

September 2016

Special points of interest:

Sept 1 Keenagers

Sept 4 Communion

Sept 5 Office Closed

Sept 7 UMW meeting Choir

Sept 8 Lunch Bunch

Sept 10 Hall Closet Thrift Shop and Pit beef

Sept 11 Rally Day Breakfast Worship

Sept 13 IHOP Fundraiser Sarah Circle Needlebees

Sept 14 Fuel meeting Choir

Sept 15 Admin Board

Sept 17 FUEL EVENT

Sept 17 FOEL EVENT Sept 18 Sunday School,

Worship, New Members Received

Sept 19 Rachel Circle Sept 20 Chick Fil a night

Sept 20 Chick Fil a night Sept 21 Choir

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Sept 22 MOO

Sept 25 Sunday school Worship

Kick off Operation Chirstmas

Child- Shoe Box

Sept 27 Ladies Fellowship NeedleBees

Sept 28 Choir

Sept 29 Movie Night

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OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

COME TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION BREAKFAST AND SEE WHAT EVENTS ARE PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR!

SEPTEMBER 11TH

Bring the whole family!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT 18

Classes are held on Sunday Mornings

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

For More info. call the Church office 410-687-9483

FUEL

Faith Undertaken in Everyday Life.

SATURDAY SEPT 17TH 3pm-6pm



FUEL seeks to connect the Christian faith with a call to loving Christian action.

Vision: To see people fueled by Christ and led to serve others in His name.

Mission: To facilitate a worship-filled event where people can encounter the living God, be filled up with the Good News of Jesus Christ, and encouraged to go and serve in his name to bring others to know him.

Come join us for the 2nd annual FUEL event at Orems United Methodist Church on Saturday September 17, 2016!

We are going to have **Faithpoint** band lead us in Spirit-led worship, an inspiring and practical Gospel message from Pastor Chris Bishop of Faithpoint UMC, and Patrick Dickerson from Streets of Hope Men's Shelter in Middle River, MD will speak with us about the problem of homelessness in the area and offer us different ways that we can help be part of the solution to end homelessness in Maryland. Chick Fil-A is also going to be onsite with food, so come hungry!

We want you to know that the net proceeds from ALL ticket sales and a percentage of food sales will go to benefit Streets of Hope men's shelter. So buy a ticket for yourself and your friends and support Streets of Hope.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the Church office or at the door the day of the event. We will also have some Fuel Shirts available for purchase the day of the event.

Dear Church-

I hope that everyone had a relaxing summer. You guessed it, the music program is about to hit the ground running. There are many options to get involved with the music program. All CHOIRS RESUME REHARSAL WEDNESDAY September 7th at 7 pm in the sanctuary.



I know that everyone loves the special music especially the Cantatas- In order to present these works, this year we need YOUR HELP. If you know of anyone who wants/ Likes to sing- Send them my way. There is a place for you. Please look for upcoming events, there will be a concert series starting off in the fall.

I along with Mr. Paul Binko- Acclaimed organist will be performing a Piano/ organ Concert Sunday October 23rd at 4 pm in the sanctuary.

Peace and Blessings as we begin this season together.

Ben Boellner
Director of Music and Organist benthepianoman@gmail.com



On Saturday August 20th we met for our Planning Meeting to set goals for 2017. The following is the goals that came out of that Planning meeting:

- 1. Improve Communication by finding a Communications Chair to manage Website, Facebook. Twitter, Instagram and advertising and create a shared Google calendar for staff and Council to be connected.
- 2. Impact our community and the world by having more internal events (4) to bring the community in and (4) external mission events to reach out.
- 3. Create a nursery room for young children and parents close to sanctuary and if needed hire a qualified nursery attendant to help out.
- 4. Continue forming small groups and have (4) by the end of 2017. An expectation for group members shall be to pray for leadership and this church.

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our September meeting on September 1st at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a sandwich or snack and gather with us for lunch and devotions. We are busy making plans for the fall and some plans for holiday get togethers. Hope to see you there! Butch Frank



Greetings Orems,

What a summer it has been, it feels like it just began yesterday and here we are at its end. Sunday school is beginning, FUEL is right around the corner, and before we know it All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas will soon be here. And yet, as everything is coming up, how are you doing today?

