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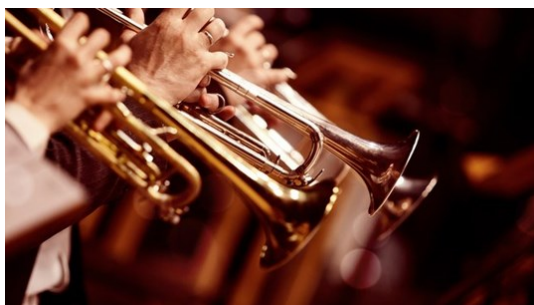
Orems United Methodist Church

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

February 11th we join together for worship and to recognize the United Methodist Women with a Litany and presentation of the Life Pins. The Congregation is asked to wear Red to recognize the event and the group. The bulletin will have information about UMW projects and missions.



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. Thank you for your support. Ben Boellner, Director of Music

Ash Wednesday is February 14th.

We will have a service here at Orems Church with Back River United Methodist Church at 7 pm.

Rev Donna Nelson will be sharing the message with us. Join us that evening as we gather together on the day held to celebrate love. What better time to think about the greatest gift of love every given to each of us.

For God so loved us.

For God so lo **V**ed the world,
That He g **A**ve
his on **L**y
Begott **E**n
So **N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."
John 3:16

We love
because
He first
loved us.

1 John 4:19

Special points of interest:

FEBRUARY

- 1 Keenagers
- 2 Heart Association
Wear Red Day
- 3 Hall Closet Thrift
Shop
- 4 Communion Service
- 7 Choir
UMW Meeting
- 8 Lunch bunch
- 11 United Methodist
Women Sunday
- 13 Sarah Circle
Needlebees
Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 18 Worship
- 19 Rachel Circle
- 20 Lenten Bible Study
- 21 Choir
- 22 MOO
- 25 Baptism
- 27 Bible Study
Ladies Fellowship
Lunch
Needlebees

Please see calendar page for all events:

8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers
Class, and Sunday School
Pre K to 5th grade

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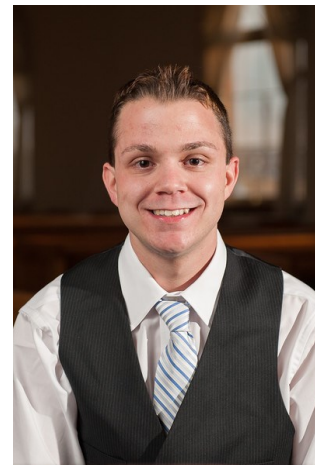
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Our Theme for 2018 is ³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."^[a] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."^[b]

Matthew 22:37-39

Dear Church-

Winter is here. I hope you are enjoying our special choral anthems and musical offerings. Hopefully you find them inspirational and soothing to the soul. Instead of an Easter cantata, we will be presenting a Tenebrae service, on Good Friday. Just as the choir welcomes singers for our Cantatas, we welcome those who wish to join us for Holy Week music. Your help is needed to make this a success. Books and cds are provided. We rehearse every Wednesday at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Paul Binko will once again be joining me to make this a success.



If you are interested in joining our choirs—here is the run down on each:

The Chancel Choir is the primary choir of Orem's Church- These folks are all volunteer and sing most every Sunday, Holy days, Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. We meet on Wednesday Evening at 7 pm in the sanctuary. This group is open to folks 16 and older. You do not need to read music but it is helpful. We provide all the materials you need. The time commitment is every Wednesday and as needed.

The Sanctuary choir is comprised of folks who want to sing with the choir on special occasions such as the cantata, and Holy days but cannot commit every week. All materials are provided to you. You supply the desire to sing and Glorify God. We have a great time full of music, laughter and love.

64 days till BASEBALL!

Yours in Christ,

Ben Boellner

Director of Music and Organist,
Bboellner1992@gmail.com

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over) We will meet on February 1st at 11:30 a.m. For Pizza, Devotions and fellowship. And we are busy planning some great events for this spring.

Hope to see you there! Judy Tolbert



A Word From Our Pastor

Greetings Orem's,

As I write this newsletter article, we are preparing for another Lenten season at Orem's. I am thinking through what needs to be done for worship, for sermons, and for my own personal spiritual preparation. Lent is a time of the Christian year where we are to contemplate our Christian walk and be more deliberate in our actions. Praying, fasting, and almsgiving are the disciplines that we are called to undertake in these forty days between Ash Wednesday and Easter.

Fifth-century Bishop Peter Chrysologus wrote that "fasting is the soul of prayer and that mercy is the lifeblood of fasting." Our fasting deepens our prayer life, and God uses it to aid us in being merciful to others. Have you thought about what you are doing to prepare for Lent this year?

Remember that Jesus, our Lord, fasted, prayed, and gave what He had to all of those who asked. When Jesus tells us "you are my friends if you follow my commands," remember He is only asking us to do what He has already done for us. Jesus not only commands us to follow Him and his commandments to love God and our Neighbors as ourselves, but promises us that when we do these things we actually become friends with Him.

I pray that you have a deep and spiritual Lent. I pray that you would go deeper with God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, then you ever have before. I pray that you would pray, fast, and give to others. I pray that you would respond in new ways to God's calling YOU into deeper relationship, because I trust God's promises for you and for us all.

Blessings for your Journey!

In Christ,
Pastor Chris

Fast



Give



Prepare



Pray





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.**

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry is only taking donations of Gift cards till May. We are currently working on clearing out what we have in the Food pantry to prepare for the renovation of the floors this Spring. While the Food pantry is closed we will offer gift cards to those who contact us for food. If you are able to help with donations, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Pixie Faulkner



March Newsletter Deadline is February 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



Disciples of Yarn

The month of December ended a busy year for the Disciples of yarn.

