



July & August 2017

Special points of interest:

- July 2—Communion
- July 4—Office Closed
- July 6 Keenagers
- VBS meeting
- July 8 -Hall Closet Thrift
- Shop and Pit beef
- July 9 Worship
- July 11 NeedleBees
- July 13—Lunch bunch
- July 16—21 Vacation Bible School
- July 25 Ladies Fellowship
- Lunch at Double T
- Needle Bees
- 27 Admin Council
- Aug 3 Keenagers
- Aug 5 Hall Closet Thrift and
- Pit beef sale
- Aug 6 Communion
- Aug 8 Needlebees
- Aug 10 - Lunch Bunch
- Moo meeting
- Aug 22 Needlebees
- Aug 24 Pit Beef picnic

Please see calendar page for all events:

Adult Seekers Sun 8:45 a.m.
 Sunday School for Children
 Begins in September

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OREMS BEACON

Orem United Methodist Church

Coming to Orem United Methodist Church:



Mark your calendars! VBS is scheduled to begin on Sunday, July 16th and end on Friday, 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 each evening. Everyone is invited to attend! VBS isn't just for children any more. Adults are welcome to join us each night (even if you just want to hear what Paul has to say! And he has a lot to tell us). We are going to Rome to visit with Paul to see how he helped to start the first church. We will visit a Market Place, a cave to attend church, and visit with Paul while he is under house arrest but still teaching the word of the Lord.

Just like it is in different countries today, it wasn't easy admitting to being a Christian back in the beginning.

We still need more volunteers to make the week a success. If you cannot commit to the entire week just let us know what evenings you can help. God has a plan for each of us. Is VBS in your plan?

VBS Coordinator
 Mary Eisely



Ladies Book Club will begin on June 30th at 10 a.m. in Room 100 with the book "Candle in the Darkness" by Lynn Austin. This group will meet monthly. If you have any questions, contact Karen Dull or the church office.

Our Scripture 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 MEMBERS OF OREMS

Where is the summer going? I can't believe I am writing my summer article! Have you ever considered joining a choir? Well-it's time to try new things and to prepare for the Fall and Winter schedule.

We have many exciting plans musically for Orem's Church. If you have been thinking about joining our choir either the Chancel Choir that sings throughout the year at worship or the Sanctuary Choir that sings our Christmas Cantata and other holy days, now is the time to take the chance and give singing with us a try.

Is singing important in the life of the Church? Here is what God's Word says about singing:

[Psalm 100:1-2](#) Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

[Psalm 95:1-2](#) Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[Psalm 147:1](#) Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

If you even have a remote thought about joining, September is your chance. We are just heating back up for the season. We are a relaxed fun group. We rehearse Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 in the sanctuary. All I ask is that you are 18 or older and come with a positive attitude. We supply the rest.

Please stay tuned for the September newsletter for the upcoming concert series schedule and more.

Best always and **GO O's**

Ben

(Bboellner1992@gmail.com)



KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over) Please join us for lunch and devotions on July 6th at 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch and we will supply watermelon, and drinks. Plus come enjoy the fellowship of our Christian brothers and sisters.

Hope to see you there! Butch Frank

A Word From Our Pastor

Greetings Orems,

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer! Traditionally, summer is a slower time in the life of the local church. The summer is a great time for many people to take vacations, there aren't any special liturgical days, and it's a time when people generally take a break from their normal busy-ness. Taking a break is something that God calls us to do. But be ready to get going again in the fall because we have quite a few things going on.



On **September 16th**, we will have the **Third annual FUEL event here** at Orems. This year we will be focusing on the mission of the Board of Childcare and Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson will be giving us ways that we can serve the children. More details will be coming out about FUEL in the coming months, but in the meantime know that FUEL is about bringing adults together to worship God and learn from God's Word, so that we would all be empowered to go and serve in the name of Christ and ALL are invited.

Please consider volunteering at FUEL because we are going to be reaching out to every church in the area. We are praying for an even better turnout than last year when we had over 80 folks come out! Ask anyone that was here last year or the year before and they will tell you that it's going to be a great time!

In the meantime, have fun, enjoy your summer, and keep us all in your prayers as we prepare for what God has in store.

Have a blessed summer!

In Christ,

Pastor Chris



Our One Call Now system sends out reminders 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.

If you would prefer to receive your announcements by text rather than a phone call, you can opt into our text program by texting the word ALERT to 22300. Please be sure that the office has your cell phone number so you can add this option.

