



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist

Ash Wednesday
March 1st



MARCH 2016

Special points of interest:

- 1 Ash Wednesday
- 2 Keenagers
- 4 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
Girl Scout Tea
- 5 Communion Service
- 6 Creed daytime study
- 7 Needlebees
Creed evening study
- 8 UMW
Choir
- 9 Lunch Bunch
Fuel Meeting
- 11 Spaghetti Dinner
- 13 Creed Study
- 14 Sarah Circle
Creed Study
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- 20 Creed Study
Rachel Circle
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- 22 Choir
- 23 Men of Orems
- 25 Sole Hope project
- 27 Creed study
- 28 Ladies Luncheon
Creed Study

Please see calendar page for all events:

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

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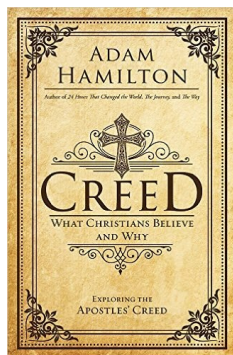
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Worship with us on Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary as we are joined by our sister churches from Back River United Methodist and St Matthew United Methodist in Baltimore.

New Worship Opportunity—A Contemporary Service will be offered in the Repair Chapel during the Sundays of Lent at 8 a.m. This service will be a more relaxed, shorter service and offer more Contemporary music selections than our 10 a.m. Traditional service.



Bible Study for Lent—CREED

There will be a Lenten Bible Study using Adam Hamilton's Study on the Apostle's Creed. The daytime Bible Study will be led by Nikki Hart on Monday's at 10 a.m. beginning March 6th. The evening Bible study will be led by Pastor Chris on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning March 7th. Books for this study are \$14.00 See the Sign-up sheet or call the office to register. 410-687-9483.

40 Days Spiritual Challenge

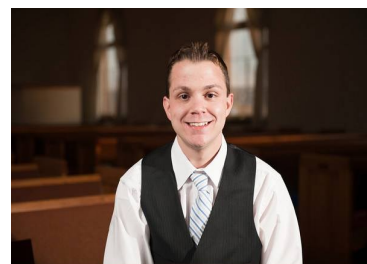
We will begin a new 40 Day Challenge and this time because we are in the season of Lent it will be a Lenten Spiritual Challenge. This challenge will begin the first Sunday of Lent—March 5th and continue through the entirety of the Lenten Season meeting every other week in Room 100 at 9:15 a.m.

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

Ready or not Easter is coming. We have very special music for Holy week and more importantly Resurrection Sunday. We will have the choir singing in addition to some special musicians.



Please Stay tuned to the bulletin and newsletter -

for music news and updates. Neat things are coming in the spring. Mark your calendar for the afternoon of April 30th at 4 p.m. for an Organ and Piano Concert. More details in next month's newsletter.

The CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses at 7 pm on Wednesdays and sings most every Sunday, Holy day and special occasions. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome. Music reading is NOT a requirement.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email me.

In His name, Ben Boellner,

Director of Music and Organist,

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**April Newsletter Deadline is MARCH 15th,
if you have an information for our newsletter,
please drop it off to the office or
Email: oremsumc@verizon.net**

KEENAGERS

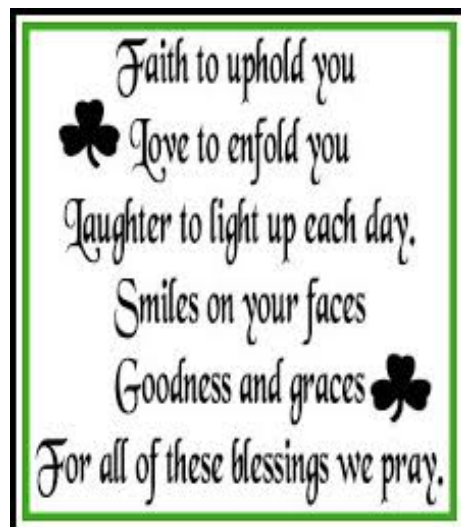
(fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Please join us for lunch and devotions.

We supply the drink and dessert. We will meet on March 2nd at 11:30 a.m.

Hope to see you there!

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A Word From Our Pastor

Happy Lent Orems!

