



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

FROM OUR PASTOR

January 2015

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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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Greetings Orems!

What a great Advent and Christmas season!

I can't believe that I have already been at Orems for six months. These past six months have been great and encouraging. It has been such a wonderful time being in ministry with each of you. As you know, the work for the Kingdom is always ongoing.

I am looking forward to our upcoming planning meeting for the church on Saturday January 24th. At that meeting we are going to discuss the vision for the church and what we hope to accomplish in this coming year for Christ.

I truly believe that there are great things ahead for Orems and I am excited to see what God has in store for us in 2015! In the meantime, let us keep doing what God has called us to do through impacting our community and the world by living out God's Word through our actions and example.

Happy New Year and let's keep living like the new creations that Christ has called us to be!

Pastor Chris

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." **1 John 3:18**

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matt 1:20-21



Dear Church

We had a very successful Advent and Christmas Season.

Thank you to the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs for their hard work and dedication to our Cantata. The congregation was very pleased and many compliments were given. And even more important, the glorious message was heard. Christ, our King and Savior came to earth to be among us.



Now we move toward Lent and Easter. Rehearsal will begin January 14th. 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.

The Sunday School classes began the Youth/children's choir. They sang on Christmas Eve at the Family Service.

I hope that you enjoyed the Candlelight Christmas Concert, I certainly enjoyed sharing my talent with you and hope that it brought you some joy and Christmas spirit. I want to thank Soprano soloist Donna Sfikas for joining me. It was a pleasure to share the beautiful music of Christmas with all of you.

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.

ben@ben-boellner.com

"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] -

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

We met at Golden Corral for our Christmas celebration at 11:30 a.m. We also had a lovely trip to American Music Theatre with 23 in attendance. We will not have a January meeting but will gather on February 5th at 11:30 a.m. with a Pizza Party. Bring a canned good as we gather for fellowship and devotions. Hope to see you there!

Butch Frank



PLANNING MEETING

**January 24th
from 9 am to 12
Noon.**

If you are a leader or board member please plan to attend this meeting or if you have an interest in leadership or in the vision and mission of this Church, please join us.



MOO NEWS

The MEN OF OREMS will be meeting the Fourth Thursday, Jan. 22nd at 6:30 pm. at the Double T Diner (Pulaski Highway and Ebenezer Road) for dinner and conversation.

MOO continues to purchase chairs for the fellowship hall. And look for other projects for the coming year.

THANKS

Dear Orems Church,

Our thanks for all your kind expressions of sympathy and the flowers that you sent.

Also thanks so much to Pastor Chris Dembeck for presiding over Mom's funeral. We truly appreciated all you do.

The Family of Lucille Vinck
Larry, Tom, Diane, and Annette

Dear Disciples of Yarn and Mildred Shephard

Thank you to you and the ladies of Disciples of Yarn for the beautiful prayer shawl. I love it and use it all the time. You ladies are true angels and may God bless you. I hope to be back to church before Christmas. I miss you all

Love Jackie Miller

Food Pantry News

We were able to provide 15 families with a Christmas meal. Thank you to all who donated food to our pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. We have received some donations from Orems Elementary School and the Essex American Legion, that really helped with our Christmas baskets. Your generous donations keep our mission running and gives us the ability to help many families in our community.



Thank you to all those who signed up to be Servants for Worship as Liturgist, and Ushers in 2014. A new year is about to begin and that means we need to ask again for help for our worship services in 2015. There will be a chart for all worship servants, please look for it and consider serving your church in this way. We also need helpers for Communion Sundays to help Pastor Chris with Communion. If you can help, contact Donna Sfikas or Pastor Christ.





Memorial Fund

The following memorials have been given in memory of loved ones

In memory of

Russell Dick given by his wife Virginia Dick

Lucille Vinck given by Esther Circle

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ
Donna Winner,
Memorial Fund Treasurer



Piney Grove Church will sponsor a FLEA MARKET on Sat. Jan. 17th from 9 am to 2 pm. Hot dogs, Coffee, treats for sale to support the Friendship Circle. A group that holds lunch and fellowship for assisted living facilities 8 times a year. Please come help support this wonderful Group.

