

OREMS BEACON

Orem United Methodist Church



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Those who have attended the New Members class will be received into Membership on Easter Sunday. Please welcome them into our Church family.

Gene Alloways, Jeff Dulina, M. Janis Eshleman, Cathi Keller, Adam Wasson and welcome back to the fold, Christine Alloways, and Carol Wilkenson. Transferring to Orem: Robyn Hoch



Worship Services for Holy Week

April 13 Palm Sunday and Easter Cantata 10 a.m

April 17 Maundy Thursday 7 pm

April 18 Good Friday 7 pm

April 20 Easter Service 10 am

April 2014

Special points of interest:

April 1 – Needle Bees

- April 3 Directory Photo day
- April 4 Directory Photo Day
- April 5 Directory Photo Day
- Apr 6 Confirmation Class
- April 8 Psalm Bible study
- April 12 Egg Hunt
- Saturday Cantata Rehearsal
- April 13 Worship with Cantata
- New Member Class
- April 15 Psalm Bible study
- April 17 Maundy Thursday
- April 18 Good Friday
- April 20 Easter
- April 23 NO CHOIR
- April 27 Confirmation class

Please see calendar page for all events



Adult Seekers Sun 8:45 a.m

Sunday School

Pre K to Youth 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

Orem United Methodist
1020 Orem Road

Middle River, MD 21220

Church office: 410-687-9483

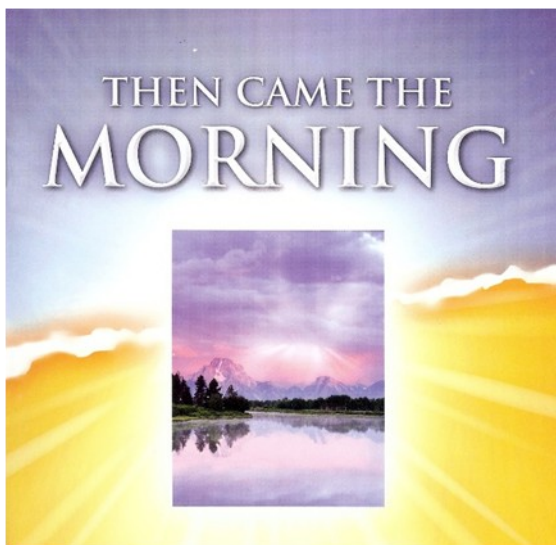
www.oremsumc.org

Email address:

oremsumc@verizon.net

Rev. Dr. Ann Adams, pastor

Email: orempastor@verizon.net



An Easter Cantata will be presented by an Expanded Orem United Methodist Choir at 10 a.m on Sunday April 13th. Come and join us on this Palm Sunday to hear the beautiful story of Our Lord's Resurrection in word and song.

Easter Egg Hunt and Party

Saturday,

April 12th

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Orem United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

For children ages 1 year
through 5th grade

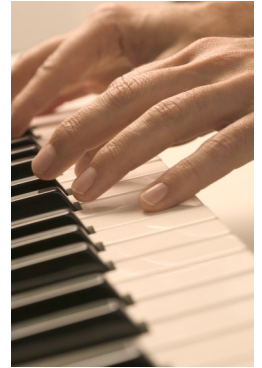
(children, grandchildren,
nieces, nephews, friends)

If you have children who plan to attend please contact the church office at 410-687-9483 (this will help in planning)
Sponsored by the Orem United Methodist Women of Orem UMC



Dear Church,

Please stay tuned the next few weeks for special musical offerings. As always do not hesitate to contact me about ideas or suggestions. The choir will be singing through May. Our last choir anthem will be on Sunday May 18th.



Dates to Remember: April 12th 9 am Cantata Dress Rehearsal

Palm Sunday Easter Cantata "Then Came the Morning" I think you will really enjoy this Easter Cantata. We have 30 voices bringing you the story in word and song.

Easter Sunday we will have Organ, Choir, and Brass for our Worship service. It will be a morning of glorious celebration.

Its that time again. I will be posting the summer music sign up sheet EARLY so I can know who has a Sunday covered. If you sing or play an instrument I would love to talk to you. Please sign up- the sheet will be outside my office door to the right.

Please look in the coming weeks in the newsletters, bulletins and announcements for Musical events. I am arranging a few special concerts to happen over the summer, one I will be giving, is a piano and organ recital sometime in the late spring.

