



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

January 2018

Special points of interest:

Jan 1 OFFICE CLOSED

- 3 UMW
- 4 Keenagers
- 6 Hall Closet Thrift
- 7 Sunday School and Communion Service
- 9 Sarah Circle
- 11 Lunch Bunch
- 15 Rachel Circle
- Martin Luther King Jr program and Dinner
- 17 Chick Fil A Night Choir
- 18 Admin Council
- 23 Ladies Luncheon
- 24 Choir
- 25MOO

Please see calendar page for all events:

Sunday School

Pre K to Adults 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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Celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr



January 15, 2018 at 6 to 8 p.m. we will gather at Orems Fellowship Hall with other area churches to celebrate at the Second Annual East Baltimore County Interdenominational Celebration of the vision and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A program of Word and Songs of Justice and Peace, will begin with a Supper and "Soul Food Tasting." Sponsored by Orems United Methodist and Chase United Methodist Church. There will be combined choirs, a special reading for Children, and other surprises. Please join us on Jan 15th at 6 pm for this unique event. Let freedom ring!

Epiphany is observed on January 6th.



Dear Church-

Winter has arrived and let's all stay warm and cozy as we start a new year. I hope you enjoyed our Christmas Music and the Christmas cantata "Walk in the Light".

Our Choir enjoyed presenting it to you and we were so blessed to have Paul Binko join us for the performance and rehearsals as accompanist.

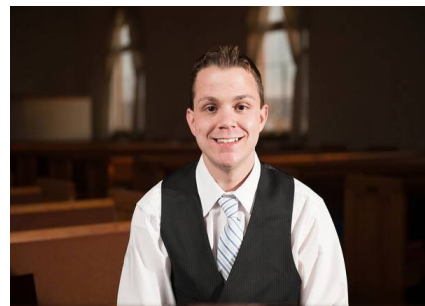
Our Christmas Eve services were enhanced this year with Trombone, Trumpet, Flute, Organ and Piano. Many of you have spoken to me about how much you enjoy the extra musicians in our Worship celebrations for special Sundays. If you would like to contribute financially to have more opportunities for additional musicians, please remember the Music fund when giving a Memorial or in honor of a loved one. Or contact me directly to ensure we have Brass, piano / organ duets, and other musical opportunities at Orem's Church.

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 can not 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. Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Ben Boellner, Bboellner1992@gmail.com

Director of Music and Organist



Altar Flowers grace our altar and enhance our worship. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, sign up on the Flower Chart that will be in the Narthex by mid December. Flowers Are \$35 and can be paid in cash or check to Orem's Church.

Please notify the church office if you have specific flower or color requests at least 2 weeks before your date. Also remember to give the office your flower dedication for the bulletin at least 2 weeks before the date.

Thank you for helping to beautify our worship space .

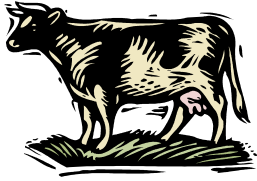
KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

We will meet on January 4th in the fellowship hall for lunch and devotions. Bring a sandwich or snack. Drinks will be provided.

Hope to see you there! Judy Tolbert



MOO NEWS



The MEN OF OREMS will meet on January 25th.

The Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MOO to raise money for the care of Orem's Cemetery will take place March 24th. Tickets will be available the end of January.

The MOO will be meeting the fourth Thursday of each month.

Lunch Bunch is held on Thursday January 11th at 12 noon at Endy's restaurant in Middlesex Shopping center. If you plan to attend, please call the Church office by Tuesday Jan 9th. Thank you!



From Your Pastor

Happy New Year Orem's,

As we begin this new year let us look back on 2017 with joy, being grateful for where God has brought us, and hopeful in what God will continue to do with us, and for us, in 2018.

Looking back on 2017 we achieved much. One of our greatest joys, okay one of my greatest joys, was having the 24-7 prayer room set up. In the prayer room we prayed for one solid week during August and God showed up in that room. Then we did it again and prayed during the first week of Advent in December and God again met us there. It was awesome! I am so grateful for all of you who prayed, set up the rooms, and provided snacks and other materials for all of us. The best part is that we now have a dedicated prayer room that folks can use year round. What a joy it has been to share the prayer room with so many of you! I look forward to hearing more stories of answered prayer from the prayers prayed in that room in 2018!

