



March 2015

Special points of interest:

MARCH

- 1 Communion Service
- 4 UMW Meeting
Choir
Cantata Rehearsal
- 5 KEENAGERS
Cantata Rehearsal
- 7 Hall Closet Thrift
Shop
- 9 Trustee meeting
- 10 Sarah Circle
Education Committee
- 11 Choir
Cantata Rehearsal
- 12 Lunch Bunch
- 16 Rachel Circle
- 18 Choir
Cantata Rehearsal
- 20 Pilgrimage to Holy Land
- 24 Ladies Fellowship lunch
- 25 Choir & Cantata rehearse
- 26 MOO
- 28 Cantata Dress Rehearsal
Lunch with Easter Bunny
- 29 Cantata 10 am Worship

Please see calendar page for all events:

Christian Education 8:45 a.m.
Adult Seekers Class,
Sunday School

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OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church



Covered Dish Fellow- ship Lunch

Sunday March 8th after the Church Service.

Bring your favorite Covered dish to share. You may drop off your dish before the Worship Service. Come join us for a great day of fellowship.

An Evening Presentation

MARCH 20, at 7 p.m.
**PILGRIMAGE TO THE
HOLY LAND**

Join us in the Sanctuary as a local librarian shares her trip with pictures and details of her visit to three countries in the Holy Land.

LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Sat. March 28, 2015

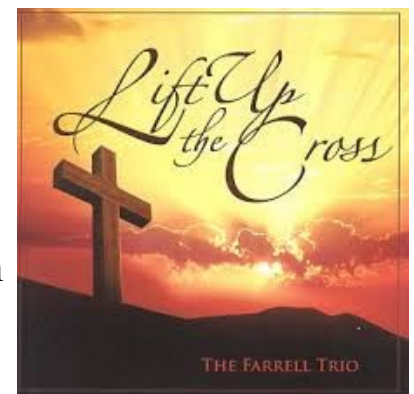
from 11:30 a.m to 1 p.m.

Children will hear the Easter Story, make crafts, hunt eggs, have lunch and get a picture with the Easter Bunny. A fun time for All!!



Lift Up the Cross

An Easter Cantata presentation on March 29th at the 10 a.m. Worship service with the Combined Orems Choirs under the direction of Mr. Ben Boellner. Come and Worship with us.



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

¹⁵ 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

As We move toward Easter, rehearsals may increase. Please check your calendar for additional rehearsal dates. 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.

Cantata rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Please be prompt to these rehearsals, we have much to cover and very little time.

Children's Choir rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. Parents please look forward to the children singing on Palm and Easter Sunday.

Upcoming concert series at Orem featuring the Dundalk Christian Chorale, Mr Ben Boellner, organist, Mr. Andrew DeBrock pianist as well as guest musicians from Baltimore and surrounding area.

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

Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist.

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Office News



I am still recovering from Cancer treatments and will still have shorter office hours for the next few months. I have been fortunate to be able to work during my Chemo and Radiation treatments because of the wonderful volunteers that have helped me keep the office running as smoothly as possible. Thank you to Linda Hall, Kathy Cunningham, Pixie Faulkner, Butch and Fran Frank, Karen Dull and to Pastor Chris for all their help. 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,

In February, Laura and I were blessed to be able to go to Rock with the Orems Youth, the youth leaders, and some adults. It was a great time where we were able to spend time apart with one another, focusing on God. What a blessing it was to be able to do that.

At the end of the actual event Reggie Dabbs, the keynote speaker, asked everyone if they were "All in" on the Christian faith. He then elaborated on the fact that there were a lot of tragic events taking place around the world where Christians were being persecuted, maimed, and killed for their faith in Christ. He then counted down from 30 seconds and at the end, everyone in the entire convention center stood up and proclaimed with conviction: "I'm ALL IN!"

Then it was over and just like that Rock was finished. It wasn't finished for me though as I pondered what it means to be "All in". I think we need to not just proclaim that we are "All in", but really try to understand what that means. Of course we can look to our Coptic Christian Brothers, whose lives were taken by ISIS in February and the countless others who have fallen at their hands. We can also look to all of the Christian martyrs throughout history, including Peter, Paul, and of course in this time of Lent, we need to look to our own Savior, who was misunderstood, persecuted, and killed as an innocent man on a wretched cross, a death reserved for the lowest of criminals.

So, what does it mean to be all in for you? What does it mean to you, to be a follower of Christ? I'm leaving you with more questions than answers to ponder intentionally because Lent is a time of reflection and pondering what our faith is and what it means to each of us to be "All in".

-Pastor Chris

John 15:18-21

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCHES

Essex United Methodist Church on Maryland Avenue is holding a Soup and Salad Lunch on March 14th from 11 to 2. Tickets are \$7.50 for Adults and \$4 for Children 6-12. Carryout is available for \$8.00 Call for tickets at 410-687-2548

Piney Grove United Methodist Church on Bowleys Quarters Road is selling Lenten Foods for the last three Fridays of Lent. You must place your orders by Wednesday March 18th, 25th or April 1st for the following Friday meals. Foods for sale are Padded Oysters, Crab Cakes, Salmon Cakes, Cole Slaw, Macaroni salad, potato salad and cinnamon cake. All is sold ala carte. Call 410-335-2593 by 4 pm on a Wednesday to order. Pick up at the Fellowship Hall on Friday between 1 and 6 pm.

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 Campbells Soup and other food products. Look for the Campbells Soup label collection bin in the hallway. The Box Tops will be donated to the Board of Childcare mission.



April Newsletter Deadline is MARCH 15th, if you have an article or information for our

newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at orem-sumc@verizon.net

Food Pantry News.

Thank you to the Wonderful Angels who dropped off cases of food for our Pantry. It was overwhelming and much needed. Our pantry still needs Pancake Syrup and Jelly and Saltine Crackers. Thanks to all who donate to keep our Food Pantry able to serve the Community needs.



Disciples of Yarn

I had a blessing of our prayer shawls on January 25, 2015. It was led by Pastor Chris. He prayed with us and asked blessings for those who received our shawls. He also asked for blessings for our hands and for each of us who have made them. He anointed each shawl with oil and requested the congregation continue in silent prayer.

We had 53 shawls, 1 baby blanket and 4 baby sets blessed. The were made by Merlyn Campbell, Dottie Daiger, Cathy Horst, Trudy Edwards, Judi Maynor, Merle Vickers, Donna Winner and myself, Mildred Shephard.

I gave out 12 shawls. May our shawls give you peace and comfort and always an extra "Hug from God"

God's Blessings

Mildred Shephard