



OREMS BEACON

Orem's United Methodist Church

BABY NEWS AT OREMS CHURCH

Welcome Baby Dembeck—Charlotte Paige came into the world on April 18th at 12:50 a.m. weighing 10lbs 12.5 ounces and 21 inches long. She has a beautiful head of dark hair. Her sister and brother are thrilled. Pastor Chris and Laura are loving the early days of getting to know her and adjusting to a family with three children. All are doing well.

May 2015

Special points of interest:

- May
 - 2 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
Pit Beef Sale
 - 3 Communion and New Member Class
 - 6 Keenager Trip to Rainbow Theatre
UMW Meeting
Choir
 - 7 Keenagers
 - 9 Soup and Salad Dinner
 - 10 Mother's Day
 - 12 Sarah Circle
 - 13 Choir
 - 14 Lunch Bunch
 - 15 Mary Circle
Dundalk Christian Chorale
 - 17 Last Day of Sunday School, New Members received
 - 18 Rachel Circle
 - 19 Admin Board
 - 24 Pentecost Service
 - 25 Church Office Closed
 - 26 Ladies Fellowship lunch
 - 28 MOO
 - 31 Worship-Memorial day

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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NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS ON MAY 3rd. Class will be held after the Worship Service. If you are interested in joining Orem's Church, call the church office 410-687-9483. We will celebrate our new members during the worship service on May 17th.

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.



Musical Evening at Orem's Church

The Dundalk Christian Chorale will perform here on May 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will perform selections of Stephen Foster under the direction of Don Appel. There will be a love offering taken at the performance. Some of our very own members are part of this choir. Our Music director Ben Boellner says that this is an event that you don't want to miss!

Pentecost Sunday is May 24th. Join us for Worship and Celebration. Our Children's Choir will be singing as well as our Adult Choir. Wear something Red to remember the Flames of the Spirit brought to us that day!



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.



Dear Church,

Spring is finally here. As the major holy days and holidays have come and gone comes summer music. I want to give my heart felt thanks to the Choirs, Volunteers and Staff for a successful and uplifting musical season. It truly is a Blessing and privilege to serve the Orem's congregation.

Over the summer we have many fabulous Singers and musical soloists providing uplifting music. Please check the sign up sheet outside my office for dates. If you need accompaniment please see me ASAP- so we can rehearse together.

Choirs- Please note the final rehearsal for the season is Wednesday May 13th at 7pm.

On Friday May 15th at 7:30 pm we kick off our concert series- The Dundalk Christian Chorale will be singing selections of Steven Foster- It's something you don't want to miss. We also will be having a few small concerts over the summer. Please stay tuned.

As always- Please do not hesitate to contact me for questions, ideas or information. My email is listed below. I look forward to a thrilling and relaxing summer.

Blessings always,

Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist.

benthepianoman@gmail.com

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. Thank you for helping me on my road to recovery.

Yours in Christ, Vicki Borreson





A Word From Our Pastor

Happy May Everyone!

Laura and I are so excited to have shared in the joy of the birth of our daughter, Charlotte Paige, with you all! It has been such a blessing to have her with us now and we want to thank you for all of your support up until her birth and in the coming months as we continue to learn how to function as a family of five! Even as I write that, it is so hard to believe that we have three children now.

In the midst of this blessing I also am looking forward to my trip to Israel at the end of May as a part of my Masters of Divinity program at Wesley Theological Seminary. I am heading there with a group of other students to take part in an archaeological dig in Jezreel and to visit Jerusalem and Bethlehem. This trip will fulfill my intercultural immersion requirement in the M.Div. degree program at Wesley. While I am sad I will miss a couple of Sundays at Orem, I am very excited about visiting the Holy Land and I look forward to sharing stories and pictures with all of you when I return.

In the meantime, please continue to pray for us as we transition. Laura and I are outnumbered now, so you know we need your prayers! 😊

In Christ,

Pastor Chris

Bible Study To Begin

A Bible Study on JAMES will begin on May 4th at 7 p.m. and run every Monday evening till June 29th (except Memorial Day) It will be led by Nikki Hart. There will be a charge for the participant book. There is a sign- up sheet if you are interested in joining the group for this Study.

A Table Prayer

We Gather at your table Lord
To offer thanks to you
May we reflect your gracious love
In all we say and do. Amen
(Thank you Dennis Asbury)

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 May
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

HELP WANTED

Our Missions Chair, Kathy Cunningham and the Food Pantry Coordinator, Cathy Horst are currently looking for someone to take over the Food Pantry position in 2016. We would like to have someone step forward now so that you can shadow Cathy Horst in the Fall and Winter when our biggest donations are distributed.

What does the job require?

- Prepare box of groceries when a request is made
- Keep record of families served
- Keep record of finances for Food Pantry
- Shop for food when donations are low and for Holiday baskets
- Organize Shelves and discard outdated and damaged items
- Sponsor Annual Food Drive in the Church in November
- Notify Office of items needed for announcements in bulletin and newsletter
- Prepare and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Baskets.

What goes into a box from our Food Pantry For a Family of 4?

