



# OREMS BEACON

## Orems United Methodist Church

**Light of Bethlehem**, a Cantata will be presented by the Orems United Methodist Church Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs and Readers on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. under the direction of Mr. Ben Boellner. Come Celebrate the wonder of His Birth.

December 2016

Special points of interest:

- Dec 1 Keenagers  
Advent Study
- 3 Hall Closet Thrift
- 4 Communion Service  
Pot Luck and Friendly  
Beast Play
- 6 Advent Study  
Needlebees
- 7 UMW  
Choir & Cantata
- 8 Lunch Bunch  
Advent Study
- 10 Rehearsal : Cantata
- 11 Light of Bethlehem
- 13 Sarah Circle  
Advent Study
- 14 Choir
- 15 Advent Study
- 18 Angel Tree Gifts DUE
- 19 Rachel Circle
- 21 Choir
- 24 Family service  
Concert  
Candlelight
- 25 Christmas
- 25-January 1 Office Closed

Please see calendar page for all events:

Sunday School

Pre K to Adults 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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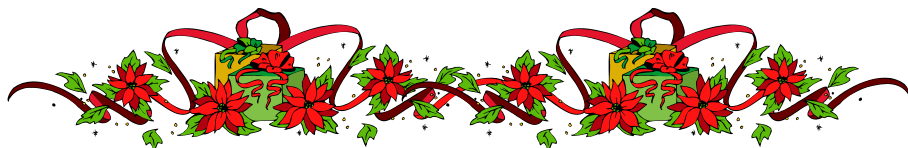
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The Sunday School Children will be presenting The Friendly Beast on December 4th at 4:30 p.m. with a Pot Luck Dinner with the Congregation. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, good food and get in the Christmas spirit with our Sunday school children.



## CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service. Our service is Children friendly and made for families to worship together to welcome the Christ Child

9:30 p.m. Enhance your Christmas Eve celebration with a time of music with a Candlelight Christmas Concert presented by Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist of Orems Church featuring the Organ and Piano.

11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service featuring the organ and Orems Choir.

Sunday Morning 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Dear Church-**

**I hope that everyone is doing well. Can you believe Christmas is coming. With all that comes a plethora of wonderful musical events you DON'T want to miss.**

**Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 my trumpeter and talented friend Richard Auffarth will be presenting his senior recital here at the church. It will feature his quintet, piano and Organ. This is something that you won't want to miss.**

**The Christmas cantata "Light of Bethlehem" will be presented in worship on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Both Chancel and sanctuary choirs have worked incredibly hard on this work. I look forward to seeing you all there.**

**Christmas Eve December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm will be the family service with piano and organ accompaniment**

**I will be presenting the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Candlelight concert at 9:30 p.m. Mr Paul Binko who joined me for a recital back in October will be joining me again for this event.**

**At 11 pm we will be doing the traditional Candlelight service with all choirs and organ. I also would like to add We will be joined by Guest conductor Dr Richard Disharoon as well as Mr Paul Binko and my talented brass.**

**Orems Family- You are in for a TREAT this holiday season. Stay tuned for more wonderful things as we move closer towards the Saviors birth.**

**The Chancel Choir is the primary choir of Orem's Church- These folks are all volunteer and sing most every Sunday, Holy days, Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. We meet on Wednesday Evening at 7 pm in the sanctuary. This group is open to folks 16 and older. You do not need to read music but it is helpful. We provide all the materials you need. The time commitment is every Wednesday and as needed.**

**The Sanctuary choir is comprised of folks who want to sing with the choir on special occasions such as the cantata, holy days but can not commit every week. All materials are provided to you. You supply the desire to sing and Glorify God. We have a great time full of music, laughter and love.**

**Remember HE is the reason for the season.**

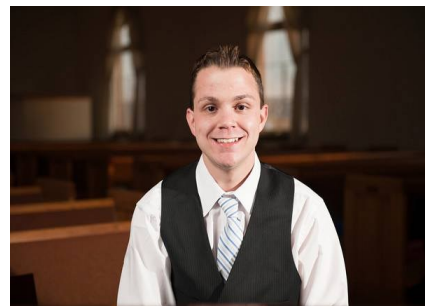
Ben Boellner,

Director of Music and Organist,  
Bboellner1992@gmail.com

**KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)**

We will meet on December 1st for our Christmas celebration. Bring a \$10 unisex gift.