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



MEMORIAL FUND

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

In memory of:

Reda Frazee Given by: A. Karr, Diana and Kenneth Fitzwater

In Honor of:

Mildred Shephard for her 90th birthday
Given by: Gail and Michael Papesh, and Madeline Kikola, and Vicki Borreson

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.
Yours in Christ,
Madeline Kikola

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, Tuna, Rice, Jello and pudding, Cereals, Cans of Juice, Beef stew, canned fruits, pancake mix and syrup, baked beans, peanut butter and jelly, and spaghetti noodles. **We do not need canned vegetables at this time!**

We will 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.

Disciples of Yarn



The Prayer Shawl Mission at Orem continues through the summer months. We appreciate all of our workers who contribute prayer shawls to our mission. If you are in need of a prayer shawl you can contact me, ask an Usher or call the church office.

Blessings and Grace to all Dottie Daiger

NEEDLEBEES If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our group. If you enjoy a craft, join us for fellowship while you craft. Our meetings in July 11th and 25th and August 8th and 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in room 100



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.

WARNING! THIS IS A NON-STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE!

(Read at your own risk)

OK, perhaps I have your attention for the moment. With all the dissension and uproar on college campuses going on today, we might think that our youth are quickly headed south in a handbasket. Maybe a little perspective might help from history:*

In the sixteenth century, Martin Luther fumed, "The young people of today are utterly dissolute and disorderly." The philosopher Plato agreed: "The youth are pleasure-seeking and irresponsible. They have no respect for their elders." From Socrates (no less) comes, "Children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority. They show disrespect for their elders and love chatter."

A 6,000-year-old Egyptian tomb bears this inscription: "We live in a decadent age. Young people no longer respect their parents. They are rude and impatient. They inhabit taverns and have no self-control."

As the writer of Ecclesiastes has said, there is nothing new under the sun. But today, just when we think the so-called modern generation is going from bad to worse, remember that God has always had a rich handful of teenage heroes ready to change the world. In Bible times, we read of Joseph the dreamer, Daniel in Babylon, David the giant-killer. And of course, the virgin Mary who was likely still a teen.

The great preacher Charles Spurgeon spoke before great crowds. When they referred to his own youthfulness, he replied "Never mind my age. Think of the Lord Jesus Christ and His preciousness."

And in our time, we've been deeply moved by young people like 17-year old Cassie Bernall of Littleton Colorado. She was shot for her faith during the Columbine tragedy.

So many of our greatest hymns have been written by young adults. Isaac Watts wrote most of his most memorable hymns at the age of nineteen (O God, Our Help in Ages Past). "Work for the Night is Coming" was composed by an eighteen-year-old. "My Jesus, I Love Thee" was composed by William Featherston who was only 16 years old.

It's enough just to know that God can use anyone to change the world—regardless of age. After all, we are children of God our age notwithstanding.

Norris Tingle – Stewardship

***Source material from Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan. Pastor Morgan has served The Donelson Fellowship in Nashville, Tennessee for over thirty years.**

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Orems,

Thank you for your very generous contribution to the Dominican Republic Mission trip. We were able to send \$950 to St John's Lutheran in Phoenix Maryland who coordinates the Mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Your support of this mission is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Orems Church for the cards and prayers after the death of my brother Durward Julian.

Love , Paul Julian

Dear Orems Church family

Thank you all for the love and good wishes you gave me at my birthday party. I am honored that so many of you joined in my celebration to give me such a special day. You are a church family that gives lots of love and friendship and being part of this family gives me joy.

I am Blessed! Love Mildred Shephard

Churches for Streets of Hope

This summer there are two Dinner nights out Fundraisers for Streets of Hope. Please support these events. Flyers will be available at the Church office, the back of this newsletter or online at

<http://www.churchesforsoh.org/events>

Texas Roadhouse Tues, July 11
4:00pm—9:00pm
1736 Merritt Boulevard
Dundalk, MD 21222

Pizza John's Tues, August 1
5:00-8:00pm
113 Back River Neck Rd
Essex, MD 21221

MOO — MEN OF OREMS

The Men of Orems will have their next meeting on August 10th. Please note the date change.



We started our Pit Beef sandwich sales in April—and will continue weather permitting on Thrift Shop day till October.



**ALL CHURCH
P I C N I C**

We are looking forward to our Pit Beef picnic on August 24th. Gather at 6 p.m. for a pot luck picnic. As usual, MOO will furnish the beef, we ask you to bring a side salad or dessert. All are welcome to attend this fun, and delicious fellowship night.



