



OREMS BEACON

Orem United Methodist Church

Sunday School News

May 2017

Special points of interest:

- 3 UMW meeting
Choir
- 4 Keenagers
- 6 Hall Closet Thrift
Shop
- 7 Communion Service
Scholarships Due
- 9 Sarah Circle
Needlebees
- 11 Finance meeting
Lunch Bunch
- 15 Newsletter deadline
Rachel Circle
- 18 Admin council
- 23 Ladies Fellowship
Lunch
Needlebees
- 25 MOO
- 29 Office Closed

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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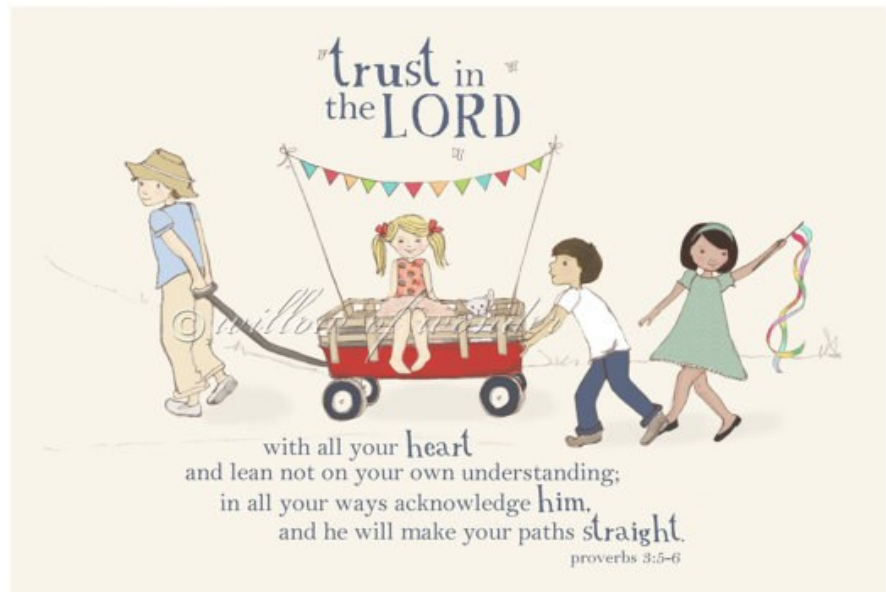
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We would like to thank everyone who has helped to make Sunday school the success it has been this year. Our last day of classes will be Sunday, May 21st.

These children are our future. Please help, by praying for them, so that their foundation is build on a solid rock and not the sand.



Observing Memorial Sunday

Sunday, May 28th, Orem Church would like to honor all those who died while serving in the military. Please drop a note in the offering plate by May 21st or call the church office (410-687-9483) if you have someone who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. Please include Name, rank, year of death and service information.

Memorial Day is observed by our Nation this year on May 29th. Please keep our active service men and women in your prayers as they continue to work to bring peace and freedom to our world.

We will honor all those who have served or are now serving in a special insert in November for Veterans Day.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

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 has the time gone? I really can't believe that I am writing the last article of the choir season.

To the choirs- I can't begin to thank you for everything you have done. We really have made a joyful noise this year. The time and talent you all give is unbelievably generous and appreciated. I look forward to seeing us continue to grow as we have done this year. Our last Sunday is June 6th – Pentecost. Until then, Have a most relaxing summer and we will regroup in September!



Now to the important stuff:

-WEDNESDAY MAY 3rd is the last choir rehearsal for the season. We will rehearse otherwise on Sunday morning at 9:30

-Summer music will take effect Sunday June 12th. There will be a signup sheet for a handful of Sundays. Please signup if you are interested.

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

As always- Remember **GOD FIRST** and **GO O's**

In His name, Ben Boellner,

Director of Music and Organist,

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KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Please join us for lunch and devotions on May 4th at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your sandwich etc. We supply the drink and dessert and you can enjoy the fellowship of our Christian brothers and sisters.

Hope to see you there!

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A Word From Our Pastor

Greetings Orems,

What a wonderful year it has been so far! It is hard to believe that it is already May and we are getting ready for Pentecost, but here we are. I pray that your Lent and Easter has been transformative and you have been drawn into a deeper relationship with God.

As many of you know, Laura and I are going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in the beginning of June (June 3-June 10). We are going with a group of people that come from different churches, but the trip is being organized by St. John's Lutheran Church in Bel Air in coordination with Pastor David Jacobson of Lansdowne United Methodist Church.

We will be heading to San Pedro de Macoris, which is on the southern coast of the Dominican Republic, about a 1 hour drive from Santo Domingo, the capital. There we will be working alongside a local Pastor Mercedes Nelson and her people to facilitate a medical mission, a Vacation Bible School, and work projects. This mission has been taking place since 2003. As a result the relationships with the Dominicans in this area are very strong. You can find out more information at the website for the trip, <http://www.crossability.org/info>.

Let me thank all of you who have contributed financially so far as we are grateful to be able to go on this trip because of the faithful giving and donations of Orems United Methodist Church and its members. We hope to share the light of Christ as we go and serve with the Dominican people in His name and your support has helped us to do that. We would still like to make more financial donations, so if you give to the church and mark it as "Dominican Republic Mission," we can give more money to support the purchase of supplies needed for the trip.