How is your prayer life going? How are you dealing with all of the challenges of everyday life? One of the disciplines of the Christian life is living for the day.

As I write this, I am reminded of just how unexpected life can be on any given day as Laura's grandfather Victor McFarland passed away this week. He was a beloved man, who I have known for almost fifteen years. We would talk about fishing, hunting, the Church, and so forth. He was always so supportive of anything that Laura or I did and he will truly be missed.

There is a song lyric that I often think of from a song written by the rock band, Anberlin. While they are not a Christian band, all of the bands members are Christians. The lyric I often think of is, "You never know what simple days may bring." It reminds me that we are not guaranteed tomorrow, much less another minute. Simple days are all around us and you never know what is going to happen next. How are you living during your simple (and often challenging) days? Would you be ready to die tomorrow? Let alone next minute? You never know what simple days may bring.

In Christ, we can have assurance that we are ready to die at any time when we confess him as our savior and trust him with all of our heart. Christ allows us to live as though we are ready to die. We repent from our sins and are made clean in Christ who bore all of our sin on the cross. So when we trust in Christ, we are dying to that sin and ourselves so that we might live in Christ alone and be made perfect through Holy Love and Grace, in him throughout our lives.

And so I just want to remind you that you need not fear death, nor man, nor anything else when Christ is your Lord and Savior. I know that Laura's "Pop" knew this Savior, and he is with God now. Don't wait until the last minute to believe, because you never know what simple days may bring. As always, reach out to me if you have any doubts or concerns and we can talk about it together. Remember, we are all fallen and have all fallen short of the glory of God, but we

don't have to stay there because Christ is resurrected and invites us into new life by God's grace!

May God ever bless and keep you and remind you of God's gracious and holy love for you all the days of your life. In Christ,

Pastor Chris



Perspective

It is better to give than to receive. Or Does it depend upon what is given or received?

For the person missing at Worship service receiving a phone call shows concern and caring, letting them know they matter.

For the person making the call, they too may find themselves receiving a call when they are missed. Making the giver become the receiver.

When the sheep act as Shepherd- it benefits the whole flock.



Our evangelism committee is more than just the few members listed on the leadership team. Evangelism is an effort by ALL of us to spread the news about Christ and about Orems Church. Wear your Orems shirt, tell people what you like about your church and INVITE them to join you for dinners, movie night, and other events at Orems. Our next movie night is September 29th with the movie "God's Not Dead 2" at 6:30 p.m. If you have any ideas about things we can do at Orems, or you would like to see happen at Orems, drop a note to the office or to our Evangelism Chair- Terry Alexander.

MOO NEWS

The MEN OF OREMS will be meeting the fourth Thursday of September at 7 pm. They will be holding Pit Beef sandwich sales on September 11th. These sandwiches are a delicious way to help with funding the many projects around the church. Thanks to all who support this fundraising activities.



Thanks to everyone who attended the Pit Beef Picnic. It was a success and delightfully good time.

The Men of Orems was formed 5 years ago as a group for fellowship of men in the church. The men decided their purpose would be to "Get Things Done" around the church. And in 5 years they have accomplished a good many things. Just to name a few of the things that our MOO have provided: They have raised the money and purchased 22 tables and 120 chairs for the fellowship hall, had the water valves repaired, help pay for floor tiles and paint, and now they are paying to have the oil tanks replaced for the Sanctuary and the office and each year they raise money to pay for the mowing of our cemetery and church lawns.



This month we will welcome 3 new members. We will be receiving new members into the Congregation on Sunday, September 18th. There will be light refreshments served after the service so that you can welcome Jim and Marylou Turner and Rita Kelly into our Orems Family.

FLOWERS for the Altar: if you have signed up for flowers for the altar please remember that the dedication for the bulletin should be sent to the office at least one week in advance of your date.

Check the chart in the entryway of the sanctuary for any open spaces. Flowers are \$35 and check is made out to Orems Church.

Thank you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Fall is in the air and it is time for us to start meeting again! United Methodist Women (UMW) is a group for women in our church. We meet once a month and every woman is invited to attend (you do not need to be a member of the church).

We will meet on Wednesday, September7th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about events that we are planning.

