

OREMS BEACON

Orem United Methodist Church



November 2015

Special points of interest:

- Nov 1 Communion Service
All SAINTS DAY
- 4 UMW Meeting
Choir & Cantata
- 5 Keenagers
- 7 Hall Closet Thrift
Shop
- 10 Sarah Circle
- 11 Choir & Cantata
- 12 Lunch Bunch
- 13 Shoe boxes Packing
- Party
- 14 Fuel Mission
- 15 Shoe boxes due
- 16 Rachel Circle
- 18 Choir & Cantata
- 19 MOO and Admin
- Board meeting
- 21 Memorial Service for
Jim Harryman
- 22 Angel Tree up
- 25 Choir & Cantata
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 27 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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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November is a month of Thanksgiving. Yes, I know that we have the American holiday of Thanksgiving on only one day of this month but we really should be thankful each day of every month for what God has done in our lives and in the world.

With that in mind, I would like to thank all of you for all that you have done and continue to do for me. It is no secret that I am in school full-time working on finishing my Masters of Divinity while serving Orem. It is a challenge for me at times to juggle all of the responsibilities of home, school, and church life and I thank you for understanding this. Thank you for working with my schedule on setting meetings, lifting my family and I up in prayer, and helping out with various ministries here at the church. Also, thank you for the wonderful Pastor's appreciation gifts that I received last month. You all don't know how much you bless me and for this and so much more I thank God today.

What are you grateful for? In this month of thanksgiving, what are you thankful for today? This month? How about this year? Let another person in your life know what it is that you are grateful for this month. Share your thanksgiving with them today.

You never know what a word of gratitude will do in a person's life. It may just make them more thankful for something too.

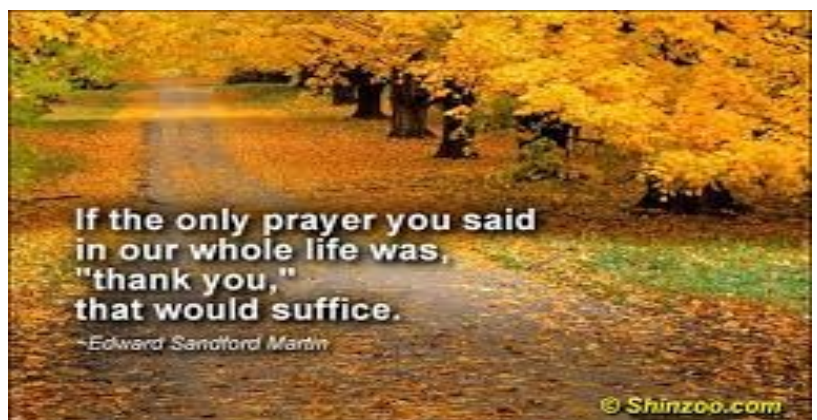
Colossians 3:17

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless!

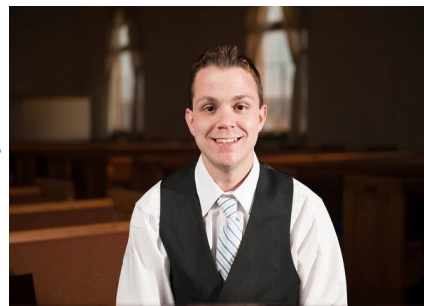
Pastor Chris

**Live
Your
faith**



Dear Church—Happy Thanksgiving! This is a busy Time for music!

The CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses at 7 pm on Wednesdays in the sanctuary. This choir sings most every Sunday, Christmas, Easter and other special occasions. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome. Music reading is NOT a requirement.



The SANCTUARY CHOIR rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday during Cantata season. This choir is an all volunteer based group who joins the CHANCEL choir for Cantatas, as well as High holy days. If you are over 16 and do not want to make a commitment every week but would like to sing for special events or cantatas we welcome you. Music reading is not a requirement. Books and learning tracks are available for you.

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. and other times as needed. We will be presenting a Christmas Musical on Saturday December 19 at 5 p.m., with a pot luck dinner and fellowship.

