



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday—Worship will be a Seder Meal at 6:00 p.m. at Back River United Methodist Church, where we will join together to find Christ in the Passover.

Good Friday—Worship at 7 p.m. at Orems

April 2016

Special points of interest:

- 1 Hall Closet Thrift Shop and Pit beef
- 2 Communion Service
- 3 Bible study
- 4 Bible study
Dundalk Chorale Concert
- 5 UMW meeting
Choir
- 6 Keenagers
- 8 Lunch Easter Bunny
- 10 Bible Study
- 11 Sarah Circle
Bible study
Needlebees
- 12 Chic Fil A Night
Choir
- 13 Lunch Bunch
Seder Meal at Back River
- 14 Good Friday
- 15 Newsletter deadline
- 16 Easter
- 17 Rachel Circle
- 20 VBS Meeting
- 22 Girl Scout Spaghetti
- 23 Prayer Shawl Blessing
- 25 Ladies Fellowship
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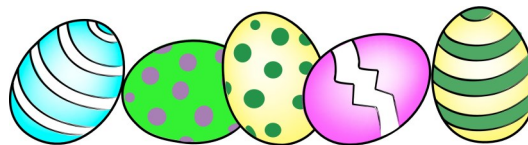
We will have a Sunrise Worship service at Orems at 6:00 a.m. on Easter morning. This service will be more casual. Come open your day as the women at the tomb did-greeting the morning with a big surprise!

Easter Celebration at 10 a.m. Our Traditional service with Choir and a small orchestra and Communion! Come worship the Risen Lord!

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Lunch with Easter Bunny at Orems Church

Saturday, April 8th 12 Noon to 2 pm in the Fellowship hall. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$5 per person and includes Cheese Pizza, dessert, drinks, craft and an Easter Egg Hunt. For tickets call Mary 410-686-5815



Our Theme for 2017 is *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1"*

Think about our theme, pray about our theme, strive to live our theme in 2017.

DEAR CHURCH

As I write this article I am looking out my window at the snow. For me it brings a sense of calm and peace, just like Jesus does for us. Let us remember nothing is better than knowing we have someone right there; in our best, stressed and worst moments.



The Orem's Choirs are in full swing rehearsing for the Death and Resurrection of our Savior. Please see all the information below:

I am assembling a MASS choir for Good Friday, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday. If you are interested in singing for any or all of these days, please see me. Rehearsal dates are 3/29, 4/5, and 4/12 at 7pm with the Sanctuary Choir and Resurrection choirs. Learning CD's and music provided. Please see Me, Judy Tolbert or Pat Pinning for information.

The Sanctuary Choir – Rehearses every Wednesday from 7- 8:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Anyone 18 or older is welcome. Music reading is NOT necessary but helpful, Just a joyful smile. Music and materials are provided.

The Resurrection choir – is comprised of folks who cant make the weekly commitment but join us for specific rehearsals to supplement the cantata, Holy days and special services. If you are 18 or above please join us- Dates and times are TBA. Music reading is not needed but again helpful. Materials and assistance provided.

In addition to these rehearsals we are closing out our concert series for the year. **Tuesday April 4th at 7:00 pm** the “Dundalk Christian Chorale” will present the “Faure Requiem” under the direction of Don Appel. I know that you will enjoy this concert. It is accompanied by Organ and small String Quartet.

Easter Sunday – April 16th at 10 Am- The combined Choirs will be joined with my exceptional Brass players, Timpani and Organ to celebrate the Resurrection of our KING.

Sunday April 30th at 4 pm- I will once again join Paul Binko – Acclaimed organist, Pianist and Accompanist in concert. We will be doing Organ/ piano duets, 4 hand organ duets and 2 piano duets. This concert will close out the season. As you can see we have lots of musical events going on. If you have any questions feel free to drop me a line.

Best always and **GO O'S**

Ben Boellner

Director of Music and Organist

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A Word From Our Pastor

Greetings Orem's

As we move closer to Easter, how is your Lent going? Has it been a time of transformation? A time of change? A time of Spiritual growth?

If not, there is always time to focus on God and seek growth in your relationship with Jesus. Of course, you do not have to only seek Spiritual growth during Lent, but can continue on or begin to seek growth anytime of the year. So take heart, Jesus is there and waiting for you at any time.

However, I do recommend taking time during these last couple of weeks before Easter to deliberately set aside daily time for reading the Bible, prayer, and at least weekly fasting on one morning a week. If you don't know what to read, I suggest reading Luke or John's Gospels. If you read Luke, move on to Acts when you finish. For prayer, even if you pray for just ten minutes a day (remember set apart: this doesn't include driving down the road), let five of those minutes be thanking God for all that you have been given. Thankfulness prayer, as it is called, is powerful and can change your entire outlook on life. Finally, if your doctor allows, fasting in the morning can be a good way to begin fasting. Admittedly, I need to work on my fasting, because I like to eat. Think of it not as sacrifice, but as a way to be filled with God's strength in the Spirit.

