

OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

♪ Notes from the desk of Ben Boellner, Director of Music Ministries ♪

May 2013

Special points of interest:

- May 1 - United Methodist Women
- May 2 – Keenagers
- May 4 - Hall Closet Thrift Shop open 8:30 a.m. to Noon
- May 5 Deadline for Scholarships
- May 7 - Esther Circle
- May 9 Lunch Bunch
- May 9 Administrative Board
- May 14 - Sarah Circle
- May 14 Needlebees
- May 20—Rachel Circle at Gloria Asbury home
- May 23 MOO
- May Planning meeting for BonFire and Church Pride Day
- June 23—Prayer Shawl Blessing

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What a thrill it is to be serving as your new Director of Music and Organist. I come to you with many different facets of experience. Being a chorister, accompanist and conductor I have had the privilege of playing and working with the finest musicians in our state. Choir is going to be in full swing resuming Rehearsals by the time you read this article. I am not implementing change where it is not needed. Only tweaking a few things. As I get to know you and the musical traditions of Orems I ask if you Play any instrument, Sing, Or have a special talent to see me. There is always room in the music program for you. We have a wonderful church and a wonderful music program and its only going to get better.

Over the summer I will be working diligently to expand the current program, improving things as well as organizing. The life of the music director is never dull; it's the best job in the world. If you would be interested in volunteering some time to help me I would greatly appreciate it.

Just a few Side notes:

*Outside my office door will be a summer music sign up sheet. If you would like to sing or play PLEASE let me know. If you need me to accompany you I am more than happy. Just let me know!

*Choir will sing through Pentecost Sunday. We rehearse on Wed. Nights in the sanctuary -7:00 to 8:00 -we have a great time.

If you have questions or would like to speak to me, I am in the Music office on Mon after 12:15 pm till 2. As well as Tues, Wed (evening).

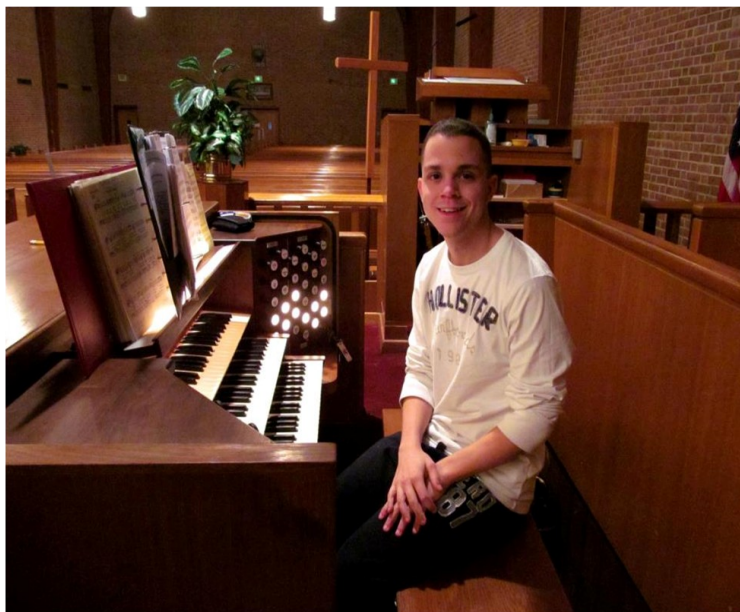
My Email Ben@ben-boellner.com Cell # is 443-691-7765. (Feel free to text. Just tell me who you are) I have a website feel free to visit

www.Ben-Boellner.com

I generally respond within 24 hours. Again I am so blessed to be with such a wonderful congregation that makes me feel welcome and warm.

Happy Spring and be well,

Benjamin Boellner



Deaf Ministry Mission Trip to Kenya

July 24 to August 10, 2013

22 Deaf and Hearing people from United Methodist churches in the US (mostly mid-Atlantic states) will continue mission work in the Deaf communities in Kenya and also will attend the 3rd International Methodist Deaf Mission Conference in Nairobi. This will be the 6th mission trip to work with our partners to form and support the Kenya Deaf ministry and 2 Deaf schools established by the Methodist Church of Kenya. This will be my second mission trip to Kenya. I went in 1998 and it has been 15 years since I have been there and there have been some big changes.

