



OREMS BEACON

Orem's United Methodist Church



February 2014

Special points of interest:

- Feb 1 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
- Feb 5 11 am Esther Circle
- 7 p.m. UMW
- Choir
- Feb 6 Keenagers
- Feb 9 Communion and UMW SUNDAY
- Feb 11 Sarah Circle
- Feb 12 Choir and Cantata rehearsal
- Feb 16 Confirmation class 1-3 pm
- Feb 17 Rachel Circle
- Feb 18 NeedleBees
- Feb 19 Choir
- Feb 26 Choir



Adult Seekers Sun 8:45 a.m.
 Sunday School
 Pre K to Youth 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

UMW SUNDAY is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in February. This will be our Fourth year and it will be held on Sunday, February 9th at 10:00am. During the service a rededication will be held for Members and Life-time Membership pins will be awarded. We will host a brunch for the congregation following the service. All members are asked, if possible, to provide a covered dish for the luncheon. Thank who have volunteered to help during the church service: Ushers: Tammy Brown & Gloria Asbury ; Greeter: Judi Maynor; *Communion Helpers: Nita Hatcher, Michele McNeal, Laurel McNeal, Hannah Eney, Charlotte West ; Liturgist: Dottie Daiger*

REMEMBER TO WEAR RED IN HONOR OF UMW SUNDAY!!

LOG CABIN CANDY FUNDRAISER February 9- March 23, 2014

UMW will be selling Log Cabin Easter Candy again this year. The candy sale begins on United Methodist Women Sunday, Feb 9th and will be sold thru March 23rd. The candy will be distributed Sunday, March 30th and Sunday, April 6th, in the connecting hallway. Contact Mary Eisely 410-686-5815 if you would like a flyer to buy or to sell candy.

GIFT OF CARING

**You don't have to eat the candy!
 You can purchase a box of Easter Eggs for \$4.00 and have them donated to the men at The Streets of Hope-Homeless Mission. Last year 92 boxes were donated to the men at the Streets of Hope and they loved it! Let's try to make this Easter just as special!**

YOUTH ATTEND ROCK 2014

We look forward to hearing about their weekend on February 23rd, 10:00 a.m..

FAMILY FUN NIGHT



DATE: Saturday,
February 22, 2014

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

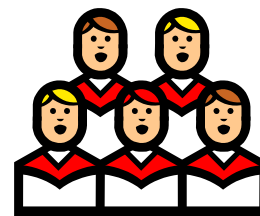
PLACE: Orem's United
Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

COST: \$5.00 (Hot Dog,
Chips, Beverage, Treat)

We hope you will join us for an evening of family fun and fellowship as we play BINGO, enjoy refreshments and have a relaxing and fun-filled evening with friends and family.

Music Notes From Ben Boellner



Dear Orem's Family;

I can't believe it is this time of year when we need to start rehearsals for Easter cantata where has the time gone!? We will present the Easter Cantata on April 13th, Palm Sunday

Over the coming weeks the choir will be working to put together Holy week and Easter offerings. Rehearsals for Easter Cantata will begin Feb 12th at 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary. Please stay tuned in your Spring newsletters for upcoming music news.

IF you are interested in participating in the music program singing a solo, duet etc or playing an instrument please contact me right away, I could really use your talent.

Music Director
Ben Boellner

BOARD OF CHILD CARE

I want to Thank everyone who donated a \$5.00 Christmas Stocking to the Board of Child Care. We collected a total of \$150.



Board of Child Care Auxiliary Membership Drive – Membership Drive will begin soon. Please look for envelopes in your church bulletin. Please complete info on envelope and include in the envelope \$2.00 and place in offering plate. Extra envelopes will be available in the Narthex. We will be collecting for two Sundays.

Day trip to the Board of Child Care – Date Coming Soon!
When date is determined signup sheet will be in the Narthex.

Just a reminder don't forget about Campbell Soup labels and Box tops. The collection bin is located in the connecting hallway. Details regarding what is acceptable are located by the bin.