DISCIPLES OF YARN



We will have a blessing of the prayer shawls on January 25, 2015. You can start turning in your work to me after the holidays.

Our blessing is always a good time to ask for a shawl. You can make your own choices. We make them for you— our church family and friends when you are in need of comfort.

Thank you to all who keep this mission alive and active. Stay Well!

God's Blessings to all,
Mildred Shephard



Angel Tree Mission completed another successful year of providing gifts to families from our Four Elementary Schools in our area. The Tree held the names of 34 children this year. And all but 4 were sponsored by members of our congregation. The re-

maining four were provided for by money donated to the Angel Tree Mission. Thank you for your generous donations of gifts and money. And thank you to our shoppers, Merlyn Campbell, Sara Beth Dulina, Lori Wilking, Vicki Borreson and Cathy Horst. The families were overwhelmed and very very grateful.

Little Feet supplies the local schools with socks, and underwear sizes 6 to 14 for boys and girls, elastic waist pants sizes small through extra large. Also new or gently used shoes are always welcome. And Winter coats and jackets. **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices. These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.**

ESTHER CIRCLE

The Esther Circle met Dec 10th for our last meeting. It was with sadness, with the precious members that we lost in death, we stayed together as long as we could. We will still help in any way with the United Methodist Women.

Margaret Eney attended our last meeting and we want to thank her and appreciate that she was able to join us. It was a good meeting and then we went to Coffman's for our lunch.

May the Lord look down on us and bless us through the Christmas season and the New Year.

In Christian love

Donna Winner,

Esther Circle chair



Hall Closet Thrift Shop News

The year 2014 was a very good year. WE closed out the year with a total sales of \$11,359.00 This is \$1300 more than 2013 sales. We thank everyone who donates to our shop as well as the shoppers.

Also a very big THANK YOU to the volunteer staff that makes all this run smoothly— Pat Robertson, Dottie Lay, Nikki Hart, Vicki, Heather and Brittany Metzger, Sara Beth Dulina. Merlyn Campbell, Lisa Hoerger, and our newest volunteer Kathy Egner.

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 January 3rd and February 14th. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. We will be spotlighting Christmas in December. Shop for decorations, clothing and specialty items for Christmas. There are two shopping rooms with many bargains. Come join us on our next shopping day.

In the Lord's service, Linda Hall

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.

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.



**February Newsletter
Deadline is January
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**

United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m. **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.gbmg-umc.org)

COOKBOOKS are still for sale.

They make great Gifts. The cookbook "I Gotta Have That Recipe" is a collection of Desserts. Books sell for \$10

**FEBRUARY 1ST LOG CABIN
EASTER CANDY
SALE BEGINS**

**FEBRUARY 1ST
UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN SUNDAY
WEAR RED!**

Financial Facts

Did you know. . . .

The Offering envelope that is distributed at the beginning of the calendar year is for the church general budget. Using this envelope will give you a statement at the end of 2015.

If you want offering envelopes at any time during the year and one has not been assigned to you, please let me know or call the office 410-687-9483 and a number will be assigned and an envelope will be given to you.

If you ever forget your offering envelope, you can use the white envelope in the pew, just put your name and your number if you know it so we can record your giving properly. Thank you.

Linda Hall, Financial Chair



Help Our Mission!

The United Methodist Women continue to support *The Center for Pregnancy Concerns* and invite you to join their support.. 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 and Our representative Linda Hall will be see that they are delivered to the Center. **(Please have them marked For CPC or Center for Pregnancy)** Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission



Office News

I am still in the process of receiving Cancer treatments and the office may not always have coverage 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

We are still seeking volunteers for JAM (JESUS AND ME) a children's time during Worship that follows the Children's message. Thank you to those of you who have stepped up to help. We appreciate all you do for our children. Contact the Church office for more info 410-687-9483

