



## February 2015

Special points of interest:

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Communion Service  
UMW SUNDAY
- 4 UMW Meeting  
Choir
- 5 KEENAGERS
- 6-8 ROCK 2015
- 10 Sarah Circle
- 11 Choir
- 12 Lunch Bunch
- 14 Hall Closet Thrift  
Shop
- 15 Planning Meeting
- 16 Rachel Circle
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- 26 MOO

Please see calendar page for all events:

Christian Education 8:45 a.m.  
Adult Seekers Class,  
Sunday School  
Pre K to 5th grade  
Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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# OREMS BEACON

## Orems United Methodist Church

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

February 1st we join together for worship and recognize the United Methodist Women with a Litany and presentation of the Life Pins. The Congregation is asked to wear Red to recognize the event and the group. The bulletin will have information about UMW projects and missions. And it will all begin with a Coffee Fellowship.



**UMW Log Cabin Candy Sales (fund raiser) begins February 1st and ends on Sunday, February 22nd. Candy folders are available from any UMW member or by calling Mary Eisely (410-686-5815). We will**

**also be selling boxes of candy to be given to the Streets of Hope. This is a great way to Help UMW and the Streets of Hope.**

### 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 100 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.

**"All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return."**

Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



**Ash Wednesday Service**

**We will have a  
service to observe  
Ash Wednesday  
on February 18th  
at 7 p.m.**

Our Theme for 2015 is 1Peter 3:15, (NLT version)

<sup>15</sup> Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

Think about our theme, pray about our theme, strive to live our theme in 2015.

## Hello Church

We have moved toward Lent and Easter. Rehearsal began in January. The Chancel choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. The Chancel choir sings most every Sunday, High Holy Days and special events.



Sanctuary choir joins the Chancel Choir in Singing High Holy days Special events and Christmas and Easter Cantatas. This group is for those who do not have time to make Wednesday evening rehearsal on a continual basis but want to sing on special occasions.

If you are interested in joining us for Easter music, please come to a Wednesday night rehearsal and give us a try.

Look for news about the upcoming concert series at Orem. Featuring guest musicians and organists. As always, do not hesitate to contact me. My email is listed below.

Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist.

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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

[English Standard Version, Colossians 3:16] -

## Office News

I am still in the process of receiving Radiation treatments and will only be in the office on certain mornings during the week. When you call the office, please leave a message so that someone can return your call. Be sure to leave your name and phone number and speak slowly and clearly. 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

## A Word From Our Pastor

Greetings Orems,

It is only February and we are already entering into the liturgical season of Lent. The beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, falls this year on February 18<sup>th</sup> and we will be offering an Ash Wednesday service at 7PM that day.

Lent is a time of repentance, prayer, fasting, and preparing for the resurrection of Christ on Easter. But in order to get to that most joyous moment, we enter into a period of 40 days of self-reflection. These 40 days, (not counting Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, are a reminder of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11).

Traditionally, people have given up something that they enjoy for the season of Lent as a sacrifice to God. You may have heard of people giving up chocolate, soda, coffee, or something else during the time. A few years ago I gave up everything NASCAR, I could not watch, read, or even wear my favorite Tony Stewart hat for LENT and believe it or not, that was tough! Other people, more recently, have added some spiritual practice that they don't usually do during Lent. Perhaps, they read more scripture, fast, or intentionally pray about a specific prayer that they are seeking an answer to during that time. Some people do a combination of the two, giving something up and adding something to their days.

For the last couple of years I have tried to add something and also give something up during lent. For this year, I would like to invite you to join me in fasting on Wednesday mornings (if you are able). It is not much to miss, as I think most of us can spare a meal or two, but when it is intentionally set aside as an act of devotion and worship toward God it can be amazing what God will do in that time of fasting. On top of adding this back into my week, I will be in prayer about what I should give up, and I hope you will consider giving something up too.

Whatever you decide to do or not do, commit yourself to the Lord in this time of Lent. Because Lent isn't about just doing something because we are expected to, but it is a time where we can grow in a relationship with Christ, remembering that we really do rely on Him for everything.

-Pastor Chris

**Psalm 37:5-6** New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

<sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.



## 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.



Cell Phones are still being collected as a fund-raising mission through GRC recycling. There is a box in the connecting

hallway to collect your unwanted cell phones.



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.



**March Newsletter  
Deadline is February  
15th, if you have an  
article or information  
for our newsletter,  
please drop it off to  
the Church office or email at  
[oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net)**

## THANK YOU

Dear Orems Church

I thank you all so much for keeping me in prayer, for the special visits to me at the nursing home and for the special mailings I receive. I so appreciate all of you and your care for me.

Love

Jean Currence



## Disciples of Yarn

We once again filled our altar rails for a Prayer Shawl Blessing on January 25th.

Thank you to all of our dedicated crocheters who have given many hours of their time, their love and their prayers making our prayer shawls. Thank you for being a Christian doing God's work. The following names are God's disciples of yarn: Merlyn Campbell, Dottie Daiger, Cathy Horst, Trudy Edwards, Judi Maynor, Mildred Shephard, Merle Vickers, Donna Winner, and The Ladies from Joppa-towne.