God Bless,
Tammy Brown
Board of Child Care Liaison



MARCH NEWSLETTER:

Information is due into the office by February 15th to be included in the March newsletter.



Dear Church

It's February and as I write this (the end of January), we are only one month into winter. I surely don't want to wish my life away, but I am soooo ready for spring! I DO love the change of seasons, but quite frankly, I'm tired of shoveling snow and I'm tired of single digit temperatures. I know many of you share that same sentiment.

When I think of February, I think of the celebration of Black History Month, Lincoln's Birthday, and President's Day. Girls (and guys, you should too) think about Valentine's Day as well. Valentine's Day is a day that brings expectation, fear, and sadness together in one celebration. I doubt you would find that definition in a dictionary since I made it up. Why do I define Valentine's Day

like that? Well, on Valentine's Day some look forward to the opportunity to share their love with someone else. Some are afraid they won't be able to communicate the depth of their love. Some wish there was someone who shared their love. Sometimes relationships get started on Valentine's Day. Sometimes relationships end on Valentine's Day. Sometimes we just hope for the best. It's a day of blessing or curse depending on your perspective. Valentine's Day brings together so many conflicting emotions.

I'm sure there are some individuals who are able to create a perfect Valentine celebration, but for the rest of us, expressing love can be difficult. We fumble. We falter. We want the right words to say, but often the right words escape us. Our visions of a romantic getaway that fans the flames of love excites us, but reality usually falls short of such dreams. Letting someone else know the depth of our love remains a difficult task for many of us.

When God wanted to communicate his love, he used more than words. When God revealed his love to us he didn't send a card, or buy us candy or flowers, or send a singing telegram. God displayed his love in this, while we were yet sinners Jesus died for us (Romans 5:8). Sacrifice revealed God's love best. Maybe it is always that way. Perhaps love is best communicated through the sacrifices that we make for each other, not just on Valentine's Day, but throughout the year.

As we journey through February, find some time to spend time reflecting on the love God revealed through Jesus. May you sense God's love and may you find ways to extend it to others this month and every day of every month.

Blessings,

Rev. Ann



THANK YOU

Dear Rev. Dr.
Ann, and
Congregation;

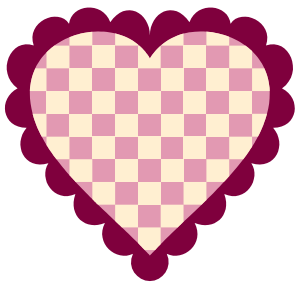
Thank you to the people of Orem Church for your prayers, emails, calls and cards. It was a long road but I am recovering. I am looking forward to getting back to church soon

Dave Scarcella

Dear Orem
Church

Thank you to all of you who have called, emailed, sent cards, and prayed while I recovered from surgery and rehab. Your care and concern is very appreciated.

Kathy Cunningham



Dear Orem Church

Thank you for the Christmas gifts and cards. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Vicki Borreson



Angel Tree Thanks

Dear Friends at Orem Church

Thank you so much for your generous holiday support to Glenmar Elementary School. So many of our families were in need this year and your kindness made a wonderful Christmas possible for them. Giving is the true spirit of the season and your generosity has been a blessing. Thanks again everything you did for us is greatly appreciated.

Denise Bosworth, School Counselor; Glenmar Elementary School

Dear Angel Tree,

Thank you so much for helping our Martin Boulevard Elementary School families with Christmas gifts and food. The families are very grateful to be given the gifts and food for the holiday by your congregation. We truly appreciate your generosity. It is always great to see the smiling faces of the families who receive this assistance. Once again, we thank you for your thoughtfulness in providing this for our families. It has taken a great burden off of the families who are experiencing financial stress at this time. Your helpfulness has helped make this a memorable holiday for them. We hope you have a wonderful 2014 and thank you once again.

Amorita McClam, Parent Service Coordinator

Food Pantry News

Our pantry is being restocked to prepare for the winter. We have received several calls for food in January.

