



MARCH 2018

Special points of interest:

- 1 Keenagers
- Trustee meeting
- 3 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
- Girl Scout Tea
- 4 Communion Service
- 5 Lent evening study
- 6 Lent daytime study
- 7 UMW
- Choir
- 8 Lunch Bunch
- 9 Scarf Making
- 10 Thrift shop meeting
- 11 Last day order Flowers
- 12 Lent evening Study
- 13 Lent Daytime Study
- Needlebees
- 15 Admin Council
- Newsletter deadline
- 19 Rachel Circle
- Lent Evening study
- 20 Lent Daytime Study
- 22 Men of Orem
- 24 Spaghetti Dinner
- 26 Lent Evening Study
- 27 Ladies Luncheon
- Lent Daytime Study
- Needlebees

Please see calendar page for all events:

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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OREMS BEACON

Orem United Methodist Church March 2018

Mission for Board of Child Care—A donation of fleece was given to Needlebees to make scarves. We invite you to join us on Friday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 100 to assemble fleece scarves to give to the Youth at the Board of Child Care for next Winter. No special skills are required for this task. Bring Fabric Shears if you have them. Come learn how to make a fleece scarf and join in the fellowship and with the knowledge that your work will be helping another.



Each year, the United Methodist Women collect Shampoo/Body wash to send to the Board of Child Care in Baltimore, to assist youth being helped by that organization with basic hygiene needs. During Lent, Orem is sponsoring a church-wide collection of shampoo and body wash for Board of Child Care. You can drop off your new shampoos and body wash March 4th-March 18th in the box in the entryway of the sanctuary. Or, if you would rather donate money, place the money in one of the white envelopes in the pew and mark the envelope: "BCC Collection." Please consider giving as you are able and if you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Eisely or Margaret Eney for further information.



Spaghetti Dinner

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 \$8 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!

Our Mission Statement is:

"To love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves."

Our Scripture for this year:

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**



Dear Church

Ready or not Easter is coming. We have very special music for Holy week and more importantly Resurrection Sunday. We will have the choir singing in addition to some special musicians.



Please Stay tuned to the bulletin and newsletter -for music news and updates. Neat things are coming in the spring. There will be an Organ and Piano Concert n May. More details in next month's newsletter.

The CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses at 7 pm on Wednesdays and sings most every Sunday, Holy day and special occasions. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome. Music reading is NOT a requirement.

The Choir will be presenting "The Seven Last Days" as part of the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday, March 30th at 7 pm. Please join us for this meaningful service.

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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**April Newsletter Deadline is MARCH 15th,
if you have an information for our newsletter,
please drop it off to the office or
Email: oremsumc@verizon.net**

KEENAGERS

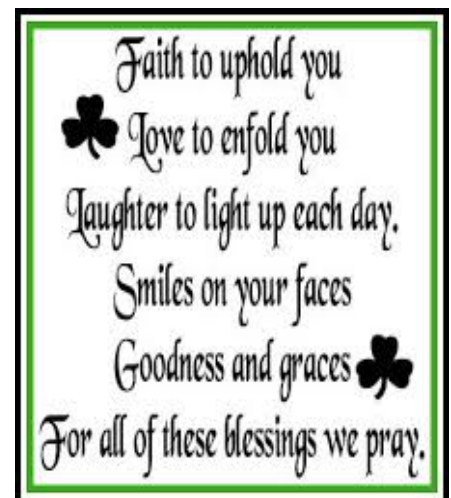
(fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Please join us for lunch and devotions.

We supply the drink and dessert. We will meet on March 1st at 11:30 a.m.

Hope to see you there!

Judy Tolbert



A Word From Our Pastor

Greetings Orems,

I hope the weather is warming up as you read this and you are having a powerful Lenten season.

As many of you know by now our Bishop has appointed me to a new church, Halethorpe-Relay UMC, as of July 1. Laura and I are excited for the new adventure, but sad to leave Orems. You all have been such a blessing to Laura, the kids, and I and we are eternally grateful to God to being able to walk with you these last few years and we love you all. It has been such a joy and we will never forget your encouragement, support, and love, but there will be more time for goodbyes in the coming months.



I say all of that, but also need to point out that we still have a few months left together which means we have work to do. I know that there are concerns for who the next pastor will be. Change is hard and I know you have had your fair share of change over the recent years, but I don't want you to worry. To paraphrase the Apostle Paul: "Don't worry but in everything offer prayers and supplication to God" for those involved in the process of finding Orems' next pastor. Please pray for Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Wanda Duckett, and for the pastor, whoever he or she may be. Praying for the incoming pastor is part of the work that we need to do together as we prepare for their coming in July.

