



OREMS BEACON 2013

Orems United Methodist Church

OUR 240TH ANNIVERSARY IS COMING!

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 says: "Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: Religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized – whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ – but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead who I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be **in on it!**" (*The Message*)

Orems United Methodist Church has been growing and sharing in the blessings of the gospel for 240 years as a congregation. Throughout this time, Orems has experienced the transformation of lives while witnessing to the gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words – we are a church that wants to be **in on it!** To continue doing what we are doing and to keep growing in faith we need to stay connected to Jesus who is the Vine (from John 15), pray fervently and to remain engaged in ministry.

I am inviting you to join me and our talented staff and dedicated volunteers to make this fall one of the best experiences yet. Mark your calendar for the weekend of September 21 and 22. You won't want to miss the fun activities. On Saturday, Sept 21st, we will have our bonfire and roasting hot dogs and making S'Mores. If you are brave enough, we will have karaoke along with games for the kids. On Sunday morning, we will have our normal worship service at 10am with pictures from years past and a rededication of our church as we move forward in ministry together. There will be a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall after service that day. There may be some surprises and you don't want to miss a moment of it.

Our celebration of the ministry that we share at Orems will continue as we begin another fall season together. I hope that everyone will prayerfully consider how to participate in the life of the church in 2013-2014.

You may want to offer your talents to a ministry of the church that you have not supported in the past, volunteer for our food pantry, participate in a bible study, work with our children our youth, give generously to build the resources for the efforts of these programs, pray

September

Special points of interest:

- Sept 1—Communion
- Sept 2 —Office Closed
- Sept 3 - Esther Circle
- Sept 4—U M W
- Sept 4—Choir Rehearsal
- Sept 5—Keenagers
- Sept 7 -Hall Closet Thrift Shop open 8:30 a.m. to Noon
- Sept 10—Sarah Circle
- Sept 12—Lunch bunch
- Sept 16—Rachel Circle
- Sept 19—Admin Board meeting
- Sept 21—Bonfire to celebrate Anniversary. Hot dogs, S'Mores and fun
- Sept 22—Worship -Wear your Orems Shirts!
- Sept 26—MOO

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without ceasing and expect great things from God.

The bible speaks of life as a road or a path that we are called to travel. God has blessed us with the gift of making choices for ourselves along the way. Here are a few examples of the truths we can find in scripture about the road of life: John 14:6, "Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" Matthew 7:17, "Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." So, according to scripture, the road of life is narrow, not easy to find, sometimes mysterious, teaches us to care for others, and begins with knowing Jesus who is the way to heaven. And we all know all too well that the path is never straight and rarely smooth. There are curves and bumps in the road. We experience failures, set-backs, and challenges. Grief and suffering can run us off the road before we know it. It is only through God's grace and love and our own perseverance and faith that we can keep going and receive the hope that God gives us so we may stay on the road that leads to life eternal.

No doubt we have all experience moments in our lives when we pull off to the side of the road and we are at a loss for words to even describe our blessings. When that happens we need to remember to read Ephesians 2:20, that says, ***"God can do anything, you know— far more than you could ever imagine or guess in your wildest dreams! He does it by not pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. Glory to god in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh yes!"***

As we enter this new fall season, may we all look through the lens of Ephesians 3:20 as it implies that we are blessed by God to be a blessing to others. May we do just that as we begin another fall together and **Impact the world by living God's Word through our Actions and Example.**

In other words, whatever God is calling us to do at Orem's UMC and wherever God is calling us to serve, let's not just talk about it, let's all be ***in on it!!!***

Blessings, *Rev. Ann*

Disciples of Yarn

On September 15th I will have a blessing of our prayer shawls. Make sure your work is turned in by September 8th. If you need a shawl the 15th is a good time to ask for one. You can make your own selection.

Our pink shawls will be given out at the Annual Pink bag Luncheon in October. Our Christmas Shawls will be given to our church family and Franklin Square Hospital. If you have a student leaving for college, they may have a shawl also. Continue to ask for Shawls. I can offer one to take care of sick newborns and children the same as our adults. Thank you to our crocheters. Your dedication and loving hearts are giving comfort to our sick friends. They always need a "Hug from God"

God's Blessings,
Mildred Shephard



.COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Coordinating Volunteers for 2014