News from our Sister Church

Back River UMC will be hosting Gospel Concerts this summer. Sunday July 16th will be The Riders starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. On Friday, August 4th, will be The Kramers performing at 7pm and then Soul'd Out Quartet will be there on September 1st at 7 p.m. for a concert. Doors will open at 6:30. A love offering is taken at these events. Come enjoy an evening of Southern Gospel music this summer!

CPC Mission!

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns 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. The Center accepts donations of Maternity Clothing, Baby clothes up to size 4 T, and other items a mother to be may need. **They are in desperate need of Similac Advance formula (12.5 oz cans)** You may drop off donations at the Center at 442 Eastern Avenue or bring your donations to the Church (**Please mark 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.*

For the Love of a Veteran is a non profit organization that gives aid to Military families and homeless veterans. The website is trying to raise awareness of PTSD and help support our military and their families. There is a basket in the Narthex to collect the cards. You can submit blank cards 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 organization 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 with this ministry to support our armed services personnel.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 6th 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.gbpm-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 the last Tuesday in July and August at Noon. Be sure to let Gloria Asbury know if you are attending. Join us for a great time of fellowship for our women.

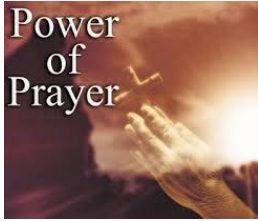
Pink Bag Lunch

Save the date! The Pink Bag Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. We are planning to order tee shirts for this event. More information will be in the bulletin.

Hope to see you there!

Safety notice

In the past few weeks several doors have been found unlocked or ajar when staff have arrived in the morning to our buildings. Please be sure when you leave our building at any time, that the doors are locked and secure.



PRAYER CHAIN

Orems church theme for this year is PRAYER!

Prayer plays a very important part in all of our lives. If you would like to be a part of our prayer chain; please call Vicki at the church office at 410-687-9483 or after hours for an emergency call 410-335-1870 and leave a message. With our One Call system, we can send out the prayer to everyone on our prayer chain at the same time so all can pray as a unit as we get the information. Prayer is Powerful-spread the power!

SUMMER'S HERE - IT'S VACATION

TIME! But what about your weekly giving?

Enjoy this wonderful warm weather but please don't put your Sunday offerings on vacation!

Even though you are away, the church is not on vacation and neither are our bills. We appreciate your continued support of your church and it is important! Don't forget us!



Please don't forget our Capital Improvements when you plan your giving to the church. There is a blue envelope in the pews for Capital Improvement donations. Also our Missions funds continue to need funds in the summer months.



The Ruth Bundick Memorial Scholarship was established by the United Methodist Women to honor a faithful member. The Willard Ray Scholarship was established in memory of a faithful member. The scholarships are awarded to members of Orems UMC who have been accepted into a school of higher education that is in harmony with the moral and ethical positions and teachings of the Methodist church and who show evidence

of financial need. We congratulate **Hannah Eney and Laurel McNeal** who **were awarded** scholarships at our worship service on June 18th.



We honor our Class of 2017 Graduates from all levels of schooling and extend the Lord's Blessings on each of them as they take the next step into their future.

JODIE BRONUSHAS from Eastern Technical High School, Member of National Science Honor Society, National Social Studies Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Skills USA President Future Business Leaders of America, and Softball team (pitcher) For Softball she received: Baltimore Sun Papers Player to Watch, Player of the Week and All Metro Softball Team. ABC Channel 2 Player of the Week and Greater Baltimore Medical Center Unsung Hero for Month of April. Jodie will be attending York College and perusing a degree in Nursing. She is the Granddaughter of Charlotte and John West.

SAM DEMBECK from Kindergarten at Westchester Elementary School. He will enter the first grade in the fall. Sam is the son of Pastor Chris and Laura Dembeck.

HANNAH ENEY from The Community Colleges of Baltimore County with an A.A. Degree. She will be attending UMBC in the fall for a Bachelor's Degree in Molecular Biology. Hannah is the daughter of Jeff and Margaret Eney.

MATTHEW ENEY from Towson University with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technologies. He is working in Washington D.C. in his field of study. Matt is the son of Jeff and Margaret Eney.

