



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church
April/May 2018 Edition

April and May

Special points of interest:

- 1 Easter Service
- 2 Offices Closed
- 4 UMW meeting
- 5 Keenagers
- 7 Hall Closet Thrift Shop and Pit beef Girl Scout sleepover
- 10 Needlebees
- 12 Lunch bunch
- 15 Prayer Shawl Blessing
- 22 Baptism
- 24 Ladies Fellowship Needlebees
- 28 SPRING FLING
- May
- 5 Thrift Shop
- 6 Communion
- 17 Admin Board
- 20 Confirmation and Last day of Sunday school

Please see calendar page for all event s

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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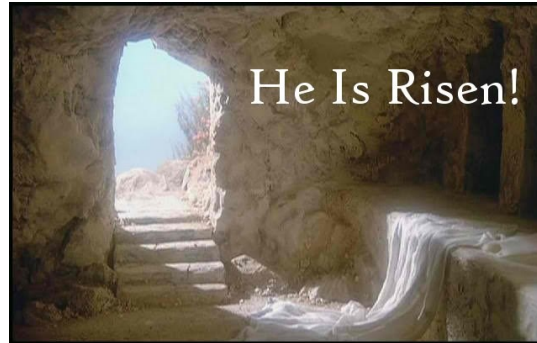
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Easter Celebration April 1st at 10 a.m. Our Traditional service with Choir and Brass and Communion! Come worship the Risen Lord!

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Spring Fling

Saturday April 28th 9 am to 1 pm.

Sponsored by Orems United Methodist Women



RAIN OR SHINE!! THIS EVENT IS READY FOR FUN!! KIDS GAMES AND PRIZES. BAKE SALE AND CONCESSION STAND BROUGHT TO YOU BY OUR UMW. LOTS OF SPECIAL SURPRISES. MARK THE DATE FOR A GREAT DAY!

Our Scripture Theme for 2018 is

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' **Matthew 22:37-39**

A Word From Our Pastor

Greetings Orems,

I hope that all of you have heard by now that as of July 1, 2018, I will no longer be the pastor of Orems UMC and have been reappointed to serve in a different ministry setting. This change of appointment was made by Bishop Easterling in consultation with our District Superintendent, and the rest of the BWC cabinet. This announcement was made back in February during worship.



During these past four years since I was appointed in July 2014 we have laughed and cried together, have shared life and ministry together, and we have grown in Christ together. I am so grateful and feel incredibly blessed to have served alongside each of you here at this wonderful and historic church. You all have been a blessing to Laura, our children, and myself in so many ways. Leaving is going to be tough, but I trust in God's provisions and do look forward to what lies in store for Orems. God has begun something that I pray you all will continue to live into. God is surely in this place!

As some of you know, and others who are new to Methodism might not, there are formal policies of pastoral transition that the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference expects all of us to maintain as we all transition. The following rules are The Baltimore Washington Conference are to be followed concerning our relationship beginning July 1st:

1. As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to effect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.

2. Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion, may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor.

3. Through transitions in pastoral leadership, local congregations should be educated concerning this policy and asked to support it by prayer and actions. Pastors all agree to honor these policies. When they do not, the ministry and pastoral authority of the newly appointed pastor is undermined, and it is more difficult for the new pastor and members of the congregation to form a good working relationship.

In addition, the pastor who has moved and comes back takes away from his/her

new congregation by spending time and effort going back, rather than spending that time and effort in their new appointment. Neither of these patterns is healthy. I agree with and fully support the policy stated above. True friendships can continue but can no longer be based on pastoral roles and relationships.

