

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER



April/May 2025

►► Upcoming Events ◀◀

Worship

Sundays

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday School

9:45-10:45 AM

Worship on Facebook

Ebenezer United Methodist Church
Worship Services
(11:00 AM only)

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Website

Ebenezerumchurch.org

Church Phone: 410-795-6136

Pastor's Office: 410-795-1237

Church Email

eumcwinfield@gmail.com

Pastor's Email

REVJAE@aol.com

Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13th - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Service

Maundy Thursday, April 17th - 7:30 PM Worship

Good Friday, April 18th - 7:30 PM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 20th

6:30 AM - **Sunrise Service**

(bring your own chair)

8:30 AM **Celebration of the Resurrection**

9:45 AM **Sunday School for all ages**

11:00 AM **Celebration of the Resurrection**

May 3rd - May Madness Sale

June 1st - Graduate Recognition

June 8th - Pentecost Sunday- **Wear your RED!**

►► June, July, August ◀◀

One service at 10:00 AM
in the Fellowship Hall

Pastor: Rev. Judith A. Emerson

Music Director: Linda Bange

Secretary: Lori Rapids

Treasurers: Steve & Katie Cave

Nursery Coordinators:

Lisa Humphries, Meredith & Susan Rodriguez

4901 Woodbine Road. Sykesville, MD 21784

A Message from Your Pastor

The mysteries of our faith and the miracle of Easter continues to unfold in our lives each day. Easter will be here soon! God's love for us is unconditional and what a blessing it is to draw closer to God and one another as people of faith.

As we conclude the season of Lent and move toward Holy Week, I encourage you to fully embrace the scriptures and stories of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As we gather on Palm Sunday, we will recall the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the city where Jesus gave His life for us. On Maundy Thursday, we will remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples and share in the sacrament of Holy Communion together. Good Friday will lead us through Jesus' suffering and death on the cross as we embrace what the cross holds for each of us. On Easter Sunday, we will joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with three worship services!

It is significant for us to gather as a community of faith to remember, celebrate and give thanks for all that God has done for us and continues to do for us each day. May we all continue to live in the light and the love of the Lord! It is a joy to be able to work together building God's Kingdom and sharing the Easter Message with all!

May the grace of our Risen Lord be with you!

Rev. Judy



May Madness

May 3rd

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL
RAIN or SHINE

**DON'T
MISS OUT!**

Save your SPRING CLEANING items for us to sell!

Volunteers needed to help with the Treasure Sale

*Drop OFF on Thursday, MAY 1st, 5-8 PM &
Friday, MAY 2nd from 9 AM until we are finished.*

*Please no clothes (they go to the pantry shed),
christmas decorations or large pieces of furniture.*

**Proceeds from the Treasure Sale will go to support
the Rock of Help Food Pantry.**

The Kitchen will be open the whole time with breakfast and lunch items available to purchase. There will also be a Bake Sale with delicious homemade goodies.

**All profits from the Kitchen and Bake Sale will
go to paying off our mortgage.**

If you would like to volunteer to help,
please contact Nancy Thompson @ 410-241-1509.

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. Signup slots are available through June 2025. If you'd like to contribute a dish, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foc4babag2ba2fb6-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!



Holly Mart Craft Group

We will start crafts again in May. Come join us when you are able for crafts and fellowship. No experience is necessary! We meet on the top floor of the food panty. Come for as long a you can, all help is appreciated.

Thursday, May 8 9:30 to 12:00
Thursday, May 22 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 cell# : 443-474-7110

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue learning about the New Testament as we continue through May. Please join us as we have classes for all ages - Pre-K through Adult. Lots of fun and laughter as we continue to learn about the Bible. There is a class for everyone!

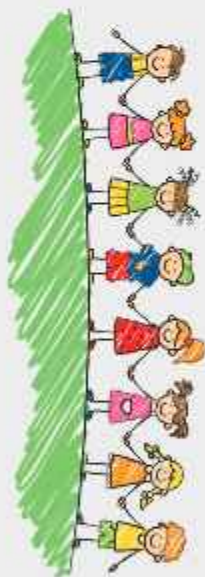
We meet from **9:45-10:45** on Sundays.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 13
12:30 PM

Infants thru 5th graders please join us for a fun time of crafts, games, snacks, and an egg hunt. Remember to bring a basket to hold your eggs!

To RSVP or for any questions contact Julie Jones at 410-404-1275 or juliejones3@comcast.net.





C.R.E.W.