Choirs please be aware of extra rehearsals we may need to schedule. See December newsletter for updates.

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 13th at 10 am

Christmas Musical “Christmas in Kid City” presented by Junior choirs on December 19th with pot luck at 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve Concert Dec. 24th at 9:30 p.m. Come early

for our Candlelight service and enjoy Our Organist in Concert!

In His name, Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist, 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 November 7th and December 5th. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. We will be spotlighting Christmas for the next two months. Shop for decorations, clothing and specialty items for Christmas. 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 in the Fellowship Hall for our November 5th Thanksgiving celebration at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a thanksgiving dinner item and gather with us for lunch and devotions. We have plans for a holiday get together. Learn more at our meetings. Hope to see you there!
Butch Frank



MOO NEWS



The MEN OF OREMS will be meeting at Double T dinner on the Third Thursday of November at 7 pm due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MOO to raise money for the care of Orem's Cemetery was a great Success. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially to all who helped us with the dinner.

The MOO placed flowers on the altar November 15th in memory of member and good friend Jim Harryman.

There will not be a December meeting for MOO due to the Christmas Eve services on the regular meeting night.

THANKS



Orem's United Methodist Church could not function if not for its volunteers. Our Administrative Board members, Committee members, Thrift Shop crew, each of our Missions leaders- the food baskets, the Angel tree, Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes, Little Feet School care, Crochet Crew for Prayer Shawls, helping feed Streets of Hope and give them Easter Candy, Winter clothing and Girl Scout Cookies , Sunday School teachers, choir members, Cantata members, Office helpers, Sign crew, Funeral Luncheon crew, the workers for Fuel event, Treasurer Jim McVicker, Memorial Fund Treasurer –Donna Winner, Trust Account Treasurer Charlotte West, Youth leaders, Worship servants-Liturgists, Ushers, Mike Walters in the Projection booth, Communion Set up and Altar care, Vacation Bible school helpers, UMW special events- the Tea, the Pink Bag Luncheon, the Easter Egg Hunt, MOO workers for Pit beef sales, Picnic and the Spaghetti dinner, our visitation committee, Lay leaders Norris Tingle and Merlyn Campbell , and our Certified Lay Speakers Pixie Faulkner and Norris Tingle who preach to give Pastor Chris time off , Just take a look at our Leadership Team listing and the willingness to step up and do the work of Christ in this congregation and beyond. We are so blessed to have people willing to help. And there are many jobs that go on behind the scenes that are not listed. As your Administrative Assistant, I see the work you all do and I just wanted you to know that you are all appreciated. Thank you people of Orem's Church for putting your time and talents to use for Christ. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it. Have a Wonderful and Blessed Thanksgiving! Vicki Borreson



Children's Musical

The Sunday School and Children's Choir will be presenting a Children's Musical (under the direction of Mr. Ben Boellner) for Christmas 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.

Food Pantry News

Our food pantry will be stocking up for Thanksgiving baskets.

If you are able to help us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the list of needed items:

Canned Chicken, canned hams, instant potatoes, canned yams, Tuna, Rice, applesauce, pancake mix and syrup, Jello and pudding, Cereals, jelly and peanut butter, soups, crackers, canned fruit, stuffing mix, muffin mix, mac and cheese, Beef stew, canned ravioli, cookies, and jars of gravy. 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 Thanksgiving a Happy and Blessed one.

Cathy Horst



The Leaves Fell

By M. Janis Eshleman

Today I saw the beauty of the leaves falling

Their colors being blown all around

Who made such splendor for me to see?

None other than my mighty Lord and King!

DISCIPLES OF YARN

If you have need of a prayer shawl, please contact Dottie Daiger, me or the church office.



We will again have Christmas colored Prayer Shawls for the December needs. Look in December newsletter for more information.

And as you know, Dottie Daiger will be taking over this mission in the new year. Thank you to all who have helped with donations of yarn, monetary donations and to all who crochet or knit our prayer shawls. Without you this mission could not exist.

God's 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 will be up on Nov 22nd 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 14th. Thank you for supporting this mission.