As always be well and never hesitate to contact me.

Peace,

Ben Boellner

The United Methodist Women continue to support *The Center for Pregnancy Concerns*. *They are 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*

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Due to the Photographers using the Fellowship Hall for Pictorial Directory we will be meeting in Room 100 for our April meeting on April 3rd. Bring your sandwich or snack and join us for devotions and fellowship at 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!



MOO NEWS



The MEN OF OREMS will be meeting the fourth Thursday of April at 7 pm.

They will begin holding Pit Beef sandwich sales on April 5th and continue throughout the summer months on the first Saturday of each month. These sandwiches are a delicious way to help with funding the many projects around the church. Thanks to all who support this fundraising activities.

Gardens to beautify Entrance to the Church

In the coming months you will notice a significant change to our church grounds. Through some generous donations, we will be able to landscape the front of the church lawns and add some benches to make a comfortable meditative area.

The Landscaping company Akehurst will not only be planting shrubs and flowers but will be in charge of the perpetual care program

for these gardens. It will be exciting to see the garden grow and add a touch of beauty to our building.

If you would like to contribute to the care of these gardens, place a donation in an envelope marked "GARDENS" and we will add it to the landscaping funds.

Fundraising and Event UPDATES

The Family Bingo Fun Night was a huge success. It was well attended and everyone had a great time.

We were able to raise \$316.00

Chick Fil A Spirit Night at the Martin's Plaza Chick Fil A was a fun filled night and a profitable event.

Thanks to our Orem's family support we were able to raise \$194.35 with a special additional

donation of \$30.

The next scheduled events are a Dessert sampler night on May 17th and a Movie Sundae Night in June.

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 open day is April 5th and May

3rd. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are two shopping rooms with many bargains. Come join us on our next shopping day.



**It's
Photo
Time!**

Sign up for your photography session for our new Directory. Everyone photographed receives a free 8 x 10 photo. No purchase necessary. We want you included in our directory. Multi - Generation shots, or photo with your pet is a great idea. Ask about Senior Discount and Military discount on photos. Our Photo session dates are Thursday, April 3, Friday April 4, and Saturday April 5th. Groups of 5 or more require two spots. Hurry and Call the office to schedule a time or online at our website; www.oremsumc.org
Don't be left out the photographer will be first week of April!



NEWSLETTER:

Information is due into the office by April 15th to be included in the May newsletter.

DISCIPLES OF YARN



During the last few months I have received several large contributions of yarn. Some of these contributions were left without a name. Thank you for each of your donations. Without your help our crocheters could not afford to keep this mission active. Your donations are what gives us the opportunity to give prayerful support to our sick. A few weeks ago I gave out 8 shawls in just 5 days. All of the recipients thanked us and then thanked again for praying for them. I thank you. You are my blessing to this mission. God's Blessings Mildred Shephard

If you need instruction to crochet or knit, Karen Dull and Mildred Shephard would be happy to help you at one of our Needle Bee meetings.

The Needle Bees will be meeting on 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.

Thank you Disciples of Yarn"

The prayer shawl you sent was beautiful. The nurses loved it as much as I did. With God's work and family and friends, I am getting better. Bless you all, Wanda Lucas

To the Ladies of Disciples of Yarn

First, thank you for the wonderful thing you do in making all the prayer shawls. We have received 5 or 6 for friends and family and the feedback has been very positive. Everyone says it is a comfort to wrap up in the shawl. Our neighbor John a 12 year old boy received one and he wrapped it in his arms and wouldn't let go. HE was very moved by the writing on the card attached to the shawl. He wouldn't even let his mother put the shawl in a bag to take it home from the hospital.

Thanks again for what you do for others.

God Bless you all!

Don and Leona Egner

COMING SOON... A NEW BIBLE STUDY

The Christ-Centered Woman: Finding Balance in a World of Extremes

Led by Mrs. Nikki Hart

Sometimes the commitments and pace of daily life can make us feel as if we're on a whirling merry-go-round and dangerously close to losing our sense of balance – or being flung off altogether. We need to discover a calm center from which to handle the distracting forces of life that seek to move us away from what is truly important.