Just so you are aware my last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 10, but I will continue to work in the office the remainder of that week. Norris Tingle and Pixie Faulkner have volunteered to preach the remaining two Sundays of June. As soon as we know who your new pastor will be, we will begin to specifically pray for him or her. Until then, I ask you to pray for whoever it may be, as God already knows. In the meantime I am grateful that I will remain your pastor as we finish our season together. I will reflect on this in the next newsletter, but for now...know that I will continue to pray for you all and that if you need anything, just let us know.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris

How to Have the Best Pastor, as shared by Rev. Ann Adams (2014)

Your pastor will be as good as you pray him or her to be!

Your help is ***vital***,

NOT in talking to your pastor about what you think should be their work in the church,

NOT in telling other people what you like or dislike about the pastor's personality, work-style, sense of humor, or ability to meet your needs,

BUT in talking to God about your pastor's relationship to God and to his calling.

Every good pastor has a network of praying people who are holding him/her up in prayer, even when they do not understand what the pastor is doing or why. The most ineffective pastor can be transformed by the power of committed prayer by supportive people, who take on the responsibility with joy.

How to Pray for your Pastor

Pray **believing** that God wants your pastor to be **all that God has called them to be.**

Pray **believing** that God will enable your pastor to be(come) **all that God plans for them to be.**

Pray **believing** that God has sent this pastor for your **mutual benefit:**

that the pastor may help you grow in Christ's likeness,

and that you may help your pastor grow in Christ's likeness.

What to Pray for your Pastor

1) Pray for ***power in preaching***. Power is the work of the Holy Spirit, in and through the message, reaching and changing hearts, minds, attitudes, and behaviors. **Power send people forth to live as God's children.**

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What to Pray for your Pastor (continued from previous page)

- 2) Pray for **confirming signs**. Confirmation comes through life-changing experiences that draw people into the presence of God, into closer communion with God's people, and in deepening commitment to share the gospel in the world. Some signs are dramatic. Others are subtle. **God give the signs that are needed for individual situations.**
- 3) Pray for **enduring results**. Growing maturity and a longing to know God and do God's will are the mark of discipleship. A disciple gives 168 hours a week to living as a Christian. A disciple knows how to feed himself/herself, and how to feed others. **A disciple does not concentrate on what he/she can receive, but on what she/he can give.**
- 4) Pray for **steadfast single-mindedness**. **The pastor's primary task is to equip the saints for the work of ministry.** When you pray for the pastor to be single-minded, you are praying that she/he will concentrate on preparing you to be the people of God, ministering in the world. It is Easy for a pastor to become distracted by doing "church work" and neglect the primary calling of equipping the saints to do the work of the church.
- 5) Pray for **protection from spiritual attack**. As long as the congregation and the pastor are content with the status-quo, life moves along smoothly. When you pray your pastor through points 1-4, the forces of evil will not be silent. The prayers of God's people can bind the enemy, who is already defeated through Christ's victory. **We have no reason to fight battles that have already been won on our behalf.** We need to claim the victory that is already ours. God has not given us the spirit of fear or defeatism, but of power, love, and soundness of mind and heart. **God will protect us within and without.**

I know we do not yet know who your pastor will be, but in the meantime I ask that you would follow these principles of praying for your new pastor. All of you who prayed for me, using these guidelines that Rev. Ann asked of you helped me in so many ways. Please do the same for your next pastor, and please start today. Continue being as much a blessing to him or her, as you have been to me.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris

What happened to the church office?

During the month of April and into early May the Church office, Pastor's office, Room 100, storage and work areas will be undergoing renovation. During that time, the church office will be relocated to the Music office upstairs by the sanctuary. We will have limited printing abilities and therefore bulletins will be printed in advance. If you have a need for something from the office, please be patient. We will help you as best we can during this time. Thank you for understanding. God's Blessings to all.



DEAR CHURCH

Let us remember nothing is better than knowing we have someone right there; in our best, stressed and worst moments.

The Chancel Choir – Rehearses every Wednesday from 7- 8:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Anyone 18 or older is welcome. Music reading is NOT necessary but helpful, Just a joyful smile. Music and materials are provided.