The Pink Bag Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th. More details will be available after our meeting. We will also be providing food for sale at the Craft Show on October 1st.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on Tues, September 27th 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.

VBS - Babylon - Daniel in Captivity

If you missed VBS this year you missed and exciting week. The weather was hot and humid but our spirits were high. During the week we traveled through Babylon learning about Daniel and his time in captivity.



We learned that God is always with us. When things change, when you

need help, when you're afraid, when you're lonely and when you're thankful. He is always with us and HE is an AWESOME God. Our mission this year was Johns Hopkins Children's Center - Child's Life Program. This program provides the extras (games, books, and playroom supplies) that make a hospital stay better for children. Thanks to everyone who gave we are able to donate \$240.

Thank you to all of our volunteers that worked so very hard during the week, especially those who stepped up at the last minute to help us out. VBS Team

Food Pantry News

Our pantry frequently receives requests for food. Unfortunately in this economy many people can not make ends meet till the next paycheck comes in.

If you are able to help us in anyway it would be greatly appreciated. When you are out grocery shopping think of our list and pick up an item or two to help out our Food Pantry.

Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, Cereals, canned potatoes, and sausage gravy. 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.

Pixie Faulkner

Fundraisers Fun - Raisers

Just a note of thanks to all who support our dinner out nights. Whether you come to one or all of the dinner nights, we appreciate your support. Many of you say you enjoy the evening among your Orems family. We try to give you a variety of places that are affordable and will help the church with a donation. Along with the dinner nights for Orems Church we share the Churches for Streets of Hope dinner night fundraiser opportunities with you so that you can help that group and enjoy a night out with our friends from other congregations. Everyone needs to eat and if you can couple that with a night out with friends and help a good cause all the better!

Our next night out will actually be an all day event at IHOP in Golden Ring on September 13th. Whether you choose to have breakfast, lunch or dinner, with our flyer Orems church will benefit. This event will benefit the Capital Improvement fund. Then on September 20th the Men of Orems will sponsor a Chick Fil A night at Martin's plaza Chick Fil A to help pay for improvement around the church.

DISCIPLES OF YARN

The summer months have been busy for the Disciples of Yarn. On August 14 there were 44 Prayer Shawls, 5 Baby blankets, 26 Newborn hats, and 4 prayer pockets that were placed on the altar for a blessing by Pastor Chris. The display of shawls inspired some generous donations for the mission and I wish to thank all those who contributed with time and money. There were about 10 Prayer Shawls distributed after the blessing to those in need of comfort.

The Disciples of Yarn continue to crochet and knit these lovely shawls that are given in prayer and hope of healing for each recipient.

If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. The dates and times are September 13th and 27th Blessings, Dottie Daiger

Little Feet School Supply Drive was a Success but our work is not over.

The area schools Nurses Office needs 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. What a great way to start a child in a new school year. Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices. These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.



IT'S SHOE BOX TIME!!!

We have had a long tradition at Orems Church of

participating in Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign. This year our campaign will begin with a special video during worship service on September 25th. We hope that you are able to attend worship that morning to view this important message. If you would like to fill a shoe box we have some for you or you may purchase a plastic shoe box and fill it. The shoe boxes may be filled with small toys (no war toys or guns please), crayons, small books, small note books and school supplies, sun glasses, flashlights and batteries, bandaids and pocket size Kleenex, chap stick and gum, tooth brush and hair brush or comb, wash cloth and soap, jump ropes, socks and t shirts.

We will be working until mid November to collect donations. And on Friday November 11th we will have a packing party 5:00-8:00 p.m. (includes Pizza, salad and drinks for dinner). November 13th will be the blessing of the boxes. So please have your boxes back to Church by that date. Let's make this year our biggest yet!!

Thanks for all your help!
Michele McNeal



Coming This Fall

Summer is coming to an end and fall will soon be in the air. That is a sign that Sunday school will be starting soon. We will begin our year with a breakfast to welcome everyone back on Sunday, September 11th at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our first day of classes will be on September 18th.

We will have classes for ages 3 through high school and adults.

We are planning lots of fun learning experiences for everyone. We are also looking for a few people to help us teach and assist in the rooms. If you are interested please contact Mary Eisely.

