



# OREMS BEACON

## Orems United Methodist Church

### OREMS RECEIVES NEW PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

I am writing this greeting after leading my first Sunday worship service and preaching my first sermon at Orems. I want to tell you how nice the feeling in the service was and how welcomed my family and I felt today. Thank you for your grace and your welcoming. We are so excited to be here with you.

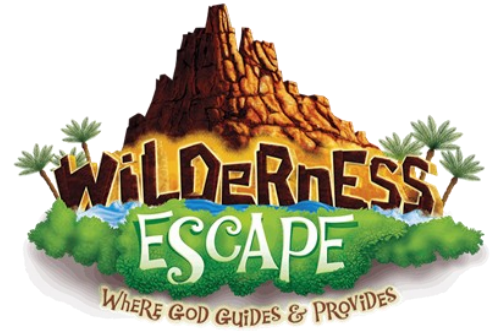
Just to give you a little background on our family, Laura and I have been married since 2006 and we have two wonderful children. Ava will be attending Kindergarten in the fall and Sam will continue going to Catonsville Presbyterian Childcare Center for his second year of pre-school.

Laura will be teaching third grade this fall at the school she has been at for 10 years, Hebron Harmon Elementary school in northern Anne Arundel County. She is very excited to be "looping" with the same children she taught in second grade last year.

I will continue my studies at Wesley Theological Seminary, in Washington D.C., entering my second year there in the fall. I am always excited to go and learn new things about scripture and pastoral leadership, so I am looking forward to it. I will be studying Church History and Biblical Interpretation in the fall amongst other subjects.

Again, we are looking forward to our time together and all of the great ministry that Orems will continue to do in the Middle River community.

In Christ,  
Pastor Chris



### Vacation Bible School News

#### Children of all Ages!!!

Do you need a short vacation? Join us for a Wilderness Escape and share the adventures of Moses. You will experience the parting of the Red Sea, tasting quail and Manna, the battle with the Amalekites, Pass Over and Ten Commandments, making really cool crafts, playing games and learning new songs.

Can you think of a better way to spend a week?

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 31 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Our closing is on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Need additional information, call Mary Eisely (410-686-5815). Hope to see you

there!!!!

Wilderness Escape  
VBS Team



### July & August 2014

#### Special points of interest:

- July 3 – Keenagers  
VBS meeting
- July 4—Office Closed
- July 6—Communion
- July 10 -Lunch bunch  
—Admin Board meeting
- July 12 -Hall Closet Thrift  
Shop and Pit beef
- July 15 NeedleBees
- July 24—MOO
- July 24-26 Set up for VBS
- July 27<sup>th</sup> VBS begins
- Aug 2—Hall Closet Thrift
- Aug 3—Communion
- Aug 7 – Keenagers
- Aug 12 Needle Bees
- Aug 14 - Lunch Bunch
- Aug 17—Little Feet School  
Supplies Due
- Aug 21—Moo sponsored  
Picnic for Church

Please see calendar page for all events:

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

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Dear Orem's Church and Admin. Board



Thank you for the opportunity to allow me a week of Education leave to attend the American Guild of Organist National convention in Boston. Over the course of 6 days, I took Master classes in Choral Conducting, Organ technique, and attended workshops on various church music related areas. I am looking forward to the music program getting started in the fall and implementing what I have learned.

Summer music continues through mid September. Look to the September newsletter and bulletins in September for dates and times for Rehearsals and when choir will be singing in worship again. Till then have a great summer.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me. My email is listed below.

Enjoy the warm weather and best always,

Ben Boellner

Director of Music and Organist.  
ben@ben-boellner.com



## 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 two open days are July 12th and Aug 2nd. 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.

## KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our August meeting on August 7th at 11:30 a.m. We will have Ice Cream Sundaes to go along with your lunch. Please bring a sandwich or snack and gather with us for lunch and devotions. We are busy making plans for the fall. We hope to have a day trip or two and some plans for holiday get togethers. Hope to see you there!

Butch Frank



## MOO NEWS



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

**They will begin holding Pit Beef sandwich sales on July 12th 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.**

**And don't forget the Church Pit Beef Picnic on August 21st at 6:30 p.m.**

## OFFICE NOTE

As you may have heard, my surgery in June resulted in a diagnosis of Stage 3 Uterine Cancer. I will be undergoing Chemo treatments for the next 4-5 months. As a result the office may not always have coverage during the week. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who have done a fine job while I recovered from surgery. I am sure they will continue to be a great asset to the Church Office.

When you call the office, please leave a message so that someone can return your call.

