



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

Bethlehem Village

July & August 2015

Special points of interest:

July 2 – Keenagers
July 5—Communion
July 6—Office Closed
July 9 -Lunch bunch
9 &10th Set up for VBS
July 11 -Hall Closet Thrift
Shop and Pit beef
July 12 –17 Vacation Bible
School
July 13 NeedleBees
July 21 Admin Board meeting
July 23—MOO
July 28 Ladies Fellowship
Lunch at Double T
28 Needle Bees

Aug 1 Hall Closet Thrift and
Pit beef sale
Aug 2 Communion
Aug 6 Keenagers
Aug 13 - Lunch Bunch
Aug 16 Little Feet School
Supplies Due
Aug 25 Ladies Fellowship
Lunch at Double T
Aug 27 Moo sponsored
Picnic for Church

Please see calendar page for all
events:

Adult Seekers Sun 8:45 a.m
Sunday School for Children
Begins in September

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Exciting adventures are coming to Orems, Sunday, July 12th through Friday, July 17th. We will be going on an adventure to Bethlehem Village – Where a Savior is Born! We will be in Bethlehem each evening from 6:30 to 8:30 learning about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) isn't just for kids.

We invite everyone from ages 3 to 99 to attend this adventure. We will learn that We all need a Savior, Make room for a Savior, Jesus is our Savior, Tell about the Savior and Give yourself to a Savior. We will be singing some Christmas songs, playing games, making Christmas crafts and enjoying some yummy snacks.



Help Wanted

Bethlehem Village is looking for several people who are interested in sharing the word about our Savior, Jesus Christ and his birth.

We are in need of two TRIBE LEADERS and a few people to work in our Village Market Place. No experience needed.

Please contact Mary Eisely or Margaret Eney if you are interested in these positions.

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

Dear Orem's Church

We hope that you enjoy the Summer Music offered by the Choir members and Organist this summer. We are delighted to share our talents through solos, duets and trios.

Our choir will celebrate together at a picnic on July 18th at the home of Norris and Linda Tingle. See the sign up sheet for food items to bring.

We will be starting Choir rehearsals the second Wednesday of September. If you would like to join the choir, please look for the September newsletter for dates and times. We will have a Christmas Cantata performance in December and we will begin rehearsals early in the Fall.

And I am excited to announce a children's musical will be performed by our Sunday School and Children's Choir on the first Sunday of Advent. We will rehearse during the Sunday School hour and we will need parent volunteers for costumes, props and additional help.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me. My email is Benthepianoman@gmail.com

Enjoy the warm weather and best always, Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist.



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 11th and Aug 1st. 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)

Keenagers meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our July Meeting with Watermelon and August meeting there will be 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



OREMS PASTOR VISITS HOLY LAND

Greetings Orem,

It is so good to be back from Israel! I enjoyed my time there but like Dorothy said in *The Wizard of Oz*, "There's no place like home". In case you didn't know, I went to Israel to fulfill the 'Immersion Trip' course requirement in the Masters of Divinity program I am in at Wesley Theological Seminary. On the trip, we worked on an active archaeological site in the Jezreel valley in northern Israel, stayed on a Kibbutz there, and even visited and learned about the history of Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem.

It was an eye opening experience and not necessarily in the way I hoped it would be. While in the Jezreel valley, the Bible came to life in soil of the land, the spring of Jezreel, and the sun rises over the mountaintops of well-known Biblical mountains like Mount Tabor and Mount Gilboa. However, as we moved to the cities and regions, many of which were Palestinian, we saw the political state of the land which is extremely challenging and one leaves feeling as if no one is right in this war between the Palestinians and Israelis. Of course, I did not think this going there but seeing the way everything is set up and how the system is orchestrated, it convinced me that no one side was winning even if battles had already been won.



Either way, I can honestly say that the trip impacted me and changed me. I look forward to sharing more day-to-day details with you in the coming months, so be on the lookout for a pot-luck oriented event with a presentation on my trip.

In the meantime, be blessed and enjoy the summer!

Pastor Chris

Photo is Pastor Chris standing in the Sea of Galilee

MOO NEWS



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

They will hold Pit Beef sandwich sale on July 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.

And don't forget the Church Pit Beef Picnic on August 27th at 6:00 p.m.

