



April 2015

Special points of interest:

APRIL

- 2 KEENAGERS
Maundy Thursday Service
- 3 Good Friday Service
- 4 Choir Rehearsal
- 5 EASTER CELEBRATION
- 6 Office Closed
- 8 UMW Meeting
- 9 Lunch bunch
- 10 Mary Circle
- 11 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
Pit Beef Sale
- 14 Sarah Circle
VBS Meeting
- 18 UMW TEA
- 20 Rachel Circle
- 22 Choir
- 23 MOO
- 28 Ladies Fellowship lunch
Education meeting

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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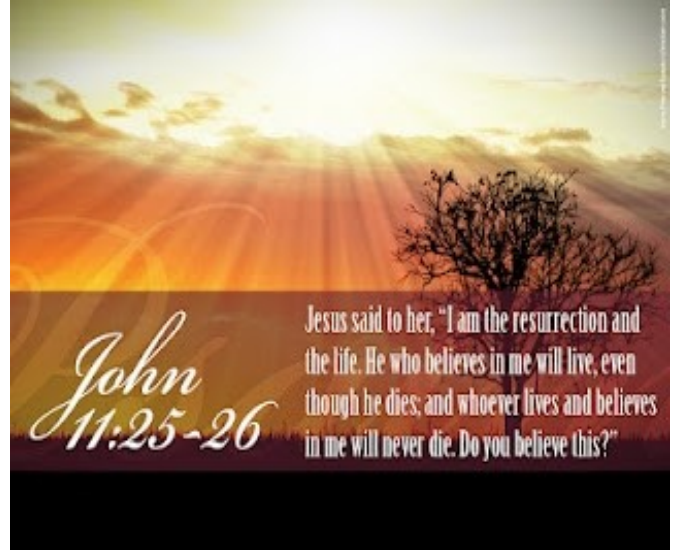
Orems United Methodist Church

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday
April 2nd at 7 pm

Good Friday Service
April 3rd at 7 pm

EASTER
CELEBRATION
10 AM April 5th



United Methodist Women's Tea

April 18th

2 p.m

MENU: TEA—several varieties

SOUPS- Raspberry

Broccoli & Cheddar,

SALAD—Acini Di Pepe,,

SCONES with Lemon Curd, Jams,

Jellies & Whipped Cream

SANDWICHES -Turkey on Raisin Nut Bread

Ham Salad on Potato Bread

Stilton Cheese with Pears

SPECIAL ITEM Tilapia En Papillote

And of course a variety of

HEAVENLY DESSERTS



Tickets are available from United Methodist Women members for \$25.00. Hurry there is a limited number of seats to this popular event!

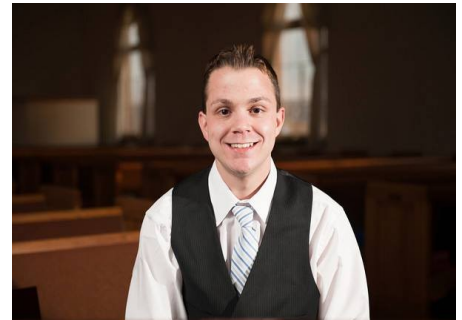
Our Theme for 2015 is 1Peter 3:15, (NLT version)

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

Easter is here! Halleluiah! 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. There will not be a rehearsal on April 8th and 15th and will resume April 22nd.



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

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.

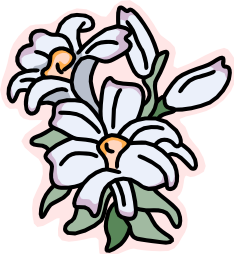
As always, do not hesitate to contact me. My email is listed below.

Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist.

benthepianoman@gmail.com

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCHES

Office News



I am still recovering from Cancer treatments and may still have some short 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. I truly appreciate all the help and cooperation I have received during my journey with cancer. 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

Happy Easter Everyone!

I love this time of the year, the flowers are blooming, the air smells crisp, and baseball is starting up again! Most importantly though, we thank God for Jesus' resurrection and consequently for giving believers a new life in Him! The Apostle Paul wrote on the importance of the Resurrection of Christ in 1 Corinthians 15:17-22: ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

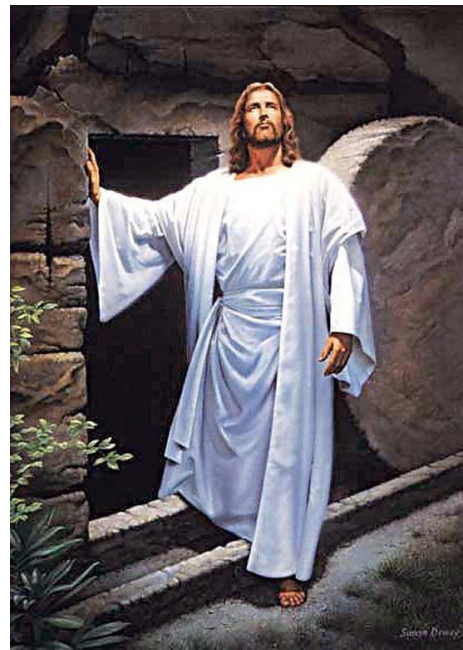
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ."