The Orem's Choir is in full swing rehearsing for the Death and Resurrection of our Savior. Please see all the information below:

We are working on music for Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

The Tenebrae service will take place on Good Friday at 7 p.m. and is a moving service of word and song. This is not to be missed. I know it will set the tone for your Easter celebration.

Easter Sunday – April 1st at 10 Am- The Choir will be joined with my exceptional Brass players, Piano and Organ to celebrate the Resurrection of our KING.

I will once again join Paul Binko – Acclaimed organist, Pianist and Accompanist in concert, we are looking at dates now. Stay tuned.

If you enjoy special music, especially the instrumentalists and guest musicians, you should know that it costs more than our music budget allows. Without your help these additional moments cannot happen. We received a lot of wonderful feedback about Christmas Eve



and how much the brass enhanced the service. We hear you- you want the brass back! There are many special musical opportunities available to us, provided we can support them. Please see Ben Boellner or the church office on how to donate to this specific funding. Your contribution makes a difference no matter what the size.

If you have any questions feel free to drop me a line.

Best always and **GO O'S**

Ben Boellner

Director of Music and Organist

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.

Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child—

we will begin collecting items for our November packing party. In April we will collect pocket size facial tissues, pens, and small notepads. In May we will be collecting flashlights and batteries, and socks. Bring the items to the box near the church office.

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. 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.**

Food Pantry will be giving out gift cards while the Floor renovation takes place in April and May. If you would like to help us help others, you can donate local grocery gift cards to the Food Pantry.

Disciples of Yarn

The Prayer Shawl Mission continues to flourish at Orem's. Many shawls were given out in the months of January and February.

Also, I now have a significant numbers of

"Prayer Shawls in waiting" provided by my faithful crocheters.



Another large bag of baby hats provided to us by the ladies in Jarrettsville were once again delivered

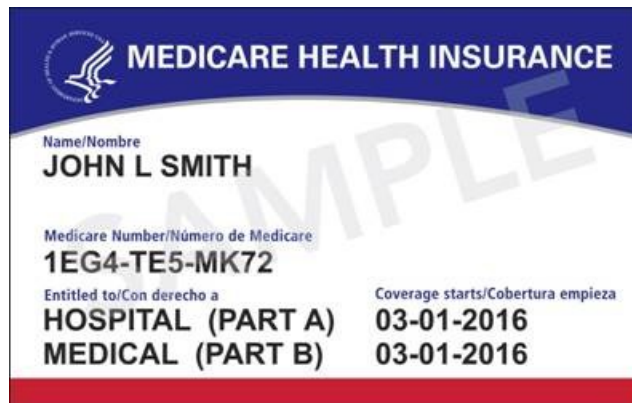
to the Women's Center at Franklin Square Hospital. This time I was assisted by Pat Foard as my driving skills took a while to return after surgery.

If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. The dates and times are listed below. Our next Prayer Shawl Blessing will be April 15th, if you are working on a shawl please have it to me before that date.

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, you are welcome at our meetings. We will meet April 10th and 24th May 8th and 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship hall, while Room 100 is renovated.

STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE – APRIL 2018 BEACON
FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED
BE ALERT FOR POTENTIAL MEDICARE SCAMMERS



AS OF APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) WILL BEGIN MAILING NEW MEDICARE ID CARDS TO ALL RECIPIENTS. THE NEW CARDS LOOK LIKE THE ABOVE SAMPLE. CHANGES ARE BEING MADE FOR SECURITY REASONS, AND THE OLD MEDICARE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS ARE BEING REPLACED. THERE IS NOTHING FOR YOU TO DO.

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE SCAMMERS POISED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MEDICARE RECIPIENTS. SOMEONE FROM "MEDICARE" MAY CALL TO TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE GETTING A NEW MEDICARE CARD. BUT UNTIL IT COMES, THEY WILL CLAIM THAT YOU NEED A TEMPORARY CARD. THEY WILL ALSO CLAIM THAT THE FEE FOR THAT TEMPORARY CARD IS \$5-50 DOLLARS. THEY WANT PERSONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS BANK ACCOUNT OR CREDIT CARD NUMBER SO THEY CAN PROCESS YOUR TEMPORARY CARD.

