



September 2017

Special points of interest:

- Sept 2 Memorial
- Sept 3 Communion
- Sept 4 Office Closed
- Sept 6 UMW meeting
- Girl Scout Cookie training
- Sept 7 Keenagers
- Finance
- Sept 9 Hall Closet Thrift
- Shop and Pit beef
- Sept 10 Rally Day Breakfast
- Worship
- Sept 11 Prayer Room meeting
- Sept 12 Sarah Circle
- 13 Choir rehearsal
- Sept 14 Lunch Bunch
- Sept 17 Sunday school
- and Worship
- Sept 18 Rachel Circle
- Sept 20 Choir
- Sept 21 Admin Board
- Sept 24 Sunday school
- Worship
- Soup & Salad
- Sept 26 Ladies Fellowship
- Sept 27 Choir
- Sept 28 MOO
- Sept 30 Craft Fair

Sunday School all ages

8:45 a.m.

Worship Service 10 a.m.

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OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

**COME TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
REGISTRATION BREAKFAST AND SEE
WHAT EVENTS ARE PLANNED FOR THIS
YEAR!**

SEPTEMBER 10TH 8:30 a.m.

Bring the whole family!

Classes are held on Sunday Mornings

8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

For More info. call the Church office 410-687-9483

The first day of Sunday School classes will be Sunday, September 17th. We begin at 8:45 and end at 9:45 a.m. We have classes starting from age 4 to adults.

The start of school will be here before we know it. School can be a difficult time for both children, teachers, parents and their care givers, please keep them in your prayers.



Sunday School is Cool



SOUP & SALAD

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

Immediately following Church Service (11:30am)

\$7.00 for Adults

\$4.00 Children 10 & under

Includes:

Choice of Soup

(Chicken Noodle or Vegetable Beef)

Garden Salad

Drink & Dessert



DEAR MEMBERS OF OREMS

Here we go! Orem Music will be running at FULL TILT starting September 13th. Please see the article below.

We have many exciting plans musically for Orem Church. Have you ever considered joining a choir? Well it's time to try new things. If you have been thinking about joining our choir either the ***Chancel Choir*** that sings throughout the year at worship (every Sunday) or the ***Sanctuary Choir*** that sings our Christmas Cantata and other holy days (As needed basis) now is the time to take the plunge and give us a try.



Is singing important in the life of the Church? Here is what God's Word says about singing:

[Psalm 100:1-2](#) Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

[Psalm 95:1-2](#) Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[Psalm 147:1](#) Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

If you even have a remote thought about joining, September is your chance. We are just getting back in the groove. We are a relaxed fun group. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 in the sanctuary. All I ask is that you are 18 or older and come with a positive attitude. We supply the rest.

Please stay tuned for the music brochures, they will have more choir information and the concert series calendar.

Best always and **GO O's**

Ben

Director of Music and Organist



KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on September 7th at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a sandwich or snack and gather with us for lunch and devotions. We are busy making plans for the fall and some plans for holiday get-togethers. Hope to see you there! Judy Tolbert



Greetings Orems,

This past month we did what many thought was crazy: we prayed as a church, 24 hours a day for an entire week. From Sunday July 30th through Sunday August 6th, we prayed for our families, our church, the Middle River and Essex communities, the United Methodist Church, the Christian Church, the state of Maryland, the United States, and all the world! Of course this list does not include everything and everyone prayed for in that room, but it is a snippet of the prayers offered up to the Lord.

Of course, we also prayed for revival and direction. Where should Orems be spending its time, its money, its effort? The real question being, where would God lead us? What does God want us to do?

The answer remains to be seen, but I know and trust that God will answer this prayer. I know this because of my experience that Sunday, July 30th. After we began, and commissioned the event outside of the education building I went back to my office to do a few odds and ends before I began my time in the prayer room for the afternoon. As I sat in my study, I couldn't help but feel a real presence of the Holy Spirit. I also couldn't help but know that by launching that prayer room and the 24/7 prayer week, we had said 'yes' to God and had set something in motion that couldn't be stopped. I don't know what that is yet, but the God of the universe does and I trust in due time, we will be let in on a glimpse of what is to come.

So be encouraged Orems! We have prayed for an entire week, 24/7, and many of us have already experienced answers to our prayers, but I still believe the best is yet to come.

Until next time,

Pastor Chris

The 24/7 Prayer week was a wonderful opportunity for people to pray about Orems Church, the community, the Christian church and the world. If you were a participant then you know how precious that time was. Many have shared the hope that we can continue to have a room available for prayer at Orems Church. There will be a meeting on September 11th at 7 p.m. to discuss this possibility.



Charge Conference is now called Church Conference. What is the difference? At a Charge Conference –all members of the church may attend but only Administrative Board members can vote. A Church conference is open to all members of the congregation and all members have a vote. Our Church Conference date is November 18th at 9 a.m. Please mark the date on your calendar.