CARING, REPAIRING, EBENEZER @ WORK

June 23-27, 2025



This summer's theme is inspired by the verse from 2 Timothy 1:6, "This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gifts God gave you when I laid my hands on you". Youth, entering grades 8-12, and adult volunteers will put their faith into action, working together on home projects in our community.

If you have any questions about **C.R.E.W.** please contact Nancy Thompson, 410-241-1509.

OWLS - Older Wiser Livelier Seniors

**First Wednesday of Every Month (Sept.-June)
Noon - 2:00 PM**

April will be a hymn sing in celebration of Easter. In May, Nancy Thompson will be surprising us! If you are a senior citizen, please join us for potluck at noon on the first Wednesday of the month.

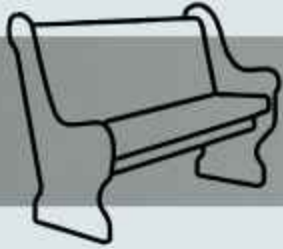
Diane Biddinger



WOWs * *Women of the Word*

We welcome all to our group for it pleases God to hear from His followers and hear our praises as well. We will continue to meet the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

Questions: Contact Sharon Torosky



A View from the Pew

By Ellie Baublitz

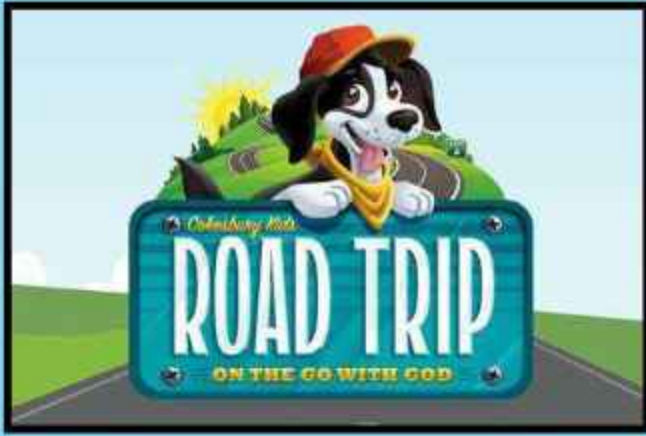
MEET KATHY COSTIN

Kathy Costin is a returnee to Ebenezer after attending in the 1980's during Pastor Rick Gray's tenure. Appropriate, since she graduated from Woodlawn High School with Pastor Rick. After a long hiatus, she came back in 2021. Upon her return, she joined the choir, OWLS, the widows' group, makes crafts for Holly Mart, and helps out at the Community Table at Freedom UMC and our own Food Pantry shed. "I'll do anything that provides food," she joked. She likes to cook and bake and has offered to provide the meal for the April Youth Group meeting.

When she decided to leave Ebenezer at the end of the 1980's it was to be with elderly relatives who attended church at Wards Chapel. Going to church with them gave her the chance to spend time with aunts, uncles and cousins before they passed on. Since then she has started delving into her family's history. "I was a Green and I and [my late husband] Karl are both related to a lot of people here in Carroll County," she said. "We're also related to many that go to church here – it's a big family." Kathy grew up in Woodlawn with Karl Costin. "We were neighbors," she noted. "He was our paper boy." Then he became her husband. "1964 was a rather busy year," she said. "I got engaged to Karl in April, graduated from high school in June, started work in September, and got married in October." Kathy worked for NSA until retiring in 1994, while Karl was a parts manager at a Volkswagen dealership. In 1971 they moved to Carroll County where she still lives in the same house on Woodbine Road. Two children came along: Bryan in 1971 and Rebecca (Becca) in 1974. In 1995, a week before their 31st anniversary, Kathy, Karl and her mother were on the way to Baugher's for breakfast when they were involved in a car accident. Karl and Kathy's mother died, and she was flown to Shock Trauma with a concussion and other minor injuries. Kathy had also lost her father not long before the accident.

After that, with Bryan and Becca grown, but still home, Kathy needed another income, so worked in IT for ten years at Carroll Community College before retiring for good in 2004. Becca still lives at home and works at Little George's on Liberty Road. Bryan and his wife, Mary Ann live in Westminster. Kathy also took care of her brother, Harvey Wayne, for several years after he suffered a debilitating stroke. Widowed and unable to care for himself, Wayne let Kathy convince him to sell his Frederick home and move in with her. "I rearranged the house and fixed up a room for him and his cat, Angel. When he died a couple of years ago we took his ashes and his cat's ashes and scattered them at Liberty Dam like he wanted," she said.