NEWS FROM OTHER UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

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.

Essex United Methodist is holding a Ham and Oyster Dinner and Bazaar on November 7th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$21 for Adults and \$6.00 for Children. Crafts and more. Call 410-687-2548 for dinner tickets.

Back River UMC will have Family movie night on November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. the movie is "the Encounter" Free Popcorn.

Chesaco UMC (at 901 Chesaco Ave) Annual Christmas Bazaar will be on November 7th from 9 am to 2 pm Crafts, Vendors, Belgium Waffles, Hot Dogs, Bake table and more. 410-487-0250



Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign is underway. We will be collecting boxes until November 15th.

We will have a Packing party on Friday November 13th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Pizza, salad and drinks. Please join us for a great evening of preparing boxes.

If you would like to fill a shoe box we have some for you or you may purchase a plastic shoe box and fill it. The shoe boxes may be filled with small toys (no war toys or guns please), small stuffed animals, tiny dolls, crayons, small books, socks, t-shirts, small note books and school supplies, sun glasses, flashlights and batteries, band aids and pocket size Kleenex, chap stick and gum, tooth brush and hair brush or comb, wash cloth and soap, jump ropes, socks and t shirts. **Help bring a child to Jesus! YOU have the power!!"**

If you would like to make a donation toward the shipping cost of the Packing Party boxes (each box is \$7) We have an envelope for donations. Please pray for the success of Operation Christmas Child. If anyone would like to help please contact Michele McNeal, OCC Project leader

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.

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.



December Newsletter Deadline is November 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

United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 4th 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."



U.M.W. Pink Bag Lunch was held on Saturday, October 17th. We enjoyed fellowship, games, food and best of all very important information on Breast Cancer. Thank you to everyone who attended or donated items for door prizes or our sale table.

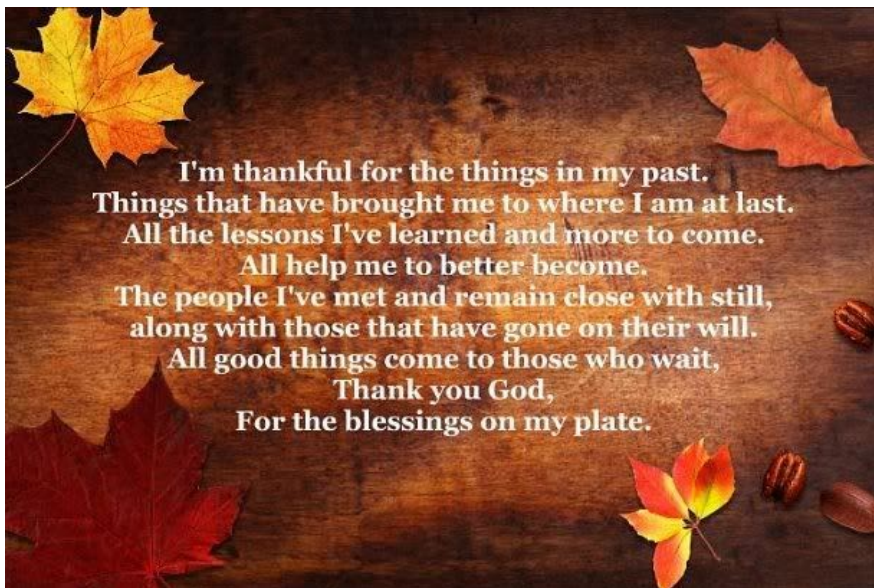
On November 4th meeting night, Please bring scented Body Wash (brands appropriate for Teen Boys and Girls) for the Board of Child-care. Example: Boys like Axe products. Girls prefer Vanilla scent or flowers.



St Matthew Lutheran Church in Bowleys Quarters invites you to a discussion on "Martin Luther and how he changed the World" on November 8th from 1 p.m. to 3

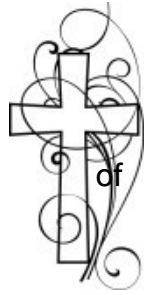
p.m. With speaker Dr. Armin Mruck, Professor Emeritus of Towson University. A pot-luck lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. prior to the start of the discussion. For more information call Vicki Borreson at 410-456-6735. This is the kick off event to St Matthew Lutheran church's 2 year celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

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.



