



OREMS BEACON

Orem's United Methodist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Classes are held on
Sunday Mornings

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

IT'S CELEBRATION TIME!!

JOIN US AT 9:00 AM Sept 13th FOR A

**COME TO OUR REGISTRATION BREAKFAST AND SEE
WHAT EVENTS ARE PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR!**



September 2015

Special points of interest:

- Sept 1 Needle Bees
- Sept 2 UMW meeting
- Sept 3 Keenagers
Fuel Meeting
- Sept 6 Communion
- Sept 7 Office Closed
- Sept 8 Sarah Circle
- Sept 9 Choir Rehearsal
- Sept 10 Lunch Bunch
- Sept 12 Hall Closet Thrift
Shop and Pit beef
FUEL Event
- Sept 13 Rally Day Breakfast
Worship
- Sept 16 Choir
- Sept 17 Admin Board
- Sept 18 Mary Circle
- Sept 20 Sunday School
Prayer Shawl Blessing
Kick off for Operation
Christmas Child Shoeboxes
New Member Class
- Sept 21 Rachel Circle
- Sept 24 MOO
- Sept 27 Sunday school
Worship
- Sept 30 Needle Bees

Please see calendar page for all events:

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FUEL
Faith Undertaken in
Everyday Life.

SATURDAY SEPT 12TH
3pm-6pm

Mission:

To give space for 15-30 year olds to come together, worship, learn, and grow in Christ who is the FUEL, for us to live out his gospel and enrich lives!

With Guest Speakers, Live Music, Food,
Service Opportunities And more! **Fuel is geared to Young Adults but All ages are welcome to enjoy the day!**

FREE Admission! Donations accepted and will benefit Samaritan Women (a Christian Anti human Trafficking organization) For more info see their website at <http://thesamaritanwomen.org/>

Check Orem's out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/OremsUMC

Or on Twitter: @oremsumc



Dear Church,

Time sure flies when you are having fun, Doesn't it?

It's that time of year again. Kids back to school, Summer vacations over and the smell of fall is in the air. With all that comes the many music programs and NEW music programs starting up. Please see below for information.



The CHANCEL CHOIR resumes its rehearsals, Wed. September 9th at 7 pm. This choir sings most every Sunday, Christmas, Easter and other special occasions. We meet every Wednesday in the sanctuary at 7pm. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome. Music reading is NOT a requirement.

Wednesday October 7th at 7:35 pm- The SANCTUARY CHOIR resumes its rehearsals. This choir is again all volunteer based. This is a non committal group who joins the CHANCEL choir for The Christmas and Easter cantatas, as well as High holy days and other planned things. If you are in high school 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.

We welcome back the junior choir. This choir is for all Children and young people in Sunday school, or young people in general. We will be rehearsing on Sunday Mornings at 8:45 a.m. and other times as needed. We will be presenting a Christmas Musical on Saturday December 19th, with a pot luck dinner and fellowship beforehand. If you have an interested child we would love to have them. More information is provided in this newsletter. See the article " Christmas in Kid City"

This year we are forming 2 new choirs. The Men's and Woman's Choirs. Anyone interested please see me.

The music ministry is looking forward to a wonderful new year of music making. If you have any interest in singing or making music, please see me. I am always looking for people who play an instrument, sing, dance, Etc. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas.

Ben Boellner

Director of Music and Organist
benthepianoman@gmail.com

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

We met in the Fellowship Hall for our August meeting on August 6th at 11:30 a.m. with Ice Cream Sundaes. It was a good size turn out. Our September meeting will be September 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a sandwich or snack and gather with us for lunch and devotions. We are busy making plans for the fall and some plans for holiday get togethers. Hope to see you there! Butch Frank



Greetings Orem!

I trust it has been a good and productive summer for you and I hope that you have had time to re-charge and get ready for some great events that will be going on at Orem in the coming months. We have the FUEL event on September 12th from 3-6pm targeting youth and young adults and partnering with The Samaritan Women, a Christian Anti-trafficking non-profit in Baltimore. Through FUEL we hope to reach youth and young adults (and all people-everyone is invited) to spread the message of gospel the gospel in action. September 13th will be Rally Day at Orem as all Sunday School activities officially launch that day, so tell a friend! This year we are going to have three classes and we have a new Christian Education Chair in Mary Easley! This is just September! Of course we have more events going on too but stay tuned for those in the weeks and months to come!