In this six-week Bible study, Kimberly Reisman provides an in-depth guide to finding balance at every age and stage of life. Rather than the typical self-help solutions the world offers, she leads us to the biblical answer to stress and imbalance: living a Spirit-filled, Christ-centered life. Using a wheel as a metaphor for the journey to a Christ-centered life, she identifies barriers to balanced living and explores what the Bible teaches about Christ-centered living – showing us in practical terms how placing Christ at the center of our lives leads to the wholeness and balance God desires for us.

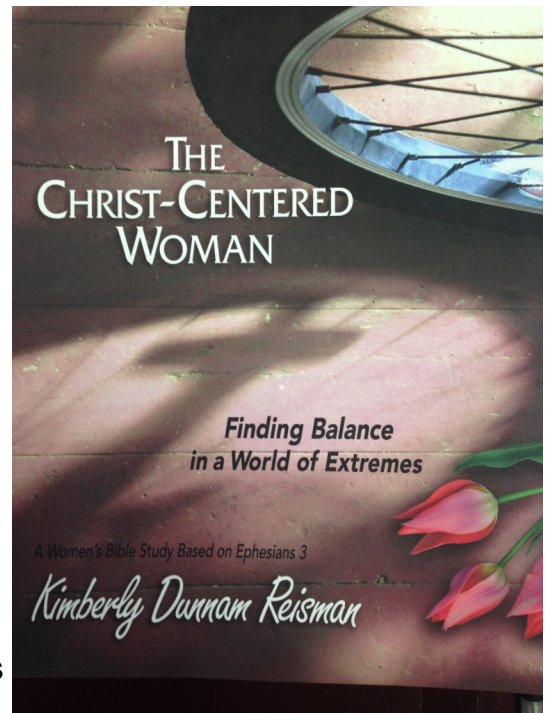
The participant book guides women in daily personal study and the interactive format includes space for responding to questions and recording personal reflections.

Classes include the following topics: 1. Good Enough, 2. Temperance, 3. Self-Discovery, 4. Authenticity, 5. Calling, 6. Power and Purpose, and 7. Flexibility.

A sign-up sheet will be circulated on April 6 and April 13th. The cost for the participant book is \$10. **Class will be offered on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 3:30pm.**

Dates: May 20, May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24th

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!!!



Don't forget to collect those labels from Campbell's Soup and other food products. Look for the Campbell's Soup label collection bin in the hallway. The Box Tops will be donated to the Board of Childcare mission.

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.





Thank You from our Missions

Over the past year, David Hudson has donated 600 cans of spaghetti sauce and 600 lbs of noodles to Orem's church and its missions.

Some of the donation of spaghetti and noodles went to our Thanksgiving baskets and our Christmas baskets. At the holiday time we strive to present the family not only with a holiday meal but with enough food to last several days. In this way we give the family a time to gain strength and to rebuild their finances. Some of the pasta and sauce donation is ready on our Food Pantry shelves for the next emergency care of a hungry family.

Some of the spaghetti sauce and noodles went to a sister mission Eastern Interfaith Outreach to feed the many folks who come in need of food from the Essex and Middle River area. Eastern Interfaith Outreach is located in the God's Will Apostolic Ministries building on Orville Road. It is run by a volunteer staff from several churches in the Middle River area. They are entirely dependent on donations from the public to serve the people who come to them each week. The center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 155 Orville Road in Essex. Last year they served 8,082 people requesting food for their families. Please keep this mission in prayer as they continue to answer the needs of those less fortunate in our community.

We thank Mr Hudson for keeping our Food Pantry mission needs in mind. His donation was able to touch many people. This is a true example of how a donation no matter how big or how small can go far beyond your imagination when you give of yourself. We thank everyone who donates food to the Food pantry; Yarn to the Disciples of Yarn for prayer shawls; school supplies, shoes, and undergarment items to Little Feet; gifts to the Angel Tree; shoe box toys and gifts to Samaritan's Purse; and household items, toys, books and clothing to the Thrift Shop. Your help keeps our missions serving those in need.

Ten Reasons to Come to Jesus

- Luke 2:11 - **Jesus is the Savior**,
Come to Him and be forgiven and saved;
- John 10:9 - **Jesus is the Door**,
Come to Him and enter His provision;
- John 6:51 - **Jesus is the Bread of Life**,
Come to Him and feast at His table;
- John 8:12 - **Jesus is the Light of the World**,
Come to Him and see clearly;
- John 10:14 - **Jesus is the Good Shepherd**,
Come to Him and be led in right paths;
- John 15:5 - **Jesus is the Vine**,
Come to Him and abide in fruitfulness;
- John 4:10 - **Jesus gives living water**,
Come to Him and drink to the full;
- John 11:25 - **Jesus is the Resurrection**,
Come to Him and have blessed hope;
- John 14:27 - **Jesus gives peace**,
Come to Him and be not troubled;
- John 1:33 - **Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit**,
Come to Him and be empowered to witness.