I'm thankful for the things in my past,
 Things that have brought me to where I am at last.
 All the lessons I've learned and more to come.
 All help me to better become.
 The people I've met and remain close with still,
 along with those that have gone on their will.
 All good things come to those who wait,
 Thank you God,
 For the blessings on my plate.

Memorial Fund



The following memorials have been given in memory of loved ones

In memory of

Sharon Arnold given by Norman and Linda Miller.

James Cuthbertson given by Norman and Linda Miller

Kathleen Kikola given by Mickey Craig, Butch and Fran Frank, and Kathy Brogley

David Mead given by Norman and Linda Miller, United Methodist Women

Bruce Milavec given by Norman and Linda Miller, United Methodist Women, Dennis & Kathy Egner, John & Gail Straub

Ada Mundy given by Norman and Linda Miller, United Methodist Women, and Sarah Circle

In honor of

Jean Milavec from the Sarah Circle

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ
 Donna Winner,
 Memorial Fund Treasurer

Holiday Craft Fair

DON'T
MISS
IT!

Mark your
Calendar

Sat., November 14th, 2015
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Shop for Holiday Gifts

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

Raffel Basket & Refreshments

Support Local Artists & Crafters

Unique handcrafted gifts,
jewelry, woodwork, paintings,
and much more



MARCO CLUB
1307 Wilson Point Road
Middle River, MD. 21220

FUEL—Faith Undertaken In Everyday Life

When we held our Fuel event on Saturday, September 12th we made a pledge to the Samaritan's Women organization that we would not only raise money to help their cause but we would take it a step further and volunteer our time to help them at their

place of residence. We passed a sign up sheet around on that day to enlist workers for Saturday November 14th. If you signed up for this work day, please mark your calendar to be there at 9 am to begin our day of using our hands for Christ. It is not too

late for you to volunteer if you missed the sign up sheet. Contact the church office and volunteer!

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.



Poinsettia Order Form

Call in your Flower order to the office 410-687-9483 or email at oremsumc@verizon.net. **Order due by Thursday, Dec 10th**, 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 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 November 15th through December 15th there will be an original painting on display by Orem 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 United Methodist Church and take the painting home. We thank Jackie for sharing her talent and for her generous donation





Christmas Card Delivery Service

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

Thanksgiving Prayer by Esther Thom

Thank you, O God, for gifts each day
For friends and happy times at play
For home and family, food and care
For birds and trees and flowers fair
Help me to show my love for you
In all I say and think and do. Amen.



Financial Committee Update

This update is to let you know what has been replaced this year. We have purchased a new boiler in the Fellowship hall and replaced 2 oil tanks for just over \$42,000. We also replaced the main door to the Fellowship hall building-the original door hardware stopped locking and unlocking and could no longer be repaired. The new door cost just under \$7000.00. Both the boiler and the door were 57 years old.

Major projects are paid through our Capital Improvement funds not our General Budget that is supplied by your weekly offerings. While we have some money in our Capital Improvement fund, we still have several costly items that need replaced or fixed over time to improve our facility for the future. Capital Improvement fund donations can be given in the white envelope in your pews, simply mark it for Capital Improvements.

God Bless,

Linda Hall, Financial Chairman

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



GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

If you would like to order cookies from the Girl scouts who meet at Orem's Church contact Tammy Kight at 410-391-5077. Girl Scout Cookies are \$4 per box. If you would like to order cookies for the Streets of Hope Mission see Margaret Eney. Cost of the cookies is \$4.00 per box. Give us your payment of \$4.00 per box and we can deliver the cookies to the Men at the Mission. This is the last week to order cookies for Streets of Hope.

