



June 2018

Special points of interest:

- 2 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
- 3 Communion Service
- 5 Sarah Circle
- 6 UMW meeting
- 7 Keenagers
- 10 Farewell Luncheon
- 12 Needlebees
- 14 Lunch Bunch
- 15 Newsletter deadline
- 18 Rachel Circle
- 25 Girl Scout day camp
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- Ladies Fellowship Lunch
- Needlebees
- 28 MOO

Please see calendar page for all events:

8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers
Class, Sunday Worship Service
10 a.m.

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OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

Pastor Chris's last Sunday to preach is June 10th. The Farewell Luncheon for the Dembeck Family will be June 10th following the worship service. A headcount is needed by June 2nd. Please let us know what you would like to bring for the luncheon or if you can help with setting up, cleaning up or serving to make this day a success. In the event you missed the form, please feel free to call the church office at 410-687-9483.

PRAYER WEEK - We will hold a 24/6 prayer event beginning on June 3rd to June 8th. We will focus on prayer for our new Pastor, Rev. Dr. Gail L. Button, for our congregation and for the future of Orems Church. We will also pray for Pastor Chris and his new church and his family as they make this move. We will begin on June 3rd by commissioning the Prayer week following the morning worship service. We encourage everyone to sign up for a time slot alone or as a group to begin this new phase of Orems history. There is a chart in the Narthex or you can sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2ISrshQ>, or call the church office -410-687-9483.



NEW MEMBERS were received by transfer and through Confirmation in May. Kenny Keys joined us through Baptism, Sara Hoch transferred from Essex United Methodist Church and the 2018 Confirmation Class Received into Full membership at Orems on May 20th **Benjamin Andrew Eney, Ryan Kyle Miller, Hailey Rose Wallingford**. Congratulations to all our new members and their families and may God richly bless you as you continue your Faith journey.

Think about Our Scripture Theme for 2018– Live it! Our theme is
“Love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.”

DEAR MEMBERS OF OREMS

Where has the time gone? Summer has arrived.
Summer music begins on May 27th. If you want to sing or play, Sign up sheet is on the Music Room door.
Thanks to all who contributed. WE CAN USE MORE!
A special concert calendar will be distributed in August.



Have a most relaxing summer and we will regroup in September!

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

As always- Remember **GOD FIRST** and **GO O's**

In His name, Ben Boellner,

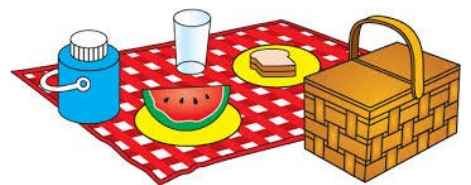
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KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

The Keenagers will have their annual picnic luncheon on Thursday, June 7th at 11:30. I will be handing out reminders of what you signed up for the first Sunday of June. We would love to have any new members join us at any one of our meetings. It is open to anyone age 50 and older. I am looking forward to seeing you all in June. Our July meeting will be on the 19th of July due to the holiday. Remember, to bring your lunch and a drink. We will provide water and our dessert will be our Ice Cream social. Thanks, Judy Tolbert



The Summer Newsletter Deadline is June 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

A Word From Our Pastor

Greetings Orems,

I am looking forward to celebrating our season in ministry together on Sunday June 10th. As much as I look forward to the celebration, I also know that it will be a difficult day knowing that it will be the last time that I will be with you all. I write those words in sadness, in joy, and with great expectation for what will be with Orems.



The sadness is obvious. You all have been the first church that I have served alongside and I know that there will always be a special place in my heart for Orems. It has been such a blessing to be with you all in this season and I have truly treasured the relationships and the growth that God has brought about in each of us. I know it will be hard to go from being your pastor to being your former pastor.

At the same time, I am joyful! Joyful of what we have accomplished here in our time together. These accomplishments range from spiritual growth, our 40 day spiritual challenges, to establishing the prayer room in the education hall, completing successful capital projects, to the new members who have joined over the years, and the veteran members who have gone deeper with God. Of course anyone can look back on life and say I wish we would have done this or that, but I am joyful for what we have done and hopeful of what is to come for Orems.

