



April 2016

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8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers Class, and Sunday School

Pre K to 5th grade

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

GET INVOLVED!

The Mission Committee is hosting a project to sponsor Sole Hope!

On Saturday, April 9, please join us at 1:00 p.m. for a shoe cutting party. No sewing skills necessary!

We will trace a template onto fabric and cut it out. The fabric will be sent to Uganda to be sewn into shoes for children infected with jiggers in their feet. \$10 donations are accepted for each sponsored pair of shoes to pay for, "getting them to Uganda, paying the shoemakers and tailors, and purchasing supplies necessary for the completion of the shoes." For more information please visit www.solehope.org or email Laura Dembeck at ljburgess01@yahoo.com

Items needed: bring them to church on Sunday morning or drop them off at the church office during the week.

Quilters fabric- any scraps at home is fine

Old denim jeans

Rinsed, dry plastic gallon milk jug

Sponsor a pair of shoes for \$10 (simply place your donation in the white envelope in your pew and mark it for SOLE HOPE MISSION)



United Methodist Women of Baltimore Metropolitan District to meet at Orems Church

Saturday, April 16 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Cost of the event is \$10 and includes a Continental Breakfast. Meeting with the UMW of the Baltimore Metropolitan District is an exciting opportunity to share ideas, fellowship together , and meet with other Methodist women from our district. The Theme is "Learning together for Transformation of the World". The Topic of the day is Maternal and Children Health. To register, pick up a form at the church office or in the Narthex.

Our Theme for 2016 is James 5:16 (NLT version)

“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.”

Think about our theme, pray about our theme, strive to live our theme in 2016.

DEAR MEMBERS OF OREMS

The choir is experiencing some difficult times right now. We have lost a few of our members due to illness and extenuating circumstances.

I know you all enjoy the music from the choir every Sunday plus our special events. In order to do this we really need some help. It isn't necessary that you be able to read music, just that you like to sing and would enjoy the fellowship of the choir.

The last six months have been very difficult for us. How about checking us out after Easter and try singing with us for a few weeks to see how you like it? We only have a few weeks after Easter and then we will be our summer Break. There is no pressure. Consider this a “choir internship” remember **NO OBLIGATION**. Just a trial.

The congregation has always enjoyed our music, but every once in a while we need a little help. Right now we need that help. See me and let me know you would be willing to help. Come on Wednesday night at 7 p.m, we will show you the rest.

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. Thank you to all of our choir members for your hard work and dedication.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email me.

In His name, Ben Boellner,

Director of Music and Organist,

443-691-7765

Bboellner1992@gmail.com



KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over) Please join us for lunch and devotions. We supply the drink and dessert. We will meet on April 7th at 11:30 a.m.

Hope to see you there! Butch Frank



A Word From Our Pastor

Happy Easter!

Christ is risen! Easter is here and the first fruits of the Kingdom are upon us. Jesus, in his resurrection, has called us all to participate in his journey. He has invited us to share in the eternal life that he has given us if we only believe in him. How amazing is that?! That God would want us to be with Him forever and to share in his Kingdom work! Isn't that awesome?

You know, as the weather turns warmer and the days grow longer I can't help but think of new life. The new life of spring time, sure, but the new life that we have in Christ. For Methodists, we believe that we are born again, again, and again. It isn't just a one-time act of confessing Christ as our savior, but it is a continuous act of putting our trust in Christ through turning away from our sin and turning toward God in acts of faith. It is only by this faith, through the grace of God, that we can be saved. While we can never be saved by our works, we are however called to respond to God's gracious call with trust and faith in the One who brings us new life; the One who makes us born again and anew not just for our personal salvation, but to better our communities, and the world around us (Matthew 28).

And this is also the power of the resurrection! That we would not be the same old person after we confess Christ, but that through Christ, and his death and resurrection, we might die to ourselves and be raised in him to share his love and grace with the world! Not only do we receive life in his name, but we are called to share that life with others as well!

