

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Welcome and Announcements

Announcement – please read and keep a copy near to you.
Welcome The Light of Christ

*Opening Hymn	“What Child is This”	# 219
Children’s Time		
Offering		
*Doxology	“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”	# 95
*Psalter Reading	Psalm 148	# 861
*Gloria Patri		# 70
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Scripture	Luke 2:22-40	
*Hymn	“Away in the Manger”	# 217
Message	“Simeon’s Testimony”	Pastor Loretta
*Closing Hymn	“Because He Lives”	# 264
*Benediction		
*Please stand as you are able.		

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Did you notice the date? 12/31/23 == 123-123 ☺

We extend a very warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today.

Calendar

Happy New Year! Let us welcome 2024 – and discern: “What are we here for!”

January 8th Church Council meeting. 6:30 PM

Please be sure to take your Poinsettias home today. They need your TLC

Our gift ensures that families facing kidney disease feel supported at every step of their journey.

Pastor Loretta challenges and encourages you to give an extra tithe to the **church budget** for Christmas. Let’s see if we can meet our obligations and begin the New Year with a head start! Pray about giving 10% of what you have spent on Christmas gifts this year. You still have time to respond and receive the blessing of Christ.



Congratulations to R _____ ar for Washington District Elementary School!

Mark your calendars:

January 13th – district Training all are invited and the Council members are encouraged to attend. We can carpool.

January 28st We will have a special guest and speaker to fill our pulpit. Rev. Clarence Brown will bring the message and then we will have a covered dish luncheon and he will explain the process for the council to develop the Simplified Accountable Structure.



Please contact the pastor if you are interested in making a commitment to God and to Ebenezer UMC. We would love to have you as an official member of our family!

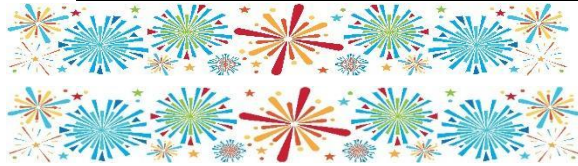
PRAYER LIST

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16 (NIV)

Kacky Sanford, Bobbie Bauldock, Linda Fallin, Joey Kirk (child whose face was badly burned in house fire), Bonnie and Emma (Earline’s sister & great niece), Sandy Sullivan, Jenny Herbert {Debbie Minor’s mother}, Betty Bailey, Scott Wisner, Joan Balderson, Kathy Davis, Whitney Orlando, Laura Pollard, George D. English, Ian Duprey in the Coast Guard; for those battling cancer; for those battling sickness; Israel & Gaza, Russia & Ukraine; for the healing of the nations! For our country and its leaders, our Church, and the United Methodist

Church. The victims, and families of the hurricanes. Please, keep our students, teachers, cafeteria workers, and other helper bees in the school systems prayed-up for a good school year!

Please review the Prayer List and let us know of any people whose prayers have been answered. We will glean the list and start again on the first Sunday of every month. If you would like to keep a loved one on please advise pastor Loretta.



Ebenezer United Methodist Church

144 Ebenezer Church Road

P. O. Box 70

Oldhams, Virginia 22529

Website: www.eumcoldhams.org

Reverend Loretta Benninghove

Pastor

Office (804) 472-4642; Cell (434) 480-9992

Email: pastorlorettaumc@gmail.com {preferred email}
lorettabenninghove@vaumc.org

December 31, 2023