Hope to see you there! Butch Frank



## MOO NEWS



**The MEN OF OREMS will not be meeting in December due to the Christmas Holiday.**

**The Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MOO to raise money for the care of Orem's Cemetery will take place March 11th. Tickets will be available in January.**

**The MOO will be meeting the fourth Thursday in January. Watch for more information in the January newsletter.**

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**Lunch Bunch is held on Thursday December 8th at 12 noon at Jad's restaurant. If you plan to attend, please call the Church office by Tuesday Dec. 6th. Thank you!**



## From Your Pastor

Hello Orem's,

I trust that your Advent is going well and you are preparing yourself for Christ's coming on Christmas. This is an exciting time of year often marked by the highs and lows of the season. Some of the highs might be family get-togethers, decorating the house, or baking cookies, and some of the lows could be the same examples with added stress. As we all know, sometimes getting together with family can be difficult, decorating the house can be frustrating, and baking cookies only works out as long as you don't burn them!

But what I want to focus on is something different than those activities which might stress us out, even though they each have been named the normal activities for the Christmas season in our society. The questions I hope you ponder this Advent is: Why did God come to earth in the flesh? Why is God's incarnation in Jesus so essential to Christianity? Was it just for the beautiful pictures of the Jesus, Mary, and Joseph on Christmas Cards or the Nativity scenes we will see on display all over, or is there something more to its importance? I invite you to pray and think about these questions and more throughout this season of Advent, because if we are not careful we will lose focus on what matters, which is the Son of God being born in the flesh, and begin to focus on what doesn't: the exchanging of gifts, the decorations, the cookies. All of these can be good, but if they become our focus we have lost the point of the season.

So continue to be in a state of prayer and contemplation as we wait expectantly for Christ to come. Pray for God to give you the eyes to look on the Christmas story anew, and the ears to hear them told like it was for the first time. The story is so profound, so shocking, that we should be able to gain something new from it each year, or at the very least, marvel in it once more being lost in wonder and awe at what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

We need no longer seek God, for God is with us. Emmanuel.

We need no longer search. He is right here with us.

Amazing!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chris



## Food Pantry News

We were able to provide 9 families with a Happy Thanksgiving, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation. Now that Thanksgiving is over we must begin to plan for December.

Our food pantry will be stocking up for Christmas baskets. If you are able to help us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, canned potatoes, canned yams, Rice, Jello and pudding, Cereals, soups, saltine crackers, canned fruit, stuffing mix, Beef stew, sauerkraut, cookies, and Spaghetti noodles. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

We will be purchasing Turkeys or Hams for the Christmas baskets. Your monetary donations, help us shop for these items. Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working.

Your donations of food and money will help make someone's Christmas a Happy and Blessed one.

Thanks again

Pixie Faulkner

Food Pantry Coordinator

## Hall Closet Shop News

Our Thrift shop accepts donations of men, women and children clothing, bedding, books, toys, shoes, and household goods. Due to an overwhelming response, we have put a hold on accepting donations till mid December. The monthly sale day has been a very successful contribution to the church general budget. It is also a great way to reach out to our community.

Our next two open days are December 3rd and January 7th The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Shop for decorations, clothing and specialty items for Christmas and year round. There are two shopping rooms with many bargains. Come join us on our next shopping day.



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. And Winter coats and jackets. **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices. These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.**

## Angel Tree Mission



The tree is up with the names of Children and their list of Christmas Wishes. If you prefer, you may donate money and we will shop for you. Adopt a child for the season by filling out the Angel Log with your name, the Child's name and code written on the Angel. Please remember that this is the only Christmas gifts this child will receive. Team up with a friend and expand your shopping money. Please Help us provide a good Christmas for children from the Middle River area. **Gifts must be returned to the Church by December 18th.** Thank you for supporting this mission.



Stewardship Dec 2016 Beacon

**When We Become a Candle**

*On Sunday, we celebrated All Saints' Day. There were rows of candles, unlit, sitting on a table in the front of the Church. They represented the saints that had gone on before us this year. As a name was called, the candle was lit. Members of the congregation stood in silent memory of those who were friends and family. A single chime rang out. That person's memory was committed to the never ending river of saints that have passed through the doors of Orems UMC.*

*What was it those folks did that enriched our Church? Was it their service? Perhaps the programs or missions in which they participated? What was their legacy to Orems from which we have benefited? Endless casseroles for Church dinners or memorial services or maybe a financial gift to a memorial fund. The sum total of their being--time, talent, and gifts—had now blended into our rich history.*

*Sitting there in the choir bench and being close to the candles, the thought occurred: one day, I, too, will be a candle on that table on some future All Saints Day. Now this is not a depressing thought at all, because there is still time to determine what our legacy will be. A sobering thought, yet exhilarating at the same time, because it is still in our control.*

*That's what Stewardship is about, taking care of the things we've been given and leaving it better than we found it. It's not about what one person can do. It's about what all of us can do, great and small. All are equal in God's eyes.*

*For information or suggestions, please feel free to call. These conversations are confidential and informational. Over coffee or on the phone, there is no obligation whatsoever. My cell is 410-440-3764.*

*Norris Tingle – Stewardship Chair*

Advent Bible Study -Nikki Hart will lead the daytime study starting on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm and Pastor Chris will lead the evening study December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. The study is "Under Wraps" an Advent Study. It will run for 5 weeks. Books are \$9.00. Please make check out to Orems Church. Place in an envelope marked "Advent Study". To register call the office at 410-687-9483.