1998	2013
No deaf ministry for Deaf adults other than in a few schools, no HIV testing and education. Begin income-generating projects	Ordained Deaf woman pastor providing full ministry to Deaf people in Kenya. Deaf people trained to test and educate Deaf about HIV. More advanced income-generating projects.
Kaaga Deaf School - no interpreting, teacher's limited signing, kids limited exposure to sign language. No library. Very poor living conditions. 160 residential students.	More interpreting and much higher quality education. Large full library. New classroom building being constructed. Dormitories built to house 160 residential students.
Nija Deaf School - 6 Deaf students in a dismal room with 2 teachers, no sign language at all. No dorms. Cooking in pot over a fire. Kids walk 10 miles a day to go to school. VERY poor rural area with great people.	120 Deaf students, 16 staff all proficient in Kenyan Sign Language. 18 buildings. 75% of primary school graduates pass gov't test to go to attend high school. Nija 3 rd best of the 35 Deaf Schools in Kenyan Sign Language and 8 th best overall.

Through Deaf Ministries of the United Methodist churches and the Methodist connection we have been blessed to provide the following and much more;

Deaf Ministry:

- Seminary education for Deaf pastor and training for her in Deaf ministry in the US for 3 months (I helped with this one)
- Support for her family while she was in seminary
- Advocacy to have her ordained and supported by the Methodist Church of Kenya
- She is now the President of the International Methodist Deaf Ministries.

Kaaga Deaf School:

- a full roof on the Boys Dorm before it caved in
- in-service education and consultation for the teachers at Kaaga
- Vacation Bible School and empowerment and role models for the Deaf students
- teaching materials, library books and equipment for the classrooms.

Njia Deaf School:

- salary support for Deaf teacher to bring Kenyan Sign Language to the kids and the teachers- for three years at a rate of \$700/year.(this is her total salary for one year)
- in-service education and consultation for the teachers at Njia
- Vacation Bible School and empowerment and role models for the Deaf students
- teaching materials, library books and equipment for the classrooms
- beds and bedding and dishes, etc. for a dorm full of students
- 2 cows and chickens to help provide food for the kids

I can't wait to get there to see the improvements and to see what God has for us to work on there!

WISH LIST FOR DEAF MINISTRY GIFTS FOR KENYA

20 LARGE suitcases (with wheels please) to take gifts to Kenya (suitcases will be left in Kenya)

Educational toys (not heavy in weight)

Educational books that are culturally appropriate for African kids in a rural area

School supplies (NOT loose leaf paper)

Pencils, pens, kids scissors, glue, scotch tape, small boxes of crayons

Underwear for kids age 4 to adult, any size, for boys and girls. And bras for girls.

(Not socks and undershirts)

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY for -

Educational supplies for teachers

for making crafts for Vacation Bible School

for sports equipment

for the many needs of the kids and the schools.

To buy beds, mattress and bedding so that Njia can admit more students in their new dorm.

For each new student they need \$40 to get each Deaf kid into school and give him/her a "life."

I, personally, thank you for your support of this mission effort. I am not asking for money to send me there. I am paying my own way. Any money you give will go directly to our mission there. If you want to write a tax-deductible check, make it out to United Methodist Congress of the deaf (UMCD)

Blessings, *Rev. Ann*



Scholarships If you are a High School Graduate or someone looking to further your education, Orem's has scholarships available. Orem's scholarship applications must be in by May 5th. You may pick up an application from the office or call the office and we can mail one to you. 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 would like to present the scholarships to our Recipients at the worship service on June 9th.





MEMORIAL FUND

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

In memory of:

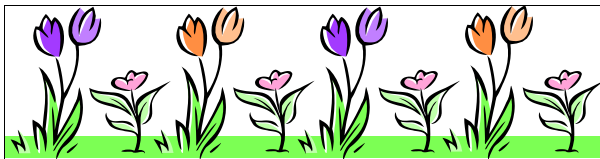
Nora Hall given by Alice Lowe, Johnnie Mc Aulay, Chp and Carol Mc Aulay and the Hall Closet Thrift Shop-Dottie Lay, Pat Robertson, Vicki Metzger, Lisa Hoerger, Nikki Hart, Merlyn Campbell, and Sara Beth Dulina;

Clara Devore given by Womens Auxiliary of the Marco Hunting and Fishing Club

John Dober Jr and LaRue Dober given by son, John Dober III

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Yours in Christ
Donna Winner,
Memorial Fund Treasurer



Sarah Circle

The April meeting was held at the home of Betty Kluttz.. It was a beautiful day on the water. We had a delicious lunch provided by Betty with salads, chicken, and wonderful desserts.