HANG UP! DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY INFORMATION

REMEMBER: MEDICARE WILL *NEVER* CALL YOU UNLESS YOU ASK THEM TO. MEDICARE DOES *ALL* COMMUNICATION *BY MAIL* UNLESS YOU ASK THEM TO CALL.

IF ANYONE EVER CALLS SAYING THEY "WORK WITH MEDICARE TO MAKE SURE YOU GET EVERYTHING YOU'RE ENTITLED TO", HANG UP. THIS IS A SALES PITCH.

SCAMMERS ARE OPPORTUNISTS. THEY PREY ON SENIOR CITIZENS TO SCARE THEM INTO GIVING OUT PERSONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

DO NOT FALL FOR THIS!

PASS THIS ON TO EVERY PERSON YOU KNOW WHO IS ON MEDICARE REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY LIVE. YOU WILL BE PERFORMING A PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN ACT OF KINDNESS.

STEWARDSHIP ARTICLES WILL RETURN IN MAY, BUT THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME.

NORRIS TINGLE – STEWARDSHIP

Keenagers will meet on Thursday April 5th and May 3rd In the fellowship hall at 11:30. Even though Easter was April 1st (no fooling) that will be our theme for this month. Remember to bring your lunch. Dessert is provided. **Norris Tingle**, Orem's member and an independent insurance agent, will be joining us to explain about the new Medicare cards being issued, and how to beware of scams regarding them. Even if you are not a regular member of Keenagers, feel free to join us for this important discussion.

Our theme for May is Spring and May flowers. Flower seeds and small pots will be distributed. The sign up sheet for June's picnic will be on hand. Be thinking of what you would like to bring, as this is the last chance to sign up. If you have any questions you can call Judy Tolbert 301-379-9819

PRAYER CHAIN

We have a prayer chain at Orem's Church. Our prayer chain uses the One Call Now system to send out prayer requests to the entire group at one time so that we can join together in prayer. If you need to have a request sent through the prayer chain, contact the church office at 410-687-9483 and the prayer will be sent out.

If you have an urgent request after office hours that can't wait till the office opens, please call Vicki at 410-335-1870. Prayers will be sent out as soon as possible.



June Newsletter Deadline is May 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



MISSIONS

Do you have a local mission that touches your heart or have you heard of a mission that you would like to help? We are looking for ideas to do mission work in the community, the state or even on a larger level. If you have some suggestions, contact Kathy Egner our Mission Chair. We can reach out to others in many ways if we work together for the Glory of God.





MEMORIAL FUND

The following memorials have been given in memory and of loved ones.

In memory of:

Leona Egner given by:

Don Egner

Sandra and Terry Zeleny

Marjorie and Al Martins

Patricia Byer

Jean and Ron Turner

Rotary Club of Middle River

Kathleen and Christopher Egner

Catherine and Carl King

Colleen and Nick Smith

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Yours in Christ,

Madeline Kikola

Memorial Fund Treasurer

Project Boots for Streets of Hope

This spring, the Missions Committee is supporting the clients of Streets of Hope with new footwear in April. The 16 men will receive a new pair of boots or tennis shoes. Boots and shoes are approximately \$58 each with free shipping from Amazon. Monetary donations are being collected if you would like to contribute to this opportunity. Please see Laura Dembeck if you have any questions. Thank you!

Stewardship moment

So, when did the concept of stewardship actually begin. At the beginning, of course! Genesis 1:1-31 – When you have a moment, read the first 31 verses of Chapter 1. God is pretty clear about stewardship and what it means.

