



May 2019

Special points of interest:

- 1 UMW meeting
- 2 Keenagers
- 3 Kitchen Cleaning day
- 4 Hall Closet Thrift

Shop

- 5 Communion Worship
- 7 Rose Garden Ceremony
Peter Bible Study
- 9 Lunch Bunch
- 12 Prayer Shawl Blessing
- 14 Sarah Ciurcle
Needlebees
- 15 Newsletter deadline
- 16 Admin Board Meeting
- 19 Worship
- 20 Rachel Circle
- 23 Men of Orem's
- 26 Worship
- 27 Office Closed
- 28 Ladies Luncheon
Needlebees
- 29 Annual Conference

Please see calendar page for all events:

8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers Class,
Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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OREMS BEACON

Orem's United Methodist Church May 2019

The Baltimore Chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association is proud to announce the dedication of the first Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Garden in Baltimore County. This Memorial Garden will be located on the lawns of Orem's United Methodist Church. We would be honored if you could attend this dedication on May 7, 2019, at 2:00 pm on our own Orem's church lawn. Please consider joining us by responding to Pat Collins at 410-687-2548.



Observing Memorial Sunday

Sunday, May 26th, Orem's Church would like to honor all those who died while serving in the military. Please drop a note in the offering plate by May 19th or call the church office (410-687-9483) if you have someone who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. Please include Name, rank, year of death and service information.



Memorial Day is observed by our Nation this year on May 27th. Please keep our active service men and women in your prayers as they continue to work to bring peace and freedom to our world.

We will honor all those who have served or are now serving in a special insert in November for Veterans Day.

Our Mission Statement is:
"To love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves."



DID YOU KNOW THAT OREMS HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes we do. Ruth Bundick and Willard Ray Scholarships are established from Memorials for two long time members of Orem's Church. Each Scholarship has its own qualifications.

If you are a High School Graduate, college student or someone looking to further your education, Orem's has scholarships available.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: [Orem's scholarship applications must be in by May 5th.](#)

You may pick up an application from the office or call the office and we can mail one to you. The criteria for scholarships is enrollment as full time student, member of Orem's United Methodist Church, and accepted by a college, University or Trade school in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church. The Willard Ray Scholarship must have approval by Church council. The Scholarship Committee will present the candidates for Scholarship at the May Council meeting. We will present the scholarships to our Recipients at a worship service in June.

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Please join us for lunch and devotions on May 2nd at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your sandwich etc. We supply the drink and dessert and you can enjoy the fellowship of our Christian brothers and sisters.

Hope to see you there!

Judy Tolbert



The Great Fifty Days Continue

The Great Fifty Days (Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday) invite us to celebrate and live as Easter people. The Paschal candle (sometimes referred to as the Easter candle or Christ candle) is displayed prominently and lit every Sunday during this high season of the church year.

Come and worship!

Come and celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death!

Come and explore what it means to live as Easter people!

Sunday, May 5: Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Theme: God's Unlikely Choices

Scriptures: Acts 9:1-20; John 21:1-19

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UM Special Sunday Offering for Native American Ministries

Sunday, May 12: Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Worship Theme: Caring For God's Sheep

Scriptures: Acts 9:30-43; John 10, selected verses

Prayer Shawl Dedication and Honoring "Mothers"

Sunday, May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship Theme: Love Who???

Scriptures: Acts 11:1-18; John 13:33-35

Sunday, May 26: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Theme: Divine GPS Scriptures: Acts 16:9-15

Sunday, June 2: Ascension Sunday & Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship Theme: Living In The Moment For Jesus

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11; Acts 16:25-34

Sacrament Of Holy Communion

Sunday, June 9: Pentecost Sunday

Worship Theme: Empowered For Ministry

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Our prayer chain uses the One Call Now system to send out prayer requests to the entire group at one time so that we can join together in prayer. If you need to have a request sent through the prayer chain, contact the church office at 410-687-9483 and the prayer will be sent out.

If you have a request after office hours and it is an urgent request that can't wait till the office opens, please call Vicki at 410-335-1870. Prayers will be sent out as soon as possible.

Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child—

we will begin collecting items for our November packing party. In May and June we will collect pocket size facial tissues, pens, and small notepads, flashlights and batteries, and socks. Bring the items to the box near the church office.

The JUNE Newsletter deadline is May 15th.

Please drop off your information at the church office or

send an email to oremsumc@verizon.net



Disciples of Yarn

An official count now reveals that six prayer shawls have been presented to those in need in the first three months of the year. The needs of the congregation continue to be met by those who prepare the shawls and give them to me for final preparation. I hope to have a prayer shawl blessing in May as there are over 30 prayer shawls that have been recently completed by our faithful crocheters. Many thanks to those who made this possible.

Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as the rest of the year moves forward to many more needs that we cannot yet anticipate.

If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. The dates and times are in your Church bulletin.

Blessings,

Dottie Daiger



NEEDLEBEES If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our group. If you enjoy a craft and would like to join us for fellowship while you craft, you are welcome at our meetings. We will meet on May 14th and May 28th at 6:30 p.m. in room 100 beside the church office.

Praising God Anyway!

An Easter Message in Times of Distress

From Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. - John 20:1

Before dawn, before the light had crested over the horizon and brought light just beyond the Place of the Skull. Before the sun beat back the lightlessness of the sky. Before the stars had fully receded from view and the moon gave way to day. Before dawn, the women arrived at the tomb and found it empty.

The stone had been removed.

We often associate light with bringing everything that is good and positive. But Jesus rose from the tomb while it was yet dark. The stone that held the One who was Very Man and Very God was pushed aside before the light rose in the eastern sky. While it was yet dark, death was defeated.