Also, I want to make you all aware that church members and church leaders gathered on Saturday August 22nd to sit down and discuss goals for 2016. We have marked four main goals for 2016, including starting small groups, increasing fellowship events, establishing more missional opportunities to take part in as a congregation, and making prayer a central focus of our ministry. Our theme for 2016 will be James 5:16 which reads,

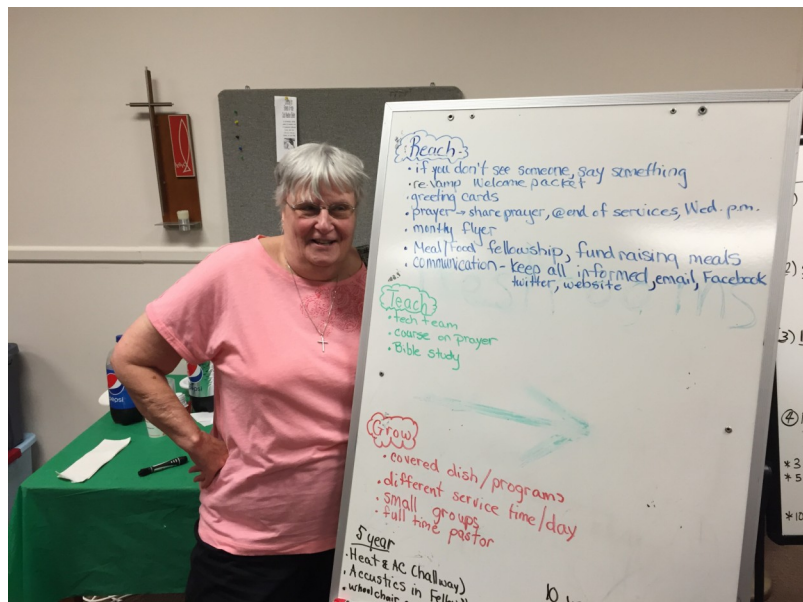
Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

We must never forget that prayer is something that all Christians are called to take part in and that it is very powerful. We are going to continue to seek the Lord in all that we say and do in 2016, and our prayers will guide us as we endeavor to achieve our goals next year.

In the meantime, we still have a lot of great things going on in 2015 and I hope you look forward to being a part of them as much as I do.

Be Blessed!

Pastor Chris



2015 Baltimore-Washington Conference

Meeting less than a mile from where the Methodist Church began in 1784, and just a few miles from where riots broke out in late April 2015, United Methodists of the Baltimore-Washington Conference started and ended their Annual Conference Session with one thought: being Christ's presence in the city of Baltimore. More than 1,200 clergy, laity and guests gathered at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore. They heard and saw riveting reports of how the church has responded following the riots that devastated the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood of southwest Baltimore, and took action to approve a special offering June 7 throughout the conference to raise money for refurbishing the five churches in the neighborhood.

Conference members participated in a prayer march in Sandtown-Winchester on May 27, at the start of the session. Dozens of people, wearing bright red T-shirts that read "Putting Our Beliefs Into Action" gathered at Ames United Methodist Church and moved to the intersection of Pennsylvania and North avenues, where the CVS burned on national TV. There, they prayed, sang and were joined by neighborhood residents.

Bishop Marcus Matthews, presiding over his seventh conference session, started the three-day gathering by inviting members to stand and pray for the city of Baltimore in whatever way they were comfortable. Later, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake greeted the assembly, thanking United Methodists for opening their doors on the day after the unrest and for still being there in ministry and mission long after the TV cameras had left. Conference members witnessed powerful worship, Bible teaching and moments where the Holy Spirit was touchable.

The first petition sought to remove the sentence, "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching" from the Book of Discipline. The other three resolutions concerned issues between science, theology and the church. The first petition was approved by a vote of 539 yes to 234 no. That petition will now go to the 2016 General Conference noting how the Baltimore-Washington Conference voted. Only General Conference has the authority to change the Book of Discipline, and they next meet in May 2016.

