



# OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

*Joy, Unspeakable Joy, a Cantata created by Kenna Turner West and Dale Matthews, ar-*

*rangement by Steve W. Maudlin will be presented by the Orems United Methodist Church Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. under the direction of Mr. Ben Boellner. Come Celebrate the wonder of His Birth.*



The Sunday School and Children's Choir will be presenting The Christmas Story and Music (under the direction of Mr. Ben Boellner) on December 19th at 5 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner with the Congregation. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, good food and get in the Christmas spirit with our Sunday school children.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

6:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service. Our service is Children friendly and made for families to worship together to welcome the Christ Child

9:30 p.m. Enhance your Christmas Eve celebration with a time of music with a Candlelight Christmas Concert presented by Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist of Orems Church featuring the Organ and Piano.

11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service featuring the organ and Orems Choir.

## December 2015

Special points of interest:

- Nov 1 Needlebees
- 2 United Methodist Women Choir & Cantata
- 3 Keenagers at Golden Corral
- 5 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
- 6 Communion Service
- 8 Sarah Circle
- 9 Choir & Cantata
- 10 Lunch Bunch
- 12 Rehearsal : Cantata
- 13 'Joy Unspeakable Joy' Angel Tree Gifts DUE
- 16 Needlebees Choir
- 18 dress Rehearsal
- 19 Potluck and Children's Christmas Music
- 23 Choir
- 24 Family service Concert Candlelight
- 25 Christmas
- 25-January 1 Office Closed

Please see calendar page for all events:

Sunday School

Pre K to Adults 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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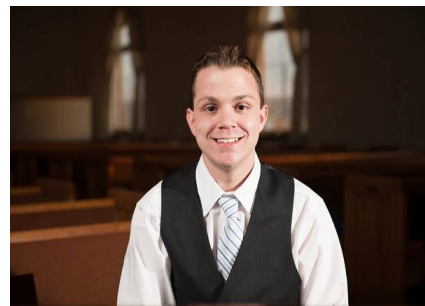
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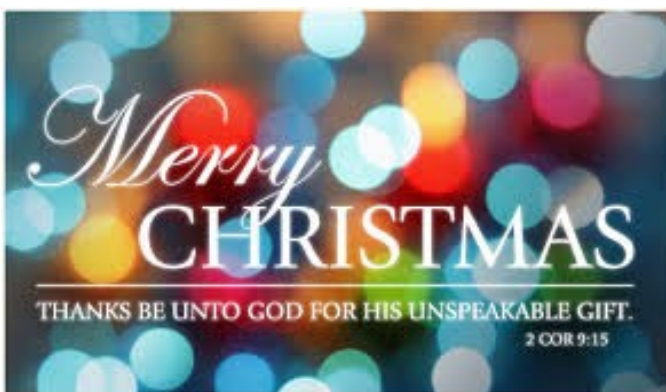
Dear Church—Merry Christmas! This is a busy Time for music!  
The CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses at 7 pm on Wednesdays and the SANCTUARY CHOIR rehearsals are at 7:30 during Cantata season or for special Holy Days.



Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome. Music reading is NOT a requirement. If you do not want to make a commitment every week but would like to sing for special events or cantatas join our Sanctuary Choir.

The junior choir- is for all Children and young people in Sunday school, or young people in general. We rehearse on Sunday Mornings at 8:45 a.m. We will be presenting a Christmas Musical on Saturday December 19 at 5 p.m.<sup>th</sup>, with a pot luck dinner and fellowship.

If you have any interest in singing or making music, please see me. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas.



### **Dates to Remember:**

**Cantata “Joy, Unspeakable Joy” on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**

**Christmas Music presented by Junior choirs on December 19<sup>th</sup> with pot luck at 5 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Concert Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 p.m. Come early for our Candlelight service and enjoy Our Organist in Concert!**

**May this season bring you Hope and Joy,**

**In His name,** Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist, [Bboellner1992@gmail.com](mailto:Bboellner1992@gmail.com)

### **Hall Closet Thrift Shop News**

Our Thrift shop accepts 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 December 5th and January The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Shop for decorations, clothing and specialty items for Christmas and year round. There are two shopping rooms with many bargains. Come join us on our next shopping day.

