



# OREMS BEACON

## Orems United Methodist Church

### Wesleyan Small Group begins

#### Special points of interest:

#### FEBRUARY

- 1 UMW Choir
- 2 Keenagers Finance Meeting
- 3 Heart Association Wear Red Day
- 4 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
- 5 Communion Service Log Cabin Candy Sale begins today till March 12th
- 7 Wesleyan small group
- 8 Choir
- 9 Lunch bunch
- 12 United Methodist Women Sunday
- 14 Sarah Circle
- 20 Rachel Circle
- 22 Choir
- 23 MOO
- 28 Ladies Fellowship Lunch

Please see calendar page for all events:

8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers Class, and Sunday School Pre K to 5th grade

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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Support Go Red For Women by participating in National Wear Red Day® on **Friday, February 3, 2017** and [donate](#) to help fund research during American Heart Month.



**Why Go Red?** Heart disease and stroke cause 1 in 3 deaths among women each year, killing approximately one woman every 80 seconds. Fortunately, stroke events may be prevented with education and action. That's why this year we are asking that you wear red on **National Wear Red Day®** and [Donate](#) to Go Red For Woman. By doing so you help support educational programs to increase women's awareness and critical research to discover scientific knowledge about cardiovascular health. And don't forget to make your heart health a priority. Schedule your [Well-Woman Visit](#), a prevention check-up to review a woman's overall health so her doctor can measure blood pressure, check cholesterol and look for signs of heart disease, stroke and other illnesses. Then encourage others through your social channels to do the same using the hashtags, #GoRedWearRed and #WellWomenVisit.

Article taken from the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Website

Ladies, we should all get checked and know that signs of a heart attack are often different from a man's. If you are having chest pains you should head to the doctor or the Emergency Room.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

February 12th we join together for worship and to recognize the United Methodist Women with a Litany and presentation of the Life Pins. The Congregation is asked to wear Red to recognize the event and the group. The bulletin will have information about UMW projects and missions.

**UMW Log Cabin Candy Sales (fund raiser) begins Sunday, February 5th and ends on Sunday, March 12th. Candy folders are available from any UMW member or in the Narthex. Payment is due with the candy order. Candy Delivery will be on or before, March 26th**



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*

Dear Church—

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Advent and Christmas music. Thank you for all the lovely comments about our Christmas Cantata. Now we step into Winter months and look forward to Spring and Lent.

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, and 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.



Please Stay tuned to the bulletin and newsletters for music news and updates. Neat things are coming in the spring. Interested? Come and find out!

**In His name,** Ben Boellner,  
Director of Music and Organist,  
443-691-7765  
Bboellner1992@gmail.com

**KEENAGERS** (fellowship group for those 55 and over) We will meet on February 2nd at 11:30 a.m. For Pizza, Devotions and fellowship.

Hope to see you there! Butch Frank



## **A Word From Our Pastor**

Happy February,

In case you haven't heard yet, our church scripture theme for 2017 is Hebrews 12:1, which reads:

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.

Isn't this such a powerful verse?! I am so excited by it, but then I begin to think about what it *should* mean for my life. What "throwing off everything that hinders" means for you will likely be different than what it means for me. We all have a unique calling through our baptisms. Nevertheless, we are each called to do this: to get rid of sin and to cast it out, for it weighs us down and holds us back from a greater relationship with God. How appropriate, then, is it that we are nearing Lent, when we often give something up or undertake some new spiritual discipline in our lives?

I invite you to begin thinking about what needs to be "thrown off" in your life or even added to better run your race during Lent this year. Just so you know, we will be offering the "40 day Spiritual Disciplines Challenge" again, along with an Adam Hamilton Bible Study on the Apostle's Creed, and beginning to form our first Wesleyan Small Group under Nikki Hart's leadership on every other Tuesday at 1pm at her home.

In the meantime, know that I am in prayer for you and I covet your prayers as we are all in this race together as we are united in Christ our Lord.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Chris

**"All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return."**

Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV

**We will have a service to observe  
Ash Wednesday on March 1st at 7  
p.m. We look forward to worshipping  
with our sister church - Back River  
United Methodist Church as they join  
us for this worship service.**



**Ash Wednesday Service**

## 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 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

If you are able to help with donations, it would be greatly appreciated. Here is the list of needed items: Pancake mix, Canned Chicken, canned hams, Jello and pudding, saltine crackers, Beef stew, cookies, peanut butter and jelly, 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 will help make someone's day.



**Church office or email at  
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## Disciples of Yarn

The month of December proved to be a challenge for me due to recent surgery. However, help from friends at church allowed me to continue to be informed on the continued success of the Prayer Shawl mission. I have also been able to keep up with the newly dispensed shawls and will provide new ones for the Narthex and office as needed.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every member at Orem who have sent prayers and good wishes my way for a good recovery. I continue to have follow up visits with my doctor and the final outcome of the surgery will not be known until about the end of February. So, your continued good wishes are appreciated very much.