With more time now for herself, Kathy enjoys doing crafts – she has an embroidery/sewing machine and a cricut cutting machine to help her make earrings and other items. She grows a few flowers, reads and watches Christian books and DVDs, as well as other novels and stories. She has two rescue cats, Toffee and Amaretto, and is thinking about "fostering an older dog with problems and giving it some love." And don't forget the singing. "I've always liked to sing," Kathy said. "I was in the Wards Chapel Choir and in the singing group at Carroll Community College. I had to audition for the college choir, so when I joined the choir here I asked Linda if I had to audition. I haven't been thrown out of the choir yet."



Mark Your Calendars Now!

VBS 2025

July 21st to 25th

Dinner Served:

5:30-6:00 PM

VBS: 6:00-8:30 PM

Children ages 3 through 5th Grade



We have been working to put our team together. If you still want to be part of the fun, contact Cindi Arnold and we'll put you to work! We are still looking for a creative TEAM to help put together our decorations for the week.

<https://ebenezerunitedmethodistchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Looking forward to another awesome week!



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)

Hoffa House

The Hoffa House is a local home where 7-8 men live while recovering from addiction. Our church provides dinner once a month for 10-12 men during their Monday meetings. These meetings help the Hoffa Foundation board members stay connected with the residents and give the men a chance to reflect on their positive and negative experiences each week.

Our church has been incredibly supportive of this nonprofit organization, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered this year to prepare meals for the group. We will continue to provide meals for the Hoffa House and, if you're able to help, please sign up on the narthex bulletin board. Meals can be homemade, or you can donate gift cards, which I will be happy to pick up. The mission of the Hoffa House has been deeply appreciated.

Meghan Estes

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Next Ad Council Meeting: Monday, April 7th @ 7:00 PM

Pavilion Building Fund

Help us build a new outdoor ministry space on our property behind the food pantry. This could be used for so many activities for our church family, including for VBS, youth, picnics and so much more. If you would like to donate, just mark "Pavilion Fund" on your check. You can also donate in memory or in honor of a loved one.



Pill Bottle Recycling

That's a Big Number!

Our 2024 pill bottle collection program netted over 3,800 bottles sent to Matthew 25 Ministries! The members of EUMC are definitely dedicated to this program and all of its benefits: helping those in need, reducing both our need for plastics AND landfill usage. The bottles continue to come in properly prepared (mostly) for shipment with the labels/residue removed and washed to prevent cross contamination and allergic reactions. Our first two 2025 shipment of 350 bottles have already been sent. Another large one is in the works!

Thank you for your continued support of this program.

As always, contributions towards the cost of shipping are always appreciated.

Rock of Help Food Pantry Shed



We appreciate all the donations of clothes and household items. Our neighbors are always very thankful. Please be mindful of the season since we do not have storage space. We really like to provide clothes that are needed for the current season. Coats, blankets, current holiday decor and good used shoes/ boots are some of the seasonal items we get requests for. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact
Nancy Thompson @410-241-1509.



Children's Church

Children's Church meets on the second and fourth Sunday of every month from 11 AM to 12 PM. All children ages 4-17 are welcome to join us!

The children concluded their study of Moses by making the Ten Commandments out of plaster of Paris. They were very engaged in this activity. We would especially like to thank Susan Brown for all her help with the project and the youth who helped as well. Austin Diethrich, Derek Jones, Summer Lange, Ryan Piecewicz, Lucas Rhodes, Hannah Streaker, and Aaron Torosky. We will be studying the New Testament for the remainder of the year. Look for a lesson on communion. Remember Children's Church is the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the 11:00 service. Come join the fun!!!

Meghan Estes
Joanne Davis



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The EUMC scholarship applications will be available in the Narthex by April 14th. The deadline to submit an application is **June 1st**. This scholarship is available to our active church youth, under age 23, for up to four years of undergraduate studies, including trade and vocational schools.



Contact Brenda Baker (bdbaker01@comcast.net) with any questions.



Don't forget to bring in your used ink cartridges so we can get \$\$\$\$ for our church!
See Debbie Paulsgrove with any questions!

Easter Candy Fundraiser

Now is the time to order eggs and sign up to help!

Thursday, April 10th: Make Easter Eggs

9:30 AM until around 1:00 PM

(Whatever time you can help is appreciated)

Lunch Provided

Friday, April 11th: Finish Eggs and Pack Orders

9:00 AM until around 12:00 Noon

Order forms and payments due by Sunday, April 6th

Order Pickup: Sunday, April 13th After Church Services

Thanks in advance for supporting the Easter Egg Fundraiser.

Questions: contact Linda Bennett at bennettga@aol.com or 301-253-3367



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Easter Egg Sale

PLEASE PLACE ORDERS – Some extra candy will be available at pickup, but not guaranteed!

