



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

January 2016

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Sunday School

Pre K to Adults 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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The New Year begins our new positions for several members of the Administrative Board. The Admin Board meeting will be on January 21st at 7 p.m.



As you welcome the new year in, remember these things:

Your presence is a present to the world. You're unique and one of a kind. Your life can be what you want it to be. Take the days just one at a time.

Read Psalm 139 and find out how important you are to God

Count your blessings, not your troubles. You'll make it through whatever comes along. Within you are so many answers. Understand, have courage, be strong.

Read Jeremiah 17: 7-8 and believe it.

Nothing wastes more energy than worrying. The longer one carries a problem the heavier it gets. Don't take things too seriously. Live a life of serenity not a life of regrets.

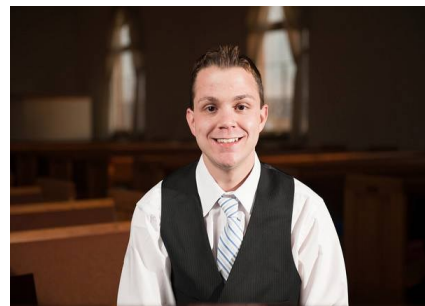
How? Read Matthew 6:25-30

Remember that a little love goes a long way. Remember that a lot ...goes forever. Remember that friendship is a wise investment. Life's treasures are people. And never forget how special you are.

Read 1 John 4:7, 18-20 and finally John 3:16

Dear Church—Happy New Year!

The Christmas Cantata "Joy Unspeakable Joy" went very well. Thank you to all of our choir members from the Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Choir for your hard work and dedication to giving us this wonderful performance.



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 Christmas Musical performed on Saturday December 19 at 5 p.m., with a pot luck dinner and fellowship was also a big success. The Children were delightful. We hope that our performance brought you the Christmas message and helped you prepare for the season. Thank you to the teachers, the parents and to the Children for a job well done.

Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on January 6th at 7 p.m.

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

In His name, Ben Boellner,
Director of Music and Organist,
Bboellner1992@gmail.com

MOO NEWS

The **MEN OF OREMS** will meet the fourth Thursday of January at 7 p.m. The Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MOO to raise money for the care of Orem's Cemetery will take place on February 6th. Tickets will be available January 10th.



KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

We will meet on January 7th at 11:30 a.m. with a Pizza party to bring in the New Year!

Hope to see you there! Butch Frank



From Your Pastor

Happy New Year Orem's!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years and are ready to grow your spiritual life in 2016. We have a new theme for 2016 and it comes from James 5:16:

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

We have selected prayer as a focus for 2016 because of what James says here: prayer is powerful and it is effective! I realize that many of you already pray on a regular, if not daily, basis, but what we want to look at this year is how we pray, who we pray for, our readiness to pray at any moment, and how we can grow in our prayer life together.

Corrie Ten Boom has an interesting quote about prayer where she asks, "Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" For many of us, whether we realize it or not, prayer has become a spare tire and something that we use only in emergencies. Rather than using prayer in this way, God has called us to make prayer the steering wheel of our lives by letting God guide us in life through our prayer. Therefore we are not called to ask God only for things and needs, but we must also listen to what God has to say to us.

I understand that life can be very busy but the busyness of life is precisely a reason as to why we need to take time to pray more! Martin Luther said, "I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours [of my day] in prayer." If prayer is our steering wheel, shouldn't we be praying as if things really can change? Shouldn't our prayer be a source of strength for our lives? Prayer should be the foundation for a Christian life.

So, I invite you to join me in a year of prayer. Let us focus our prayers on the world, our country, our state, our city, our community, and our own lives. I invite you to start thinking about what you are going to be praying for during Lent, as it begins on February 10th. Laura and I make a list of five things that we pray about daily and lift before God during Lent each year. In years past we have prayed for all sorts of things and have seen our prayers answered. Last year, one of our prayers was for a smooth transition from being a family of four to a family of five, and through God's grace our prayer has been answered so far.

What will you pray for during Lent? Take the time to think and pray about this while asking God to put people and needs on your heart, write them down, and put them in a place where you see them every day so that you remember to pray for them.

In the meantime, continue to pray for one another and for our community, and ask God how we can be better servants to our neighbors around us.

In Christ,
Pastor Chris



Food Pantry News

We were able to provide 15 families with a Merry Christmas, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation.

Cathy Horst is stepping down from her position as Food pantry Chairperson. We thank her for her years of service.

Our new chairperson is Pixie Faulkner. She will be stocking up for Winter needs. If you are able to help with donations, it would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, canned potatoes, Rice, Jello and pudding, Cereals, soups, saltine crackers, Beef stew, sauerkraut, cookies, pancake mix and syrup, baked beans, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, and juice. 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. Your donations of food and money will help make someone's day.

NEEDLEBEES

If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our Needlebees group. If you enjoy a craft and would like to join us for fellowship while you craft, you are welcome at our meetings.

DISCIPLES OF YARN

The New Year will begin with a new chairperson— Dottie Daiger. She and I have worked together for several months and she is ready to take care of you. I will still make the shawls and be her helper. I will still make Christening blankets to give our new babies on their Christening day.