I ask you, in the name of Jesus to join me in prayer for each of these folks and for Orems. I earnestly believe that they are each praying right now for discernment and God's leading. God is working in this situation and through this process, just as God did in bringing our family here in 2014, and as much as we trust God we need to trust this process too. God has good things in store for Orems, and we can each be part of it and it all begins with prayer.

With that said, please join me in praying for our Bishop, our DS, and your new pastor and if you are worried, pray. If you are happy, pray. If you aren't sure, pray. God has got this situation, God will take care of Orems, and God is going to take care of you. Keep trusting God. God loves you.

It's time to work, so let's pray.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our food pantry will be closed for renovations during April and part of May. We will give out gift cards to area grocery stores when a call comes for a need of Food during that time. If you would like to donate \$10 or \$20 gift cards to the Food pantry we would greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you for your generous support of this mission.

Pixie Faulkner
Food Pantry Chair

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

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

One Call Now System is used to send out reminders and announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. Sometimes a call will experience a glitch and not leave a message or If you miss the message for some reason; you can replay the message by calling toll free 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message played for you.

Disciples of Yarn

The winter months seem to take a toll on all of us and the prayer shawls are no exception. There were 6 prayer shawls given out in February for those in need. Also, a large bag of baby hats was provided to the Franklin Square Women's Center in the later part of January. We continue to create prayer shawls at our Needlebees meetings and at home.

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 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 13th and March 27th at 6:30 p.m. in room 100 beside the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MARCH 2018
STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

In this Season of Lent, there's an example of Stewardship we might not even think about: Jesus Christ himself.

Jesus was on the earth for a total of 33 years, but only 3 of those years were about his ministry. The other 30 years are subjects of speculation and guesswork. Nothing is really recorded—that we know of. We know that Jesus worked as a carpenter with Joseph in Nazareth. We assume he was a normal child, excepting perhaps the time he was at the Temple, aged 12 as the Bible tells us.

Now, some current pundits have suggested what happened to Jesus. Some of the movies presented by Hollywood over the years have glamorized different pictures of him, but only as imagined by people who do that sort of thing for a living. The Last Temptation of Christ comes to mind—really??

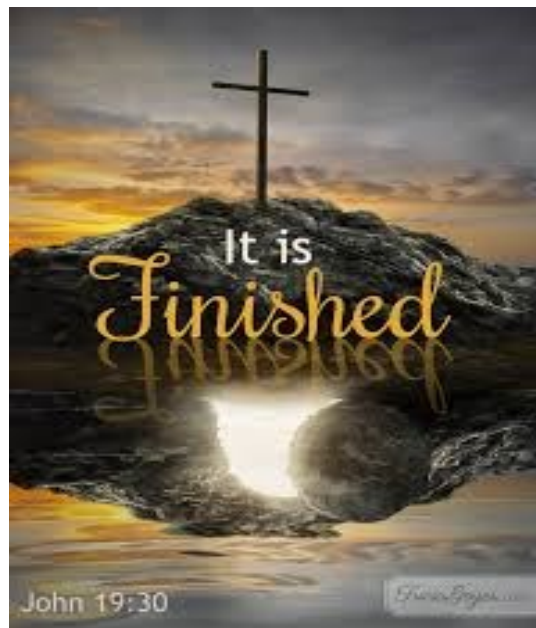
However, only 3 years were spent in ministry. Doing what? Changing the world! That world was a lot smaller then and if we come forward 20 centuries or so, the effect of that change has multiplied. Could anyone have predicted the effects of Jesus' actions from then until now?

When we consider what Jesus accomplished in 3 short years, might we look inward. Our ages range from very young to truly seasoned seniors. Could we think of a 3 year period of our lives that would dare to compare? The short answer is no! Jesus' time was spent healing the sick—of mind and spirit, training his disciples to follow his teachings, and it didn't matter what time of day or night these things happened. He was the ultimate time management expert. Jesus knew what had to be done because he knew the timeframe he had. When Jesus breathed his last on the cross and said "It is finished", did he mean his life, his mission, or both?

Like the old hymn says: "Sometimes it causes me to wonder" and it should. We should wonder how we take our opportunities to share to Good News in a world that sorely needs to hear it. Any and every opportunity to share what we know to those who don't is precious. We are that river of Saints from generation to generation that carries forward Jesus' admonition to make Disciples of all we meet.

What a Savior!