A serious health setback for one of our members has resolved itself and resulted in a glorious recovery. A final count results in a total of one dozen prayer shawls being provided to members and friends of Orem during the final three months of the year for a yearly total of 61 prayer shawls that were provided during the year 2017. So, keep those prayer shawls coming, ladies.

Our faithful donors of money and materials are truly appreciated at any time during the year. New members who would like to learn to knit or crochet the shawls would also be welcomed.

If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. The dates and times are in your Church bulletin.

Blessings,

Dottie Daiger

NEEDLEBEES

If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our Needlebees 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 Feb 13th, and 27th in Room 100 next to the Church office at 6:30 pm.

Easter Flower Order Form

This year our Flower choices for Easter are Lillies, Hyacinths, Daffodils and Tulips.

Order due in the office by Sunday, March 11th, Cost \$7.00, **Payment due with the order.** Make checks payable to Orem's Church.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Circle Type of flower and color:

Lily Tulip Daffodil

Hyacinths (Pink or Purple)

Please state the wording you would like (in memory, honor, thanks, to the Glory of God, etc.)

Thank you for allowing Orem's to borrow your plant to beautify our altar for the Easter Services. You may take your Flowers home after the service on Easter Sunday. Please drop this form into the offering plate or Call the church office (410) 687-9483 by March 11th.



Memorial Fund

The following memorials have been given in memory of or in honor of loved Ones.



In memory of

Mary Eileen Ferrara given by Charlotte and John West and Madeline Kikola

Leah Svedo given by Charlotte and John West

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ

Madeline Kikola,

Memorial Fund Treasurer

One Call Now System

Cut this section out and place near your phone. Occasionally due to noise in the line, or a long greeting on your answering machine, our One Call message gets scrambled. If the message does not come through, you will be able to listen to the last message sent through the 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 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

PRAYER ROOM

Our Prayer Room is available for use at any time during the day or night. There is a key lock box near the door to the Education building. Use the code to open the box and retrieve the key to open the door. Please remember to return the key to the lock box. If you need the code for the lock box, contact the church office. Once you arrive, you may turn on lights or adjust the heat in the room to make yourself more comfortable. If someone is using the Prayer room when you arrive, check to see if a DO NOT DISTURB sign is on the door. If not, then you may softly knock and enter the room to pray.



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. Through the baby bottle collection in 2017 we donated \$1273.93 to the center. This financial support helps to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to women and their babies. This Center is in dire need of funding.

Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.

Lenten Bible Study

“He Chose The Nails” will be coming soon. This is a Max Lucado classic written to touch our hearts in many ways. Here is a description of the study:

“Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. These gifts came not wrapped in paper but in passion. They were not placed around a tree but around a cross. They were not covered with ribbons but sprinkled with the blood that Christ shed on our behalf.

In this five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow. The nails that tore his flesh. The seamless robe that he removed for us. The empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death. The hill of the cross is rich with the gifts of God’s grace. These were gifts he didn’t have to give. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet God did so much more. So, as we unwrap these gifts, we need to pause and listen for his voice. As we do, perhaps we will hear him whisper, ‘I did it just for you.’”

The dates are 2/20 through 3/20 from 10 to 11:30 AM in Room 100. Study Guides are \$10 and will be used with a DVD showing each week. Please see Norris or Linda Tingle to order a guide and reserve your seat. Bring your morning beverage and see how the hill of the cross is rich with the gifts of God’s grace— You won’t want to miss it!

MEN OF OREMS



The Men of Orem will be meeting
on February 22nd at 7 p.m.



**Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the
MOO (Men of Orem)**

Join us on Saturday, March 24th

from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9
for Adults and \$4 for Children 5 to 10
years old. Menu: Salad, bread, drinks,
Spaghetti, Meatballs and dessert!
Come support the Men of Orem for
the Cemetery Fund and have a great
night!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women better known as UMW would like to invite ALL women in the church to join our group attend our meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 7th. **Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries. Our March meeting will be held on March 7th. Please mark your calendar**

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 is February 11th. Please wear Red to support the UMW.

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on Tues, Feb 27th 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.



NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you very much for opening your church to us after the funeral of our grandmother Christine Johnson. Your generosity and Hospitality brightened a difficult day. The food was delicious especially the green

beans and the cole slaw. Best we have ever had!

Thanks again,
The Kinling Family

Dear Orem's Church

We received your donation of Girl Scout cookies, Men's clothing, and Hygiene supplies

and we cannot be more grateful. Each act of kindness is crucial to overcoming homelessness.

Thanks again
From our staff, volunteers and the homeless men of your community, thank you for caring.
Sincerely yours



Patrick Dickerson,
Executive Director
Churches for
Streets of Hope,

Angel Tree—Thank you so much for once again including our school community in your Holiday Outreach this year! Your kindness and generosity ensured that one of our families had a very Merry Christmas. Please know that your continued support of Glenmar Elementary students and their families is sincerely appreciated.
Jessica Platt,
School Counselor

Our School is very grateful for the generosity shown to our students by Orem's United Methodist Church. Thank you so much for including us in the Angel Tree program again this year. Guidance Office, Martin Boulevard Elementary School

Angel Tree Program— A great big Thanks for all your help in making this a great Christmas for one of our families. God Bless your congregation,
Janet Newman, Victory Villa Elementary

Angel Tree and Orem's Church

Words cannot express how thankful I am for your generous gifts and food to our family at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is what the true spirit of the Holiday season is about. You deserve so much more than a thank you. Your help meant the world to me and to the families of Orem's School.

Because of you,
some children were
able to have a
WONDERFUL Christmas.
Much Gratitude,

Dawn Boudier,
School Counselor,
Orem's Elementary

