

EBENEZER EVENTS

EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 am –Joint Worship

STAFF

Rev. Andrew Bansemmer
Pastor

Elizabeth Smythe
Organist

Annette Greer
Treasurer

Shelly Robinson
Office Administrator

William Huber
Chancel Choir Director

Hubert Fulton, Jr.
Bell Choir Director

Martha Walters
Wee Care Pre-School Director

**February Newsletter
Deadline:
Monday, January 19th**



I would like to sincerely thank everyone who gave a card, gift, cookie, prayer to me and my family this year. Your thoughtfulness and care are one of the highlights and sources of true thanksgiving during this hectic time of year.

Speaking of, as the season winds down we are once again thrust from hot cider, lights, glitter, music, and the festivities of Christmas right into the darkest and coldest month of the year. Snow and ice will make us afraid of road. Freezing temperatures will make us long for the days when the air doesn't hurt to breath it.

Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. This celebration is marked by the arrival of the Magi as they came to see the Christ child. They came from far away countries, led by the light of one star. I imagine they must have wondered just why are we following this star, and for how long, and yet trekked on.

We too are led by the light of one, the savior of the world. During the season of Epiphany we boldly proclaim "Behold the light of the world! The light no darkness can overcome!" We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in the midst of our darkness!

Epiphany Blessings,
Pastor Andrew

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

SUMMARY OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - December 11th 2014

REPORTS

Pastor Andrew had 17 visitations, 2 pericope studies with local pastors; confirmation continues last meeting Dec. 14th; attended the funeral of Betty Wilson; Christmas Eve worship service will be participating in joint services with Christ Episcopal. The 6:00 pm service will be at Christ Episcopal and the 11:00 pm service will be at Ebenezer; led chapel service at Francis Marion Manor; built a baptismal font in memory of Roddy Crabtree, to be dedicated Sunday, Dec. 14.

COMMITTEE ITEM-

Education: Preparing programs for January and February.

Wee Care: Need the equivalent of 4 full time students to meet budget.

Outreach: Next community meal is in January.

Worship and Music: Met December 9th to select January music.

Youth: Going very well!!

Property: Bill Huber is working on a price for Sanctuary lights and a covered walkway. Health inspector left items to work on (Wee Care).

Stewardship: Not having a good return of pledge cards.

ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT
Tuesday, February 3rd 2015 @ 6:00 p.m..

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, January 13th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Please contact the church office if you cannot attend.

EBENEZER'S SNOW POLICY

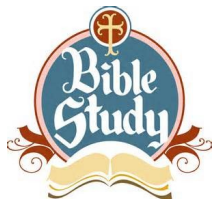
Pastor Andrew will make every effort to hold our morning worship services. Please use *your* good judgment when it comes to snow and ice. Consider your driving skills, vehicle traction, and willingness to take a fall before venturing out in any weather.

If you are assisting in worship for that day and will not be present, please call the church at 783-3241 and leave a message.



All other meetings and events will follow the school schedule. If school is out, these events will be canceled. If necessary, events will be rescheduled the following week on the same day. If school is *delayed* by one or two hours, we will hold the event. However, if school *lets out early* because of the weather, we will cancel the event.

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**Tuesday Bible
Study**

**Bible Study will meet on Tues-
day, January 20th @ 10
:00 am.**

NEWS & EVENTS



Winter Celebration

A weekend event for 9th-12th graders

Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center

Lynchburg, Va. January 16th-18th

Winter Celebration (Jan. 16-18 and Jan. 23-25, 2015) is our Synod's weekend faith-formation event for youth in senior high school and their adult advisors. The same event is offered twice to accommodate the more than 600 who like to attend, so on each weekend between 300 and 500 of us gather at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center from Friday at about 8:30 to Sunday noon for large group singing, small group conversation, worship, community building, and meeting new people.

Ebenezer plans to attend the weekend of January 16-18th. Registration forms are located in the Narthex or may be picked up in the church office.



Youth Group will meet on the following Thursdays in January

5:30 p.m. –7:00 p.m.

**Jan
Jan 15
Jan 22
Jan 29**

If there is no school due to inclement weather the youth group will not meet.

Happy New Year!