OFFICE NOTE OF THANKS

My diagnosis of Stage 3 Uterine Cancer is now 1 year old. I have endured Chemo and radiation treatments. I just wanted to say how much I appreciated this church and its volunteers as I continued to work during all of my treatments. Just knowing that the office was well cared for helped me be able to concentrate on my health and recovery. It has been a tough year in some ways, but God has been merciful and brought me through.

Yours in Christ, Vicki Borreson

Dear Disciples of Yarn and Ms Pat:

Thank you so very much for your prayers, thoughtfulness and kindness! The prayer shawl is so very beautiful! My Ma had always visualize a delicate yellow light around me when I was sick, and it worked, thank the Lord I am still here! The power of prayer is so intense!

Again, I can not thank you enough. Please thank the great people of Orem's United Methodist Church for me, I am greatly obliged!

With much appreciation and prayer,
Trish

THANKS



Our family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and support during the loss of Ada. We appreciated having our church family show us how much they cared. The flowers that were sent were beautiful and the luncheon the day of the funeral gave our family time to relax and reflect upon her life.

Thank you again,

David Mundy and family

Pit Beef picnic

THE MEN OF OREMS WILL HOLD THEIR 3RD ANNUAL PIT BEEF PICNIC ON THURSDAY, AUG.

27TH AT 6:00 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!



IMAGINE NO MALARIA

We made a pledge to the Baltimore Washington Conference to give \$3000 over a 3 year period to fight Malaria. "Imagine No Malaria" is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa. You can help by giving a donation. Look for the special Jar in the narthex or a special envelope in your pew.



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

I have been Chairperson of Disciples of Yarn for eleven years. Now it is time for me to give up something that I have dearly loved. This has never been a job to me but a deep joy of love in taking care of your needs. It has been a very rewarding service to my church family and I always felt the shawls helped you get through struggles in your life. I will continue to make the shawls and christening blankets. I still have shawls to meet your needs Continue to ask for them. My positions des not end until the end of the year.



Stay well and have a safe summer

God's Blessings

Mildred Shephard

Thank you Disciples of Yarn

Thank you so much for my Prayer Shawl and the prayers that you entwined with it. It is a great comfort to me. Bless you all for your kindness.

Jane Buebel

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, mark-ers, 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 20th Deadline for items is Sunday August 16th.**



We honor our Class of 2015 Graduates from all levels of schooling and extend the Lord's Blessings on each of them as they take the next step into their future.



COLIN HUNTER AYRES graduated from the Science and Mathematics Academy of Aberdeen High School in the top five percent of the class and with distinguished honors. He will be attending the University of Maryland, Honors College, at College Park and will be majoring in Physics. He is the son of Suzanne and Ben Ayres, grandson of Bob and Isabelle Sprinkle, and nephew of Lisa and Ernest Hoerger.

BENJAMIN ANDREW ENEY has graduated from 5th grade at Orem's Elementary School and will be attending Stemmers Run Middle in the Fall. He is the son of Jeff and Margaret Eney.

HANNAH NICOLE ENEY, graduated from Eastern Tech High School. She has been attending Community Colleges of Baltimore County (CCBC) thru the Parallel Enrollment Program since 11th grade. She is in the Honors Program and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and plans to graduate from CCBC in May 2016 and transfer to a 4 year college for a degree in Nursing. She is working at River Valley Ranch as an Assistant Cook for the summer. She is the daughter of Jeff and Margaret Eney.

LAUREL ELIZABETH MCNEAL graduated from Eastern Technical High School. Laurel has been working at Oak Crest Retirement Village for almost 2 years. Her summer plans include working weekdays at River Valley Ranch, while continuing to work weekends at Oak Crest. In the fall Laurel will be attending CCBC, her goal is to transfer to a university to continue her education and eventually become a Math or Science teacher. She is the daughter of Michele & George McNeal, III. Granddaughter of Sandra & George McNeal, Jr and Great-Granddaughter of Cynthia and Garland Shaw. Michele & George would like to thank our church family and friends for nurturing Laurel in the Christian Faith.

RYAN KYLE MILLER has graduated from 5th grade at Orem's Elementary School and will be attending Stemmers Run Middle in the Fall. He is the son of Dawn and Steve Wallingford and grandson of Jack and Mary Eisely and Great Grandson of Dave and Ada Mundy.

ZACHARY ANDREW RIGGINS is graduating from Eastern Technical High School. Zachary will be attending the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) in the fall. Zachary is the son of Anita and Jim Riggins and nephew of Lisa and Don Schenning.