So I invite you to join me, or continue on, with these disciplines for the remainder of Lent. I will be fasting on Wednesday mornings, so join me in spirit if you are willing and able and let me know if you are. I'd love to hear how God is working in your life during these 40 days and nights.

And when Easter morning comes around it will be that much sweeter for us when we shout with praise:

"He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!"

What a joy we have to look forward to, in Christ.

Yours and His,

Pastor Chris

May Newsletter Deadline is April 15th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at oremsumc@verizon.net



Our One Call Now system sends out reminders and announcements of activities, meetings, and other announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. If you miss the message from our One Call you can replay the message by calling the toll free number 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

Cell Phones are still being collected as a fundraising mission through GRC recycling. There is a box in the connecting hallway to collect your unwanted cell phones.



Don't forget to collect those labels from Campbell's Soup and other food products. Look for the Campbell's Soup label collection bin in the hallway. The Box Tops will be donated to the Board of Childcare mission.



KEENAGERS

(fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Please join us for lunch and devotions. We supply the drink and dessert. We will meet on April 6th at 11:30 a.m.

Hope to see you there! Butch Frank

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken or hams, Jello and pudding, cookies, pancake mix, mac and cheese, and juice. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread. Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working. Your donations of food and money will help make someone's day.



Disciples of Yarn

The Prayer Shawl Mission continues to flourish at Orem's. Many shawls were given out in the months of January and February.

Also, I now have a significant numbers of "Prayer Shawls in waiting" provided by my faithful crocheters.

Another large bag of baby hats provided to us by the ladies in Jarrettsville were once again delivered to the Women's Center at Franklin Square Hospital. This time I was assisted by Pat Foard as my driving skills took a while to return after surgery.

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 to all, 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, you are welcome at our meetings. April 11th and 25th at 6:30 p.m. in room 100

SLOTH IS NOT A 3-TOED TREE-DWELLING BEAR

Just the sound of the word is painful. It doesn't roll off the tongue as smoothly as other, kinder words does it?

Well yes, the sloth could be a 3-toed bear that lays around and eats ants with its unusual food gathering apparatus. How the bear was named that in first place might tell us more of the creature.

But, sloth is one of the seven deadly sins identified by early church leaders. Its meaning is very broad. As it relates to Stewardship (and it does), we can say it has to do with the following:

"Knowing what to do, and being too lazy to do it."

Being too lazy might be a little harsh. Let's soften that a bit. There are many opportunities in our Church life. Do we take advantage of those opportunities? When we do, we grow. When we don't, we miss that opportunity of growth. Further, when we don't grow, we miss the mark. When we miss the mark, we sin.

Years ago, I didn't look at sin quite that way. Sin was a list of everything I did wrong, and from that, I had a permanent ticket on the Guilt Trip Express. But then the concept of sin defined as 'missing the mark' became evident. Jesus set the mark. God speaks through the Bible clearly: "This is my son in whom I am well pleased. LISTEN TO HIM" (caps are mine). And what does Jesus tell us? "Worship the Lord with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself." Sounds like a mark to me. How about you?

The Stewardship of time...giving time and energy to those things that make the Church go and grow. Orem's has a proud history of volunteerism. Orem's can always use more. Our comfort zones get in the way sometimes, because we avoid stepping out and leading or participating.

Most folks don't volunteer because they think they're not qualified, not due to laziness. One thought: God doesn't call qualified people – God qualifies the called!

The closer we get to the mark, the further away we are from sin. The Stewardship of Time...one more thing we get to do for God's Church. Awesome!

Norris Tingle – Stewardship Chair

MEMORIAL FUND

The following memorials have been given in memory and of loved ones.



In memory of:

Micheal Biebl given by Keenagers, Pat Pining, Charlotte and John West, Fran and Butch Frank

Robert Shifflett given by Elizabeth Bennet for Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Yours in Christ,

Madeline Kikola

Memorial Fund Treasurer

Volunteers in Mission Leader Training (VIM)

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Leader Training will equip you to lead a VIM trip by training you on all VIM procedures, selecting your destination and project, registering your trip, recruiting a volunteer team, obtaining volunteer accident insurance and necessary travel documents.

DATE: Saturday, April 29, 2017, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Baltimore-Washington Conference Mission Center,

11711 East Market Place, Fulton, MD US 20759

COST: \$25.00 For additional information, Contact Pam Bowen, pbowen@bwcumc.org



LITTLE FEET Don't forget our Little Feet Mission through the year! Little Feet supplies the 4 local schools with socks, and underwear sizes 6 to 14 for boys and girls, elastic waist pants sizes small through extra large. Also new or gently used shoes are always welcome. If you have any questions, ask Kathy Cunningham **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices.** These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.



PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

We have a prayer chain at Orem's United Methodist Church. 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.

MEN OF OREMS

The Men of Orem will be meeting on April 27th at 7 p.m.



We hope to start our Pit Beef sandwich sales in April— weather permitting on Thrift Shop day— April 1st. We are looking forward to a Chic Fil A night on April 12th and a Ledo's night on June 21st. Flyers will be available in the connecting hallway.

We want to thank everyone who attended our Spaghetti dinner. It was a wonderful success!

Girl Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
at Orem United Methodist Church.
Help support the girl scout troops that meet at Orem Church by attending their fundraiser dinner on Saturday April 22nd.

Time is 4p.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost is \$5 for adults,

\$3 Children 10 and under,

Children under 5 are free.

We are having spaghetti with / without meat sauce, bread, salad, an ice cream bar and refreshments.



**Spaghetti
Dinner**

**Tickets available
at the door**



*Orem United Methodist
Women*

Annual Tea

May 6, 2017

2 pm

Reservations Required

\$25.00

**For tickets or info call Pat
Foard 443 677-1871**



Streets of Hope

The Appreciation Luncheon and Annual Meeting of Churches for Streets of Hope will be held on Sunday, May 21, at Zion UCC Education Building beginning at 1:30 PM.

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. Orem's scholarship applications must be in by May 14th. 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 next Council meeting. We would like to present the scholarships to our Recipients at the worship service on June 18th.

Ruth Bundick Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established by the United Methodist Women to honor a long time member. This fund is supported by the UMW and others who wish to donate to it. Recipients will:

- Be a member of Orem's UMC

- Be accepted by a college, University or full time school (post high school, trade, apprentice). The school must be in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church.

- Show evidence of financial need.

- Be enrolled as a full time student.

Willard Ray Memorial Scholarship. Established by the estate of long time Orem's member Willard Ray. Mr. Ray faithfully modeled strong Christian principles in his personal and professional life. The award is to further the good news of Jesus Christ so that Jesus' followers may go into the world to spread the news of salvation through Christ. It is the goal and focus of this scholarship to further the professional and personal lives of Christians so that they may better serve Jesus all the days of their lives. Those receiving this award are expected to give a high priority to honesty and ethical conduct, and the furthering of their understanding of biblical conduct for their lives.

Recipients will:

- Profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior.

- Live a Christian life as exemplified by the teachings of Jesus understood through biblical principles.

- Courses of study should further higher education leading to improvement of employment opportunities, and not furthering recreational, hobbies, or similar activities.

- First priority is given to members of Orem's who have demonstrated their love for the Lord as evidenced in all they do and say. If no qualified member is chosen, applications for children or grandchildren of members will be considered.

- The Orem's Council has final approval of the selected recipient.

Mission!

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



Linda Hall has baby bottles that can be filled with spare change and then returned to her to donate to the center. 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. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.



Thank you to everyone who helped at the shoe making kit party and for donations to this mission. For more information please visit www.solehope.org or email Laura Dembeck at ljburgess01@yahoo.com

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. **Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.**

“You don't have to be a member of The United Methodist Church to join. Our membership is diverse, women of many races, cultures, languages, young and old. There is no minimum age requirement”
(new.gbqm-umc.org)

OUR PURPOSE:

“United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is: 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.”

CO-PRESIDENTS	MARY EISELY MARGARET ENEY
VICE PRESIDENT	CHARLOTTE WEST
SECRETARY	NITA HATCHER
TREASURER	DOTTIE DAIGER

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on Tues, April 25th 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. Please join us.



LENTEN FOODS FOR SALE –Piney Grove United Methodist Church is once again selling their delicious Lenten Foods. Padded Oysters - \$3.00, 5 oz. Crab Cakes - \$6.00, Salmon cakes - \$3.00, 1 lb containers of Cole slaw, potato salad, or macaroni salad - \$3.00, or homemade Cinnamon Cake - \$4.00. Orders must be received by Wednesday 4 p.m. for Friday pick up 1 to 6 pm in their Church Fellowship Hall. All freshly made in the church kitchen. Call 410-335-6255 to place your order.

Pastor Chris and Laura are going to Dominican Republic in June. We hope to have a list of items that you can donate soon. In the meantime, please pray for the mission.

Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas

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



St Matthew Lutheran Church invites you to a seminar on May 6th **MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION**. How could Luther succeed when others had failed? This seminar explores the background of reform efforts, the life of “a man who changed the world,” and the other 16th century reformers and the Reformation movement with guest speaker Dr Paul Maier. Dr Maier is a widely acclaimed author and speaker and retired Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University, Dr. Maier is one of our country’s leading authorities on the biblical world. And often interviewed on radio and television. Doors open at 9 am with presentation to begin at 9:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be included in your \$20 ticket cost.

Call to make reservations at 410-456-6735. Checks may be made to St Matthew Lutheran Church.