Hope to see you in September, The Sunday school staff



NEW Small Groups will be forming. Some groups will meet during daytime hours, some groups will meet at night. More details will follow in our bulletins and October newsletter.

Group leaders:

If you are planning a meeting or event, please notify the office so that it can be added to our calendar. This is important for insurance purposes as well as avoiding conflicts with room usages. Thank you.

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 the toll free number 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

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. The Center is accepting 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.



October Newsletter Deadline is September 15th. Please have articles turned in to

the office by that date.



I would like to thank everyone who kept me in their thoughts and prayers during VBS week and after. Most of you know me and know that I am not comfortable sharing things but feel the need to let everyone know that God is always with us.

I love VBS but it was a personally stressful week for me. I had a stress test on Monday and was told that on Friday I had to have a Heart Cauterization looking for a possible blockage. All week we learned how God is with us through it all. Looking back now, I realize how very true this is.

Due to the blockage that I had, I could have had a heart attack which would have caused major damage to my heart, but God was with me throughout the week keeping his loving and healing hands on me.

Pastor Chris and everyone at VBS joined hands and prayed for a successful out come to my procedure Thursday evening. I experienced a special kind of love and calm because I truly knew that God was with us all. I ended up with one stent to correct two blockages and am feeling fine.

Mary Eisely

God truly is an Awesome God.





Orems United Methodist Church will hold a Craft Fair on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Local crafters will be selling Halloween and Christmas items, as well as jewelry, artwork, handmade cloth items (bags, scarves, blankets, etc.), blown glass, pottery, etc.

The Men of Orems will be selling pit beef and ham, and United Methodist Women will be selling drinks and desserts. There will be a \$1.00 fee collected from everyone who attends (under age 10 free) OR a canned good to be donated to the Orems Food Pantry. Also free give-aways throughout the day. Hope to see you there. For more information or to register for a table, call Orems Church office at 410-687-9483.

Thanks, Joyce Serio 410-687-4012

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 Orems 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.



MEMORIAL FUND

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

In memory of:

Gideon Douglas Aitken by Butch and Fran Frank

Vivian Harryman by Butch and Fran Frank, Keenagers

Delores Scoggins from Pat Pinning, Bill and Rosemary Myers

John Heck and family by Helen Heck

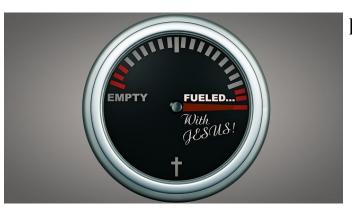
Lt. Thomas W. McGeever Jr. by Don Egner

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Yours in Christ, Donna Winner' Memorial Fund Treasurer

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.





WE still need some volunteers to help with Fuel. Look for our sign up sheet for tasks that need to be done to make this a success!

See you on September 17th!

Orems Dinner Night Out

September has two opportunities for Dinner with your Orems Family. The first will be on September 13th from 9 am to 8 pm at the IHOP at Golden Ring. Have Breakfast, Lunch or dinner or all three!

The second night will be at Chick Fil A on September 20th from 5 to 8pm at the Martin's plaza restaurant.

Hall Closet Thrift Shop News

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

The monthly sale day has been a very successful contribution to the church general budget. It is also a great way to reach out

to our community.

Our next two open days are September 10th and October 8th. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are two shopping rooms with many bargains and as always the connecting hall area with this months specials. Come join us on our next shopping day.





6-8 pm

2 hours per class; includes meditation
Orems Methodist Church
1020 Orems Road,
Middle River, MD 21220

Room 202

(enter through Fellowship Hall doors)

Basic Cost = \$20.00 per class

Suggested Cost = \$25.00 per class

Requests	Helpful Equipment
* barefeet	* yoga mat
* comfortable clothing	* yoga strap
* no cell phones/electronics	* yoga block
*no judgment of self/others	* towel/blanket/eye mask
* open heart	* water

65+\$15.00 per class

Slow and gentle yoga for flexibility, strength, and balance.

Meditative, but sweat is a possibility.

Modifications of poses will be offered; Not a high impact fitness class.

Jennifer at <u>fortunatecoincidence@gmail.com</u>



MOVIE NIGHT AT OREMS
GOD'S NOT DEAD 2
SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 6:30 P.M.