The charge conference elects members for the committee on nominations and leadership development (formerly the nominating committee or committee on lay leadership). This committee or team serves throughout the year to guide the church council or alternative structure on matters regarding the leadership of the congregation (other than employed staff). Member of this committee must be sensitive to the leadership needs of the congregation and know the capabilities, gifts, skills and experience of the persons in the congregation. These leaders are representatives of the body of Christ in the church and surrounding community. The major responsibilities of this committee are to:

- ◆ **get to know members of the congregation and identify (and help them to discern) their skills, gifts, knowledge, and level of commitment.**
- ◆ **identify leadership and service opportunities in the congregation**
 - ◆ **prepare job descriptions for leadership positions**
- ◆ **match potential leaders with leadership positions and invite persons to serve in those positions, making sure that these persons represent the makeup of our congregation**
 - ◆ **present recommendation to the charge conference**
 - ◆ **equip leaders through training and support**

from Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation: Nominations and Leadership Development, 2009-2012 (Cokesbury, 2008), p.6

Our committee has already begun to meet in August. As the Pastor of the church, Rev. Ann is the Chairperson of this group. This year the following church members will prayerfully discern the gifts of our congregation as we identify the needs and leadership positions for Orems UMC and recruit volunteers for 2014: **Gloria Asbury, Lisa Schenning, Joyce Scarcella, Kathy Cunningham, Merle Vickers, and Merle Clough.**

Posted on the bulletin board outside the church office is a current leadership roster. Some committees have class listings with the year above it. This means volunteers serve on a three year rotation. At the end of three years of service you come off of the committee and two or three new people join the group. **Example:** If you are listed as serving on the Staff Parish Relations Committee and your name appears under the column that has 2013 above it – this means your term on this committee ends on December 31, 2013. If you are listed under the 2014 column, you have another year to serve and if listed under the 2015 column, you have two additional years of service.

If you are on a committee and it does not have a year listed, you will be contacted by one of the above mentioned people to see if you are willing to continue serving in 2014 as you have been in the past. If you already know you would like to continue in the same position – please put your initials next to your name on the roster – posted by the office – and you will save us a few phone calls. Also, if you have a gift of leadership you would like to share, contact a member of our committee or Rev. Ann and let us know.

Please keep us in your prayers as we do our very best to continue developing leadership for the congregation of Orems UMC for the future.



Its getting close to that time of year again! It won't be long until it is Thanksgiving and Christmas. Last year, for Thanksgiving we gave out 15-18 baskets of food. And for Christmas we made 28 baskets.

As of right now, the food pantry needs:

Mac and cheese	Juice	Canned Gravy	Muffin Mix
Cereal	Cranberry Sauce	Canned Yams	Stuffing Mix
Jello	Pudding	Peanut Butter	Jellies
Canned Meat	Canned Fruit	instant Potatoes	Sauerkraut
Pork and beans	Soups	Stews	crackers

Thank you for all your help and generosity with this mission this past year. Now it is time to do it all over again.

Cathy Horst



Congratulations to Edie Sparks Aitkens (sister of Fran Frank) who was just awarded the 2012 Presidential Highest Volunteer Gold Service Award for serving over 500 Volunteer hours in 2012 for the Oklahoma Blood Institute. Edie has volunteered for the Institute since 1997. Edie lives with her husband Doug in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. When the F5 Tornado destroyed Moore Oklahoma on May 20, 2013, Edie and other volunteers were called into action to cover positions that were normally covered by folks who were now dealing with the aftermath of the storm. Edie's own Volunteer Supervisor, was a resident of Moore, and was without electric and phone service and had to move her family to Northwest Oklahoma. Taking it all in stride, Edie said it was an honor to be called upon to step in to fill a need at a time of great tragedy in her community.



HEALING SERVICE

We will have a Service of Healing and Wholeness on Tuesday, November 5th at 2:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm.

If you need physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual healing, please plan to come to this service.

We look forward to praying with and for you during this service.

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

Wow where has the summer gone! It feels like I was just planning all the special music for the coming months. By the time that you are reading this article music is in full swing.

I along with the worship committee and Rev Ann have been making strides to enhance our music program. Have you heard that we are getting a Baby Grand Piano? Yes you are hearing that correctly. It should be gracing our sanctuary sometime in later September. If all goes as planned I will be playing it for the 1st time on Sunday September 22nd. We also have purchased “The Faith We Sing hymnal supplements”. They will add an extensive new repertoire of wonderful praises to our singing. Information for purchase can be found in your weekly bulletin. All of these wonderful additions will aid in taking our musical offerings to the Lord as well as the music ministry to the next level.