Vs. 26 is most interesting. The common English bible (also known as CEB) reads: *then God said “let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea... etc”* Us? Wesley, like most theologians of the day assumed this to be Father, Son and Holy Ghost--the trinity. Most translations read pretty much the same way.

So, humanity was charged with taking care of the earth and all that dwells therein. How that has developed into today's concept of stewardship is a matter of great discussion. The fact is God put us in charge and it's up to us to take care of the planet.

The concept of our time, talent and gifts isn't far behind. That's why it is in our commitment for joining the United Methodist Church. It's how we've lasted since 1773.

Take the time to reread the creation story in Genesis again...for the first time!

Norris Tingle, Jr. Stewardship

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.

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.

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.

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 6th. 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. IF you have received a scholarship in the past and are still in school, you may apply again. 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 3rd.

MEN OF OREMS



The Men of Orem's will be meeting on April 26th and May 24th at 7 p.m.

We hope to start our Pit Beef sandwich sales — weather permitting on April 7th.

We want to thank everyone who attended our Spaghetti dinner. It was a wonderful success!



Laura Dembeck has sponsored this mission in the past for Orem's Church. With the family moving and some changes on how to obtain the Sole Hope kits to make the shoes, we will not be able to set up a date to sponsor this mission at this time. However, if someone would like to take this mission over, we would be happy to help you get set up. For more information about Sole Hope, visit www.solehope.org. If interested in chairing this Mission, contact Kathy Egner (410-574-5833) or the church office.

Local Mission!

The U M W continue to support *The Center for Pregnancy Concerns*.



Linda Hall has baby bottles that can be filled with spare change and then returned to her to donate to the center. The Center accepts donations of Maternity Clothing, Baby clothes up to size 4 T, and other items a mother to be may need. They are in dire need of sizes 2 T to 4 T and Similac advanced formula. 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.



THANK YOU

Dear Orem's Church,
Many thanks to all for your cards, prayers and visits at the death of my brother Charles Bennett. Love to all
Kathy Cunningham

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 5th 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.gbgn-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 24th 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.



Are you part of the Elite Group?

Do you know Orem's Church has some "elite" members? By the end of June we will have eight members who are in their 90's. Dale Ledwell at 96 is our leader; Jack Johnson is next at 92, followed by Maxine Young at 91 and Bud Masson, Bill Myers and myself-Mildred Shephard at 90.

On April 18th a new member will join the group. Don Egner will celebrate 90th. He may also hold the honor of being the longest member of Orem's Church. Don joined Orem's in 1941. Don't forget to wish him a Happy Birthday.

We look forward to Jacob Conn joining our elite group in June as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

I don't want to exclude anyone, and I don't know the birthdate of all the members of Orem's church. If you know of a member who is 89 and approaching 90, or has been missed on the "90 and over" list; please be a good "SNITCH" and let me know or call the church office.

It is a blessing to be a member of Orem's and especially one of the "Elite"

Love to all,
Mildred Shephard



SPRC Report

Hi Everyone – Here are the latest plans for Pastor Chris's last few weeks here at Orem's. We are planning a covered dish luncheon on June 10 right after service that morning. That will be his last Sunday to preach, however his last day to be in the office will be June 15th. After that he will be on vacation and in the process of moving to his new assignment with his family. As of now we do not know who the replacement will be. On that we will keep you informed as soon as we know.

In the meantime we will be passing around a sign up sheet during the morning service so that you can let us know what you would like to bring for the luncheon or what other way you will be able to make this day a success. We want everyone in the congregation to feel that they are a part of this event and help us to make it as memorable as possible. This list will come out around the last week of April. In the event you miss it please feel free to call Nikki Hart at 410-687-3191, Merle Vickers at 410-687-1185 or Pat Pinning at 410-391-7555. If you can help with setting up, cleaning up or serving there will be a place on the sign up sheet to let us know.

We would like to make this a very special day for a family who has become very special to our Church.