## Disciples of Yarn

The month of October continues to be busy for the members of the Disciples of Yarn. I continue to be encouraged by the many shawls that are completed and given to me for safe-keeping. There were several prayer shawls provided to those in need during October and early November.

There were a large number (about 130) of baby hats that were completed by the ladies in Jarrettsville and given to me by Karen Dull that I took to the Women's Center at Franklin Square Hospital. I could hear the nurses and others in the area talking about how lovely the hats were as I waited for the elevator to return to the main floor. It was nice to know that the hats are treasured so much.

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 Needlebees group on Tuesday December 6th and 27th at 6:30 p.m. If you enjoy a craft and would like to join us for fellowship while you craft, you are welcome at our meetings.



Christmas caroling – Join us on an evening in December to carol the neighborhood. We did this a few years ago and it was a wonderful evening of singing and fellowship. Watch your weekly bulletin and expect a One Call once a date is set for this event.

## Sunday School News

We celebrated Children's Day in church on November 13<sup>th</sup>. It was an exciting time for the Sunday school children to participate in the service. We hope that everyone enjoyed the songs that were sung. They did a great job! Please remember to pray for the child whose name that you have. They truly are the foundation for the future of our church.

Our Christmas play "The Friendly Beasts" and covered dish dinner is on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin the dinner at 4:30 this year so it will not be a late night for our children. We are planning on starting the program immediately after dinner. Please remember to bring a dish to share with everyone.

We will not be having Sunday school on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> so that everyone can enjoy time with their families.

Hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas!

The Sunday school Staff



### *To Love Us So*

*by Vicki Glenn Borreson*

*To love us so that you came to be  
A small child in a manger bed  
Not in a warm palace, or temple splendor  
but simply where the stock is fed  
God with us where we live and work  
This messy world full of sin  
You who deserve our greatest gifts  
Held back the mighty power within  
Creator of the Universe now lays  
Wrapped in his mother's shawl  
Stepped from his Heavenly throne above  
To come redeem us all*



### Christmas Prayer

Child of Bethlehem—house of bread;  
Man of Jerusalem—city of peace;  
you have loved us  
without limit or condition;  
in our greatness and in our misery,  
in our folly and in our virtue;  
may your hand be always upon us  
and may your heart be within us,  
so that we too may become  
bread and peace for one another.

#### Group leaders:

**If you are planning a meeting or event, please notify the office so that it can be added to our calendar. This is important for insurance purposes as well as avoiding conflicts with room usages. Thank you.**

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.



## Help Our Mission!

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. The Center is accepting 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.*



# United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 7th 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.”***

Remember to bring Christmas Cookies to the December meeting. One dozen for the meeting and One dozen for Charity.

Thank you for your generous donations of Body wash for the Board of Child Care last month. These gifts are truly appreciated by the children who live at the Board of Child Care.

**January Newsletter Deadline is December 12th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net)**



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.



### One Call Now System

We use the One Call Now system to send out reminders and announcements of activities, meetings, fund raiser events 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. If you are not currently receiving the messages, contact the church office so that we can put you in our system.

### Guidelines for use of One Call Now System

The One Call Now system will be used to:

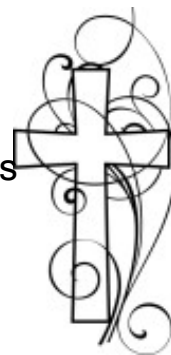
1. Announce meetings and activities happening at the church or an activity connected to the Church that is happening elsewhere. (such as Orem's members serving a meal at a homeless shelter, etc)
2. Alert members to cancellation of church services, meetings or activities due to weather or other circumstances.
3. Announce the death of a member or regular attendee to Orem's, or a friend of the congregation if the family requests it.



***2017 Offering envelopes will be available December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like offering envelopes and you are not on our list, please notify the church office at 410-687-9483 and we can have envelopes available for you.***

### Memorial Fund

The following memorials have been given in Honor or in Memory of loved ones



#### In memory of

**Ruth Bundick** Scholarship - given by the United Methodist Women

**Robert Shifflett** given by Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Brown, Michael and Gail Papesh, Tom and Gabbie Matyseh and Colleen Calimer

**Clay Tolbert** given by Butch and Fran Frank, Keenagers

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ  
Donna Winner,  
Memorial Fund Treasurer

As we **Share** these  
Christmas Candles  
We will close  
our eyes to **Pray**  
And let our lost  
Loved Ones know  
They are **Missed**  
here every day

all-greatquotes.com



# THANKS

Dear Orem's Family

Thank you to all for the cards, phone calls and prayers during my Cataract surgeries.