-Devotional message by **Roy Lessin**, from his blog *Meet Me In The Meadow*.

Human Trafficking in the United States

submitted by Judi Maynor on behalf of the Oremns United Methodist Women

What is the role of the Church?

No decent human wants to accept that human trafficking is happening in our community. This is an opportunity for those inside and outside the faith community to come together, united for a cause that affects all of us.

“the church” is a melting pot of people from all walks of life and all different spheres of influence. In a practical sense, if you’re trying to reach a wide variety of people to spread awareness on the issue of human trafficking the church just makes the most sense. You can speak to a group of 100 people and have police officers, teachers, hotel staff, social workers, business people, truckers, doctors/nurses, students, and parents. But beyond the practicality, the church has something immensely powerful that the government and non-profit organizations do not: a God whose heart is for justice.

Tackling this dark issue starts with seeking God...Praying for strength...and recognizing God calls us to:

Learn to do right; seek justice; Defend the oppressed. (Isaiah 1:17)

This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place. (Jeremiah 23;3)

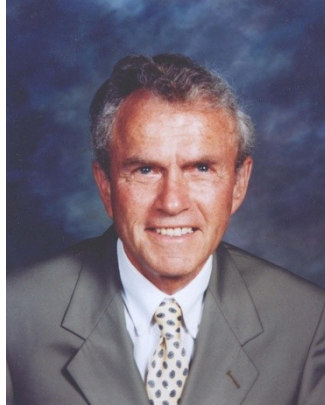
For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. (Isaiah 61;8)

Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25: 40)

The church should be at the forefront of this issue because God demands it. It is also an opportunity to visibly show the rest of the hurting world what we stand for, who we serve, and what He has and can do. It’s an opportunity to be the compassionate hands and feet of Jesus. Practically, the church should connect and partner with local organizations in their community. The church should engage in deep prayer over the issue. The church should provide its members resources to get involved, individually, should their heart be spurred towards this issue. The church should hold justice-focused Bible Studies to see how God’s heart for justice calls His people to act.

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:1-4)

Dottie Glenn Lecture Series presents
Dr. Paul L. Maier with a seminar
hosted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church
in Bowleys Quarters
Saturday, May 17, 2014



CHRISTIANITY ACROSS THE CENTURIES -- A Bird's-Eye View

How did our faith become the most successful phenomenon of all time? It helps to step back and take a wide-angle view of church history.

Dr. Paul L. Maier recently The Russell H. Seibert Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University, retired. He is the Second Vice-President of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and a much-published author of both scholarly and popular works. His novels include two historical documentaries: *Pontius Pilate* and *The Flames of Rome*, as well as a theological thriller that became # 1 national bestseller in religious fiction: *A Skeleton in God's Closet*. A sequel, *More Than a Skeleton*, appeared in 2003. And a third novel, the *Constantine Codex* was released in 2011. His non-fiction works include *In the Fullness of Time*, a book that correlates secular evidence from the ancient world impinging on Jesus and early Christianity; *Josephus -- The Essential Works*, a new translation/commentary on writings of the first-century Jewish historian; and *Eusebius -- The Church History*, a similar book on the first Christian historian. More than five million Maier books are now in print in fifteen languages, as well as over 250 scholarly articles and reviews in professional journals. Dr. Maier lectures widely, appears frequently in national radio, television, and newspaper interviews, and has received numerous awards. He has also penned four children's books, and produced three four-hour video series dealing with Jesus, St. Paul, and the early church.

This special event will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 3620 Red Rose Farm Rd, Baltimore, MD 21220. Doors open at 9 AM. \$15 ticket price which includes lunch (\$10.00 for students) Reserve tickets by May 1st. at (410) 335-4210. Dr. Maier will have many of his books for purchase. All books purchased or ordered on the day of the seminar will be personally autographed by Dr. Maier. You can view his comments on YouTube .