Some may ask how we can celebrate Easter when the very foundation of The United Methodist Church seems to be crumbling. How can we sing, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," or "He Arose," or "Because He Lives," when our beloved denomination is falling deeper into the abyss? The stone of division and exclusion and marginalization does not appear to have been removed, and you ask us to sing songs of joy and celebration? Yes!

We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, because it assures us that death will not have the last word. Evil will not have the last word. Empire will not have the last word. Human power and manipulation will not have the last word. Nothing can withstand the life-giving, death-defying, inclusive love of God.

I will forever be grateful for the witness and instruction of Rev. Dr. Anthony Campbell, my homiletics professor at Boston University School of Theology. His pedagogical prowess imparted many things that I will hold dear, but none more so than his unwavering demand that we experience Good Friday in all of its original agony. He cautioned us to refrain from rushing to the oft' quoted, "But, Sunday's coming" on Good Friday. Yes, in fact, it is, but one cannot fully embrace the joy and miracle of Easter without fully embodying the despair and woe of the day of crucifixion. It is anachronistic to experience every Good Friday in light of Easter. Those standing at the foot of the cross did not have the benefit of four gospels extolling the story. They had to wait in real time to learn the powerful truth.

And, after we have experienced Good Friday, we look toward Easter knowing the fulfillment of the promise has occurred. The miracle of Easter is so poignant and prescient because we have experienced Good Friday. And, ever since the women arrived at an empty tomb, we know to praise God even before the blessing is seen or experienced.

What may still feel like Good Friday within The United Methodist Church's story is already being transformed by a stone-moving God. We know for a fact that Sunday **is** coming for our beloved denomination. Sunday **is** coming for a world yet writhing in pain. While it is yet dark, the stone is being rolled away. In that faith, we can shout, "Alleluia!" With that confidence in our hearts, we can praise God anyway!

"Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned and said to him in Aramaic, '*Rabboni!*'" (John 20:15-16)

Jesus rose with all power in his hands and he is calling each of us by name. The teacher who transcended barriers of exclusion, ignored customs that divided, spoke with the marginalized, forgave the unforgivable and healed the terminal is teaching us that the stone of deceit cannot protect a tomb of lies. Praise God anyway!

In the words of Mark Miller, Associate Professor of Church Music and Composer in Residence at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, "I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining."

While it was yet dark, the stone had already been rolled away. Praise God anyway!

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all

MOTHERS

Happy Mather's Day



Beautiful and wonderful
they fill the earth
Gracious in Your call they
carry life
In a bond of love they bring
forth a child.

We ask You to bless all

MOTHERS today

May they feel the joys of motherhood
everyday
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**
be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today
The pride and beauty of a family they bear
Through all pain and sorrow Lord
deliver them
In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE**
may they always stay.

AMEN!

**Help Our
Mission!**

**The Center for
Pregnancy
Concerns**



The United Methodist Women continue to support *The Center for Pregnancy Concerns*.

This Center is reaching out to women who are in a time of their lives when they are vulnerable and in great need of support.

Linda Hall has baby bottles that can be filled with spare change and then returned to her to donate to the center. This is a great way to clear your pockets and help a worthy cause. This Center does not take Government funding but relies solely on donations from good folks like YOU.

*The Center accepts donations of Maternity Clothing, Baby clothes up to size 4 T, and other items a mother to be may need. You may drop off the donations at the Center at 442 Eastern Avenue or bring your donations to the Church (**Please have them marked For CPC or Center for Pregnancy**) and we will see that they are delivered to the Center. Also they are in need of Similac Advanced Formula in powder form. Thank you for helping with this mission.*

Dear Orem's,

I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their love, prayers, and concerns during this difficult time of my life. Orem's people have always been so loving and caring. I am so thankful for my Church family.

Love to all,

Martha Van Den Heuvel



Food Pantry needs

Spaghetti noodles and sauce, Cereal, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Canned hams, Beef stew, Rice a Roni, saltine crackers, Minuet Rice, Mashed potatoes and canned carrots.

The Elite Group
"90 and Over"



The Elite Group doesn't have a May birthday. I don't want to exclude anyone, and I don't know the birthdate of all the members of Orem's church. If you know of a member who is 89 and approaching 90, or has been missed on the "90 and over" list; please be a good "SNITCH" and let me know or call the church office.

It is a blessing to be a member of Orem's and especially one of the "Elite"

Love to all,

Mildred Shephard

If you have a graduate in your family—pre- K to Masters , we want to know. Let us celebrate with you. Contact the church office with name of student, school, degree, any honors or special certificates and future plans. We will have a special insert in a June Bulletin.



MEN OF OREMS

The Men of Orem will be meeting on May 23rd at 7 p.m.



We started our Pit Beef and Pit Ham sandwich sales in April—and will continue weather permitting on Thrift Shop day till October. We are looking forward to Chick Fil A Spirit night in June. Mark your calendars now for Wednesday night June 12th for Chick Fil A in Martin's Plaza.

CUT THIS SECTION OUT AND KEEP NEAR YOUR PHONE:

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One Call Now System is used to send out reminders and announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. Sometimes a call will experience a glitch and not leave a message or If you miss the message for some reason; you can replay the message by calling toll free 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message played for you.

United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.

OUR PURPOSE: *To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, To develop a creative supportive fellowship and To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

There will be a Kitchen Clean up day on May 3rd. More information at the UMW meeting on May 1st.

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on Tues, May 28th at Noon. Be sure to let Gloria Asbury know if you are attending so we can have enough seats. This is a great time of fellowship for our women.