



# OREMS BEACON

## Orem United Methodist Church

**Spirit of the Season Report**—The weather did not dampen our spirits!

Vendors, visitors and volunteers all found the evening inspiring!

While the weather may have held back some visitors to our event, we were able to enjoy the evening. The Hall of Trees was a delightful entrance to the Marketplace.



HALL OF TREES

The Youth tree took top prize with their theme—House of Hope and the Office Tree with the Angel Tree theme (Every Child should be able to Celebrate Christ's birth—or as our Administrative assistant says "The Kids need the gifts!" ) took second place. All the vote money will go to good causes so everyone is a winner—even the MOO tree with toilet seat décor!

One visitor to Spirit of the Season commented that the Shepherd was

very warm and welcoming and was surprised to find out that it was our Rev Ann in character. Many folks called to compliment us on the well organized event, lovely hallway and a stirring Live Nativity and expressed interested in returning next year.

Many thanks to Don and Lisa Schenning, the kitchen crew, wreath making crew, Nativity crew, the Tree decorating crews for each group and all who joined to make this a wonderful event.



**The Winning Tree—  
OCYM Tree for House of Hope**

### January 2014

Special points of interest:

- Jan 2 - Keenagers
- Jan 4- Hall Closet Thrift Shop
- Jan 5—Worship with Communion
- Confirmation class 1-3 pm
- Jan 6 - 7 p.m. Events meeting
- Jan 8— Esther Circle
- 7 p.m. UMW
- 7 p.m. Choir
- Jan 11—Planning Meeting 9 am to Noon
- Jan 12 Sunday school and Worship
- Jan 14 Sarah Circle
- Needlebees
- Jan 15 Choir
- Jan 16 Admin Board
- Jan 19 Sunday School, Worship, Confirmation 1—3
- Jan 20 Rachel Circle
- Jan 22 Choir
- Jan 29 Choir
- Jan 31—Youth leave for Rock 2014

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## **To my dear Orems Family;**

Well, the hustle bustle of Christmas is behind us, 2013 is almost over and the New Year is upon us.

Many of us are preparing for a “new start” on projects, our lives, our commitments, even our work for Jesus Christ. The New Year brings an interesting, resounding theme... “NEW.” In 2012, we saw many “New” things, including the “NEW” members, as well as new guests and those who have come to be part of our worship each week...we welcome them all and will continue to embrace all of God’s people who come to adore Him and worship with us as we sing our praises to God. We installed a “New” projection system, including camera, computer, and loop system in the sanctuary. We hired a “New” Director of Music and are blessed by his musical gifts from God. We reinstated our Sunday School and have 2 former teachers and 2 new teachers. We purchased “New” computer software to better manage our membership and our giving. We are in process of making a “New” computer generated layout of our cemetery. We put “New” tile down in our Fellowship Hall. Lots of “New” happenings at Orems.

What will 2014 bring for us at Orems? What will God challenge us with next? What might we do to serve others in our community, and in our world? How can we help and increase our mission efforts in 2014? How do we connect with others around us and grow our membership, and grow in our faith? Sounds like lots of questions, but where are the answers? Who has them?

Easy...we go to God in PRAYER! The answers lie within the Bible, and listening to God’s calling in our lives through God’s Holy Spirit. We have a chance to significantly impact a lot of people. Orems celebrated 240 years of service in 2013. With God’ guidance through the Holy Spirit, our leadership team, and with each of you...the possibilities are endless!

The efforts of so many of our congregation, who keep the building secure, prepared everything and made ready for services each week (it is such a team effort and I thank you ALL). Thanks to our many committees and groups who made outreach and mission possible this year. This is SUCH a faithful and giving congregation... AND we pack a huge punch in service and service to others. Great job everyone! And I mean, EVERYONE!!

So, it brings us to 2014 again. Where are we going and how will we get there? On January 11<sup>th</sup>, our leadership will meet to make plans and set goals for the coming year. Please be in prayer for us. I cannot do this without your help. For many, change comes hard, however, God’s ministry is just that...CHANGE. But with change, also comes some awesome challenges to our growth and faith in Christ...and for 2014, that is my wish and direction for this church...that we “challenge” ourselves and “change” our hearts and serve in a way we have realized we could.

I am excited for 2014 and for our church family as we embrace a challenge to serve. This means getting out of our routine and comfort zones, checking our egos at the door, and really doing like Jesus did...getting out there and serving, inviting and making our church look, feel and act like a place where people “want” to come and worship with us...this means change on our parts...but I know we can do it. We can really make a difference if we all pull together and change for the glory of Christ our Savior; serving others and being a light to the world. The possibilities are endless... are you willing to journey with me and experience all that God has in store for us in 2014? I sure hope so!