ETHAN SAMUEL SCHENNING is graduating from Middle River Middle School. He is a National Junior Honor Society member and the Treasurer. Ethan will be attending Eastern Technical High School in the fall. Ethan is the son of Lisa and Don Schenning and the grandson of Donna and Henry Schenning.

JILL SHEPHARD received the Ben Carson Essay Award. Jill teaches groups of Spanish families to speak English. She is a Junior at North Harford High School. Jill is the daughter of Ken and Cindy Shephard and the granddaughter of Mildred Shephard.

MOLLY SHEPHARD graduated from St Mary's College of Maryland. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in philosophy and a double minor in Environmental Studies and Anthropology. Molly is the daughter of Ken and Cindy Shephard and granddaughter of Mildred Shephard.

HAILEY WALLINGFORD has graduated from 5th grade at Orems Elementary School and will be attending Stemmers Run Middle in the Fall. She is the daughter of Steve and Dawn Wallingford and granddaughter of Jack and Mary Eisely

A Graduate's Prayer

Dear Lord,

As I look toward the future
Bright hope conducts this prayer,
For I know the plans You have for me
Were wrought with divine care.

Holy Spirit, lead me.

Let me run at Your command,
Yet be still and know that You are God
When trouble is close at hand.

Your Word will be a lamp for me,
A guide to light my way,
A solid place to set my feet,
A compass when I stray.

Amen.



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 2nd 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.gbqm-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."

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will continue through the summer months at Double T Diner. This has been an enjoyable experience for all involved. Our July and August dates are July 28th and August 25th. Please RSVP to Gloria Asbury at 410-335-5507 by the day before the lunch.

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.



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



The Ruth Bundick Memorial Scholarship was established by the United Methodist Women to honor a faithful member.

The scholarship is awarded to members of Orem's UMC who have been accepted into a school of higher education that is in harmony with the moral and ethical positions and teachings of the Methodist church and who show evidence of financial need. **Willard Ray Memorial Scholarship.** Established by the estate of long time Orem's member who faithfully modeled strong Christian principles in his personal and professional life. 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.

We congratulate **Hannah Eney and Laurel McNeal** who were awarded scholarships from these Funds this year.



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.

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.

Food Pantry News

Our pantry receives requests for food on a regular 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 anyway 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, peanut butter, jelly, and canned fruit.

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

Christmas in Kid City



The Sunday School and Children's Choir will be presenting this Children's Musical for Christmas on November 29th during our Sunday Morning Worship Service. All Children are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday school time with some additional dates to be determined as needed. Volunteers are needed for Props, Costumes and any assistance you can offer. For additional information, please contact Mr. Ben Boellner Benthepianoman@gmail.com

Communication Cards—what are they and why are they in my bulletin?

The Communication Cards are a Membership tool used by the Office and Evangelism committee as well as the pastor. We are trying to be more diligent about contacting members who have been absent from our Worship services for several weeks. We do care about our congregation and we are making some changes to better relay that to our people. You can help us by filling out your card each week.

The front of the card has spaces for your name, address, email, phone number. You do not need to supply your address and email every Sunday if you know we have the up to date information for you. There is also space to check off if you are a visitor or an interest in joining the church or for information on baptism. The Back of the card often has a question or comment area inquiring if you have an interest in an upcoming event, if you can provide a ride for an evening event, or if you have need of special prayers.

There is also blank room if you find you have a comment you would like to give the pastor or the office. In coming months the look of this card may change as we try new and different ways to give and receive information. Suggestions are welcome!

The Painting of the Sanctuary is now complete. Stanley Painting has done a fine job with our Sanctuary and Front doors.

It will take some time to finish the area and put things back into place as we wait for the paint to cure. Some new additions will be added to our worship space along with the fresh coat of paint. There will be new lights in the windows in place of the single candlesticks. And window dressings will need to be purchased.

Also some care has been considered for the Narthex walls. A new bulletin board will be erected to post the flower chart and other items so that we can avoid putting tape on the walls.

Our front doors have been painted and treated for weather resistance to help them fight the year round exposure to the elements.

As you come to worship this summer take some time to look around the sanctuary. Once again we would like to thank all those who gave so generously to the Painting Fund. It proves that when we pull together as a family we can accomplish much. And special thanks to Donna Sfikas for taking on the task of getting this project done and organizing a group to help prepare the Sanctuary before and after the painting occurred.



Doors look like new!



Warm Wall color brings out the richness of the wood