Indeed, this time of year is a time to account for the awesomeness of God witnessed in Jesus' resurrection. By this resurrection, we all are extended the invitation to join Him, in dying to our sin and selves, being buried with Christ, and being resurrected into new life through the power of God by the Holy Spirit. The life is for now, but it is also in the life to come, that is in eternal life.

So let us relish in the Resurrection of Christ, because if it had not happened, then we would not have the hope and the joy that **we do have** through Jesus the resurrected Christ. And through his death and resurrection, we were showed just how loved beyond measure we are. I pray that we would never forget this or the real importance of Easter for the Christian.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris



Celebrate with Chase United Methodist Church the Anniversary of two historic churches-The Former Ebenezer United Methodist Church founded in 1790 and the former Sharp Street United Methodist Church founded in 1865. They merged in 2012 as Chase United Methodist Church. Join the congregation for an Anniversary Celebration "A Legacy of Faith – A Vision for the Future" at Martin's East on May 3, 2015 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Banquet are \$50 per person. Deadline to order is April 18th. We have an order form in our office or you may call Chase United Methodist Church at 410-335-2172 for more information.

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.



**May Newsletter
Deadline is April
15th, if you have
an article or in-
formation for our
newsletter,**

**please drop it off to the
Church office or email at
oremsumc@verizon.net**

Food Pantry News.

Thank you to all who dropped off food for our Pantry. 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

May our shawls give you peace and comfort and always an extra "Hug from God". If you have a need for

a prayer shawl you may contact me, or contact the church office.

God's Blessings, Mildred Shephard

Dear Mildred and Disciples of Yarn,

I wanted to thank all of you for the lovely prayer shawls you blessed our family with. Ava & Sam have enjoyed them both as Shawls and capes. Chris and I have been wearing ours during our Lenten prayers. Also, thank you for the beautiful white baby booties, mittens, and hat! I can't wait for Baby Dembeck to wear them. He or she will look adorable. Thank you for your prayers for our family and sharing your talents with us.

Love, Laura and Chris

MEMORIAL FUND

The following memorials have been given in memory and of loved ones.



In memory of:

Elizabeth "Betty" Kluttz given by John and Charlotte West, WKAK Properties LLC, Betty D. Songer, Eugene and Jay Katz, Jim and Margaret Greenwood, Bruce & Shelia Dawson, Dean & Bonnie Scott, Jeff & Robin St Clair, Don and Leona Egner, William Grant & Margie C. Kluttz, Aaron Kluttz

Frances Saul given by Keenagers

Preston Pence given by Keenagers

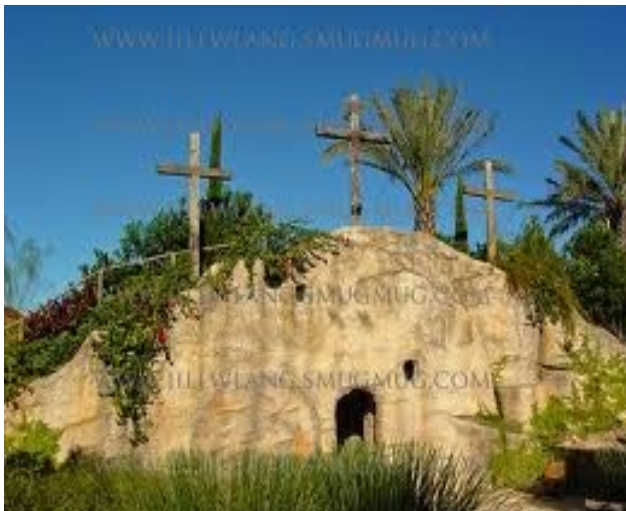
Helen Healy given by Norman & Linda Miller

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Yours in Christ,

Donna Winner'

Memorial Fund Treasurer



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 11th 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.

Coming up in May is a Soup and Salad dinner sponsored by the Men. The date is May 9th in the Fellowship hall from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are available now. Adults are \$6.00 and Children are \$3.00. We will have a special Hungry Man second bowl for additional cost.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday April 8 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.gbgm-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."

Look on the front of this newsletter for the information about our Tea event. Please plan to join us on April 18th.

Angel Tree Mission Thank You

Dear Orem's Church Angel Tree Mission

Thank you so much for helping our Martin Boulevard Elementary School families with Christmas food and gifts. The families were very grateful to be sponsored by your church. We truly appreciate your churches generosity. It is always great to see the smiling faces of the families who receive this assistance. Once again we thank you for your thoughtfulness in sponsoring our families through the Angel Tree program. Your helpfulness has helped make this a memorable holiday for them.