**AT
PINEY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Just in time to save you time during the Lenten season.

**PADDED OYSTERS
CRAB CAKES
MACARONI SALAD
CINNAMON CAKE**



**SALMON CAKES
COLE SLAW
POTATO SALAD**

Let us cook for you on Fridays. All freshly made in our kitchen with loving hands at reasonable prices. We are located at 201 Bowleys Quarters Road, (corner of Carroll Island and Bowleys Quarters Rds), Middle River, MD 21220.

Padded Oysters - \$2.50 each (subject to change in market price)
Crab Cakes - \$5.25 each (subject to change in market price)
Salmon Cakes - \$2.25 each
Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad and Cole Slaw - 1pint, \$2.00 each
Cinnamon Cakes - \$3.00 each

*Our tasty seafood selections can be ordered on
Wednesdays, April 2nd, 9th and the 16th for pick up
on the following Fridays (4th, 11th, and 18th)
between 1-6 PM all ready to enjoy!*

**Call 410-335-4101 by 4:00 pm Wednesdays to place your order.
Pick up on the following Friday at rear of church.**



THANK YOU

Dear Orem's Church Family

I would like to thank Judi Maynor and Christine Alloways for insisting that I go and even driving me to Patient First to be checked out. Then driving me to Franklin Square Hospital from there. I also want to thank Reverend Ann, Dennie and Gloria Asbury for visiting me while I was in the hospital. I also want to thank everyone for their Get Well Cards, phone calls and prayers. God Bless You All

Fran Frank

Thanks to LITTLE FEET MISSION

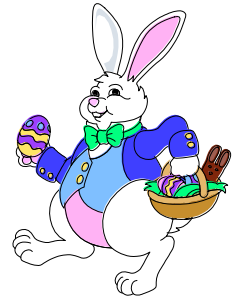
Dear Friends,
ON behalf of the students of Victory Villa Elementary School, I would like to thank you for the donation of socks and underwear for the needs of our students.

With Much Gratitude

Karen Weeks RN

LOG CABIN CANDY FUNDRAISER

The UMW thanks all who purchased and sold Easter Candy this year. Our Sweet success reached the Streets of Hope mission with 117 boxes donated. If you haven't picked up your order, you will find it in the Repair Chapel. Thanks again to all who made this sale a success.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.

"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.gbqm-umc.org)

OUR 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."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Tea on May 3rd 2 p.m. Tickets go on sale April 1st \$25.00 each. All proceeds to benefit missions and ministries of Orem's United Methodist Women.

Pirate/Princess Tea for children in June. More details to follow.

Food Pantry News

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

We are 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.

STREETS OF HOPE News

Greetings, Everyone!

On behalf of the clients of Streets of Hope, we wish to extend an invitation to all of our partners and friends who have been so supportive this year. You have been volunteering at the shelter, providing delicious meals, and in so many other ways contributing to the wellbeing of the men. We just want to say **"THANK YOU"** for all you have done, and so we are planning an **"APPRECIATION LUNCHEON"** on Sunday, April 13, from 1 - 4 PM, right at the shelter with short program at 2:00 pm at

Zion United Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall, 7142 Golden Ring Road, Essex, MD 21221
RSVP - 443-764-4249 or churchesforSOH@gmail.com

Hopefully you can join us that day and share in some of the fellowship that has developed over these past months. Please let us know by April 9 if you are able to come, so we will know how many to plan for.

With thanks to God for leading so many wonderful people to this ministry,

Yours in Christ, Barbara Nock

Finance Report

You may know that the money you give in your offering envelope goes to help pay utilities, supplies and salaries. But have you thought about how we pay for repairs and upkeep of our building complex?

Just like your home, our building needs attention as it ages. Capital Improvement donations are set aside for this purpose. At the present time we are considering adding outside lighting, continuing to survey the cemetery for proper mapping layout, and watching a very old boiler work to heat our Education building. We also are still trying to build up our funds after purchasing the tile for the fellowship hall. If you would like to contribute to this fund, look for the small yellow envelopes in your pew.

As always, we appreciate any help you can offer toward our expenses.

And ⁴all the tithes of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the Lord's. It *is* holy to the Lord
Leviticus 27:30



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School "Wilderness Escape" is planned for July 27-Aug 1.

It is sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Look for more details in the future newsletter. If you would like to help with VBS, contact the church office at 410-687-9483.