### **KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)**

We will meet on December 3rd at Golden Corral for our Christmas celebration. Bring a \$10 unisex gift.

Hope to see you there! Butch Frank



## MOO NEWS



**The MEN OF OREMS will not be meeting in December due to the Christmas Holiday.**

**The Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MOO to raise money for the care of Orem's Cemetery will take place in February. Tickets will be available after Christmas.**

**The MOO will be meeting the fourth Thursday in January. Watch for more information in the January newsletter.**

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*Piney Grove UMC in Bowley's Quarters is holding a Movie Night the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. with snack time beginning at 6:30 p.m.*

## From Your Pastor

Greetings Orem's,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and are as excited as I am about the Advent season that is upon us. Advent is a time where we look forward to the coming of Christ. Christmas is the day when we acknowledge that the Son of God has come into the world as a child, incarnate in humanity. The child, Christ, is fully human and fully divine and it's an amazing realization, to know that God isn't some far away God but is God here, now, and with us. Emmanuel, "God is with us".

As we begin this Advent journey I ask that you set aside time to pray and read along with us in Luke's Gospel focusing on Luke chapters one and two. If we aren't careful, the Christmas story can become all too common in our minds and we begin to think we have heard it all before and can easily take the amazing story of God becoming human all too lightly. Christmas is profound and I pray that you would look on the text in the Bible and the season, itself, with new eyes while not getting caught up in the commercialization of the holiday. The presents, the children, the trees, and lights while good in themselves, can too easily become a distraction to the truly profound event that Christ came as a baby, the most helpless of all, and lived among us. This is the true gift.

Join me in making Christmas truly about Christ this Advent season. Wait with me as we wait on the Lord, expect with me, with great expectations, and rejoice with me when Christ comes on Christmas and in our hearts afresh this season. We wait, but we wait in hope, with peace, joy, and of course love. For without love, what do we really have that matters?

In Christ,  
Pastor Chris



## Food Pantry News

We were able to provide 14 families with a Happy Thanksgiving, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation. Now that Thanksgiving is over we must begin to plan for December.

Our food pantry will be stocking up for Christmas baskets. If you are able to help us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, canned potatoes, canned yams, Rice, Jello and pudding, Cereals, soups, saltine crackers, canned fruit, stuffing mix, Beef stew, , sauerkraut, cookies, and Spaghetti noodles. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

We will be purchasing Turkeys or Hams for the Christmas baskets. Your monetary donations, help us shop for these items. Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working.

Your donations of food and money will help make someone's Christmas a Happy and Blessed one.

Thanks again

Cathy Horst

Food Pantry Coordinator

## DISCIPLES OF YARN



This year I have 5 Christmas prayer Shawls. They were made and blessed for you—our church family. If you have an unexpected illness in your family, or need emotional care, these shawls are for you. I will bring them to church each Sunday and Vicki will have one in the church office. Please ask for one.

Thank you to our crocheters for bringing cheer to shut ins and those in need within our church family.

Christmas Blessings to all

Mildred Shephard

Don't forget our Little Feet Mission through the year!



Little Feet supplies the 4 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.**

## Angel Tree Mission



The tree is up with the names of Children and their list of Christmas Wishes. If you prefer, you may donate money and we will shop for you. Adopt a child for the season by filling out the Angel Log with your name, the Child's name and code written on the Angel. Please remember that this is the only Christmas gifts this child will receive. Team up

with a friend and expand your shopping money. Please Help us provide a good Christmas for children from the Middle River area. Gifts must be returned to the Church by December 13th. Thank you for supporting this mission.

## Sarah Circle News

Sarah Circle meets on the Second Tuesday of each month from September to June. We met on November 10th at 11 am in room 100 and enjoyed a Thanksgiving devotion and great fellowship.

We will be meeting in December on December 8th at the home of Donna Winner. It will be a pot luck luncheon and a gift exchange valued at \$10. We look forward to all of our Sarah Circle members joining together to celebrate. If you are interested in joining our circle contact Jean Milavec or the church office.



