**OREMS BEACON January 2012**

**Orems United Methodist Church**

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**Pastor Lynn’s Travels**

 Pastor Lynn will be traveling on vacation from Friday, January 13 through Saturday, January 21. If you have a need for a pastor during this time, please contact Vicki in the office at 410 687-9483 Monday through Friday between 9:30am and 3pm. If you need a pastor during the evening or weekend hours, please contact Merlyn Campbell, chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee, at 410 687-7914. Vicki and Merlyn will have a list of pastors willing to fill in during Pastor Lynn’s trip.

**🕊 Rock 2012**

Please keep the adults and Youth that are going to Rock 2012 on January 20th to 22nd in your prayers. The Adult chaperones are Robyn Skarda, Mike and Kathy Walters, Sara Beth Campbell, Don Schenning, Michele McNeal, Margaret Eney and Matt Eney. Our youth are Adam Schenning, Kristen Peggs, Laurel McNeal, Hannah Eney, Bobby Lomonico, Rachel Walters, Catherine Walbrecher, Patience Trawally, and Paige Schady.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

January 7th Hall Closet Thrift Store

 opens at 8:30 am

January 8th CrossFire service at 6 pm

January 12th Administrative Council

 meeting 7 pm

January 20th Youth leave for Rock 2012

**Streets**

 **Worship Time Change**

**Worship Services at 10 am**

**Seekers Class 8:45 am**

**Cross Training Classes 9 am**

Cross Training News

There will be no Christian Education classes on New Years Day. We will be worshiping at 10am in Sanctuary

Cross Training starting Jan 8th will begin at 9am for Children and Youth. Seekers with start at 8:45am. We will continue to keep ears and eyes open to how things are working. So everyone input is always  appreciated and valued.

Blessings ***Lynn Clough    ***

**Needle Bees and**

**Disciples of Yarn**

The Disciples of Yarn will continue to work during the winter months on prayer shawls. The Needle Bees next meeting will be January 17th at 6:30 p.m. We will start to make crocheted snowflakes. You will need a number 3 steel hook. If you already have a different number, use what you have. You will need white 100% cotton thread size 30. Any questions call me at 410-687-1527.

Have a blessed Christmas everyone.

Karen Dull and Mildred Shephard

**Thank you, Gene**

 Gene VanDenHeuvel recently completed reconfiguring the memorial light that hangs in the sanctuary near the altar. In the past, a real candle lit the lamp. Each week someone had to drag a tall ladder up several flights of stairs from the boiler room, climb up and exchange the old candle with a new one, and then return the ladder to its storage spot. Carl Horst did this swap for many, many years, with Butch Frank and others assisting on occasion.

The cost of candles began to climb; only one source had the right size and shape; and the weekly need all began to add up. Wiring the lamp, Gene has ensured the light remains lit while lessening the cost of time, effort and money. Thank you Gene, for using your talents so we might be better stewards and still keep the lamp burning.

**Thank you**

   Dear Ones of Orems,

           Thank you for all the cards and gifts given to George and me this Christmas season.  The best gift of all is your care and love, along with your joining in worship and service of our Lord.  May this new year be filled with the Spirit’s presence in and among us all.

                Blessings, Pastor Lynn

*Thank you to all who remembered me with cards and gifts this Christmas. It is such a joy to work with all of you.*

 *God Bless Vicki Borreson*

*Dear Orems Church*

*Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Bosom Buddies Fund at Franklin Square Breast Center.*

 *Sincerely Elaine Bowser*

**Streets of Hope Update**

The Streets of Hope Mission is housed in three churches. Each church takes 10 days of the month. Many other churches help with providing meals and supplies for the men. Orems UMC is home to the mission from the 21st to the 30th or 31st of each month through April. There are paid staff who supervise the men while they are at each location. The men have often said they enjoy their time at Orems because the rooms feel more like a home. The mission uses three rooms downstairs of our Sanctuary building. A dining room, a living room with tv and sofas and a sleeping quarters with bunk beds. Orems UMC also provides food for the men on the 21st and 26th of each month. We provide a main dish, side dishes, dessert and a gallon of milk to be used the next morning with breakfast. If you would like to help with preparing a meal for our gentlemen, contact Lynn Clough at 410-686-6672



Homeless Mission

Thank you for the elves who helped wrap all those scarves for the shelter guests: Merlyn Campbell, Sara-Beth Campbell, Linda Hall, Dottie Lay, Pat Robertson, Lynn Clough, Melissa Cornell and a friend to Orems, Jeanette Ving. Also for those who sewed, crocheted or knit scarves or cut fleece. To Merlyn Campbell for the special labels she does such a good job. A big thanks to the United Methodist Women for all those yummy cookies and the Girl Scouts who did all that baking as well. The scarves, cookies and toiletry bags along with some clothing were all delivered Saturday afternoon. God Bless each person who contributed in any way to this effort. Merle Vickers

Dear Church Family,

In early December, I received a call from Compassion International informing me that our sponsored child, Sawang, was no longer enrolled in their program. They told me that he was removed from the program by his parents so he could work for his family.  Sawang just turned 16 years old and had completed the 9th grade.  Please continue to pray for Sawang and his family even though they are no longer in our care.