Many of us think of Lent as a time of preparation and sacrifice, giving things up that prevent us from being in better relationship with God. Indeed, this is what we should do during Lent. We are to prepare ourselves, give up those things that prevent us from fully giving ourselves to God, taking inventory of our resistance, and going to God in prayer through the Holy Spirit, asking for help to do that which we must. This is Lent. This is what we do, and have historically done as Christians for thousands of years.



While this is what we have done and should do, we don't need to be sad about it. We don't need to be melancholy or feel as if we are making some great sacrifice for God. This makes *our* efforts more important than they should be. Yes, it is essential to give our whole selves to God if we would call ourselves followers of Christ. However, what Jesus did on the cross: taking on our Sin, dying our death, and being resurrected for *us* is incomparable. What we do during Lent is only in response to this Good News!

Therefore, let us be joyful as we give of ourselves! Let us have a happy Lent, where we give in the spirit of love, the love God gave us first! Let us offer up all that we have, and all of who we are to our God who loved us enough to become man, bear our burdens, face our temptations, suffer, and die for us all so that we might repent and actually be forgiven for our sins and be put in right relationship with God! This is Good News and because of it we should be joyful even as we inventory our lives and seek a greater relationship with God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We have many options for you to get involved and be intentional with your faith this Lent. First, we will be offering a Bible study on Monday mornings at 10AM and Tuesday evenings at 7pm. In this study, we will walk through the Apostle's Creed, as we are led by Adam Hamilton, which is one of the key formulaic statements of faith in the Christian Church as we talk about what we believe and why. Second, we will again offer the 40 day Spiritual challenge, which in this case we will call the Lenten Spiritual challenge. This challenge will encourage us to participate in one hour of spiritual disciplines per day for the entirety of Lent. We will be holding meetings bi-weekly before our 10AM worship as a group beginning the first Sunday of Lent. Third, we will continue forming small groups and Nikki Hart is leading our first discipleship group on Tuesday afternoons; see her for more details. Finally, we will be offering a contemporary and loose chapel service during Lent on Sundays at 8am in the Chapel (behind the sanctuary). This service will be very different from the 10AM service, and another opportunity to worship God during Lent.

I hope that you will consider participating in one or more of these Lenten offerings and allowing God to use them to help you grow in your faith and relationship with Him.

May God bless you this Lent and draw you ever closer to Him in this joyous and penitent time.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris



On Saturday, March 25th, please join us at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a shoe cutting party for SOLE HOPE. No sewing skills necessary!

If you joined us last year than you know the fun and fellowship we had while tracing and cutting out templates for the shoemakers.

We will trace a template onto fabric and cut it out. The fabric will be sent to Uganda to be sewn into shoes for children infected with jiggers in their feet.

\$10 donations are accepted for each sponsored pair of shoes to pay for, "getting them to Uganda, paying the shoemakers and tailors, and purchasing supplies necessary for the completion of the shoes."

For more information please visit www.solehope.org or email Laura Dembeck at ljburgess01@yahoo.com

Items needed: you can bring them to church on Sunday morning or drop them off at the church office during the week.

Quilters fabric- any scraps at home is fine

Old denim jeans

Rinsed, dry plastic gallon milk jugs

Sponsor a pair of shoes for \$10 (simply place your donation in the white envelope in your pew and mark it for SOLE HOPE MISSION

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS If you are able to help with donations, it would be greatly appreciated. Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, canned potatoes, Rice, Jello and pudding, Beef stew, cookies, pancake mix and syrup, baked beans, 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

We Continue to make Prayer shawls and reach out to those in distress or need of comfort with the

"Hugs from God" that are offered through the shawls. If you have a need for a Prayer shawl contact Dottie Daiger or the Church office. More information about the making of the shawls can be obtained at our Needlebees meetings.

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 while you craft, you are welcome at our meetings. We will meet on March 7th and March 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Seekers Room in the Education Building.

STEWARDSHIP MARCH 2017
A STUDY IN GLUTTONY

Somewhere back in history, we are told that there are seven deadly sins. Why would Gluttony, which is one of them, have anything to do with Stewardship? Isn't Stewardship all about money and things financial? Well no, it's not.

The definition of Gluttony is the excessive ongoing consumption of food. There are two particular programs on Food Network, one called "Ginormous" and the other "Man vs Food". Seemed to me that the waste of food on just those two shows alone met the definition of gluttony.

