



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

Experiencing Holy Week-- a Family Event on March 21st at 11: 30 a.m. After Worship Service



It is actually two events in one!
Join us on Palm Sunday for a meal together. We will provide lunch meat and bread, you bring a side dish (salad, veggie tray, applesauce, etc.) OR a dessert to share. The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. following our Palm Sunday Worship service. After our meal is complete we will divide the group Children and Adults. The Adults will remain upstairs in the hall for fellowship and discussion about Holy Week while downstairs the children will make crafts, have a lesson and lots of fun. What transpired from Palm Sunday to Easter? What did Jesus do that week? How did that effect the events on Good Friday and then become the Joyous Surprise of Easter Morning? And how can that change us? Come on Palm Sunday to find out.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday—Worship at 7 p.m.

Good Friday—Worship at 7 p.m.



We will have a Sunrise Worship service at here at Orems at 7 a.m. on Easter morning. This service will be more casual. Come open your day as the women at the tomb did-greeting the morning with a big surprise!

**Easter Celebration at 10 a.m. Our Traditional service with special music and Communion!
Come worship the Risen Lord!**

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

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 Church—

Ready or not Easter is coming. We have very special music for Holy week and more importantly Resurrection Sunday. We will have all the choirs singing in addition to a brass quartet. This is something not to miss.



Please Stay tuned to the bulletin and newsletter -

for music news and updates. Neat things are coming in the spring. Lets just say ill be joining forces with colleagues of mine RIGHT HERE at Orem. Piano, Organ, Harp, Brass, A big choir and then some. Interested? Stay tuned!

The CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses at 7 pm on Wednesdays and sings most every Sunday, Holy day and special occasions.

The SANCTUARY CHOIR rehearsals are at 7:30 during Cantata season or for special Holy Days and or events.

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, Holy Days or cantatas join our Sanctuary Choir.

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

In His name, Ben Boellner,

Director of Music and Organist,

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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 March 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you there! Butch Frank



A Word From Our Pastor

Happy Lent!

I trust you are having a good Lent and preparing yourselves for the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter.

I love Lent, but I didn't always feel this way. As a child I looked upon the coming of Lent with sadness if not disdain. As you may recall, I grew up a Roman Catholic and so Lent meant not eating meat on Fridays and being relegated to consuming fish sticks, all the while giving up candy or soda as a sacrifice during the 40 days. "Fish Fridays" were a norm in my Catholic prior life. Fish is good, but when you *have to* eat it, it loses its good flavor. Of course now I eat whatever I want on Fridays as a Methodist, right? Yes and no. While I am not required to refrain from eating anything in particular, I do observe Lent as a time to hit the 'reset' button on my eating and life in general. I find that my food consumption tends to reverberate into the rest of my life, and I have been eating very unhealthy lately and too much. I felt the need to scale back so as to honor God through this temple that God has given me, my body, and so I did. I restrict what I eat and how much I eat as a spiritual discipline during Lent not because I have to, but because I want to so as to draw closer to God.

So what are you doing for Lent in trying to draw closer to God, and how is it going? Do you feel any closer to God during this time of Lent? Do you feel farther away? Take a moment out of your busy schedule to pray and think about your relationship with God. How's it going? If you need help and want to hit your own 'reset' button, then do it through prayer. God is always there, always waiting, and always wanting to be in greater relationship with you. God is like the father waiting on the prodigal son, or daughter, and is ready to run and welcome you in with open arms.

Whatever you do this Lent, never forget the love that God has for you and the joy and life that you can have in Jesus' name. It is in His life that there is True life. It is in His death and Resurrection that we have life by our death to self and the hope of the resurrection in the life to come (1 Cor 15). Don't forget this, while Jesus was the first fruits of this new Kingdom of God, we are the seconds and the thirds (1 Cor 15:20-29).

This is our hope. Rejoice in this hope today and seek God in all you do.

May the Lord strengthen you and carry you in this Lenten season and may God bless you and yours!

In Christ,
Pastor Chris



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.



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 Child-care mission.



**April Newsletter
Deadline is
MARCH 15th, if
you have an arti-
cle or information
for our newsletter,
please drop it off**

**to the Church office or
email at
oremsumc@verizon.net**

FOOD PANTRY 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, 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.