Blessings for a healthy and happy New Year,

*Rev. Ann*

## *Music Notes From Ben Boellner*

Can you believe we are just getting through advent and Christmas?

I want to express my sincere thanks to the choir and people of Orem for their ongoing support and love for the music program. I also would like to take the time to give a BIG THANK YOU to the choir and the guest singers who took time out of their busy holiday season to sing the cantata. I am very proud to be the director of music and organist for this fine group.

If you will notice I am incorporating different music into worship. Some Sundays as you are walking in I'll either be playing the piano or organ 15 mins prior to service. That is just one of the many things I will be adding. Over the next few months I will be adding different styles of music and anthems to the choral library. Myself and many church leaders will be meeting in the coming weeks to discuss goals and aspirations for the new year and oh boy do I have many. Please stay tuned to your newsletters, bulletins and other means of church communication for things coming up.

I am always looking for a few more choir members or musicians. Please see me if you are interested. YOUNG PEOPLE- Please be on the lookout for me contacting you. I would like to start a "young adult music group"

Information will be forthcoming.

As Always do not hesitate to contact me.

Love and peace, Ben Boellner, Director Of Music/ Organist



## **Board of Child Care**

I want to Thank everyone who donated Wrapping paper, youth personal hygiene items (Axe Body wash and Bath & Body Works items) and gift cards to the Board of Child Care. We collected over 75 rolls of wrapping paper, over 60 hygiene items and \$50 in gift cards. Thank you for making Christmas for the boys and girls at the Board of Child Care a little brighter.

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> was the last day to turn in your Board of Child Care Christmas Stockings. Help the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday School class reach their goal to fill 50 stockings (\$250) for their mission Project.

Future events - Look for details next month for January Board of Child Care Auxiliary membership drive which is \$2.00 a person per year and February Day trip to the Board of Child Care everyone is welcome, a sign up sheet will be in the Narthex in January or you can just let me know if you would like to attend. Don't forget about the Campbell Soup labels and Box tops we collect all year long. The collection bin is located in the connecting hallway. If you every have any questions about the Board of Child Care please call Tammy Brown at 410-322-0496.

**God Bless,**

Tammy Brown

Board of Child Care Liaison

## THANK YOU

Dear Rev. Dr. Ann,  
and Congregation;

In Deuteronomy 15:11  
Moses wrote "there  
will always be poor  
people in the land.  
Therefore, I command  
you to be open handed  
toward your brothers  
and toward the poor  
and needy in your  
land."

Dear friends, you  
have heeded this  
call and reached  
out with your hearts  
and hands to those  
less fortunate.  
Thank you for  
putting a smile on a  
mother's face and  
joy in her heart.  
Thank you for the  
Christmas  
Stockings. The  
mother's are tickled  
pink when they  
receive one. Thank  
you for giving us  
the pleasure of  
making this a  
possibility. Your  
precious gifts to the  
Greater Baltimore  
Center for  
Pregnancy are  
greatly  
appreciated.  
Please keep us in  
your prayers as we  
serve god and his  
children

Agape'  
Linda Gossman  
Center Coordinator  
Essex Center



**Angel Tree Gifts have been distributed to 14 area families. We helped to make this a great holiday for our neighbors in need.**

Thank you to Christina Falkenhan for shopping for the angels who did not get sponsors on our Angel Tree. Thank you to all who donated money and gifts and time for the Angel Tree Mission. With your generous help, Orem's Church was able to help 31 children have a Merry Christmas. (Some Guidance counselors, or social workers picked up the gifts instead of the families—they were overwhelmed with the amount of gifts and food we had for each family.) Thank you cards have arrived:  
Orem's Church:  
We couldn't be more grateful. We loved all the presents  
Madison, Austin and Dominick

Thank You Orem's Church  
Hoping your Holiday was lovely, Merry Christmas,  
Love Katherine, Valerie and Christopher

## Food Pantry News

We serviced 22 families at Christmas with baskets of food including enough food for several more days.

Our pantry is being restocked to prepare for the winter.

We were able to begin to restock our pantry with an area food drive held at Orem's Elementary school. They delivered 5 boxes of food to the pantry. We are however still in need of certain items. If you are able to help us in any-

way 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 Chicken, Boxed Juices, rice, canned fruits of all kinds, beef stew, muffin mixes, Jello and pudding, jelly and peanut butter and pork and beans.