If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join Karen at the next Needlebees meeting.

Blessings, Dottie Daiger

## Dear Disciples of Yarn

When my mother in law, Nancy Dewlin, gave me the beautiful prayer shawl you made, I was touched by your thoughtfulness. It brings me peace when I wrap it around me. Having cancer can be scary, but the shawl brings comfort when I pray to Jesus for healing and peace. Thank you so very much.

Susan Dewlin

## **LITTLE FEET MISSION**

**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. 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.**



**There is a basket in the Narthex to collect the cards. You can submit blank cards and our Sun-**

**day Schoolers will fill them out OR you can submit cards with your own personal messages of encouragement and well wishes. (Please do not seal the envelopes.) These cards will then be given to the non-profit organization For the Love of a Veteran to be distributed to our men and women in the military, letting them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for helping this ministry to support our armed services personnel.**

## **NEEDLEBEES**

If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our Needlebees 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 Feb 7th, 21st, March 7th and March 21st

## **Memorial Fund**



The following memorials have been given in memory of or in honor of loved Ones.

### **In memory of**

**Norman Miller** given by Mildred Shephard , Karen and Jack Winner , Melissa and Gary Rank, Cindy and Bill Farmer, Donna and John Winner.

**Clay Tolbert** given by Judy Tolbert and Ed Murphy

**Rose Scarcella** given by Mildred Shephard

**Robert Shifflett** given by Mildred Shepard, George and Lynn Kasch, Albert and Barbara Fabian

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ  
Madeline Kikola,  
Memorial Fund Treasurer



**Thank you all for allowing me the privilege of holding the position of Memorial Fund Treasurer for so many years.**

**Love to all,  
Donna Winner**



# Sunday School News

Thank you to everyone who attended our Covered Dish and Christmas Play! The children gave a wonderful performance.

We are back to Sunday school and planning the rest of this Sunday school year.

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate Valentine's Day

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate St. Pat's Day

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Easter Party

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Easter - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

May 21<sup>st</sup> – last day of Sunday school until September

July 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Vacation Bible School

As we add events to the calendar we will keep you informed.

Blessings,

The Sunday School Staff

## Angel Tree Thank You



Thank you so much for your generous help at Christmas. The families were overwhelmed with gratitude! God Bless your church, Janet Newman, Victory Villa Elementary School

Thank you so much for including Glenmar Elementary in your Christmas mission program. Your kindness and generosity was appreciated by the students and their families. You helped more than I could ever explain! Your church demonstrated the true meaning of the Holiday season, and through your gracious actions, helped make Christmas a little more merry and bright for our families. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and wish all at Orem's Church a very happy and healthy new year.

Jessica Platt, School Counselor, Glenmar Elementary School

**Stewardship – Feb 2017**  
**WE NEVER KNOW WHO WE TOUCH**

**Sometimes the smallest of efforts yields the greatest effect on people we'll never know.**

**It always seems there are more giving opportunities than there are dollars to give. The United Methodist Church has a never-ending list of Advances to which to give. Crises come and go, and we are asked to contribute to them. Money...money...money! Does it ever stop? Well—in a word—no! Do the needs ever get satisfied? Do crises end, never to spring up again? The answer: no and again no. It's just the way of things.**

**Case in point: Steve Smith, Sr., wide receiver for the Baltimore Ravens and the Carolina Panthers retired after the Bengals game on January 1. He's been an incredible athlete for the past seventeen years. In watching his biography on A Football Life, he was grateful to all those who anonymously helped him in his early youth. You see, Steve Smith was an Angel Tree Child. He acknowledged that, growing up in a dirt poor home in California, he, his mother and his siblings could not have survived without the charity of others. And he was grateful for all that help...genuinely grateful.**

**After spending a career literally fighting for yardage after catching the football on the field, off the field Steve Smith is a different person. His wife and family and their time together is foremost in his life. He is paying his good fortune forward for the benefit of others, both here in Maryland and in North Carolina.**

**The Christmas Season is passing, the Angel Tree has been put away, the packages distributed. We will never know whom we have touched, but that's not the point, is it? Whether the Angel Tree or another opportunity that we have, the anonymous touch is what's important.**

**As John Wesley reminds us: Get all you can, save all you can and give all you can, and each according to our gifts and abilities.**

**Norris Tingle - Stewardship**

## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Prayer plays a very important part in all of our lives. Each of us can likely tell a story about how prayers touched us, helped us in time of need or perhaps helped us in healing.

We have a prayer chain at Orem's United Methodist Church using our One Call System. If you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, or if you have prayer to send along; please call Vicki at the church office at 410-687-9483. With our One Call system in place, we can send out the prayer to everyone on our prayer chain list at the same time so that all can pray as a unit as we get the information. You will not need to call anyone to further this prayer along our chain but we encourage you to contact others who are not on our chain to spread our prayers wider. Prayer is a powerful tool and praying with others strengthens our faith and theirs. The Power of Prayer—PASS IT ON!!