We will make every effort to return your call as quickly as possible. Be sure to leave your name and phone number and speak slowly and clearly.

Also, please call before stopping in to the office to be sure someone will be on the grounds to help you.

Because of my treatments, the office will become a Germ Free Zone. If you are not feeling well, or have recently been ill; please do not come into the church office. You can leave a note on my office door or call the office with your needs. Thank you for helping me on my road to recovery.

Yours in Christ, Vicki Borreson

## THANKS



Thank you for all the cards, phone calls & well wishes I have received during my medical leave. I have truly felt your prayers and concerns. As you can see from the article above, I am not back to health yet and I have a new journey beginning. I believe that God is walking beside me and I am counting on Him to carry me through. Again thank you for your prayers, your willingness to step up to help when needed and your love. Special thanks to those who have covered in the office. You have made my time away-worry free. I am very grateful.

Vicki Borreson

## Pit Beef picnic

**THE MEN OF OREMS WILL HOLD THEIR 3RD ANNUAL PIT BEEF PICNIC ON THURSDAY, AUG. 21ST AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. MOO WILL PROVIDE THE BEEF, YOU BRING THE SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS TO SHARE. THIS IS ALWAYS A WELL ATTENDED AND FUN EVENT. MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO BE SURE YOU DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENING!**





### It's Photo Time!

We want you included in our directory. You may

submit a photo for our directory for a \$10 fee. If it is a professional photo it must come with a signed permission from the studio. Any close up photo is fine. We hope to have a good representation of the congregation. The directory committee is putting the submission on hold while Vicki is on Medical leave. We are looking for photos of events from the past two years. Any submissions to the directory must be in by July 24th. For information, call the church office 410-687-9483



### SUMMER'S HERE - IT'S VACATION TIME!!

Enjoy this wonderful warm weather but please don't put your Sunday offerings on vacation! Even though you are away, the church is not on vacation and neither are our bills. We appreciate your continued support of your church and it is important! Don't forget us!

Please don't forget our Capital Improvements when you plan your giving to the church. Also our missions funds are in our Capital Improvements. There is a white envelope in the pews for Capital Improvement donations.

### DISCIPLES OF YARN

On June 15<sup>th</sup> Rev Ann led us in a blessing of our Prayer Shawls. She led us in prayer and anointed each shawl with oil. Thank you to Rev Ann for this blessing. We had 28 prayer shawls, 6 blankets, 1 baby blanket and 28 baby hats on the altar for the blessing. Our disciples for this work are Dottie Daiger, Judi Maynor, Elaine Smith, Joppatowne Library Group and myself.



Thank you for your dedication and for the many hours of time and prayer you give in making our shawls.

Anytime that a shawl is needed please ask an usher or ask me for one. We will gladly help you.

Our Needle Bees will meet on July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us.

God's Blessings to all, 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.

### Little Feet School Supply Drive

As you shop for back to school items, why not purchase a few extras for a needy child in one of our area schools? If you can purchase an inexpensive backpack and load it or just pick up a few items---all is appreciated! School supplies needed: Pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, boxes of Kleenex, safety scissors, erasers, glue sticks, quart size and sandwich size zip lock bags, Marble composition books, 3 x 5 index cards, Wide Ruled paper, large crayons, calculators, folders with brads, hand sanitizers, Nurses Office needs socks, and underwear sizes 6 to 14 for boys and girls, elastic waist pants sizes small through extra large. What a great way to start a child in a new school year. **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices beginning July 20<sup>th</sup> Deadline for items is Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>.**



***We honor our Class of 2014 Graduates and extend the Lord's Blessings on each of them as they take the next step into their future.***



**Sarahann Elizabeth Borreson** from Kenwood High School. She will be attending CCBC-Essex in the Fall. She is the daughter of Vicki and Larry Borreson

**Cody Bronushas** from Eastern Technical High School will be attending Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina in the fall to study Homeland Security. He is the son of Dawn and John Bronushas and grandson of John and Charlotte West

**Aaron Anthony Egner, Sr.** Graduated from Kenwood High School on Thursday, May 29, 2014. He is the son of Kathy and Dennis Egner and grandson of Leona and Don Egner

**Kyle Feldman** from Shenandoah University with a degree in Physical Therapy. He is the nephew of Joyce Serio.

**Gabrielle Sarah Mellot** from Patapsco High School. She plans to attend Frostburg University in the Fall. She is the grand daughter of Jean Milavec

**Adam Matthew Schenning** graduating from Eastern Technical High School. Adam will attend Towson University in the fall majoring in Psychology and Forensics. Adam is the son of Don and Lisa Schenning and grandson of Donna and Henry Schenning.