**Thank you to everyone who provided food to help fill the baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. 38 Families were fed because of your generosity.**



Thank You to Gloria Asbury for taking on the task of Orem's Postmaster to deliver Christmas cards to the congregation during the Sundays of Advent.

**Floor Tile Figures for Fellowship Hall 2013**  
Total donation \$12,740. Thank you for your donations toward the cost of \$16,855 for the new floor.

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### **Year End Report from The Hall Closet**

2013 was a great year with adding an additional selling room in room 8 and a year sales total of \$10, 034

Thank you to everyone who donates and shops at the Hall Closet Thrift Shop.

Also thank you to the special volunteer staff- Merlyn Campbell, SaraBeth Dulina, Lisa Hoerger, Vicki, Heather, and Brittany Metzger, Pat Robertson, Nikki Hart and Dottie Lay. In the Lord's Service, Linda Hall

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### **ONE CALL NOW SYSTEM**

Occasionally, when a message is sent through the One Call System the message will not get through, especially if it is going to a cell phone.

Trouble can occur when an outgoing message on an answering machine or voice mail is excessively long, contains long pauses, or when a cellular service provider plays its own outgoing message before or after the subscriber's message. For example: "Please hold while we locate this subscriber" might play, followed by some pauses and a greeting, and then end with "To page this person please press 5, press 1 to leave a message or wait for the tone." The extra length and/or pauses can cause the One Call system to deliver your message before the recipient's voice mail is ready to record it.

Orems Members can call the One Call Now System to listen to the latest message anytime that occurs or if you delete the phone message by mistake, Simply dial the toll free number (877-698-3261) and press option "1" to hear the group's latest message. If you miss the message and wish to hear it again, or you are wondering if there was a message that you missed, simply call the number above and press "1" to listen to the latest Orems message.

### **CHRISTMAS ISN'T OVER —Ephiphany is near**

Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It was celebrated since the end of the second century, before the Christmas holiday was established.

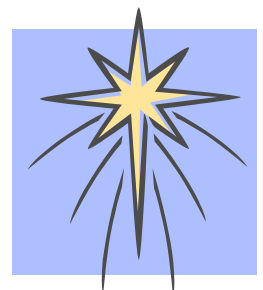
It is commonly known as Twelfth Night, Twelfth Day, or the Feast of Epiphany. It means "manifestation" or "showing forth". It is also called Theophany ("manifestation of God"), especially by Eastern Christians. Epiphany also refers to the church season that follows the day.

It commemorates the first two occasions on

which Jesus' divinity, according to Christian belief, was manifested: when the three kings visited infant Jesus in Bethlehem, and when John the Baptist baptized him in the River Jordan. The Roman Catholic and Protestant churches emphasize the visit of the Magi when they celebrate the Epiphany. The Eastern Orthodox churches focus on Jesus' baptism.

The observance of Epiphany had its origins in the Eastern Christian Churches and was a general

celebration of the manifestation of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. It included the commemoration of his birth; the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem; all of Jesus' childhood events, up to and including his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist; and even the miracle at the wedding at Cana in Galilee.



# Leadership for 2014

## Council

Council Chair	Nikki Hart (3)
Recording Secretary	Donna Sfikas (1)
Co-Lay Leaders	Merlyn Campbell (1) Norris Tingle (1)
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Nikki Hart (3) Norris Tingle (1)
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Ann P. Adams

## Programs

Church History Chair	Karen Dull
Christian Education Chair	Rev. Dr. Ann P. Adams
Evangelism/Membership	Linda Tingle
Missions Chair	Kathy Cunningham (3)
UM Women President	Margaret Eney
Worship	Donna Sfikas (3)
Young Adult representative	Laurel McNeal
Youth Coordinators	Mike Walters
Men of Orem (MOO)	Butch Frank
Keenagers	Butch Frank

## Resources

Communications Coordinator	Jerry Fischer
Committee on Nominations and Leadership	
Development	Rev. Dr. Ann P. Adams
Finance Chair	Linda Hall
Treasurer	Jim McVicker
Assistant Treasurer	Charlotte West (3)
Financial Secretary	Linda Hall
Staff Parish Relations	
Trustee Chair	Merle Clough

## Family Event Committee

Chairs: Lisa and Don Schenning

## Education

Chair:

Teachers: Adam Wasson, Melissa Wilking, Tammy Brown, Nita Hatcher, Nicole Cotherman, Carol Wilkinson  
 Youth teachers: Don Schenning, Sara Beth Dulina, Mike Walters  
 Seekers (adult): Karen Dull