We enjoyed conversation and devotions led by Fran Frank. We missed some members and welcomed visitors Maxine's daughter Mary and sister Reva.

Our next meeting is May 14th at 11 a.m.



Thank You

Dear Orem's Church:

I want to thank the Congregation for the Administrative Assistant Day gift. How lovely to receive this expression of your appreciation for the work I do for you. And thank you to the United Methodist Women for their gift of appreciation as well. I felt very special as I was treated to lunch by some members, given cards and these gifts. As I will soon begin my 12th year at Orem's I feel very blessed to work with this congregation. God Bless you all.

Vicki Borreson

NOTE FROM INTERIM ORGANIST:

Dear Members of Orem's UMC, What a pleasant surprise to receive your lovely card and gift during my final service with you on Easter. I will get something special to remember the time we spent together.

In sincere appreciation of your thoughtfulness.

R. Warren Glock



Disciples of Yarn

On April 28th, I will have a blessing of our prayer shawls. Finish your project in time to have them blessed. I have plenty of shawls to meet your needs. Please ask for them. I keep some in the narthex. The ushers can always help you if I am not available.

Watch your bulletin for meeting dates of our Needle Bees knitting group. Come and join us for an evening of fellowship and craft work.

Thank you to all of our dedicated crocheters for the love they give this mission.

God's Blessings

Mildred Shephard



Orems United Methodist Women

The Orems United Methodist Women invites you to join us at our meeting on May 1, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The United Methodist Women meets the first Wednesday of each month (except July & August). The UMW is comprised of 4 Circles. Rachel Circle, Sarah Circle, Esther Circle & Mary Circle. Each group meets in fellowship once a month. It is a wonderful way to grow in friendship and share God's love.

On April 20th, we held our second "Tea". The Rachel Circle chaired the event. Menu includes 3 teas, Scones, Strawberry soup, Tomato Basil soup, Salad, sandwiches, Quiche and a fabulous array of desserts. This year was a sell out with 60 people in attendance! The event was a wonderful afternoon of delightful dishes shared with friends and neighbors.

We still collecting eye glasses for the New Eyes for the Needy Program. Look for the specially marked box.

The UMW Go Green/Recycle — We are collecting old Cell phones (no chargers or accessories please) in the specially marked box for the cell phones. This project not only helps the environment, gives you a place to discard unwanted cell phones but it also is a fundraiser for the UMW.

Last summer, We began a mission to make Pillowcase Dresses to Stop Human Trafficking. We made our first delivery of 131 dresses at the end of October. We are now collecting dresses to be shipped to Cameroon West Africa. Deadline for this shipment is May 12th and the Blessing will take place on May 12th. IF you wish to sew some dresses and need the pattern, contact the Church office or Margaret Eney. If you are sewing the longer dresses that are going to Cameroon, Africa please let us know.

Margaret Eney, President, Orems U.M.W.

For Your Information:

The United Nations defines **human trafficking** as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means (such as force, abduction, fraud, or coercion) for an improper purpose including forced labor or sexual exploitation.

The U.S. Government defines human trafficking as:

- Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.
- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

This modern slave trade is a threat to all nations. A grave human rights abuse, it promotes breakdown of families and communities, fuels organized crime, deprives countries of human capital, undermines public health, creates opportunities for extortion and subversion among government officials, and imposes large economic costs.

Be WATCHFUL and* *ALERT! *If you suspect something make the call, you could save a life. National Human Trafficking Resource Center *1-888-3737-888*
A National, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, everyday of the year.



Mary Jane Vigue has moved to York, PA to be closer to her son. I know she would really appreciate a card or call.

Her new address is:

Mary Jane Vigue
725 South Hampton At
Waterford
York PA 17402

CROSS TRAINING FOR ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN will now be combined with JAM during Worship time. Our children will attend worship then leave after the Children's message to attend JAM. Youth will still meet for classes at 9 am. Seekers meet at 8:45 am

Food Pantry

.Here is the list of items needed: stews, instant potatoes, Canned Hams, canned Chicken, Boxed Juices, canned fruits of all kinds, oatmeal, biscuit mixes, Jello and pudding, jelly and saltine crackers, rice, powdered milk.