Norris Tingle - Stewardship



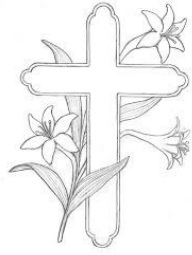
THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Orem's

We would like to thank Orem's church for all of their thoughts and prayers during Leona's recent ill-

ness and passing. A special thank you to Pastor Chris and the Women and men who prepared the wonderful luncheon. It was delicious. Thank you for keeping our family in prayer during this time.

Love from the family of Leona Egner



Dear Orem's Church

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the following people for all of their love and support, thoughts and prayers, cards, viewing attendances, and Memorial Fund Contribution during my niece's illness and after her passing: OUMC, OUMW, OUMC Kitchen Staff, Sarah Circle, Keenagers, and especially, Pastor Chris, Gloria and Dennis Asbury, Terry Alexander, Vicki Borreson, Tammy and Jeff Brown, Diane and Ron Fink, Pat Foard, Fran and Butch Frank, Nikki Hart, Pat Pinning, Joyce and Dave Scarcella, Mildred Shephard, Ruth Shifflett, Isabelle and Bob Sprinkle, Merle Vickers, and Charlotte West.

I will not be attending church or any of its functions until the end of the flu season due to my several auto-immune diseases. When I do return, please do not ask me any questions. Gloria will not have anything to offer either. Please just treat me like this nightmare never happened. It will be easier for me to move on if I can just close this chapter in my life. Thank you for your understanding.

Love,

Pam Daugherty

Help Our Mission!

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns



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.

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. Also they are in need of Similac Advanced Formula in powder form. Thank you for helping.



Dear Disciples of Yarn and Orem's Church,

I want to thank you so much for my Prayer shawl. I love it. I put it on right away when I received it and said a prayer. Thank you again for the lovely gift of comfort.

Love and Prayers,

Edna Rejzek

MEN OF OREMS

The MOO will be meeting on March 22nd for next meeting. Don't forget to support our Spaghetti Dinner on March 24th. Also our Pit beef sales will begin in April on Thrift Shop Saturdays till late fall.

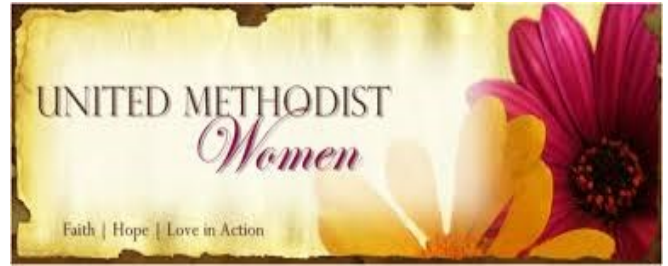


Happenings at Back River UMC Annual Fishing Flea Market March 3rd from 8 am to 1 pm.

Breakfast and lunch items will be available to purchase. Then On March 14th, Back River UMW is having a presentation on Fraud Prevention and Protecting Personal Data at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend. And finally on March 24th from 8 am to 2 pm there will be a Craft/ Vendor event. Homemade crafts and vendors (such as Avon, Pampered Chef, and Tupperware) will be on site. There will be a baked goods table and breakfast and lunch items will be available for purchase.

Concert series begins April 21st with the Kramers at 7 p.m.

Come out to these events to support our sister Church.



Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 7th 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.gbqm-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."

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on Tues, March 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.

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.



March 30, 2018 at 7 pm

What is Tenebrae?

What is a Tenebrae service?"

The word *Tenebrae* is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." It can also be translated as "night" or "death." The Tenebrae service is an ancient tradition in Christian history that took place on one of the last three days of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday. The purpose of this service was to remember the somber events that occurred in Jesus' life from the exuberant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the night of Jesus' [burial](#) on Good Friday.

The most distinctive aspect of the service is the use of a Tenebrae "hearse," a holder for several lit candles. The flames of these candles are extinguished one by one as Scripture readings are shared to tell the story of Holy Week. This gradual descent into gloom is a representation of Jesus' increasing sorrow as the events of Passion Week unfolded. After the last verse is read, the last candle is put out, and the room is plunged into darkness.

A loud noise may be sounded in the blackness, such as the violent closing of a book, to represent the closing of Christ's tomb. At this point, another lit candle, which has been hidden from view, is put at the top of the hearse, symbolizing Christ's resurrection. The service ends, and the participants are traditionally expected to leave in contemplative silence.

Join us Good Friday as our Choir presents a Tenebrae service in word and song.