2016 Lay Leadership Development Report - Orem's UMC

Council

Council Chair	Nikki Hart (3)
Recording Secretary	Linda Tingle (1)
Co-Lay Leaders	Merlyn Campbell (2), Norris Tingle (2)
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Norris Tingle (1) *
Pastor	Christopher Dembeck

Program

Church History Chair	Karen Dull
Christian Education Chair	Mary Eisely
Evangelism/Membership	Terry Alexander
Missions Chair	Kathy Egner
UM Women President	Margaret Eney (UMW elect their own)
Worship	Donna Sfikas (4)
Youth representative	
Youth Coordinators	
Men of Orem's (MOO)	Butch Frank
Keenagers	Butch Frank

Resources

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development	Pastor Chris Dembeck
Finance Chair	Linda Hall
Treasurer	Jim McVicker
Assistant Treasurer	Charlotte West (3)
Financial Secretary	Linda Hall
Staff Parish Relations	Pat Pinning
Trustee Chair	John Warrender (Trustees elect their own)
Communications Chair	

Christian Education

Chair:	Mary Eisely
Teachers:	Robin Hoch, Carol (Wilkinson) Crisp, Margaret Eney, and Lisa Hoerger.
Youth teachers:	Terry Alexander and Kathy Egner
Seekers (adult):	Karen Dull

Nurture, Evangelism, and Church Membership Chair: Terry Alexander

Ron Fink	Margaret Eney
Kathy Cunningham (Membership Secretary)	Pixie Faulkner (Congregational Care)

Scholarship Committee Chair: Pastor Christopher Dembeck

Norris Tingle (Lay Leader)	Mary Eisely (education representative)
Donna Winner (Memorial Fund Treasurer)	Margaret Eney (Pres. UMW)

Missions and Outreach

Chair: Kathy Egner

Angel Tree	Cathy Horst	Girl Scout Representative	Margaret Eney
Board of Child Care	_____	Homeless Ministry	Lynn Clough
Disciples of Yarn/Prayer Shawl	Dottie Daiger	Samaritan's Purse	Michele McNeal
Food Pantry	Pixie Faulkner	Thrift Store	Linda Hall
Little Feet	Kathy Cunningham		

Worship

Chair: Donna Sfikas (4)

Norris Tingle (Lay leader)	Merlyn Campbell (wedding coordinator and Lay Leader)
Annette Falkenhan (wedding coordinator)	Cathy Horst
Mike Walters (projection coordinator)	Jane Warrender (Altar Guild)
Ben Boellner (ex-officio, music director)	Christopher Dembeck (pastor)
Kathy Walters	

Finance

Chair: Linda Hall

Jim McVicker (Treasurer)	Norris Tingle (Lay Leader)
Charlotte West (Assistant Treasurer)	Donna Winner (Memorial fund Secretary)
Nikki Hart (Council Chair)	John Warrender (Trustee Chair)
Merlyn Campbell (Lay Leader)	Pat Pinning (SPRC Chair)
Carl Horst	

Nominations and Lay Leadership Development

Chair: Christopher Dembeck (Pastor)

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	Lay leader: Merlyn Campbell
Dottie Daiger	Adam Wasson	Mary Eisely	
Nita Hatcher	Gloria Asbury	Dottie Lay	
		Jeff Dulina	

Staff Parish Relations

Chair: Pat Pinning Lay leader: Norris Tingle, Merlyn Campbell

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	Member to Conference: Norris Tingle
Linda Edwards	Lisa Hoerger	Merle Vickers	
Judi Maynor	Melissa Wasson		
Terry Alexander	Joyce Scarcella		

Board of Trustees

Chair: John Warrender Vice Chair: Jeff Brown Vice Chair: Ralph Campbell

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
John Warrender	Tom Vinck	Jeff Eney
Dennis Egner	Jackie Miller	Elaine Masson
	Jeff Brown	

Ex-officio Members

Council Chair:	Nikki Hart
UMW President:	Margaret Eney
Lay Leader:	Norris Tingle, Merlyn Campbell
Pastor:	Chris Dembeck

Trustee Sub-committee

<u>Cemetery</u>
Karen Dull
Dennis Asbury