So, how has the resurrection changed you? How have the events of Easter impacted you this year? I would love to hear from you. Please drop me a note or send me an email. I would love to hear about what Christ is doing in your heart and life through this good news that he has proclaimed in Word and deed to the world.

God bless and as always, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris

May Newsletter Deadline is April 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

Our One Call Now system sends out reminders and announcements of activities, meetings, 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 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.



And I am certain that
God, who began the
good work within
you, will continue
his work until it is
finally finished
on the day when
Christ Jesus
returns.

—Philippians 1:6-17



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken or hams, Rice, Jello and pudding, Cereals, soups, Beef stew, 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.



Disciples of Yarn

The Prayer shawl Mission at Orem's Church continues to thrive into the year 2016. There have been seven shawls provided to those in need in January and February. I am pleased that church members have adjusted to asking me for shawls and letting me know who is in need. I have also found a place for the baby hats that are provided to us by the ladies at Joppatowne. The Women's Center at Franklin Square Hospital is delighted to have our wonderful hats for the many infants born at the Center. I continue to look forward to collecting additional shawls as they are prepared by our church members.

Blessings to all, Dottie Daiger

NEEDLEBEES If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our group. If you enjoy a craft and would like to join us for fellowship while you craft, you are welcome at our meetings. April 13 and 26th at 6:30 p.m. in room 100

MOO — MEN OF OREMS

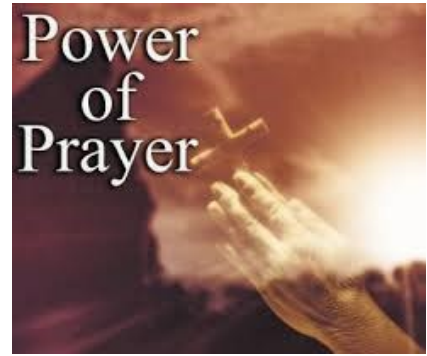
The Men of Orem will be meeting on April 28th at 7 p.m.

We hope to start our Pit Beef sandwich sales in April— weather permitting on Thrift Shop day— April 2nd.

We are looking forward to a Chic Fil A night in May. Mark your calendars now for Wednesday night May 18th for the Chic Fil A in Martin's Plaza. Flyers will be available in next months newsletter.

LITTLE FEET

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. If you have any questions, ask Kathy Cunningham **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices. These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.**



PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Orem church theme for this year is PRAYER!

Prayer plays a very important part in all of our lives. Each of us can likely tell a story about how prayers touched us, helped us in time of need or perhaps helped us in healing.

We have a prayer chain at Orem United Methodist Church. We want to keep the prayer chain going and if you would like to be a part of our prayer chain; please call Vicki at the church office at 410-687-9483 or Donna Winner at 410-335-7429. With our One Call system in place, we can now send out the prayer to everyone on our prayer chain list at the same time so that all can pray as a unit as we get the information. You will not need to call anyone to further this prayer along our chain but we encourage you to contact others who are not on our chain to spread our prayers wider. Involve your friends and neighbors in praying with you. Prayer is Powerful-spread the power!

DID YOU KNOW THAT OREMS HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes we do. Ruth Bundick and Willard Ray Scholarships are established from Memorials for two long time members of Orem's Church. Each Scholarship has its own qualifications.

If you are a High School Graduate, college student or someone looking to further your education, Orem's has scholarships available. Orem's scholarship applications must be in by May 1st. You may pick up an application from the office or call the office and we can mail one to you. The criteria for scholarships is enrollment as full time student, member of Orem's United Methodist Church, and accepted by a college, University or Trade school in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church. The Willard Ray Scholarship must have approval by Church council. 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 19th.

Ruth Bundick Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established by the United Methodist Women to honor a long time member. This fund is supported by the UMW and others who wish to donate to it. Recipients will:

- Be a member of Orem's UMC

- Be accepted by a college, University or full time school (post high school, trade, apprentice). The school must be in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church.