**George Sfikas** from Community College of Baltimore County- Essex Campus. George was an honor student and also on the Dean's List. He has accepted an invitation to attend the University of Baltimore where he will be enrolled in their Law School Program. He is the son of George & Donna Sfikas.

**Ellen Shephard** from North Harford High School. She graduated 4<sup>th</sup> in the class and plans to attend Mehlenberg College in PA to major in neuroscience. She is the Student Government Associate Delegate for 10 -12 grades. Ellen is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and a Maryland State Scholar. She has received a scholarship of \$16,000 for each year at Mehlenberg College. She is the daughter of Ken and Cindy Shephard and grand daughter of Mildred Shephard.

## One Call Now System

We use the One Call Now system to send out reminders and announcements of activities, meetings, fund raiser events and other announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. If you miss the message from our One Call you can replay the message by calling the toll free number 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

## Help Our Mission!

The United Methodist Women continue to support *The Center for*

*Pregnancy Concerns. This Center is reaching out to women who are in a time of their lives when they are vulnerable and in great need of support. The Center is 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 marked For CPC or Center for Pregnancy) and we will see that they are delivered to the Center. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.*



## United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Sept 3rd at 7:00 p.m. **Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries. We are asking for each member to bring a dish cloth or towel to our June meeting to replace the older ones being used in the kitchen.**

"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](http://new.gbgn-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."*

## Memorial Fund

The following memorials have been given in memory of loved ones

### In memory of

**Homer Alexander Sr.** from Esther Circle

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,  
Yours in Christ  
Donna Winner,  
Memorial Fund Treasurer



**September Newsletter Deadline** is August 15th. Please have articles turned in to the office by that date.

## THANK YOU

Dear Orem's Congregation

Thank you for honoring me with the Orem's United Methodist Church Scholarship. I will be attending Towson University in the fall and the scholarship money will go towards the purchase of my books. I appreciate your faith in me and will keep you updated on my progress at Towson.

Sincerely,  
Adam M. Schenning



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.



### **Group leaders:**

**If you are planning a meeting or event, please notify the office so that it can be added to our calendar. This is important for insurance purposes as well as avoiding conflicts with room usages. Thank you.**

Dear Saints at Orem's,

Words are inadequate to express my joy and surprise at my farewell luncheon last Sunday! Thank you to everyone who helped with the food, for those who made something to share, for those who decorated and shopped, and a special thanks to everyone who came to share the meal together. I know some of you had previous commitments and were unable to attend. Please know that you were missed.

Thank you all for contributing to my generous monetary gift! What a wonderful surprise! I think I might use your gift to put towards a vacation cruise. I enjoy cruising and haven't been able to do that. And even though you can't physically go with me on that vacation, just know that you will go in my heart!

I so enjoyed being in ministry with you these past two years and I am so thankful for how well we worked together to build up God's church at Orem's. I am even more excited to see what God is GOING TO DO here in the coming weeks, months and years. God is really doing a new thing!

I love you all and will miss you tremendously!

Thank you again for everything!  
Blessings, Rev. Ann



## Our New Members Addresses



**Christine and Gene Alloways**  
**8100 Cornwall Road**  
**Baltimore MD 21222**



Our congregation experienced the loss of several members or family of members in the last month or so. Please keep these families in prayer at this loss but also remember their loved ones have been called home to be with our Lord and what a glorious reunion that must be.

Ronald Winner (brother of John Winner)

June 2014

Homer Alexander Jr.

Jun 27, 2014

Eugene Bolyard ( father of Donna Sfikas)

June 30, 2014

**M. Janis Eshleman**

**1315 Chesaco Ave**  
**Rosedale MD 21237**

**Cathi Keller**

**9900 Tailspin Lane Apt B**  
**Middle River MD 21220**

**Carol Wilkenson**

**567 Compass Road**  
**Middle River, MD 21220**

**Robyn Hoch**

**422 Delaware Ave**  
**Essex MD 21221**

**Adam & Melissa Wasson**

**1212 Wilson Point Road**  
**Middle River MD 21220**

## 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 any way it would be greatly appreciated by everyone involved. When you are out grocery shopping think of our list and pick up an item or two to help out our Food Pantry.

Here is the list of needed items:  
Canned Chicken, canned hams, instant potatoes, Tuna, Juices,

rice, applesauce, pancake mix and syrup, Jello and pudding, Cereals, canned potatoes, canned carrots and jelly and peanut butter. 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.

Cathy Horst