## Nurture, Evangelism, and Church Membership

Chair: Linda Tingle

Ron Fink, Nikki Hart, Kathy Cunningham  
 Judi Maynor (membership) Margaret Eney  
 Pixie Faulkner (Congregational Care)

## Missions and Outreach

Chair: Kathy

Cunningham  
 Angel Tree Nicole Cotherman  
 Board of Child Care Tammy Brown  
 Disciples of Yarn/Prayer Shawl Mildred Shepherd  
 Food Pantry Cathy Horst  
 Little Feet Betsy Myers  
 Girl Scout Representative  
 Homeless Ministry Lynn Clough  
 Samaritan's Purse Margie Mayer  
 Thrift Store Linda Hall

## Worship

chair: Donna Sfikas (2)

Norris Tingle (Lay leader)  
 Merlyn Campbell (wedding coordinator and Lay Leader)  
 Annette Falkenhan (wedding coordinator)  
 Cathy Horst, Jane Warrender and Mike Walters (youth coordinator)  
 Ben Boellner (ex-officio, music director)  
 Rev. Dr. Ann P. Adams (pastor)

**Finance** Chair: Linda Hall (3)

Jim McVicker (Treasurer)  
Charlotte West (Assistant Treasurer)  
Nikki Hart (Council Chair)  
Merlyn Campbell (Lay Leader)  
Norris Tingle ( Lay Leader)  
Donna Winner (Memorial fund secretary)  
Carl Horst  
Linda Hall (Financial Secretary)  
Merle Clough(Trustee chair)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (SPRC chair or representative)  
Judi Maynor

**Scholarship Committee** Chair: Pastor

Rev. Ann P. Adams (Pastor)  
Donna Winner (Memorial Fund Treasurer)  
Norris Tingle (Lay Leader)  
Margaret Eney (United Methodist Women President)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (education representative)

**Nominations and Lay Leadership Development** Chair: Rev. Ann P. Adams

Vice chair:  
Lay leader: TBD

Class of 2014                      Class of 2016  
Joyce Scarcella                      Dottie Daiger  
Kathy Cunningham                      Nita Hatcher  
Class of 2015  
Merle Vickers  
Merle Clough

**Staff Parish Relations**

Chair:  
Vice Chair:  
Lay leader: Norris Tingle, Merlyn Campbell  
Member to Conference: Nikki Hart  
Class of 2014                      Class of 2016  
Sallie Tyner                      Linda Edwards  
Donna Winner                      Judi Maynor

Class of 2015  
Elaine Masson  
Charlotta Turner  
Terry Alexander

**Board of Trustees** Chair: Merle Clough

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Council Chair:                      Nikki Hart  
UMW President:                      Margaret Eney  
Lay Leader:                      Norris Tingle, Merlyn Campbell  
Pastor:                      Rev. Dr. Ann P. Adams  
Charlotte West

Trustee Sub-Committees

Cemetery  
Bob Churchman  
Dennis Asbury  
Karen Dull



## 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  
Mildred Amos, Joe and Elaine  
Hendricks, Alma Smith, Mania  
Abrahamian and Yelena Nouribekian

**Thank you for your thoughtfulness,**

**Yours in Christ**

**Donna Winner**

**Memorial Fund Treasurer**



### Let Us Rejoice in Him

By M. Janis Eshleman

Today I whispered His  
Name

Tomorrow I'll scream it  
No Matter how I do it,  
It matters to me to rejoice  
in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forever more.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday January 8, 2014 at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.

*Thank you for the generous gift to the Breast Imaging Program in the Russell Morgan department of Radiology and Radiological Science at Johns Hopkins medicine from the Orem United Methodist Women. This contribution helps us as we work to save women's lives through early detection and better diagnosis of breast cancer. I enjoyed having the opportunity to speak at your wonderful event and am truly grateful for your meaningful support.*

*Happy Holidays, Susan Harvey, MD*

### DISCIPLES OF YARN

Dear Disciples of Yarn,

A special hug and thank you to the ladies whose talents and prayers have wrapped me in love and peace.

Thank you so much for your thoughts.

Love and Prayers, Isabelle Sprinkle

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 Jan 14th, 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.

### FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:

Information is due into the office by  
January 15th



**Merry Christmas from Sermons4Kids!** Orems offers this Children's Bulletin every Sunday to our children who attend Worship and come up for the Children's Time.