OK, I know that some of us have that second or third helping of stuffing at Thanksgiving. Or perhaps a piece of homemade pecan pie with two scoops of ice cream. Nope, not a candidate for gluttony here...just bad judgment as we reach for the Zantac.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. It's also known as Fat Tuesday which needs little explanation. Lent lasts for forty days commemorating the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert before beginning his ministry. Traditionally, folks "give up" something for Lent, usually food or some bad habit.

John Wesley had some clear thoughts about gluttony as well. Wesley considered physical health just as important as spiritual health. Being at one's best was a blend of both maintaining that which God has given to each of us. He had some very specific suggestions that you can look up. Also, it was a matter of eating and using what we need, not what we want. Practicing Stewardship of precious resources are meant for all, not to be wasted.

Being the best we can be, physically and spiritually, means something different to each of us, young and older. The end result is being in service to God according to our abilities. And that is personal Stewardship.

Norris Tingle – Stewardship

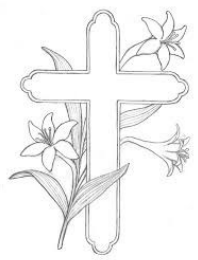


THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Orem's

Thank you for the meals, volunteers and Christ-like dedication you give to the homeless ministry of Churches for Streets of Hope. We could not do it without you!

Robin Hoch, Otis Trawally, Mike, DJ, Ed, Russell, Wilbert, Daryl, Robert, Joe, Dean, Roger, Darrell, John, Chase, and Walter.



Dear Disciples of Yarn and Orem's UMC

Thank you very much for the beautiful Prayer Shawl that you gave me. I wear it during some of my treatments and in the evenings to stay warm. I find great comfort and peace when I have it on. I appreciate the prayers and craftsmanship that went into making it. It will make my recovery much more bearable. God Bless!
Bill Ridenour

P.S. We consider ourselves blessed to be next door neighbors to the Eney family.

To our Friends at Orem's Church

Denny and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls for my son Michael Biebl and our family during his illness and upon his death.

We are so blessed to be a part of Orem's Church and know there are many we can call upon if we need help with anything. Again, many thanks and may our God bless each and everyone of you.

Love and peace in Christ

Dennis and Gloria Asbury

Board of Child Care Thank You

Thank you from all of us at the Board of Child Care for your contributions in making Christmas an uplifting and fun celebration! Your gifts of body washes and shampoos are very much appreciated and continue to get requests for these items. Every year you help us offer better holiday experiences for our youth and families. We are truly grateful for your commitment to our mission and hope you keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Blessings

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE



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.

One Call Now System is used to send out reminders and announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. If you miss the message; you can replay the message by calling toll free 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message played for you.

MEN OF OREMS

The MOO will be meeting on March 23rd for next meeting. Tickets are now available for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner



Spaghetti Dinner

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

3 p.m. to 6 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 of food and fellowship!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 8th 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.gbgm-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.”

UMW Sunday was February 12th. We appreciated the sea of Red to show support of our organization. We awarded Life Membership pins to Linda Hall, Dottie Lay, and Pat Robertson.

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on Tues, March 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.

Log Cabin Candy Sale ends on Sun, March 12th. Candy folders are available in the Narthex. Payment is due with the order. We are also selling boxes of candy to be given to the Streets of Hope. You can purchase a 6 pk box of Easter Eggs for \$4.00 and donate to The **Streets of Hope**-Homeless Mission. **Candy Delivery will be on or before, March 26th**



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.

*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.*



Easter Lily Order Form

Order due in the office by March 22nd, at 2:00 p.m., Cost \$8.00, (410-687-9483)

Payment due with the order.

Make checks payable to Orems Church. Pick up an order form or call the Church with your order.

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

Thank you for allowing Orems to borrow your plant to beautify our altar for the Easter Services. You may take your Flowers home after the service on Easter Sunday.

Lunch with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 8th

12 to 2

Orems Fellowship Hall



Tickets are \$5 per person and includes: Cheese Pizza, dessert, drinks, crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Bunny will be available for you to take pictures.

If you aren't interested in lunch you can attend for \$2.00

*Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance. **NO tickets** at the door. For Tickets call Mary*

410-686-5815

ESSEX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Soup and salad on March 18th from

11 am to 2 pm

Tickets Adults: \$8

children 6-12: \$4

Carryout \$8.50

call for more information
410-686-2867