Thinking about the present time, I am so grateful for God being with us and bringing us to this time and day. We made it another year and our church is doing well. Let's just take a moment to be thankful for all that God has brought us to. All of the events, the thrift shop Saturdays, the dinners, the services, the Sunday school, the capital projects, and even all of the meetings. Oh yes, God brought us through the meetings! Seriously though, God has given us so much to be thankful for and has brought us through another wonderful year at Orem's United Methodist Church where we have truly impacted the community and the world by living God's Word through actions and example! I am grateful!

Finally, as we look forward let us be hopeful for what God has in store for Orem's in 2018. We have a new mission statement that I pray will guide our thoughts, actions, and spiritual growth in 2018. Orem's Church's mission statement is now simple, concise, and Christ's commandment for his disciples. Orem's mission, as approved through Charge Conference, is now simply to "Love God and love our neighbors." I pray that the simplicity of this statement impacts how we act as a church and I trust that God will use this statement to direct all that we do and all that God wants us to become.

I thank God for all of you and will continue to keep you in prayer in 2018. I am joyful, grateful, and hopeful for what God is calling us to and I look forward to walking with you all on the journey that God has laid out for us this year. Let us run the race well. Let us run the race together expecting that God has already gone before us and is paving the way.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris

Food Pantry News

We were able to provide 10 families with Christmas baskets along with the Angel Tree gifts, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation.

Our food pantry will not be stocking up for winter. As we are working to deplete our stock in preparation of the flooring be replaced in our Food pantry room and in the offices. However, we will be asking for Gift cards to Grocery stores to help folks who come to our food pantry for help. If you can donate \$15 or \$20 cards to area grocery stores it would greatly help our Food Pantry for the next few months.

Your donations of food and money will help keep this mission reaching out to others.

Thanks again

Pixie Faulkner

Food Pantry Coordinator



Winter is here and that can mean snow or ice. We will send out a One call announcement if worship service or

activities are cancelled. If you do not feel comfortable driving in inclement weather, please do not attempt to come to worship. We want everyone to have a safe winter. If you are not on our One Call list, contact the church office to be added to our list.

Have you recently moved, will be moving soon or changed your phone number?

The office is preparing the 2018 phone directory for our congregation and we would like to have addresses and phone numbers up to date. Please notify the office if your address has changed since August of 2017.



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. **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices. These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.**

Angel Tree Mission



We were able to help 30 children from 10 families in the Middle River Area. These families were thrilled that we cared enough to help them enjoy a wonderful Christmas. There were joyful tears and lots of smiles as they picked up the gifts and food baskets. Thanks to everyone who sponsored a child, to those who took more than one, to those who gave generously for our last minute shopping.

Love to all,

Vicki Borreson

Angel Tree Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP – JANUARY 2018 – BEACON



The image is a symbol of the Roman god Janus, where the name January came from. Janus was considered to govern transitions, among other things. We adopted it to represent looking back at the past year and forward to the coming year.

A parallel can also be drawn to this image when we consider what we accomplished last year and our expectations for that which is coming. How well did we do with our time, talent and treasures as regarding our Church? Perhaps January is a good time to think on these things.

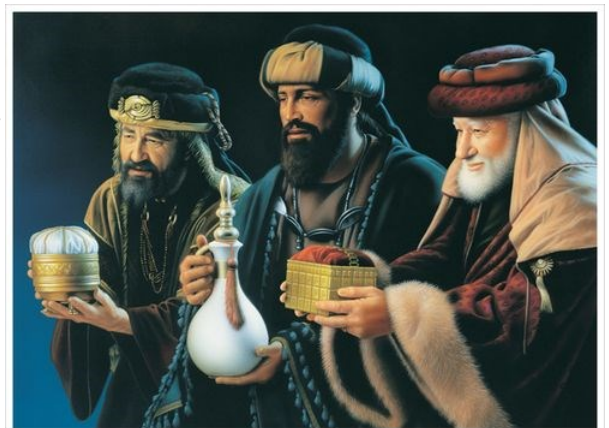
Resolutions? If we keep them, that would usually be a miracle of sorts. Resolutions seem made to be broken...not intentionally, you understand. It seems to be the way of humanity. We tend to set our goals too high, and those resolutions go by the wayside.