Sermons4Kids had its beginning in 1999 with a small personal web page posting the children's sermons each week. In 2000, a free email subscription to the "Sermon of the Week" was added. Sermons in Spanish were added in 2002 and in 2003 Sermons4Kids incorporated and gained approval from the IRS as a non-profit organization. Along the way, new features have been added such as coloring pages, puzzles, and group activities. Some of you probably think that Sermons4Kids is a big organization with a large staff. Actually we are a small, mostly volunteer organization with **a BIG God!!** Our staff consists of Charles Kirkpatrick, who writes sermons, creates the puzzles and worship bulletins, and maintains the web site; Zulma Gavalda, translates sermons into Spanish; Carol Williams writes group activity pages; and Megan Robinson who manages our Social Media. God has blessed this ministry beyond our wildest dreams. Here are a few statistics to give you an idea of what God is doing through Sermons4Kids! \* 66,625 email subscribers receive our Sermon of the Week in English  
\* 14,050 email subscribers receive our Sermon of the Week in Spanish

Sermons4Kids has never charged for any of our services. We choose to make it freely available to all and depend upon the generous donations of those who use our services to provide the needed financial support. It is my prayer that the joy and peace of Christmas will be with you and that God will pour out his richest blessing upon you in the New Year. Serving those who serve the children, Charles Kirkpatrick, Sermons4Kids, Inc.

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**Letter from Churches for Streets of Hope** (a coalition of congregations in Southeast Baltimore County to provide a safe, warm place for homeless persons)

Dear Friends, Welcome to the Feast! Whether you're a new friend or one who has helped us all along the way this, our fourth season, is an exciting time to take a place at the table God has set before us in providing shelter for 16 men in the Essex/ Dundalk /Middle River area. Churches for Streets of Hope, more than ever, needs your assistance to help us provide a safe, warm compassionate place for men to shelter overnight from winter's severe cold. Your tax-deductible charitable contribution will be used to help support our programming and to strengthen us. Core support from Baltimore County Department of Planning carries a great portion of our overhead, but additional financial support is needed to make ends meet. Your gift, today can help assure our ministry. As we look to obtain a permanent location for the shelter, your check of support can help us acquire architectural drawings, and permits, and even help us to acquire professional training for our dedicated staff. As we embark upon renovating shelter space for our compliance with building/ zoning/ fire codes, we need your support, now, to make it through the 2014 season. Please send a tax deductible contribution to : Churches for Streets of Hope, P.O. Box 34073, Essex MD 21221. Your support will be valuable in strengthening us and your support will be greatly appreciated. Welcome to the Feast, a foretaste of the feast to come!

Very Truly

S. Lynn Clough

Board President

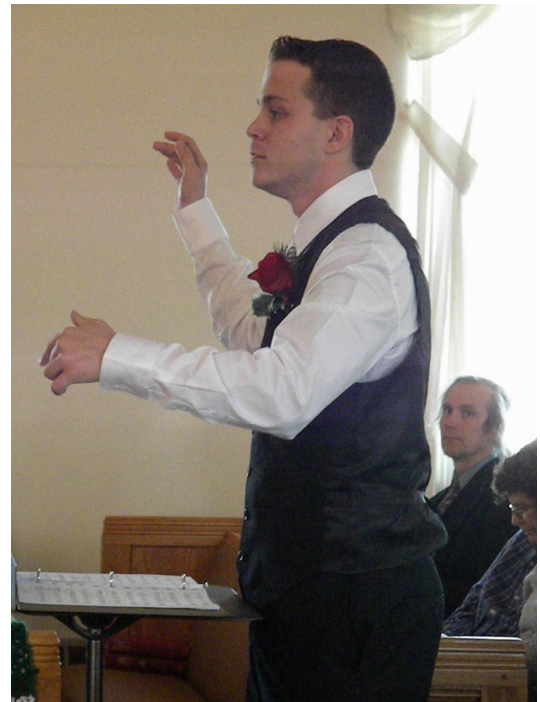
John B. Carter

Executive Director

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Orem's Choir presented the Christmas Cantata "Celebrate The Wonder" on December 15th under the direction of Mr. Ben Boellner.





**Planning Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 11th**  
**9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Chairpersons, and Group Leaders are invited to plan for the year and to dream for the future.**



**Orems Church** gathered together on December 12th to Carol to shut ins and neighbors in the Aero Acres neighborhood.

Here we are with the Church behind us singing to our neighbor and then below with the group gathered for cookies and hot chocolate.



## Scenes from Spirit of the Season 2013

**A familiar looking Shepherd  
beckons you to come and see the  
Miracle in a Stable behind the  
Inn**

**And Below:**

**Mary and Joseph prepare for the  
Birth of the Savior in a Stable in  
Bethlehem.**



**Wishing you a  
Season of Joy**