Love

Gloria Asbury

Dear Orem's,

You all are amazing, Have I ever told you that? Orem's church is such a wonderful and warm congregation and my family and I can truly feel your support and prayers. I also want to say thank you for the card and gift for "Pastor Appreciation Month." It was such a splendid surprise to receive. While I try not to do what I do for recognition, it always feels nice to be appreciated; I think we can all relate to this. I want you to know, as I say as often as possible, that I am just so grateful to be with you all in this season. I think the world of you and thank God for each of you every day! May God continue to bless Orem's and all of its fine members!

In Christ, Pastor Chris



Altar Flowers grace our altar and enhance our worship. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, sign up on the Flower Chart that will be in the Narthex by mid December. Flowers Are \$35 and can be paid in cash or check to Orem's Church.

Please notify the church office if you have specific flower or color requests at least 2 weeks before your date. Also remember to give the office your flower dedication for the bulletin at least 2 weeks before the date.

Thank you for helping to beautify our worship space .



## Christmas Card Delivery Service

Christmas is just around the corner. Gloria Asbury will again be offering the card delivery to church members. A box is set out in the narthex for the Christmas cards for your fellow church family. The cards will be distributed the Sunday before Christmas.

## Poinsettia Order Form

Call in your Flower order to the office 410-687-9483 or email at [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net). **Order due by Thursday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**, Cost \$7.00, Payment due with order. Please state Red or White Poinsettias



Please state the wording you would like (in memory, honor, thanks, to the Glory of God, etc.)

Thank you for allowing Orem's to borrow your plant to beautify our altar during the Christmas season.

You may take your poinsettia home after the candle-light worship service on Christmas Eve.

# Leadership Team 2017

## Council

Council Chair	Sallie Tyner	Pastor	Christopher Dembeck
Recording Secretary	Linda Tingle (2)	Lay Member to Annual Conference	TBA
Co-Lay Leaders	Merlyn Campbell (3), Norris Tingle (3)		

## Program

Church History Chair	Karen Dull	Men of Orem	Butch Frank
Christian Education Chair	Mary Eisely	Keenagers	Butch Frank
Evangelism/Membership	Terry Alexander	Missions Chair	Kathy Egner
Worship	Lisa Hoerger (1)		
UM Women President	Margaret Eney/ Mary Eisely (UMW elect their own)		
Youth representative	Jacob McNeal (1)		
Youth Coordinators			

## Resources

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development Pastor Chris Dembeck

Finance Chair	Linda Hall
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Assistant Treasurer	Charlotte West (4)
Financial Secretary	Linda Hall
Staff Parish Relations	Pat Pining
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## **Christian Education** Chair: Mary Eisely

Teachers:	Robin Hoch, Marge Harrison, Margaret Eney, Lisa Hoerger, Holly Paape
Youth teachers:	Terry Alexander and Brian Paape
Seekers (adult):	Karen Dull

## **Nurture, Evangelism, and Church Membership** Chair: Terry Alexander

Kathy Cunningham (Membership Secretary) Pixie Faulkner (Congregational Care)

### Class of 2017      Class of 2018      Class of 2019

Nikki Hart	Kathy Cunningham	Kathy Brogley
Ron Fink	Margaret Eney	Michele McNeal

## **Missions and Outreach** Chair: Kathy Egner

Angel Tree	Vicki Borreson	Girl Scout Representative	Margaret Eney
Board of Child Care	TBD	Homeless Ministry	Lynn Clough
Disciples of Yarn/Prayer Shawl	Dottie Daiger	Samaritan's Purse	Michele McNeal
Food Pantry	Pixie Faulkner	Thrift Store	Linda Hall
Little Feet	Kathy Cunningham		

**Worship**

Chair: Lisa Hoerger (1)

Christopher Dembeck (pastor)

Norris Tingle (Lay leader)

Merlyn Campbell (wedding coordinator and Lay Leader)

Annette Falkenhan (wedding coordinator)

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Mike Walters (projection coordinator)

Ben Boellner ( music director)

Class of 2019Class of 2020Class of 2021

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Merle Vickers Nikki Hart

Sara Beth Dulina

**Finance**

Chair: Linda Hall (4)

Jim McVicker (Treasurer)

Charlotte West (Assistant Treasurer)

Madeline Kikola (Memorial fund secretary)

Linda Hall (Financial Secretary)

Merlyn Campbell (Lay Leader)

Norris Tingle (Stewardship/Endowment Chair) Sallie Tyner ( Council Chair)

Pat Pinning (SPRC Chair)

Jeff Eney (Trustee Chair)

Carl Horst

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Mary Eisely (Christian Education Chair)

Madeline Kikola (Memorial Fund Treasurer)

Margaret Eney ( United Methodist Women President)

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Gloria Asbury

Mary Eisely

Trish Alvey

Dottie Lay

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