The sanctuary choir returns to the choir loft September 8th. We have a great time. If you have ever wanted to sing or know anyone who wants to join, we are a fun non-pressuring group. I do ask for high school age and above to join us. Non-music readers are welcome. All we ask is the desire to sing to the glory of our Lord. We practice on Wed evenings from 7-8:15 pm in the sanctuary. Our first rehearsal is Wed Sept 4th. I would love to have you there.

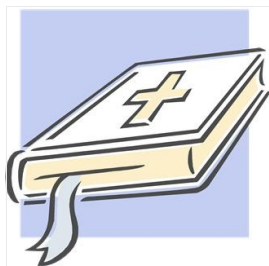
Parents and Grandparents if you have a youngster that likes to sing or play an instrument; I am looking to establish a youth music program in the coming months.

We have many exciting things happening in the life of the music ministry this year. Please stay tuned in the coming weeks in your bulletin and newsletters for Dates, times and Concert information.

As always be well and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Since fall is coming so are my fall office hours. I am in my office most days in the early afternoon/evening.

Be Blessed

Ben Boellner



The Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be studying the apostle Peter using the Bible Study Peter: Learning to be like Jesus by Robbie Castleman. They gather in the lower level of the Education Building at 8:45 a.m. beginning on September 8th. If you plan to join the group, please leave a message at the office 410-687-9483 so that we can be sure to have enough study materials on hand .

Floor Tile Update

Flooring tiles been completed in the Fellowship hall, and donations have been received.

Thank you for your donations of \$10,800.00 toward the cost of \$16,855.

We hope you have an opportunity to see our lovely new floor.

Online Offering Payment

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

Our mailing address is

1020 Orem's Road,
Middle River, MD
21220.

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



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

Orem's From the Past to the Present



240th Anniversary Bonfire on September

21st and Worship Service September

22nd. To celebrate we will have hot dogs, chips and sodas. And S'mores for dessert! We will need donations of Hershey Bars, Graham Crackers and Marshmallows and a few other items. There will be a sign up sheet in the church soon or If you can help with this donation please contact the church office. On Sunday Sept. 22nd, We will visit the past in pictures and stories and look to the future of Orem's Church. The United Methodist Women have offered to help us with a luncheon following the service and they will need food donations. And we would like to have the congregation wear their Orem's Shirts at the Worship Service. Pass the word and invite old friends and former members to share our joy!



Orem's United Methodist Women

The Orem's United Methodist Women invites you to join us at our next meeting on September 3, 2013 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.

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.

The United Methodist Women will help celebrate Orem's 240th Anniversary with a brunch following the Worship Service on September 22nd.

Our Annual Pink Bag Luncheon will be held on October 12th and Tickets for the Luncheon will be available soon. Also, October 20th we will have a Birthday Dinner. More details will be follow in the October Newsletter.

Margaret Eney, President, Orem's U.M.W.



MEMORIAL FUND

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

In memory of:

Nell Norwood given by Butch and Fran Frank, Donald and Dorothy Paschal, Linda Walizer, Maxine Young, Joyce Serio, Linda Johnson Petrush, Lorence and Wallace Paschal, William and Elaine Masson, Norman and Linda Miller, John and Donna Winner, Judi Maynor

Climenia Moore given by Joyce Serio, William and Elaine Masson, Norman and Linda Miller

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Yours in Christ

Donna Winner,
Memorial Fund Treasurer



Thank you to all who attended the Orem's Church Picnic sponsored by the Men of Orem's. The Beef was delicious, the side dishes were wonderful and the attendance was the best ever—82 people!

It was a special night for me since it was my birthday and the first one after losing my dad. It could have been a sad day for me but the loving people of Orem's made it a joyous evening with hugs, cards, gifts and the whole crowd singing Happy Birthday. Thanks to the direction of Ben Boellner —You all sounded great!

Feeling very blessed.

Vicki Borreson

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Orem's United Methodist Church,

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your acts of compassion and kindness during our mother's illness and passing. Whether you spoke a kind word, said a prayer, shed a tear, paid a visit, or sent flowers/cards/ sympathies, please accept our sincere thankfulness. God carried us through the dementia journey and we know he provided people to support us throughout.

I noted the symbolism regarding the butterfly and new birth/life in my eulogy for Mom. We have seen numerous beautiful, large butterflies this past month. We know Mom is whole once again in heaven, and God now has his hands full! She is smiling down on all of us.

Joyce Serio, Earl (Buddy) and
Raymond Moore

P.S. A big Thank you to the angels who completed the fellowship hall floor in time for the luncheon. The UMW group outdid themselves with the food. No one left hungry! Your kindness was very touching!