Disciples of Yarn

We Continue to make Prayer shawls and reach out to those in distress or need of comfort with the "Hugs from God" that are offered through the shawls. If you have a need for a Prayer shawl contact Dottie Daiger or the Church office. More information about the making of the shawls can be obtained at our Needlebees meetings.

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. We will meet on March 8th and March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in room 100

MOO — MEN OF OREMS

Thank you to all the workers for our spaghetti dinner-MEN and WOMEN. You were all very helpful and we could not have succeeded with the dinner without you. Thank you to all of our patrons who came to support the dinner. We hope you had an enjoyable and delicious time!

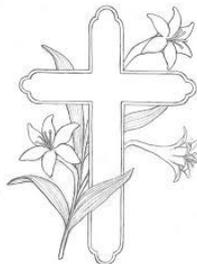
We will start our Pit Beef sandwich sales in April weather permitting.

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.**

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Orem church
Thank you for your cards, visits, calls and most of all prayers after my shoulder surgery. It is a comfort to me to know so many people care. I am on the mend and happy to be back at church. God Bless and Love to all
Fran Frank



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 ljburchess01@yahoo.com
Items needed: you can 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

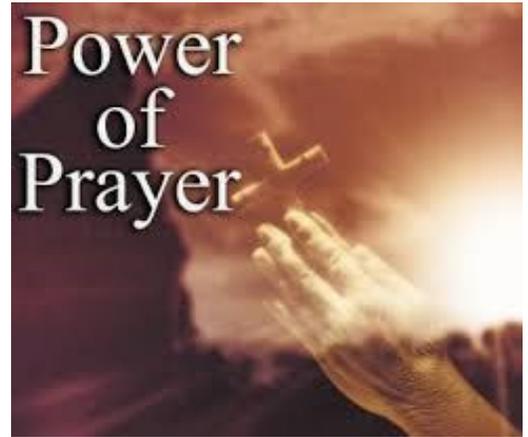
Rinsed, dry plastic gallon milk jug

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)

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

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's 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. We want to start a new list. With our One Call system in place, we can now send out the prayer to everyone on our new 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. Prayer is a powerful tool and praying with others strengthens our faith and theirs. The Power of Prayer—PASS IT ON!!



Baltimore County Police

The Baltimore County Police Outreach Program is an active move toward building a better relationship with law enforcement and the community. Pastor Chris and Vicki Borreson attended a meet and greet at the Essex precinct to hear more about opportunities to engage with our local police department in positive ways. You will be hearing more about that in the future.

One program that caught our attention is a registration program for families with members who have dementia or Alzheimers. If you have a family member who is impaired in this way, you can register at the Essex precinct with your contact information so that if this person wanders off and is found by the police, they can get them back home to you. There is also an ID program where they get photo cards for that person just like those used for Children to help if they go missing.

You can call the precinct at 410-887-0232. Officer J. Price is heading up this program, but anyone should be able to help you register. Or email him at jprice@baltimorecountymd.gov

SAVE THE DATE

April 16 2016

Meeting with the United Methodist Women of the Baltimore Metropolitan District. This is an exciting opportunity to share ideas and fellowship together and meet with other Methodist women from our district.

June 25th

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



Thank you to all who ordered Easter Candy from UMW. It was another successful year for our Log Cabin sale.



Awake, thou wintry earth
Fling off thy sadness!
Fair vernal flowers, laugh forth

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 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.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.”

United Methodist Women Sunday was February 14th. We appreciated the sea of Red to show support of our organization. We awarded Life Membership pins to Pam Daughtery and Patti Sears

And welcomed in our new officers:

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, March 29th 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.

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.

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.*

LENTEN FOODS FOR SALE!



Piney Grove United Methodist Church on Bowley's Quarters Road is offering their Lenten Foods for Fridays in Lent.

You must call and order by 4 p.m. on Wednesdays- Call 410-335-2593. Order dates are March 9th, 16th and 23rd. Pick up your food on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. from the back of the building. Pick up dates are Friday March 11th, 18th and 25th.

Foods available are Padded Oysters, Crab cakes, Salmon cakes, Macaroni salad, Cole slaw, potato salad, and cinnamon cakes. All items are made fresh at reasonable prices. Support your sister church and enjoy a great meal!