Due to this sad news, we currently do not have a sponsored child. Therefore, I felt that it was the right time for me to step down from my duties as liaison between Orems UMC and Compassion International. Even though we are not sponsoring a child as a church, I would still encourage you and your family to check out the Compassion International website at [http://www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com/) and consider sponsoring a child (or children!).

As a church, we have been sponsoring a child through Compassion International for over 10 years, which has been a blessing in my life. I want to thank you for your years of support, both in prayer and in donations.  I have spoken with Compassion International and the money that I have recently paid to them for Sawang's monthly sponsorship will be put towards their unsponsored children fund. The monies collected since the last monthly payment, will be used to purchase a "Gift of Compassion" through Compassion International. This program allows you to purchase items such as chickens, building materials, household items kits and mosquito nets, etc for a Compassion-assisted family.  We have $55.55 left in our funds. With this money, I will ask the youth group help me decide which "Gift of Compassion" item(s) to select. I will let you know what items are chosen at a later time.

I am blessed to have such a wonderful, supportive church family! Thank you all again for your years of love and support.

In His name,

Sara-Beth Campbell

**Do You Know Where They Are?**

 Last month, we shared a list of 10 households of members for whom the office didn’t have any contact information. Different ones of you have connected us back to 4 of those households. We continue to search for people listed in the past as members, but for whom we have lost contact. If you recognize any of these people and can shed light on where they might be, who they are related to, or if they are deceased, please call or email the church office.

Nancy Allen Carolyn Bishop

Sharon Allen Tommy Bishop

Fred Allen Janice Blades

Christine Alloway Geraldine (Beals) Booker

Frank Antos Barbara Bourne

Kimberly Antos Marilyn Brosy

Kaaren Asbury Frances Buckland

Constance Ashton Clifton Carr

Sally Barnes Stevan Cicala

William Barnes John Cicala

James Barnum Marjorie Cicala

Freeman Barrett Holly Cinquegrani

April Barrett Linda Cline

Thompson Baron Maxine Coggins

Samantha Baron James Collier

Karen Barron Mary Collier

Charles Bartels Linda Collis

Thomas Barton Ralph Coumbes

Dorothy Barton Carla Cunningham

Darrel Barton Naomi Creamer

Steven Bauer Virginia Cross

Sharon Beals Carol Crouch

Willis Charles Beard

Eleanor Beard Delores Crowe

Mildred Beard Denise Cyr

Cheryl Bielarski Hal Danceci0

Edward Bielarski Carl Dederere, III

Offering 2012

The Offering Envelopes for 2012 are available in the connecting hallway. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not see your name, please contact the church office after January 3rd to have an envelope assigned to you. If you see the name of someone who is a shut in and you are willing to deliver the envelope box to them, we would appreciate the help.

Attention

Worship Servants

If you have been an Acolyte, Usher, Greeter or Liturgist at our worship services, we thank you for your service to God and Orems United Methodist Church.

If you are continuing to serve in our worship time, we appreciate your willingness to continue. A new 6 month schedule was mailed out to all acolytes, ushers, greeters and liturgist. If you did not receive a schedule and would like to continue to serve, please call the office.

Food Pantry and Angel Tree thank you

Thanks to the generosity of Orems UMC, we were able to give a Happy Christmas to 35 children from the surrounding area. We worked with four schools and some community folks to see that families that needed help this year were able to receive it. Many thanks to Pat Pinning, Rosemary and Bill Myers, Linda Hall, Kathy Cunningham, and granddaughter Katelyn Grossman and Pixie Faulkner for wrapping gifts, and putting the food baskets together. A special thanks to Christina Falkenhan for shopping for the children who were not taken from our tree. And thank you to all who shopped, prayed or donated money to our Angel Tree and Food Pantry missions this year. We are Blessed!

Would you like to know what room 100 looked like during the week before Christmas? Check out the two pictures below—It was a little like being in the middle of Santa’s workshop!