NATHANIEL ENEY from Fifth Grade at Orems Elementary School and will be attending Stemmers Run Middle in the fall for sixth grade. Nate is the son of Jeff and Margaret Eney.

BRIANA FELDMAN from James Madison University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Services on May 6, 2017. She will begin Johns Hopkins Nursing Program in the Fall of 2018. She is the niece of Joyce Serio.

JEREMY HOCK from Sussex Elementary School to Deep Creek Middle School focus on Engineering. He is the grandson of Robin Hoch

JACOB FLETCHER MCNEAL from Eastern Technical High School. He has been working at Oakcrest Retirement Village for over three years. During his senior year, he completed an internship as a physical therapist assistant. Jake's summer plans include working and traveling. In the fall he will be attending CCBC-Essex. He is the son of Michele & George McNeal, III. Grandson of Sandra & George McNeal, Jr. Michele & George would like to thank our church family and friends for nurturing Jacob in the Christian Faith.

LAUREL ELIZABETH MCNEAL completed her studies at CCBC-Essex. Laurel has been working at Oakcrest Retirement Village for 2 years. Her summer plans include working weekdays at River Valley Ranch, and weekends at Oakcrest. Laurel will be attending Towson University in the Fall to pursue a degree in Applied Mathematics. She is the daughter of Michele & George McNeal, III. Granddaughter of Sandra & George McNeal Jr. Michele & George would like to thank our church family and friends for nurturing Laurel in the Christian Faith.

WENDELL MORGAN JR from Towson University with his Bachelor's degree in exercise science. He plans to continue his education to become a physical therapist.

RACHEL WALTERS from Towson University with her Bachelor's degree in electronic media and film this past fall. She is currently working at WBFF editing news broadcasts. She is using her education to expand her wedding and lifestyle photography business and she hopes to expand into directing major films someday. She plans to attend John Hopkins to continue her education.



The Newsletter Deadline is August 11th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at oremsumc@verizon.net for inclusion in the September edition of the Beacon.



Sunday School News

Our last day of classes was Sunday, May 21st. Our first day back will be September 10th. We will be having our annual welcome back to Sunday school breakfast. Stay tuned for details.

More than ever these children need our prayers and encouragement. Please help, by praying for them, so that their foundation is built on a solid rock and not the sand.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you miss a Sunday Service or would like to hear that great sermon again during the week, you can go to Orem's website and listen to Pastor Chris preach his sermon again. It is fun to go back a few weeks and listen or even a few months back.

To access these sermons, go to the website at www.oremsumc.org at the home page click on STAY INFORMED and the word Sermons will pop up. Click on that and a list of sermons will be available by date. Just click on the one you want to hear. And Enjoy!

VACATION TIME!



During the summer months, the office will on occasion, have light coverage with the help of volunteers. So if you plan to stop by the Church, please call ahead to be sure that someone will be there to assist you. Phone messages will be attended to as quickly as possible. Have a safe and relaxing Summer!

NOTE FROM HISTORY CHAIR

As part of our History Collection here at Orem's, I would like to include photographs of members/attendees who were/are former/current military personnel. Please attach the unit the individual served in and years served. Photos will not be returned.

Also we would appreciate the names of anyone who perished while serving. Please include their unit and the years served.

Please remember we also collect wedding pictures of members married at Orem's.

Karen Dull



Planning meeting Coming Soon!

2018 may seem far off but actually it is only a few months away. Orem's United Methodist Church needs to plan the direction to go in the new year. What missions do we want to focus our attention? What things do we love about Orem's church and what things can we do better? Did we meet our goals last year? Planning gives us time to prepare for new adventures and to fine tune our present programs and missions.

Please pray for our planning meeting and watch for the date in upcoming bulletins. Details on this meeting to follow as the day gets closer.



OREMS is having a Craft Fair Saturday, Sept 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall

Vendors will be selling their crafts. United Methodist Women will be selling food. The Men of Orem's will have pit beef & ham. All table proceeds will benefit the Capital Improvement Fund of Orem's United Methodist Church. We will be asking "shoppers" to give \$1.00 entrance fee or to donate a non-perishable food item to the Food Pantry.

We will need volunteers to set up and take down tables, collect vendor checks for reserved tables, advertisement committee, and boxes to collect food donations. If anyone has other ideas, let me know.

If you know of any crafters that may be interested, please send them this date. The registration form will be forthcoming.

Get the word out about this event. All questions directed to Joyce Serio at 410-687-4012 or Trish Alvey at p45alvey@aol.com