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| 1 box cereal | 2 cans corn |
| 2 cans of fruit | 1 box Stuffing |
| 2 boxes Mac & cheese | 1 Jug Juice |
| 1 box Pancake mix and syrup | 1 jar gravy |
| 2 boxes muffin mix | 1 box crackers |
| 1 box instant potatoes | 2 boxes Jello or Pudding |
| 2 cans chicken noodle soup | 1 jar peanut butter |
| 2 cans tomato soup | 1 jar jelly |
| 2 packs spaghetti | 1 jar Applesauce |
| 2 jars or cans spaghetti sauce | 2 cans carrots |
| 2 cans Green beans | 1 can mixed vegetables |
| 2 cans tuna or 1 can tuna and 1 can chicken or Spam or Ham | |
| 1 pound of Butter | 1 pound of Ground Beef |
| 2 cans of Ravioli or Sloppy Joe or spaghettios | 1 pack Hot Dogs |
| 1 pack cheese | 1 package of Chicken |
| 1 pack toilet paper | |

For Thanksgiving and Christmas we add in

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| 1 can sauerkraut | 1 can Cranberry sauce |
| 1 turkey or ham | Cake mix and frosting |
| Cookies | Potatoes |
| Flour | Sugar |

If you think this is a mission you would love to work with, contact Kathy Cunningham or call the Church office.

Calling All Military

Sunday, May 31st, Orem's Church would like to honor all those who are serving in the military or who have served in the military. Please drop a note in the offering plate by May 24th or call the church office (410-687-9483). Please include Name, rank, years, and service information.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Memorial Day is observed by our Nation this year on May 25th. Take time to Honor those who have served and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

Please keep our active service men and women in your prayers as they continue to work to bring peace and freedom to our world.

JAM NEWS

JAM (Jesus and Me) will continue through the summer months except on Communion Sundays. Children will attend worship services and be dismissed from the service after the children's message. A snack will be provided during JAM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School classes for children will end on May 17th with a special snack to celebrate. It has been a wonderful year for the children. The Seekers adult class will continue to meet in June and July.

MOO NEWS

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

They will begin holding Pit Beef sandwich sales on May 2nd 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday May 6 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.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."

THANK YOU TO THE RACHEL CIRCLE AND EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR TEA IN ANYWAY. YOU MADE THE 4TH ANNUAL AFTERNOON TEA A WONDERFUL SUCCESS.

A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO OUR SERVERS:

TERRY ALEXANDER
DENNIS ASBURY
DENNIS EGNER
JACOB MCNEAL
DON MEYERS

Sincere Notes of Thanks

Thank You

Dear Pastor, Staff and Congregation,
 Thank you for your gifts of love to the Greater Baltimore Center of Pregnancy Concerns. Your financial support is greatly needed and appreciated. We could not operate without it. Love and Hugs
 Linda G
 Essex Center

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 see that they are delivered to the Center. (Please have them marked For CPC or Center for Pregnancy)

We are still collecting baby bottles filled with money for this mission.. See Linda Hall for a bottle. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.

Check the list of Fundraisers on the bulletin board by the Church office

Dear Orem

I wish to thank everyone who prepared a dish for and/or served at my Mother's funeral luncheon. It deeply touched our hearts, and we are so truly grateful for the wonderful meal and condolences from all.

Thank you for the



Dear Pastor Chris, Orem Congregation and the Ladies of UMW

A huge thank you to Orem Church and the United Methodist Women who made me feel very special and blessed on Administrative Assistants Day. The Edible Arrangement and Smiley balloon from the church and the gift card from UMW was a delightful surprise on a very busy day. This year has been filled with rocky moments dealing with my health and Orem Church has

beautiful planter basket from my Orem Church Family.

Many thanks to everyone for their prayers, words of comfort, cards, hugs, phone calls, company and loving support during this difficult time in the loss of my Mother.

been so supportive during this time. I could not have been more fortunate than to have a work environment that not only was helpful in my situation but also provided prayer and loving kindness. My living room display of cards is still growing from this loving congregation and the calls and emails kept me upbeat and strong on my worst days. You are all a true blessing to me.
 Love,
 Vicki Borreson

I am abundantly blessed to be a part of this caring and wonderful church family.

Love and Blessings to you all,

Madeline Churchman and Family

Dear Orem Church

I so appreciate the papers you send to me and the visits. t from Nikki Hart and Pixie Faulkner. I love hearing the sermons - Pixie brings her laptop so that I can listen to them during a visit. It is so wonderful to belong to a church that cares.

Love
 Jean Currence

Attention Graduates!!



Orems scholarship applications are in. 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.

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If you are graduating this year from Pre-school to Masters and Beyond! We would love to hear about it and share the good news with your Church Family. Drop the office a note or email at orem-sumc@verizon.net; your name, school, area of study, scholarships and awards and future plans. You have earned some bragging rights so share the news. We will include you in our Bulletin insert on June 14th and also in the Summer newsletter. Please have the information to the office by June 7th.

Sanctuary Painting Project

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. At this time we are close but still need some additional funds 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.



Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars for July 12-17th as Vacation Bible School comes to Orems UMC. This year the theme is Bethlehem Village, Where a Savior is Born! Join us for a Christmas Celebration in July with games, stories, crafts, snacks and fun! VBS will begin at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night. Registration will begin soon. Look for more details next month. If you are interested in helping with VBS contact the church office at 410-687-9483



PENTECOST FIRE

(Acts 2: 1-21)

A
new
kind of
fire, and
new speech
brought to voice:
words that are flames
through walls that divide;
language that's praise sung
in harmonies of the Spirit;
inclusive vocabulary of love.
Drink deep the new wine of
freedom, all slaves. Dream
as equals, world's sons and
daughters. See the visions
of the kingdom of peace.
Wherever wind blows
the Spirit will flow:
the fire that
quenches
our
thirst
for
God's
Love

Poem For The Sunday Lectionary (Pentecost Sunday May 24) This entry was posted in [New Poems](#), [Sunday Lectionary](#)