6 Jaxon Partridge	23 Debbie Paulsgrove
6 Rich Holl	23 Jakob Partridge
11 Christopher Rapids	27 Mike Grim
11 Brian Connelly	28 Joyce Davis

July Birthdays

4 Abraya McGehrin	19 Kenny Wean
5 Kathleen Cesar	22 Jason Humphries
7 Mindy Coates	23 Meredith Rodriguez
7 Kim Cooper	23 Judy Ricketts
11 Shannon Murphy	24 Ruth Hesen
12 Scott Baker	25 Becky Paulsgrove
13 Becky Faulkrod	27 Kathy Zamostny
15 Sam LeDuc	27 David Thompson
	30 Jeff Arnold

August Birthdays

1 Judy Kressig	11 Robbie Middleton	24 Cole Murphy
1 Susan Rodriguez	13 Cyndi Diethrich	25 Brian Rapids
4 Tony Sager	14 Sandy Newsome	25 Linda Bennett
4 Dorothy Tebo	15 Jennifer Wise	30 Brenda Seibly
8 Susan Brown	21 Julie Shacochis	31 Angie Grim
8 Kyle Flater	21 Jan Connelly	31 Charles Rosier

June/July/August Anniversaries

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6 Buck & Laura Scott
7 Steve & Kate Lurette
7 Mike & Angie Grim
12 Steve & Joanne Davis
14 Travis & Katy Saulsbury
20 Byron & Judy Ricketts
23 Karl & Nicole Streaker

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

5 Doug & Becca Flater
8 Dave & Cindi Arnold
15 Kevin & Lisa Piecewicz
16 Paul & Nancy Thompson
21 Tony & Susan Sager
25 Matt & Jess Middleton
28 Jeff & Julie Partridge
31 Rick & Brenda Baker

August Anniversaries

2 Jim & Susan Brown
18 Larry & Judy Lovell
23 Jared & Elizabeth Blocher
29 Ron & Linda Bange



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