Sowing the Seed / Be Light was the theme lived out at the 229th session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference May 29-31.

More than 1,700 United Methodists from 646 area churches gathered May 29-31 to sow seeds of worship, learning, mission, stewardship and holy [conferencing](#) in their continuing efforts to grow disciples for the transformation of the world. The 229th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, which was held at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore, was part family reunion and part [business meeting](#), classroom and revival. It was led by Bishop Marcus Matthews, who once served as a pastor, district superintendent and Council of Ministries director in the conference and returned last September as its episcopal leader. Processing with the crosier, Matthews shepherded in the participants of the opening worship, which laid the foundation of the theme of the session: "Sowing the Seed / Be Light."

During the service, he preached, challenging the church to respond to this moment in history. It's "Holy Ghost seed-sowing time, and God want us to be a field of good soil," Matthews said. The bishop asked churches to do three things in the coming year: become prayer stations, bring at least one person to Christ and adopt a public school in its zip code. "Let us say, "yes," to being a Conference that is cultivated on fertile ground, the bishop declared. "And let us say, "yes," to producing the rich soil in which disciples will be made who will turn the world right side up for Jesus Christ; today, tomorrow, and always."

Growth in churches, discipleship

As part of producing this rich soil, conference members learned about seven new faith communities being created and consecrated the leadership teams starting these new churches. The new faith communities represent the diversity of the conference, said the Rev. Andy Lunt, chair of the BWC's Vibrant Communities. Five are multi-cultural in vision and mission, two seek to serve the growing Korean population, two grow out of largely African-American congregations, two spring from Anglo congregations and one is multicultural from the outset, Lunt said. "This is wonderful!" Bishop Matthews told the leaders of these new communities who came forward on the stage. "This is a marvelous advancement of God's Kingdom. I praise God for all who have played a part in creating these new faith communities and for the hope they represent for our future," Bishop Matthews said. Members also celebrated additions to God's Kingdom during the opening worship service, when, as an offering, the names of 2,341 people brought to Christ during the last year were lifted up. On the colorful cards were written the names of new disciples. Pamela Johnson, of West Montgomery UMC, lifted up Bonnie McCoy, a dear friend who recently died of [cancer](#). During McCoy's last months, Johnson prayed for her. "Five days before she passed," Johnson wrote on the offering card, "she told me she believed in God and was ready to go to heaven. It warmed my heart to know she gave her life to Christ before she died. Thanks be to God."

Holy Conferencing on budget, resolutions

During the session, members practiced the United Methodist discipline of holy conferencing, which invites people to [participate](#) in conversation and debate treating each other as beloved children of God and inviting the Holy Spirit to move as part of the discussion. During the plenary session May 30, the members, in an unprecedented unanimous vote, adopted a \$16.8 million budget for 2014. The approved budget represents a 1.6 percent decrease in spending from 2013 and a 7 percent decrease from the 2012 budget.

The benevolence factor for local churches remains steady at 17.75 percent. In its planning, CFA is counting on the collection rate for apportionments rising from 91.5 percent in 2013 to 92.5 percent in 2014.

Members also voted on five resolutions related to the rules. Among the outcomes, they created a conference personnel committee, which will take over the task of equipping the [human resources](#) department from the episcopacy committee; and voted not to elect delegates to the 2016 General Conference a year earlier than usual, as they were given permission by the denomination to do.

Members also considered a number of social [justice](#) related resolutions. Members voted to support advocacy efforts to end gun violence, endorse efforts to provide earned sick leave to all workers, and to work to end bullying. Following a significant debate, the conference also voted on a resolution on scientific thinking. Opponents of the resolution, like the Rev. George Harpold, questioned "if science and evolution is trying to make a lie out of creation." Proponents, like the resolution's presenter, the Rev. Maynard Moore, celebrated the possibilities that arise in an ongoing conversation between faith and science. In a 447 to 286 vote, the resolution passed.

Church leaders affirmed

Through the conference, a number of leaders came forward to be recognized. During the district superintendents' report, appointments for 117 pastors were announced. (www.bwcumc/appointments.) Included in these appointments are five new members of the Cabinet. One of them, the Rev. J.W. Park, the incoming superintendent of the Central Maryland District, will serve during the next two years as dean of the Cabinet, Bishop Matthews announced.

Members also honored 19 retirees, who together represent 565 years of ministry. At an ordination service, Bishops Matthews, West Virginia Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball and retired Bishops Joseph H. Yeakel and Violet Fisher commissioned 17 provisional elders and ordained eight Elders in Full Connection.