Orders and Payments Due by Sunday, April 6, 2025

Name: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

***PICKUP on Sunday, April 13th, 2025 after each service**

Easter Egg/Candy Choices	LARGE 8 oz. (in box)	Quantity	Amount Due (Price x Qty)	SMALL 2 oz. (in foil)	Quantity	Amount Due (Price x Qty)
Vanilla Butter Cream	\$8.00			\$3.00		
Chocolate Butter Cream	\$8.00			\$3.00		
Peanut Butter	\$8.00			\$3.00		
Cherry Vanilla	\$8.00			\$3.00		
Coconut Butter Cream	\$8.00			\$3.00		
Fruit and Nut	\$8.00			\$3.00		
Black Walnut	\$8.00			\$3.00		

Subtotals Large _____ Small _____

Total Amount Due _____

Please make all checks payable to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Drop off order forms and payment or mail to:

Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 4901 Woodbine Rd. Sykesville, MD 21797

For questions or other pickup arrangements email Susan Brown - StmpnSusan@AOL.com

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!



UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, April 6th

Regular Meeting - Youth Room
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Sunrise Service
All Youth Participate

Sunday, May 4th

Amazing Race
Time TBD

Saturday, May 17th

Sight & Sound - Noah
3:00 PM Show - Meeting Time TBD

Sunday, June 1st

Paintball
Time TBD

Thank you!

February 8th's Progressive Dinner was unfortunately cancelled due to weather, but thanks to our 'hosts', we reorganized and they graciously brought their part of the dinner to church Sunday morning. We set up the fellowship hall and the youth still 'traveled' to the respective houses and enjoyed a wonderful lunch together. Big thanks to Jen Klausemeyer, Susan and Tony Sager, Jennifer and Jim Wise, Susan Brown and Rev. Judy! Definitely something we'd like to try again. (maybe in the spring or fall though...)

Shout out to the youth and adult leaders who prepared and served a fantastic Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! When we say 'all hands on deck', they show up! Lots of fun and fellowship. All proceeds will go toward the youth trip to Sight & Sound in May. Thank you to all that came out and supported us!

Sight & Sound Production of "Noah"

We only have a few seats still available.
Contact Cindi if interested.

All payments in full are due to Cindi by April 6th. The regular full price is \$85 (including the deposit). Youth will receive an email with your total since you have earned partial payment.

Looking forward to a fun afternoon!



Staying Busy in Youth Group



Enjoying wonderful meals together made by members of our congregation!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



The "Not So" Progressive Dinner



Derek Led the group in a lesson on Exodus.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

APRIL

3 Larry Lovell	10 Dawn Stevens
3 Justin Flater	13 Emerson Saulsbury
4 Lori Rapids	17 Chuck Wisner
4 Luke Piecewicz	18 Jen Klausmeyer
5 Greg Will	20 Lisa Humphries
6 Carl Fugate	23 Austin Diethrich
7 Hannah Streaker	24 Bowen Blocher
9 Cheryl Roelle	28 Bob Stevens
10 Dylan Will	28 Lilli Murphy

MAY

1 Joanne Davis	13 Sandy Biddinger
3 Carli Bergmann	14 Will Holl
4 Linda Bange	14 Ed Rodriguez
7 Pauline Rosier	15 Brian Cave
8 Parker Emerson Brown	17 David Rodriguez
10 Judy Emerson	18 Jim Brown
10 Gary Kretschmer	19 John Mosko
10 Carol Wroten	20 Brian Diethrich
11 Jenavieve Partridge	23 Summer Lange
11 Steve Heslen	29 Julie (Davis) Swartz
11 Rick Byrd	31 Judy Lovell

Anniversaries

APRIL

3 Frank & Kathy Zamostny	26 Ken & Kim Middleton
17 Gerry & Linda Bennett	27 Chuck & Rebecca Wisner
22 Rich & Cheri Holl	29 Mel & Carol Wroten

MAY

10 Jim & Nancy Huff
26 Charles & Pauline Rosier



Camp Manidokan Summer 2025 July 13th-18th

Registration for camp opens on February 5th. Children entering third grade through their senior year of high school are welcome to attend!

As a part of our ministry, Ebenezer United Methodist Church will cover the cost of Manidokan, except for the deposit, for children who attend Sunday School regularly. Attendance is being recorded from February 2nd to May 25th. Each child is allowed to miss two Sundays and still receive this opportunity. If you have any questions, you may reach out to either Jen Klausmeyer at 443-760-5968 or Rachel Biddinger at 443-547-0519.



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