Which leads to my final point (you didn't know you would be getting a three-point sermon in the newsletter did you?) I look forward with great expectation of what is to come for Orems. I have seen bridges built, healing truly begin to be solidified, and am hopeful for a bright future for this church. It won't be bright because any of you are special, or because your next pastor will be special, even though I am sure both are and will be true, but I see a bright future for Orems because God is in control and leading the way. I am expecting to see great things come from Orems in the years to come and I look forward to reading and hearing about all that God is continuing to do in this wonderful and historic church.

So I'm sad, but joyful, and certainly expectant. I have been so grateful to be your pastor, but now I look forward to the honor of entering into the history of this church as one of your former pastors. I will miss you all, but I know that in Christ we are forever united.

In love and thanksgiving,

Pastor Chris



First Aid and CPR training class. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that staff be certified for CPR and First Aid. We

would like some members to also be trained in case of an emergency at a meeting or worship service. The class at Orem's Church will be June 11th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, the cost is \$50 per person. Call the office to register at 410-687-9483.

LITTLE FEET Little Feet will be collecting school supplies for the 4 local schools along with socks, and underwear sizes 6 to 14 for boys and girls, elastic waist pants sizes small through extra large and new or gently used shoes and Winter coats. **The list of school supplies** will be in the July Newsletter. Till then please consider donating socks and underwear to this mission. If you have any questions, ask Kathy Cunningham. **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway.** **Thank you for your generosity.**

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS The Food Pantry is moving back into place and must replenish the shelves. If you would like to donate a canned good or dry shelf item, we will gladly receive them. A full list of needed items will be in the July/ August newsletter.

Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child—This month we are collecting flashlights and batteries, and socks. Bring the items to the box in the Narthex. July will be Small dolls, cars and trucks, crayons, jump ropes, t shirts and sunglasses. Thanks for your help in supplying for the party. Michele McNeal

Disciples of Yarn

Our records indicate that about one dozen prayer shawls have been distributed during the first three months of 2018. In April there were 41 prayer shawls blessed on the altar and 15 of them found their way to those in need. The needs of the congregation continue to be met by those who prepare the shawls. We are blest to have each newly created shawl as it is completed for this mission. Many thanks to those who support our mission with their talent, material, and monetary contributions.



Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as we continue throughout the rest of the year.

Blessings to all, Dottie Daiger

NEEDLEBEES If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our group. Next meeting is June 12th and 26th at 6:30 p.m. in room 100



MOO — **MEN OF** **OREMS**

The Men of Orem will be meeting on June 28th at 7 p.m. We started our Pit Beef and Pit Ham sandwich

sales in April—and will continue weather permitting on Thrift Shop day till October.



HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Our Hall of Fame group has to add a new “Elite Group” member. Jacob Conn will be 90 on June 15th. Remember him in your prayers or by sending a card. We wish him good health as he celebrates this special milestone. Please continue to alert me for any members approaching this “90” group.

Love to all,
Mildred Shephard



Children's Nursery is Open!

The nursery is available to parents of children who are 5 years old or younger. It is currently staffed by volunteers from the congregation. There is ample play space and a changing table. The space is just under the Sanctuary and easily accessible via the back staircase.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. To volunteer you must either have had a criminal background check or be willing to consent to one. The church intends to hire one nursery attendant by summer. This will still require a minimum of one volunteer from the congregation per Sunday so please consider volunteering so that we can provide this service to our families and friends with young children. Parents are encouraged to provide some volunteer time on occasion as well.

Please stop by and check out the space!



CPC Mission!

The United Methodist Women 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. You may drop off the donations at 442 Eastern Avenue or bring your donations to the Church (**Please have them marked Center for Pregnancy**) and we will see that they are delivered to the Center. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.*

If you have an interest in learning about our Media Presentation for our worship services, we are looking for someone to apprentice to Mike Walters. Contact the Church office about this unique opportunity.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To my friends at Orem's Church, I would like to shout "Thank You!" to all of my family friends at Orem's Church. After my fall, you gathered around me. I could feel your love and concern as Pastor Chris prayed. Thank you for staying and praying even after I left the church. I am much better now.

Thank you for all of the cards, prayers, Pastor Chris's visits and for the loving welcome you give me each Sunday. I am blessed to be a member of Orem's Church.

Love to all, Mildred Shephard

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 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, June 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.