During the Memorial Service on Thursday evening, 16 pastors who died during the previous year were honored. Also remembered were clergy and bishops' spouses, bishops, including Bishop Leontine Kelly, a native of Washington, D.C., and lay members, including Phyllis Butler, a former lay leader of the Baltimore Conference.

Speakers deliver messages of light

During the three-day session, members heard from a variety of speakers. The Rev. Dr. Albert Mosley, president of Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, led a morning Bible study May 30 and 31 on the Parable of the Sower in Mark 4:1-9. At the conclusion of the study, he distributed fortune cookies to the members containing messages encouraging them to sow seeds of hope, peace, love and joy.

Conference members also heard from Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, who thanked them for their continued presence and social justice ministries in the city and for their care and prayers following the recent murder of her cousin, Joseph Haskins, the son of the Rev. Bruce and Deborah Haskins.

General Secretary of the General Commission on Finance and Administration Moses Kumar

thanked the Baltimore-Washington Conference for paying 100 percent of its apportionments for more than 15 years. "You are a living example of giving so that others may prosper," he said.

In ministry reports, Conference Lay Leader Delores Martin called on the laity to be empowered to claim their ministries, and Director of Connectional Ministries Sandra Ferguson, who led an hour presentation with video and storytelling, outlined the conference's more than 27 ministries, including advocacy, camping, the Zimbabwe partnership, disaster relief, and church development. (See the videos of these ministries at <http://getumsocial.com/bwctv>.) Ferguson also introduced to the conference Usha N. Satish, a graduate of Bennett College who thanked the conference for its full support of the Black College Fund, which provides scholarship at historically black colleges.

Other seeds sown

In other action, the conference:

- Received an award from the General Board of Global Ministries for contributing the most in the Northeastern Jurisdiction for designated giving to mission and missionary support.
- Raised \$7,803 in an offering at ordination to benefit the scholarship fund at Africa University.
- Adopted 12 Advance Special ministries for second-mile giving.
- Enjoyed music during worship from choirs from Emory UMC in Washington, Epworth Chapel UMC in Baltimore and Damascus UMC in Damascus.
- Celebrated camping ministries at games, songs and lunch around a campfire in the Grand Ballroom.

Learned about changes to the Clergy Retirement Security Program for 2014 at a special workshop. (See www.bwcumc.org/+++++)

- Voted on four amendments to the denomination's constitution. The results of the denomination-wide vote will be announced later this year by the Council of Bishops.

Received greetings from Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt Jr. of the CME Church.

Past, present and future church

During the session, the conference recognized the Rev. Paul Jones, 95, who was attending his 74th consecutive annual conference session. His presence emphasized the continuing traditions of and heritage of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, the oldest in the denomination.

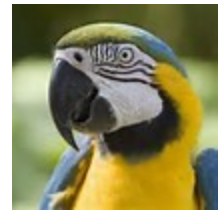
During the Memorial Service, this heritage was recognized with the tolling of the Cokesbury bell. This bell is from Cokesbury College, which was established at the denomination's founding Christmas Conference in 1784.

During the ordination service, the kneeler that was used by the ordinands is from the altar rail of Memorial Methodist Church. It was at this rail that renowned missionary E. Stanley Jones experienced his conversion to the Christian faith. In another special moment, the 1,700 members in attendance sang "Happy Birthday," via live Internet streaming, to Eunice Mathews, the daughter of E. Stanley Jones and widow of Bishop James Mathews, who was celebrating her 99th birthday.



Do You Have a Pet???

If so, we are going to have a **Blessing of the Animals service** on Sunday, October 27th at 10am in Fellowship Hall.



Please come and bring your pet so we can give them a blessing. Dogs should be on leashes. Cats and birds in cages/carriers.

If you have an exotic pet, we will be sending a signup sheet around the congregation closer to the date, so you can let Rev. Ann know what kind of pet you will be bringing and what your pet's name is.

This is a wonderful time to celebrate All of God's creation!



CHARGE CONFERENCE 2013

Saturday, October 26, 2013

In the Sanctuary at 12:30 pm

Rev. Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, District Superintendent

The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. Source: A Dictionary for United Methodists, Alan K. Waltz, Copyright 1991, Abingdon Press. Used by permission.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for our annual Charge Conference. Come and meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Cynthia Moore-Koikoi. If you are the Chairperson of a committee serving on the Administrative Council, please plan to attend.