The other three petitions received mixed results. A petition that sought the General Conference to re-adopt a resolution in the Book of Resolutions around "God's Creation and the Church" was approved by BWC members, 642 to 127. Two other petitions—one opposing the teaching of creationism in public schools, and one on climate change – were defeated, 370 to 403, and 330 to 438, respectively. Those petitions may still be sent to General Conference by the author of the petitions, but they will not have the support of the BWC Session. Conference members Overwhelmingly approved a \$17.2 million budget and celebrated that 82 percent of BWC congregations paid 100 percent of their apportionments in 2014. Two special offerings were taken during the session. The first, \$11,645.55 will go to support rebuilding churches in Baltimore and to the Susanna Wesley House in Baltimore. The second, taken during the Ordination Service, \$5,196.87 will support Africa University. Bishop Matthews is vice-chancellor of this United Methodist Pan-African university. The gifts will begin a fund that honors the bishop, as he prepares to retire August 31, 2016.

2014 membership stands at 168,412, down from 169,701 the previous year. Worship attendance is 61,713, down from 63,480 in 2013. Church school attendance is 18,301, down from 19,035 in 2013.

MOO NEWS



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

They will be holding Pit Beef sandwich sales on September 12th. These sandwiches are a delicious way to help with funding the many projects around the church. Thanks to all who support this fundraising activities.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Pit Beef Picnic. It was a success and delightfully good time.

The Annual Spaghetti dinner is planned for October 3rd. Mark your calendars!



Christmas in Kid City

The Sunday School and Children's Choir will be presenting this Children's Musical (under the direction of Mr. Ben Boellner) for Christmas on December 19th at a Pot Luck Dinner with the Congregation. All Children are welcome to participate. Starting September 20th Rehearsals will take place 8:45 am to 9 am at beginning of Sunday school time (some additional dates to be determined as needed.) Volunteers are needed for Props, Costumes and any assistance you can offer.

For information, please contact Mr. Ben Boellner at Benthepianoman@gmail.com or call the Church office at 410-687-9483.

Perspective

It is better to give than to receive. Or Does it depend upon what is given or received?

For the person missing at worship service receiving a phone call shows concern and caring, letting them know they matter.

For the person making the call, they too may find themselves receiving a call when they are missed. Making the giver become the receiver.

When the sheep act as Shepherd- it benefits the whole flock.



Terry Alexander, Evangelism Chair (Really!)

Food Pantry News

Our pantry receives requests for food on a weekly 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, canned potatoes, jelly and peanut butter, sausage gravy and muffin mixes. 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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you are considering joining our congregation or you have a friend who may be interested in becoming a member of Orem's UMC, a New Member Class will be held on Sunday September 20th after worship service. We will then receive our new members during the worship service on October 18th. For more info or to register call the church office at 410-687-9483

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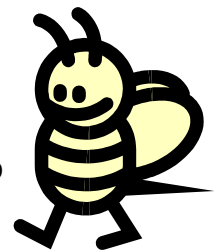
Our nominating committee has found my replacement—Dottie Daiger. She has been crocheting prayer shawls and blankets for this mission for many years. She knows your needs and has already started to work with me to learn how this mission works. Things will stay the same. You may ask either of us for a shawl.

On September 20th I will have a blessing of our prayer shawls. Finish your project in time to have it blessed. If you need a shawl, this is always a good time to ask for one.

I hope you will continue to support this mission. Dottie & I will always need your help and prayers to give our sick their "Hug From God"

God's Blessings to all, Mildred Shephard

Needle Bees continues to meet to prepare prayer Shawls, knit items or join us to craft as we fellowship. Needle Bees meets in September on Sept 1 and 30th and October 14th and 27th. For more info call the Church office at 410-687-9483



Little Feet School Supply Drive was a Success but our work is not over.

The area schools Nurses Office needs 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. 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. These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.**





IT'S
SHOE BOX
TIME!!!