### **Christmas Night**

By Vicki Glenn Borreson

In the quiet of the night  
The world found its new light  
A savior for us all  
Came in a form so small  
But those who knew his worth  
Sang Praise and Peace on Earth  
And now our turn is here  
To share the news so dear  
This Child that's born today  
Will take our sins away  
Hope and Love come this night  
Praise God for His Son the true Light

We are seeking volunteers for JAM

(JESUS AND

ME) a chil-

dren's time during Worship that fol-

lows the Children's message. You

may Volunteer for One Sunday

every other month, once a month or

more if you are able. Please fill out

a Safe Sanctuary Form to volunteer.

Contact the Church office for more

info 410-687-9483



### **NEEDLEBEES**

If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our Needlebees group on Tuesday December 1st or Wednesday December 16th at 6:30 p.m. If you enjoy a craft and would like to join us for fellowship while you craft, you are welcome at our meetings.

### **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.

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.



## United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 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.gbmg-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.”**

Remember to bring Christmas Cookies to the December meeting. One dozen for the meeting and One dozen for Charity.

Thank you for your generous donations of Body wash for the Board of Child Care last month. We were able to give them 100 bottles of scented body wash.



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.

## 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.



**January Newsletter Deadline is December 15th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at [oremsmc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsmc@verizon.net)**

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## 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. If you are not currently receiving the messages, contact the church office so that we can put you in our system.

## Guidelines for use of One Call Now System

The One Call Now system will be used to:

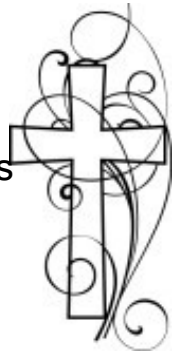
1. Announce meetings and activities happening at the church or an activity connected to the Church that is happening elsewhere. (such as Orem's members serving a meal at a homeless shelter, etc)
2. Alert members to cancellation of church services, meetings or activities due to weather or other circumstances.
3. Announce the death of a member or regular attendee to Orem's, or a friend of the congregation if the family requests it.



Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign has ended. We were able to bless 192 boxes and send them on their way to Children around the World. Please pray for the success of Operation Christmas Child. Pray that the children receiving these boxes will come to know the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this will make a true difference in their lives. Many thanks to our OCC Project Leader Michele McNeal for the packing party, and collecting the boxes and dropping them off at the Collection site. Another great year of Mission to reach the world.

## Memorial Fund

The following memorials have been given in Honor or in Memory of loved ones



### In memory of

**James Harryman** given by Sarah Fish, Winston and Merle Vickers, Gloria and Dennis Asbury, Keenagers, United Methodist Women

**Bruce Milavec** given by Leona and Don Egner

**Hope Milavec Byrd** from Don and Leona Egner

**Lt. Thomas W. McGeever, Jr** from Don and Leona Egner

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ  
Donna Winner,  
Memorial Fund Treasurer



## THANKS

### Dear Disciples of Yarn

I was given one of your prayer shawls before my surgery. I will take it with me to the hospital and wear it while I recover. I truly appreciate the Disci-

ples of Yarn mission.

Thank you again  
Sandi Johnson

Dear Orem's Church  
and Mrs. Cathy  
from the Food Pantry

Thank you so much for the food for Thanksgiving. My family is blessed by your kindness. We appreciate your help so much.

Love, Anna and family



### Christmas Card Delivery Service

Christmas is just around the corner. Gloria Asbury will again be offering the card delivery to church members. A box is set out in the narthex for the Christmas cards for your fellow church family.



### Poinsettia Order Form

Call in your Flower order to the office 410-687-9483 or email at orem-sumc@verizon.net. **Order due by Thursday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**, Cost \$7.00, Payment due with order. Please state

Red or White Poinsettias

Please state the wording you would like (in memory, honor, thanks, to the Glory of God, etc.)

Thank you for allowing Orem's to borrow your plant to beautify our altar during the Christmas season.

You may take your poinsettia home after the candle-light worship service on Christmas Eve.

## TALENTED ARTIST TO DONATE PAINTING

On display in our hallway through December 13<sup>th</sup> there will be an original painting on display by Orem's Church member and local artist Jackie Miller.

The Painting will be set up in the hallway, along with silent auction slips that can be filled out and placed in a box next to painting.

After 4 weeks, the highest bid will determine the winner. The winner will make amount of winning bid payable to Orem's United Methodist Church and take the painting home.

We thank Jackie for sharing her talent and for her generous donation.