This has been a very rewarding mission to me. I have embraced the stories you have shared when your loved ones are sick. Continue to ask for the shawls. They are made for you. Please continue to support Dottie and this mission. This mission is for our Church family.

Stay Well! Have a Blessed New Year.

My Love 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. Many thanks to Betsy Myers for her years of leadership with Little Feet. Kathy Cunningham will be stepping into this position with the New Year. **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 gifts have been delivered for another year. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts or money or both to help us give a Merry Christmas to our area families in need. We served 15 families with 33 Children. Thank you for supporting this mission. The families were overwhelmed with our love and support!

Sarah Circle News

Sarah Circle meets on the Second Tuesday of each month from September to June in room 100. We met on December 8th at 11 am at Donna Winner's home and enjoyed a Christmas devotion, good food and great fellowship.

We look forward to all of our Sarah Circle members joining together at our next meeting. If you are interested in joining our circle contact Jean Milavec or the church office.

Hall Closet Thrift Shop News

The year 2015 was a very good year. We closed out the year with a total sales of \$12,811.00 This is \$1400 more than 2014 sales. We thank everyone who donates to our shop as well as the shoppers.

Also a very big THANK YOU to the volunteer staff that makes all this run smoothly— Pat Robertson, Dottie Lay, Nikki Hart, Vicki, and Heather Metzger, Brittany Fisher, Sara Beth Dulina, Merlyn Campbell, Lisa Hoerger, and Kathy Egner. And a special nod to Dennis Egner for his help cleaning up on Shopping days.

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 January 9th and February 6th. 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.

In the Lord's service, Linda Hall

Memorial Fund

The following memorials have been given in memory of loved Ones.

**In memory of
James Harryman** from Fran and Butch Frank

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ
Donna Winner,
Memorial Fund Treasurer



We are seeking volunteers for JAM (JESUS AND ME) a children's time during Worship that follows 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

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.

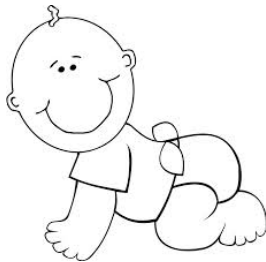
Cell Phones are still being collected as a fundraising mission through GRC recycling. There is a box in the connecting hallway to collect your unwanted cell phones.



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, January 6th 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.gbmgm-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.”

Looking ahead to United Methodist Women Sunday in February. Watch for more details in your bulletin.

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.



February Newsletter Deadline is January 15th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please

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



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 Orems members serving a meal at a homeless shelter , etc)
2. Alert members to cancelation of church services, meetings or activities due to weather or other circumstances.
3. Announce the death of a member or regular attendee to Orems, 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.

Financial Facts

Did you know. . . .

The Offering envelope that is distributed at the beginning of the calendar year is for the church general budget. Using this envelope will give you a statement at the end of 2016.

If you want offering envelopes at any time during the year and one has not been assigned to you, please call the office 410-687-9483 and a number will be assigned and an envelope will be given to you.

If you ever forget your offering envelope, you can use the white envelope in the pew, just put your name and your number if you know it so we can record your giving properly.

There will also be a Capital Improvement envelope if you would like to contribute to our building improvement projects. Thank you for your support of our Church.

Linda Hall,

Financial Chair



THANKS

Dear Orem's members

Thank you so much for the Girl Scout cookies. They are greatly appreciated by the men.

Cordially,

Robin Hoch

Churches for Streets of Hope



Christmas Card Delivery Service

Thank you to Gloria and Dennis Asbury, for offering the card delivery to church members.

Hundreds of cards were distributed on December 20th to fellow church members.

To all of Orem's United Methodist Church

I wish to thank everyone, on behalf of myself, and Jim Harryman's family; for the Love, Support and most of all Prayers. Special thanks to the Women of Orem's for all the wonderful food and the MOO for all the help at the Memorial Service Luncheon. I know Jim was loved and he cherished the time he had with all of you.

I want to thank Pastor Chris for all the phone calls, visits to the hospital, Oakwood rehab and most of all the wonderful Memorial Service—it was truly a celebration of Life. I will never forget it.

Thank you to guest organist Mr. Craig Nickerson and Vicki Borreson for putting together the bulletin.

A very special thank you to Gloria and Dennis Asbury, Charlotte and John West, and Terry Alexander, for the daily support through a very hard time. I hope I did not leave anyone out, for I can't thank you all enough for all the care, love and prayers.

God's Blessings and love to all
Vivian Harryman (Jim Harryman's neice)

TALENTED ARTIST DONATED PAINTING

an original painting was donated by Orem's Church member and local artist Jackie Miller. Congratulations to Merlyn Campbell who placed the winning bid for the beautiful painting.



What Happened to Me?

I no longer worry!

I fear not!

I fret no more!

What happened to me to bring about these solutions to my life?

None other than my Lord and Savior entered my life!

Written by

M. Janis Eshleman