We were able to begin to restock our pantry with an area food drive held at Orem Elementary school. We are however still in need of certain items. If you are able to help us in anyway it would be greatly appreciated by everyone involved. Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, instant potatoes,

pancake mix and syrup, Tuna, canned hams, Boxed Juices, rice, canned fruits of all kinds, beef stew, muffin mixes, Jello and pudding, Cereals, Mac and Cheese, soups, jelly and peanut butter and pork and beans.

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.



MEMORIAL FUND

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

In memory of:

Lydia Sue Jenkins Rose given by
Mania Abrahamian and Yelena
Nouribekian

Ernest J. Hoerger given by Georg
and Caroline Louk, Cynthia and Paul
Kowal, Gladys Louk and Daine Cohen,
Mania Abrahamian and Yelena
Nouribekian

Johanna Dawson by Ruth Dawson

Ray Dawson by Ruth Dawson

Florence Legeer by Ruth Dawson

Steven Dawson SR. by Ruth Dawson

George Sullivan Jr by Ruth Dawson

Treasha Hambrook by Ruth Dawson

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ

Donna Winner

Memorial Fund Treasurer

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday February 5, 2014 at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.

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.”

“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.gbgn-umc.org)

Thank you to every one who voted for our tree at the Spirit of the Season. We rounded the donations up to \$20 and are sending it to The Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

DISCIPLES OF YARN

Our Christmas prayer shawl mission was well received. All of our shawls were given to members of our church family who were having a difficult holiday season.

One of our shawls was given to a Non-Christian lady. She uses it every day and is surprised that someone of another faith has prayed for her. Because of the shawl, she has learned about Christianity and the Savior we love. Sometimes our mission goes in a direction that is a surprise to me.

Thanks to our crocheters for bringing cheer to shut-ins within our church family.

Stay warm

Mildred Shephard

Disciples of Yarn continues to respond to those in need of comfort. If you are in need of a Prayer Shawl contact the Church office or Mildred Shephard.

The Needle Bees will be meeting on Feb 18th, Mar 18th, April 1st, April 29th and May 13th . Come and join us to do a needle craft of any kind. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 100.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are interested in joining in fellowship with our church, we are offering a 3 week New Member Class. Classes are on

Sunday, March 9, 1pm-2:30pm

Sunday, March 23, 1pm-2:30pm

Sunday, March 30, 1pm-2:30pm

We have a lot of fun and hope you will want to join us.

Let's take a journey during Lent...

a 6 week journey through the Psalms.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE Psalms

Fasten your seat belts because there will be a few bumps along the way as we take our whole range of human experience and emotions to God in psalm prayer. This journey mirrors Jesus' march toward Jerusalem, Good Friday, and Easter. Be prepared to stretch your understanding of prayer and of faith along the way.

I can't think of a time when Christians have needed to study and pray the psalms more than right now. We live in a culture of hype -- everything is over the top and in your face. We live in an atmosphere of fear -- of terrorists, snipers, product contamination, identity theft, strange diseases that are medically resistant, home invasions, and dwindling retirement funds. We are over stimulated and distracted by scandals, things to buy, and foreign wars and uprisings. How can we find God in the middle of such a world as this? How can we envision the kind of world that God intends for us?

The figurative, image-laden language of the Psalms can help and Lent is a perfect time to do this.

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| Tuesday, March 11: | Session 1 | Praying the Psalms |
| Tuesday, March 18: | Session 2 | The Synagogue, the Church and the Psalms |
| Tuesday, March 25: | Session 3 | Your Hallelujahs Don't Have to be Hollow Anymore |
| Tuesday, April 1: | Session 4 | You Get What You Deserve, Don't You? |
| Tuesday, April 8: | Session 5 | Complaining in Faith to God |
| Tuesday, April 15: | Session 6 | The Lord Reigns. Enthronement Psalms. I'll Never Be the Same Again. |

WE WILL BE OFFERING AN AFTERNOON (2PM) AND AN EVENING CLASS (7PM)

If YOU want to join us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet so we know how many supplies to have prepared.



Join us as we

CONNECT our families

Please be a part of our new family directory program—we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you!



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating



Exciting products turn your portraits into cherished memories

Photo by Lifetouch