Orems From the Past to the Present

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Bonfire on September 21st. To celebrate 240 years of serving God in our Community. The Men of Orems have volunteered to cook hot dogs for this event. We are opening this up to our entire community so that we can share the love of God and an evening of Fellowship with all who attend.

Sunday morning Sept 22nd will be Church Pride Day in our worship service. We will visit the past in pictures and stories and look to the future of Orems Church. Wear your Orems Shirts and celebrate 240 years. Watch for more details this summer.

If you would like to be part of the planning of this event, please attend a meeting on May 21 at 6:30 pm



Online Offering Payment

If you pay most or all of your bills online, consider adding Orems United Methodist Church to your list.

Our mailing address is
1020 Orems Road, Middle River, MD 21220.

Save yourself the task of finding a stamp or writing a check.



Acts 2:17-18

And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

HAVE YOU BEEN TO OUR HALL CLOSET THRIFT SHOP LATELY?

The Hall Closet Thrift Shop is open on the First Saturday of every month. Shop hours are from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

If you haven't shopped in our thrift shop recently then you need to stop by. We have expanded our shopping area to a second room. This allows for more room and product displays. Our Thrift Shop staff would love to show you around. See you May 4th!



Newsletter Deadline for June News is May 15th. Please have material into the Office for that publication by that date.

Garrison Keillor on "Those People called Methodists"

It was bound to happen. At some juncture a pronouncement would come forth from Lake Wobegon about the second largest Protestant denomination-- namely the family of Methodist Churches. And sadly and indeed humorously, many of the insights are true. So here are some of the highlights (P.S., along the way you discover that Garrison is a Methodist-- which explains a lot! I sprinkle in a few comments of my own along the way in square brackets).

"We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them....If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodistless place, to sing along on the chorus of 'Michael row your boat ashore' they would look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this with Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!"

"Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. Its natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you are singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, its an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other."

"I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they will talk to you. And if you are hungry, they will give you tuna salad!" [N.B. That's in the north. In the south its definitely potato salad]

"Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud." [N.B. I remember a Thanksgiving dinner when my Dad was suddenly asked by Aunt Harriet to say the blessing. Flustered, and unprepared, he said "Dear Lord, please pardon this food and bless our sins, in Jesus' name. Amen" Well Aunt Harriet, never let him live that one down, having spent so many hours in kitchen fixing the meal!]

"Methodists will usually follow the official liturgy, and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins....You know you are a Methodist if when you watch Star Wars and they say 'May the Force be with you,' you instinctively respond 'And also with you.'"

"Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace. "

"Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate."

"Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there!"

"Methodists are willing to pay up to a dollar for a meal at church....They drink coffee as if it were the third Sacrament."

"You will know you are a Methodist when its 100 degrees outside with 90% humidity and you still serve coffee after the service."

"Methodists still serve jello in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color." [especially if you are not in Ordinary time].

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"Methodists feel guilty if they don't stay to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall."

"You know you are a Methodist when doughnuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee."

"You know you are a Methodist when it takes at least ten minutes to say goodbye!"

Several years ago I was speaking at the North Georgia Annual Conference and another Methodist was on the docket as well--- Jeff Foxworthy. He did this hilarious routine entitled "You might be a Methodist if....." a take off on his "You might be a redneck if...." Here is my personal favorite line from that occasion--

"You might be a Methodist if those cross and flame boxer shorts seemed just the perfect Christmas gift for you."

OFFICE NEWS

Our new copier has arrived! We now have a Toshiba Copier in the Workroom. If you are the Chair of a Committee or in a Leadership position that requires you to occasionally use our copier, please contact the Church office for your user code. We are not limiting the amount of copies you make just keeping track of our usage.

If you would like to participate in our training session with ABS Business Systems, contact the church office as we are scheduling training days soon. Our copier can do many things and it is best to be trained by one of the Company representatives.

Dinner Out Fundraiser

Who: Your Orem's Church Friends and Family
(and anyone else you wish to invite)

Why: Why not?? Food, Friends, Fellowship and we make some money for Orem's Church. Any questions?

You have to eat, why not join friends from Orem's Church and eat together. We are currently planning another great Dinner Out night. We had many of you stop in to 5 Guys Burgers for our last Dinner Out. It was a fun night of great food and fellowship. Watch your church bulletin for the announcement of our next event. If you have any ideas of a place that offers this type of Fundraiser or would like to help set up a Dinner Out night, please contact the Church office at 410-687-9483.