Whew! That was one busy, but fun-packed year. We had a great turn out at our Christmas Pageant, with at least 150 in attendance. It was just absolutely awesome and the children did great. Everyone was so complimentary of your school and all the great things Wee Care does with the children. So, thank you Ebenezer for this outreach program and for your prayers, your support and your blessings & praises you give this preschool. None of this would be possible without the help and guidance of our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We ask that you please pray with us for the staff, for the children, that we continue to provide a loving and educational environment for these children, and that we always put God first in our lives. I look forward to another great year.

We give God all the praise, honor and glory!
Martha Walters

Jesus' prayer for you...

And now I am coming to You; I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy may be made full and complete and perfect in them [that they may experience My delight fulfilled in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have My gladness within them, filling their hearts]. John 17:13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please help brighten the sanctuary by giving flowers for our church services. You may sign up on the chart posted in the Narthex, or contact the church office (783-3241) to pick a date.



January Birthdays

4– Merle Obregon	16– Connor Barr
6– Randy Davis	Kimberly Hayes-Moss
12– Doug Teaster	19– Johnny Gray
13– Holly Sword	21– Montie Fleshman
14– Nathan Bansemer	31– Betty Tate
Ernest Elledge	
Kelly Yarber	



SERVICE SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2015

ACOLYTE Celeste Thompson
 CRUCIFER Brady Fry
 CANTOR Faye Maoney
 LECTOR Merle Obregon
 LAY ASSISTANT Laurie Thompson
 ALTAR Denise Williams
 COMMUNION ASSISTANT Ron Parsons
 COMMUNION PRESENTERS (first Sunday)
 Glenn & Shelly Robinson
 USHERS Phil Thompson, Cyndi Blair,
 Randy Davis, Charles Lindsey
 TELLERS Billy & Delores Buchanan

FEBRUARY 2015

ACOLYTE Kaitlyn Elledge
 CRUCIFER Dustin Ernest
 CANTOR Annette Greer
 LECTOR Judy Fulton
 LAY ASSISTANT Joanne Groseclose
 ALTAR Kim Slep
 COMMUNION ASSISTANT Danny Slep
 COMMUNION PRESENTERS (first Sunday)
 Ron & Carol Parsons
 USHERS Glenn Robinson, Ed Hagy,
 Pat Porter, Vince Groseclose
 TELLERS Ellen Greenwood & Sue Lindsey



JANUARY 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Church office closed</i>	2 <i>Church office closed</i>	3
4 <i>10:00 am Worship</i> <i>11:30 am lunch in the fellowship hall</i> <i>Burning of the greens @ Pastor Andrew's farm following lunch.</i>	5	6	7 <i>5:30 pm Bell Choir</i> <i>6:30 pm Choir</i>	8 <i>5:30 pm Youth</i>	9	10
11 <i>10:00 am Worship</i>	12	13 <i>7:00 pm Council</i>	14 <i>5:30 pm Bell Choir</i> <i>6:30 pm Choir</i>	15 <i>5:30 pm Youth</i>	16 <i>Winter Celebration</i> <i>9th-12th graders</i>	17 <i>Winter Celebration</i> <i>9th -12th graders</i>
18 <i>10:00 am Worship</i>	19	20 <i>10:00 am Bible Study</i>	21 <i>5:30 pm Bell Choir</i> <i>6:30 pm Choir</i>	22 <i>5:30 pm Youth</i>	23	24
25 <i>10:00 am Worship</i> <i>11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting and potluck</i>	26	27	28 <i>5:30 pm Bell Choir</i> <i>6:30 pm Choir</i>	29 <i>11:30 am Thursday Lunch 2 FUMC</i> <i>5:30 pm Youth</i>	30	31



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The people of
Ebenezer
Lutheran Church
are called
♦
to proclaim the Gospel
of Jesus Christ,
♦
to nourish our faith
through worship,
prayer, education
and fellowship
♦
and to touch the
lives of others with
God's amazing grace.

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January 2015 Newsletter

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2015

Ebenezer Lutheran Church's annual congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 25th**. The meeting will be held after the 10:00 a.m. service. There will be a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is encouraged to attend.

Attention church committees! As we prepare for 2015, please be compiling your 2014 annual reports for submission to the annual congregational report.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT REPORTS IS Friday JANUARY 16th 2015.



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