



Ebenezer

United Methodist Church

Welcome

December 2, 2018

Order of Worship
December 2, 2018
First Sunday in Advent
11:00 a.m.

*Prayer Cards are located in the back of the pew in front of you.
If you would like to submit a prayer request, please fill out the information on the
card. Please place them in the offering plate and they will be given to the pastor.*

**Invitation to Stand*

Announcements		Lee Dorough Liturgist
Registration of Attendance	Attendance Insert In Bulletin	
Prelude		Rosa Lee
*Hymn of Praise	<i>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</i>	Hymnal No. 196
*Invocation		Lee Dorough
<i>Presentation of Tithes and Offerings</i>		
Offertory Prayer		Lee Dorough
Offertory Music		
*Doxology	<i>"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	Hymnal No. 95
<i>Offering Our Praises and Concerns to God</i>		
Prayer Time and Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Sheila Crowe
Anthem	<i>"Mary, Did You Know?"</i>	Chancel Choir Directed by Pam Akin
The Word for the Child In All of Us		Sherri Alderson
Children ages 3 years old through 2nd grade are dismissed to Children's Church in Rm E110 in the Education Building, directly across from the Sanctuary.		
*Scripture Reading		Luke 1:26-38
Message	Christmas Answers: How Can This Be? (Mary)	Rev. Sheila Crowe
Service of Word and Table		See Overhead Screens
Holy Communion		
*Closing Hymn	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	Hymnal No. 230
Postlude		Rosa Lee

CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES



Looking for Answers?

How can I be sure?
How can it be?
Why me?
What do I do?

Join us in December
Sundays 11 AM Christmas Eve 7 PM



ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION CHALLENGE

During Advent, we would like to gather LOTS of food for the Rockdale Food Bank. We are challenging you to do a Reverse Advent Calendar with food donations. On each of the dates below, bring in the number of food items listed:

- TODAY - 1 non-perishable food item
- December 9th, 16th, 23rd - 7 non-perishable food items
- December 24th - 1 non-perishable food item

STAFF CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING

Part of the Ebenezer Christmas tradition is to offer the congregation the opportunity to give a voluntary Love Offering to the staff (this includes our preschool teachers, paid staff and all volunteers). Envelopes are in the bulletin for those who would like to contribute.



HIS G.R.O.U.P. Sunday school class is putting together Christmas Gift Baskets. If you would like to contribute items, a list of what is needed is below. Any questions about the items or the baskets, please contact the Sunday school class or Beth Boone for more details.

Cookies	Peppermints	Hot tea/chocolate with Christmas mug
Lap blanket	Soft socks	Hand/body lotion
Kleenex	Christmas Card	Flavored Chapstick

Our Gifts to God

Weekly Target	\$6,650	Week 47 YTD Giving	\$314,447
Prior Week Giving	\$4,641	YTD Over / (Under)	\$1,897
Over / (Under)	(\$2,009)	47 Week Average	\$6,686

Worship Attendance	105
Sunday School	51

LISTENING TO THE SERMON

Listen to the message from God's word. Use this space to make some personal notes. Go back over them during the coming week. Let God crystallize His truths in your life.

Sermon Title: Christmas Answers: How Can This Be? (Mary)

Biblical Text: Luke 1:26-38

Main Ideas of the Sermon:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Illustrations I Want to Remember:

What Should I Do as a Result of Hearing this Sermon:

Next Week's Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

With a quick text message, you can now make a contribution to Ebenezer UMC

Simply send a text to 770-629-0571 with the amount you would like to contribute. *Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount.*
Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!

9:45 - 10:30 am Infant and toddler nurseries are in the Education Building along with Sunday School for children 2 years of age and older. Age or grade classes are marked on the outside of each room.

11 am Infant, toddler and 2-year-old nurseries are located in the Education Building. Children 3 years old - 2nd graders are escorted from the Sanctuary to the Education Building for Children's Church. Children are to be picked up promptly after worship.

WELCOME VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Whether you are a first time visitor, a regular attendee or a member, we want to know that you are here! Please take a moment to fill out the "Record of Attendance" postcard included in your bulletin, and place it in the collection plate during the offertory. If you would like to make Ebenezer your church home and wish to speak with Pastor Sheila, please check the box on the attendance form. Thank you for choosing to spend your Sunday morning with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome at Ebenezer!!

If you are interested in joining our church family, please fill out the "Record of Attendance, noting that you would like to join the church. Once completed either place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. The pastor will then speak with you about your decision and set up a date for you to join Ebenezer UMC.

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If you have questions about youth ministry at EUMC, please contact the church office.

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We are Ebenezer UMC: a church which makes and equips Christian disciples who serve the world like Christ, gather together to worship our God, grow with the Spirit, and connect with others.