- Show evidence of financial need.

- Be enrolled as a full time student.

Willard Ray Memorial Scholarship. Established by the estate of long time Orem's member Willard Ray. Mr. Ray faithfully modeled strong Christian principles in his personal and professional life. The award is to further the good news of Jesus Christ so that Jesus' followers may go into the world to spread the news of salvation through Christ. It is the goal and focus of this scholarship to further the professional and personal lives of Christians so that they may better serve Jesus all the days of their lives. Those receiving this award are expected to give a high priority to honesty and ethical conduct, and the furthering of their understanding of biblical conduct for their lives.

Recipients will:

- Profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior.

- Live a Christian life as exemplified by the teachings of Jesus understood through biblical principles.

- Courses of study should further higher education leading to improvement of employment opportunities, and not furthering recreational, hobbies, or similar activities.

- First priority is given to members of Orem's who have demonstrated their love for the Lord as evidenced in all they do and say. If no qualified member is chosen, applications for children or grandchildren of members will be considered.

- The Orem's Council has final approval of the selected recipient.

Thank you to all
who ordered
Easter Candy for
the men at
Streets of Hope.



We were able to deliver 81
boxes of candy from the peo-
ple of Orem's Church.

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.

Linda Hall has baby bottles that can be filled with spare change and then returned to her to donate to the center. Last year through the baby bottle collections we were able to raise \$1254.41

The Center accepts 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, April 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.gb-gm-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."

CO-PRESIDENTS	MARY EISELY MARGARET ENEY
VICE PRESIDENT	CHARLOTTE WEST
SECRETARY	NITA HATCHER
TREASURER	DOTTIE DAIGER

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on Tues, April 26th at Noon. Be sure to let Gloria Asbury know if you are attending so we can have enough seats. This is a great time of fellowship for our women. Please join us.

SAVE THE DATE

June 25th

United Methodist Women Tea-Watch for announcements of our menu and ticket sales. We look forward to another delicious Tea.

Jonathan Cronkhite with **homes devoted** Presents

PARENTING TECHIES WORKSHOP

- How can you set parent controls on your devices and apps?
- Which apps are safe and of which ones should you be leery?
- How do you talk to your children and prepare them?
- How do you set boundaries with your teenager?

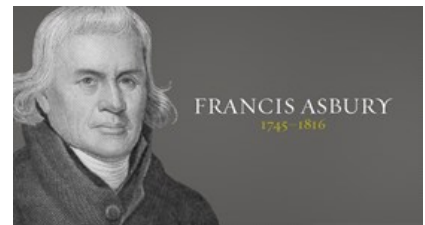





"Learn ways to safeguard your family as you use technology."

Bring your electronic devices for this hands-on Parenting Techies workshop:

Friday, April 15, 2016 ~ 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall
 3620 Red Rose Farm Road, 21220
 Call 410-335-4210 by 4/13/16 to register (\$5 per person)



This spring marks a historic observance in The United Methodist Church as we honor the 200th anniversary of the death of Francis Asbury, Methodism's first bishop. **A special worship service of remembrance** will be held at Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore on Sunday, April 3, at 11 a.m. The guest preacher will be **Rev. Alfred Day**, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History. Following the service, a new exhibit will open at the Lovely Lane museum, downstairs from the sanctuary. The exhibit is titled "The Brand and the Bishop," which will focus on Asbury and on John Wesley, who died 225 years ago this year.

Construction Zone

Some long needed Electrical Upgrades of our entire Complex will begin soon. We have chosen to work with Justified Electrical Services.

There may be some days that our office is closed due to the electric work. If you call the office and do not get an answer, please leave a message or wait awhile and try again.

During this time period, please bear with us. There may be some dust, and wires and other things in our worship and work spaces. But it is all part of making our buildings more efficient and safe for the coming years.