Finally, apart from the money for supplies, we really need your prayers. Honestly, we need your prayers because we are headed to a place where we know we will see severe poverty and illness like we have never seen in our lives. Where, no doubt, our faith will be tested, and where our hearts will be broken for the people. Not only that, but I am sure we will miss our children when we leave them as well. Pray for our family, for us, but especially for the people that we will be serving and serving with. Pray that God would work mightily in the week we are there and that the seeds we plant in this brief time might grow to become all that God wants them to be, and that God's name would be glorified.

Thank you so much, and we look forward to sharing this mission trip with you when we come back, but please know that when we go we take you with us. We are one in Christ Jesus, and for that we give thanks!

In love and thanksgiving,

Pastor Chris and Laura Dembeck



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.

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.



Don't forget to collect those labels from Campbells Soup and other food products. Look for the Campbells Soup label collection bin in the hallway. The Box Tops will be donated to the Board of Childcare mission.



LITTLE FEET 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 and new or gently used shoes and Winter coats. 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken or hams, tuna, Rice, Jello and pudding, Cereals, soups, Beef stew, cookies, pancake mix and syrup, 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. Your donations of food and money will help make someone's day.

Disciples of Yarn

An official count now reveals that a dozen prayer shawls have been presented to those in need in the first three months of the year. The needs of the congregation continue to be met by those who prepare the shawls and give them to me for final preparation. For the April Prayer Shawl blessing, I had over 40 shawls to put on the alter for blessing. Many thanks to those who made this possible.



Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as the rest of the year moves forward to many more needs that we cannot yet anticipate. Blessings to all, Dottie Daiger

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. May 9th and May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in room 100

MANY THANKS

My dearest friends, I would like to thank all of you for your love and support during this difficult time. Thanks to all who came from out of state and for all the numerous cards, flowers and many donations made to Orem's UMC in Norman's honor. A special thank you to Pastor Chris Dembeck for such a beautiful service and to Diane Fink for singing the Lord's Prayer. Thanks to the Men and Women of the church who prepared the luncheon. If there is one thing I have learned it is to cherish your time with family and the ones you love.

God's Blessings with Love, Linda and the Miller family.



MOO — MEN OF OREMS

**The Men of
Orem's will be
meeting on May
25th at 7 p.m.**

We started our Pit Beef and Pit Ham sandwich sales in April—and will continue weather permitting on Thrift Shop day till October. We are looking forward to a Ledo's night in June. Mark your calendars now for Wednesday night June 21st for the Ledo's in White Marsh.



Vacation Bible School News (VBS)

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.

This year we will be traveling back to the beginning of the Christian Church. We will be 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.

Everyone is invited to attend. You will be amazed what you will learn during the week.

We still need more volunteers to make the week a success. If you are invited in learning what you can do to help please contact me.

VBS Coordinator
Mary Eisely

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. **Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.**

OUR PURPOSE: ***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 Tues, May 23rd at Noon. RSVP to Gloria Asbury, so we can have enough seats. This is a great time of fellowship for our women.

CPC 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 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.

DID YOU KNOW THAT OREMS HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS? Ruth Bundick and Willard Ray Scholarships are established from Memorials for two long time members of Orem's Church. Each Scholarship has its own qualifications. Forms are available from the Church office and must be submitted by May 14th. The criteria for scholarships is enrollment as full time student, member of Orem's United Methodist Church, and accepted by a college, University or Trade school in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church. The Scholarship Committee will present the candidates for Scholarship at the next Council meeting. We will be presenting the scholarships at the worship service on June 18th.



Thank you to Pastor Chris, The United Methodist Women and to others for

your gifts, calls and cards on Administrative Professional Day! It truly is a blessing to work for Orem's Church and very nice to be shown appreciation for my time and efforts. I can't believe that it will be 16 years in June that I have had the privilege to work as your Administrative Assistant.

Blessings to All,

Vicki Borreson

STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE MAY 2017 BEACON THE MITZVOT AND OTHER RULES

For Jews, the *Mitzvot* are the commandments of God made real in human lives. There are 613 commandments in the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. Micah reduced that large number to only 3 commandments: do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8). The prophets Amos and Habakkuk reduced those three to one. Amos said "Seek me (God) and live." (Amos 5:4) Habakkuk said, "The righteous live by their faith." (Habakkuk 2:4).

In Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus reduced the *Mitzvot* to only 2 commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Our Christian stewardship is enriched by our Jewish heritage. The first, the *Mitzvot*, which contains rules regarding tithing and giving; the second, *tikkun olam* – "repairing the world". These Jewish laws remind Christians of two essential dimensions of Stewardship – caring for the earth itself and repairing relationships as part of God's human family.

Stewardship is not all about the wallet—only partially so. When Jesus reduced all those commandments to two, He simplified it for all of us. When God speaks through the prophets, He speaks simply and understandably.

But then, we learn that simple is not always easy. And therein are our opportunities of service to our world and in repairing the world. *Tikkun olam* is not easy either. Jesus' commandments give us the path if we will but follow.

Norris Tingle - Stewardship

Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child— we will begin collecting items for our packing party. This month we will collect flashlights and batteries, and socks. Bring the items to the box near the church office. We also need small notepads!

The June Newsletter Deadline is May 15th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at oremsumc@verizon.net