Sincerely
Ann Riddleberger
School Social Worker
Martin Boulevard
Elementary School

Sanctuary to Receive new Coat

Our Sanctuary walls have not been painted for some time. Just as you want your home to be refreshed from time to time, we want God's house to look as pleasing as possible. We are currently seeking to raise the funds to have our Sanctuary professionally painted. The company specializes in Church restoration and will not only paint and patch our walls but has

an understanding of the care and respect that is required in a Sanctuary. At this time we have about half the money raised to complete the project. If you would like to contribute to painting of our sanctuary there are specially marked envelopes in your pews. Or you may send a donation to the



church with the note: for the Painting Project. Thank you for helping us to keep our worship area looking its best.

NEWS FROM STREETS OF HOPE

Now that our season is slowly coming to a end. I would like to take this time to Thank everybody for there support. God has truly been working at the Shelter Through all of us and I give him the Glory!!! There is still a lot of work to be done to get to the place Our Lord wants us to be. Instead of me rambling on I'm going to give you the Lyrics To Matthew West Song "Do Something" I Play this whenever I get down or need encouragement.

I Woke up this morning
Saw a world full of
trouble now Thought,

how'd we ever get so far down How's it ever going to turn around. So I turned my eyes to Heaven I thought, "God, why don't you do something?" Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of people living in poverty Children being sold into Slavery The Thought disgusted me So, I shook my fist at Heaven Said, "God' why don't you do something?" **He said, "I did, I created you" If not us, then who if not me and you. Right now, it's time for us to do something** if not now, then when Will

we see an end to all this **PAIN** it's not enough to do nothing it's time for us to do something.

Thank You All, Let us all Show Gods Love and Standup for the Weak

Have A Bless Day
William D Wiley Jr.
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Where did the Palm Crosses come from? On Palm Sunday our congregation received Palm Crosses

African Palms was founded in 1965 by Father Talbot, an Anglican priest who served for 6 years as a missionary to Tanzania. Father Talbot was seeking ways to help the people increase their income and he encouraged the villagers to weave palm crosses to sell to churches to use on Palm Sunday. In 1976, the Women of St John's Episcopal Church in Olney Maryland, accepted the mission of distributing the crosses to churches throughout the United States. And thus African Palms USA was born. It has become a major outreach for the church and the proceeds from the sale of crosses and totes is returned to Africa in the form of non-denominational self help grants. African Palms USA has awarded nearly \$2 million to African communities to help with Aids/HIV education, wells for

clean drinking water, and farming ventures to help provide food and income for the villages.

The crosses are made throughout the year in villages in Tanzania by families at home or while guarding their crops from baboons. The palms are harvested from local forests and only the leaves are used so the trees can remain intact to produce more products. The crosses shipped to the United States are checked for quality and repackaged for shipping by volunteers. The Palm crosses have been used for Palm Sunday celebrations, baptisms, mission trips, Pastoral visits, Vacation Bible School, prayer groups and much more. It is truly a wonderful mission and outreach.

Scholarships at Orem

If you are a High School Graduate or someone looking to further your education, Orem has scholarships available. Orem scholarship applications must be in by April 26. You may pick up an application from the office or call the office and we can mail one to you. The criteria for scholarships is enrollment as full time student, member of Orem United Methodist Church, and accepted by a college, University or Trade school in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church. The Willard Ray Scholarship must have approval by Church council. The Scholarship Committee will present the candidates for Scholarship at the next Council meeting. We would like to present the scholarships to our Recipients at the worship service on June 14th.

Ruth Bundick Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established by the United Methodist Women to honor a long time member. This fund is supported by the UMW and others who wish to donate to it. Recipients will

- Be a member of Orem UMC
- Be accepted by a college, University or full time school (post high school, trade, apprentice). The school must be in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church.
- Show evidence of financial need.
- Be enrolled as a full time student.

Willard Ray Memorial Scholarship. Established by the estate of long time Orem member Willard Ray. Mr. Ray faithfully modeled strong Christian principles in his personal and professional life. The award is to further the good news of Jesus Christ so that Jesus' followers may go into the world to spread the news of salvation through Christ. It is the goal and focus of this scholarship to further the professional and personal lives of Christians so that they may better serve Jesus all the days of their lives. Those receiving this award are expected to give a high priority to honesty and ethical conduct, and the furthering of their understanding of biblical conduct for their lives.

- Recipients will
- Profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior.
- Live a Christian life as exemplified by the teachings of Jesus understood through biblical principles.
- Courses of study should further higher education leading to improvement of employment opportunities, and not furthering recreational, hobbies, or similar activities.
- First priority is given to members of Orem who have demonstrated their love for the Lord as evidenced in all they do and say. If no qualified member is chosen, applications for children or grandchildren of members will be considered.
- The Orem Council has final approval of the selected recipient.