Our One Call Now system sends out reminders 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 it by calling 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

TITHING – GROSS OR NET?

This has been a traditional dispute ever since the IRS started withholding taxes. So let's go back to what a tithe actually is and where it came from. In Genesis, we read that God instructed Abram to give Mechizidek, the high priest of Salem, 10% of the spoils of war that Abram had just won. Then God changed Abram's name to Abraham, and his offspring were blessed by God.

Traditionally from that point, the Hebrews evolved their tithing to 10% of the first fruits (the best, not the worst) of wheat, fruit, cattle, etc. We could consider this Gross, I suppose. Now if the Jews gave monetary gifts (gold, silver and the like) it was not considered first fruits. A Temple Tax was then added to the required giving. That amounted to about 24%.

The Jews did not consider Gentiles to come under such a command. Since that time, tithing has been a flexible concept. Our own John Wesley was simple and direct: "Earn all you can – Save all you can – Give all you can." Whether that added up to 10% wasn't the point.

During the service, our Tithes and Offerings are collected. What's the difference? Tithes are a fixed amount that we give in our envelopes on a consistent basis. Offerings are a portion of unexpected income, such as stock profits, house sale, life insurance or legacy from a deceased member. So, tithes go to the church budget and offerings are above and beyond that. Then we also have Advances. These are envelopes for specific giving to approved causes. Approved? Yes. By the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Gifts of this nature are given at 100% of collections. No administrative charges. This could be Hurricane Relief, Feeding Underserved Children, and other worthy causes.

Bottom line: there are many opportunities for giving and sometimes it seems that the requests are very frequent. So, this all becomes an discussion of priorities. The plate collection of tithes, whatever consistent amount that is, goes to Church operations, keeps the lights, heat and air conditioning on, along with payroll of staff. Approximately 89% of our tithes stay with the Church. Approximately 11%, called Apportionments go to the Baltimore Washington Conference. This supports the Administrative and Program Staff of the Conference, which in turn supports us.

Clear? Possibly not, but remember the first and best priority is our own Church and its needs. Offerings and gifts beyond that are optional. Optional, as we have been blessed by God. Therefore, that giving is as each of us is called to give. Pastor Chris has repeatedly reminded us of this. Reread Wesley's quote above. It's a good way to look at giving.

Norris Tingle - Stewardship



We honor our Class of 2018 Graduates from all levels of schooling and extend the Lord's blessings on each of them as they take the next step into their future.

MAKENZIE BEARD from Fallston High School received the Alfred C. O'Connell Honor Scholarship. Plans to attend Harford Community College in September. She is the daughter of Bonnie and Tracy Beard, Granddaughter of Carol Waters.

JACOB BIEBL from Mt. Vernon High School in Kennewick, Washington. He will be attending the Mt Vernon Community College in the Fall. He is the grandson of Gloria and Dennis Asbury.

CODY BRONUSHAS from Coastal Carolina University with a degree in Intelligence and National Security Studies with a minor in History. He is the son of Dawn and John Bronushas and grandson of John and Charlotte West.

JONATHAN CHARLES McNEAL from Kenwood High School on June 7. Jon has been working at Oakcrest Retirement Village for about two years. During his senior year, he attended CCBC, taking credits toward his AA degree. Jon's summer plans include working and traveling. In the fall he will be attending CCBC-Essex. He is the son of Michele & George McNeal, III. Grandson of Sandra & George McNeal, Jr and Great-Grandson of Cynthia and Garland Shaw. Michele & George would like to thank our church family and friends for nurturing Jonathan in the Christian Faith.

ALLISON SOUTHWICK from Notre Dame of Maryland University with a Masters degree in Math Instructional Leader. She is a first grade teacher at Edgemere Elementary School. She is the winner of the Dundalk Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Teacher Award for Elementary School. She is the daughter of Karen & Vernon Southwick and granddaughter of Mildred Shephard.

ELLEN SHEPHARD from Muhlenberg College in PA with a Bachelor of Science degree as Cum Laude. Her major was Neuroscience and a minor Mathematics. Ellen is teaching autistic children behavior modification in York PA. In 2019 she will begin her Graduate Work. She is the daughter of Cindy and Ken Shephard and granddaughter of Mildred Shephard.