Resolving to use our time, talent and treasures in a better fashion is a good thought. Not an easy one. If we can share our treasures or at least, keep them the same, that is a great and worthy thing. On the other hand, if we sit on our hands when our time and talent is needed, we should rethink those activities.

2018 will be a Happy New Year! When we step into this New Year, let us remember the call of our Church for service in Christ's great command to make Disciples by sharing the Good News.

Truly worthy—and ultimately, rewarding!
Norris W. Tingle, Jr. - Chair

The Wise Men brought Gold to the King of Kings, Frankincense to the Highest of Priests and Myrrh to the Sacrificial Lamb and they worshipped the child that is God's greatest gift of love to us.



Streets of Hope Meal team

Orems meal team is providing dinner for the Streets of Hope (SOH) men's homeless shelter on the 3rd Sunday of each month through March 2018.

Monetary donations for food purchases would be greatly appreciated.

For monetary donations, please place cash or check in an envelope marked "MEALS FOR STREETS OF HOPE." Make checks payable to Orems UMC. Envelopes will be collected on Sundays through March 2017.

If you have any questions, or would like to help serve and fellowship with the men at the shelter or would like to contribute meals ; contact one of our SOH Meal team: Madeline Kikola, or Kathy Egner, Or call the church office 410-687-9483.

Hall Closet Thrift Shop

The year 2017 was a very good year. We closed out the year with the total sales of \$17,899.00 This is \$2230.00 more than 2016 sales.

We thank everyone who donated to our shop as well as the shoppers.

Also a very BIG THANK YOU to the volunteer staff that makes all this run smoothly—Pat Robertson, Dottie Lay, Nikki Hart, Vicki Metzger, Heather O' Carroll, Sara Beth Dulina, Merlyn Campbell, Lisa Hoerger, Kathy Egner, Pat Foard and Susan Winkler. Also thanks to Merle Clough for the Friday set ups.

Our thrift shop continues to accept donations of men, women and children clothing, linens and bedding, books, toys, shoes, jewelry, and household goods.

The monthly sale day has been a very successful contributions to the church general budget and is also a great way to reach out to our community.

Our next two open days are Jan 6th and February 3rd. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are two shopping rooms and hallways with many bargains. Come join us on our next shopping day.

In the Lords service

Linda Hall

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.



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. At this time, the center is in great need of monetary donations as well. This center does such good work, please consider donating. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.



United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 3rd 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:

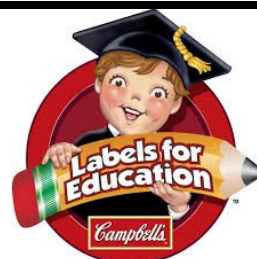
“United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is: To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, To develop a creative supportive fellowship and To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

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.



February Newsletter Deadline is January 15th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at



Don't forget to collect those labels from Campbell's Soup and other food products. Look for the Campbell's Soup label collection bin in the hallway. The Box Tops will be donated to the Board of Childcare mission.

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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. If you are not currently receiving the messages, contact the church office so that we can put you in our system.

Guidelines for use of One Call Now System

The One Call Now system will be used to:

1. Announce meetings and activities happening at the church or an activity connected to the Church that is happening elsewhere. (such as Orem's members serving a meal at a homeless shelter, etc)
2. Alert members to cancellation of church services, meetings or activities due to weather or other circumstances.
3. Announce the death of a member or regular attendee to Orem's, or a friend of the congregation if the family requests it.



2018 Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you would like offering envelopes and you are not on our list, please notify the church office at 410-687-9483 and we can have envelopes available for you.

2018

Administrative Board



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