We have had a long tradition at Orem's Church

of participating in Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign. This year our campaign will begin with a special video during worship service on September 20th. We hope that you are able to attend worship that morning to view this important message. 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), crayons, small books, small note books and school supplies, sunglasses, flashlights and batteries, bandaids 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. We will be working until mid November to collect donations. And on Friday November 13th we will have a packing party 5:00-8:00 p.m. (includes Pizza, salad and drinks for dinner). November 15th will be the blessing of the boxes. So please have your boxes back to Church by that date. Let's make this year our biggest yet!!



COMING THIS FALL

NEW Bible Study – Letter to the Hebrews! Written by a Jewish Christian to Jewish Christians, we just don't know who authored it. The point of the letter is that Jesus is better than any Old Testament person or sacrifice. The letter goes on to prove it, point by point. The purpose of the letter was to support Jewish Christians who were wavering in their faith. The purpose of the Study is to nourish our faith today...does anything really ever change? This will be an interactive study held for seven weeks beginning Wednesdays, September 23 through November 4, from 10 AM to 12 Noon, Room 100. Text for the course is \$10. See Norris Tingle any Sunday to sign up, so we can see how many texts we need. Or call 410-440-3764. Either way works.

The Letter to the Hebrews is only 27 pages long. It's recommended that the Letter be read (maybe a couple of times) before beginning the Study. Bring your coffee and your Bible and let's learn together!

Group leaders:

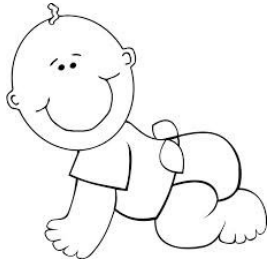
If you are planning a meeting or event, please notify the office so that it can be added to our calendar. This is important for insurance purposes as well as avoiding conflicts with room usages. Thank you.

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.*



October Newsletter Deadline is September 15th. Please

have articles turned in to the office by that date.

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.gbgm-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 7th Annual Pink Bag Lunch

will be held on Saturday, October 17th. The luncheon will begin at 11:30. This year the lunch will be provided by the UMW. You can bring a dessert that you want to share.

This event promotes Breast Cancer Awareness and an afternoon of fellowship and enjoyment. Door prizes are given out during the luncheon and lots of fellowship with other women.

The speaker this year will be from Johns Hopkins Imaging. The cost to attend is \$2.00 and tickets will not be sold at the door. Please contact Margaret Eney for tickets (410-682-5953).

Hope to see you at the luncheon and remember October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Don't forget to get your mammogram if you need one.

Look for the Flyer about This year's T shirts





Bethlehem Village

Bethlehem Village was a great place to be in July. If you were not able to be there you missed a fun filled week.

During the week we learned several things. We all need a Savior, Make room for a Savior, Jesus is our Savior, Tell about the Savior and Give yourself to a Savior. In addition to what we learned we also made Christmas crafts, learned several Christmas songs, played game and had fun!

Our mission this year was the Center for Pregnancy Concerns. This is a local mission that our UMW supports. We collected \$210.24.

We had 25 children and a few adults each evening. This was a great turnout!

Thank you to ALL of the volunteers who worked during this week. Without these volunteers we could not have VBS.

We have already started planning for VBS 2016 you should too!

GOD has a plan for each of us if we will only allow him to guide us to it!

AND THE WINNER IS:

During the month of July, the congregation was asked to pick a book of the bible for Pastor Chris to focus his sermons on in September. The "winning" book of the bible is

LUKE

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.



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.



It Doesn't Matter

That I don't feel well

That I'm behind in my credit card

That they overcharged me at the grocery store

...but what does matter most is

my personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Poem by M. Janis Eshleman

Order your Pink Bag Tee Shirts

\$10.00 EACH

The design will be centered on the left side of the shirt and the wording will be in an oval.

The design above is just a sample.

Orders will be taken until Sunday September 20, 2015. Cost is \$10 per shirt and must be paid for when ordering.

These shirts are ladies black tee shirts with the pink butterfly on the left side of the shirt.

They are available in sizes XS to 2XL.



Make checks payable to: Orem's UMW

To Order please see Mary Eisely or Margaret Eney

Pink Bag Lunch- Saturday October 17, 2015 11:30am-2:00pm

Tickets: \$2.00 Each

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 September 12th and October 3rd. 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.