## Hall Closet Thrift Shop

The year 2016 was a very good year. We closed out the year with the total sales of \$15,669.00 This is \$2858.00 more than 2015 sales.

We thank everyone who donated to our shop as well as the shoppers.

Also a very BIG THANK YOU to the volunteer staff that makes all this run smoothly—Pat Robertson, Dottie Lay, Nikki Hart, Vicki Metzger, Heather O' Carroll, Sara Beth Dulina, Merlyn Campbell, Lisa Hoerger, and Kathy Egner, and added new staff members Pat Foard and Susan Winkler. Also thanks to Merle Clough for the Friday set ups.

Our thrift shop continues to accept donations of men, women and children clothing, linens and bedding, books, toys, shoes, jewelry, and household goods.

The monthly sale day has been a very successful contributions to the church general budget and is also a great way to reach out to our community.

Our next two open days are Feb 4th and March 4<sup>th</sup>. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are two shopping rooms and hallways with many bargains. Come join us on our next shopping day.

In the Lords service  
Linda Hall



## MEN OF OREMS



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



**Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the  
MOO (Men of Orem)**

**Join us on Saturday, March 11th**

from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for Adults and \$4 for Children 5 to 10 years old. Menu: Salad, bread, drinks, Spaghetti, Meatballs and dessert! Come support the Men of Orem for the Cemetery Fund and have a great night!



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women better known as UMW would like to invite ALL women in the church to join our group attend our meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 1st. **Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries. Due to Ash Wednesday worship service on March 1st, our March meeting will be held on March 8th. Please mark your calendar**

### 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."*

United Methodist Women Sunday is February 12th. Please wear Red to support the UMW.

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

## Wesleyan Small Group begins

Orems is launching our very first Wesleyan small group on Tuesday February 7th at 1pm at Nikki and Wes Hart's home. There, Nikki will be leading the small group to grow in Christ together by going through a series of questions that will help disciples grow closer to one another and closer to God.

Small group meetings were instrumental to the rise of Methodism in England and the

United States in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Small groups were places where Christians could come together, share about their lives, grow in Christ with one another, and feel the love of Christ with a band of brothers and sisters that were all united in the Lord and sought to be better disciples.

Today, there is a growing movement in the United States to reclaim and restore the Wesleyan Small

Group to a prominence in the church in hopes that we might have another great awakening to God's goodness and grace.

If you are interested in attending or have more questions, please reach out to Nikki Hart, 410-687-3191 or Pastor Chris, 410-952-3650.

Thanks and we hope to see you there.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris Dembeck



***Altar Flowers  
enhance our  
worship area and  
glorify God. Our  
flower chart in the  
Narthex has many  
open spaces. If you  
would like to sign  
up for Altar flowers  
cost is \$35.00 .***

## NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends of  
Orems Church

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and concerns during my recent surgeries.

I took my prayer shawl with me for each surgery. This was new to the nurses –so– I educated them! My shawl gave me the peace and comfort I needed.

Thanks for being such a caring and loving church family.

Blessings to all,  
Mildred Shephard

Dear Orems Congregation

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the generous scholarship awarded to me. I was able to purchase much needed books.

I also wanted to let the congregation know that your faith in me has not been misplaced. I have been inducted into Phi Theta kappa Honor Society as well as on the Dean's list.

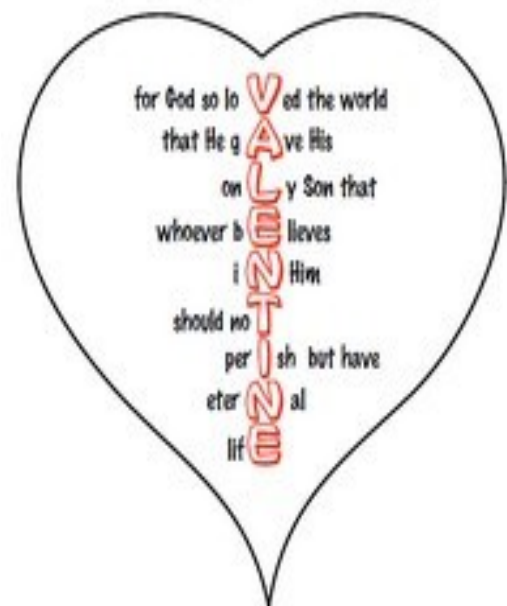
My educational pursuits would not be possible without your generous support.

I hope to count on your continuing support to reach my full potential

Sincerely

Brittany Kreпка

John 3:16



## 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.*

*Linda Hall has baby bottles that can be filled with spare change and then returned to her to donate to the center. Last year through the baby bottle collections we were able to raise \$1254.41. This Center is in dire need of funding.*

*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.*



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Vicki Borreson, Angel Tree

Linda Hall, Thrift Shop

Kathy Cunningham, Little Feet

Ruth Shifflett, Home Touch