FLOWERS for the Altar: if you have signed up for flowers for the altar please remember that the dedication for the bulletin should be sent to the office at least one week in advance of your date. Check the chart in the entryway of the sanctuary for any open spaces. Flowers are \$35 and check is made out to Orem's Church. Thank you.

MOO NEWS

The MEN OF OREMS will be meeting the fourth Thursday of September —Sept. 28th at 7 pm. They will be holding Pit Beef sandwich sales on September 9th. These sandwiches are a delicious way to help with funding the many projects around the church. Thanks to all who support this fundraising activities.



Thanks to everyone who attended the Pit Beef Picnic. It was a great evening of delicious food and delightfully good time.

The Men of Orem's was formed 5 years ago as a group for fellowship of men in the church. The men decided their purpose would be to "Get Things Done" around the church. And in 6 years they have accomplished a good many things. Just to name a few of the things that our MOO have provided: They have raised the money and purchased tables and chairs for the fellowship hall, had the water valves repaired, help pay for floor tiles and paint, and oil tanks replaced for the Sanctuary and the office and each year they raise money to pay for the mowing of our cemetery and church lawns. Thank you MOO for your loving care of Orem's.



STREETS OF HOPE- Orem's will be preparing and serving meals to the men of SOH the **third Sunday of each month** beginning November through April 15, 2018. Volunteers will be needed. Monetary donations for meals, snacks, desserts, and beverages are very much welcomed and appreciated.

Orem's serving schedule: 11/19/17, 12/17/17, 01/21/18, 02/18/18, 03/18/18 and 04/15/18. Please spread the word!

In His Service, Madeline Kikola

Hall Closet Thrift Shop News

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

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

Our next two open days are September 9th and October 7th. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are two shopping rooms with many bargains and as always the connecting hall area with this months specials. Come join us on our next shopping day. And the Men of Orem's will have their Pit beef and Pit ham sandwiches for sale in September. Shop and stay for lunch!



PRAYER TIME IS ALSO STEWARDSHIP TIME

(Oh yes it is too!)

There are so many hours in a day...24, at last count. And any one of those hours (or more) have been spent in the 24/7 Prayer Room during this past month. That's as much stewardship of time as any other activity at Orem's, perhaps even more so because of its impact on each of us individually. Or even on our Church as a body. One would hope and ...pray!

The biggest challenge in prayer is to block out those voices that play in our heads. The clutter of things to do and things undone can sometimes block out the still silence of our listening. How many folks can resist just a peek at a smartphone during a Church service? Or where we're going to lunch at 11:30? In fact, our service is an act of worship and praise to God and Jesus Christ for their mighty acts on our behalf. A time for corporate prayer and praise.

Private prayer and praise are an individual matter. Could we not take our shoes off in our own home or apartment? Only God could make that ground (or floor) holy. But we must make the ground available in the first place by blocking out all the interference that fills our mind. It's hard to hear that still, small voice with a radio or TV on. We have a wooden plaque that reads "God Wants Full Custody Not Just Sunday Visits".

And we thought Stewardship was just about the monetary gifts. Uhhh...no.

Norris Tingle
Stewardship



Food Pantry News

Our pantry frequently receives requests for food. Unfortunately in this economy many people can not make ends meet till the next paycheck comes in.

If you are able to help us in anyway it would be greatly appreciated. When you are out grocery shopping think of our list and pick up an item or two to help out our Food Pantry.

Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, canned potatoes, jelly, canned mixed vegetables, Canned ravioli.

Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working.

Pixie Faulkner

We received a note from St John's Lutheran Church DR Team—Orems church was able to send \$950.00 to their Dominican Republic Mission Team.

Greeting! Thank you for your wonderful gift of support for our recent mission to the Dominican Republic. We brought God's love through medicines, medical care, children's ministry, food, clothing, shoes, mattresses, and of course our presence and care. Thank you also for sharing Pastor Chris and Laura. They were both exceptionally helpful, not only in the work they did, which was a lot, but in their caring attitudes and team spirit. We were blessed by your gifts of support and their presence. Blessing, Linda Walsh and the DR Team.

DISCIPLES OF YARN

The second quarter of the year has seen an increase in the need for Prayer Shawls. The total number of shawls provided in the months of April, May, and June is 20. I am grateful that, thanks to the work of our loyal contributors, we are able to provide for the needs of the congregation.

We continue to be thankful for the gifts of money and yarn provided by church members and others. Also, an additional bag filled with baby hats from the ladies at Jarrettsville have been provided to the Women's Center at Franklin Square Hospital.

Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as we strive to meet all additional needs.

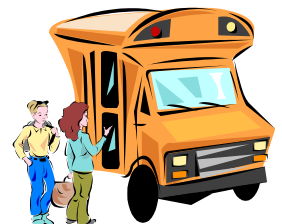
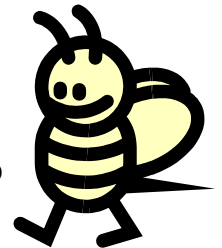
If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. The dates and times for September are Sept. 12th and 26th at 6:30 p.m .

Blessings (and thanks for your prayers and get well wishes as they worked!),

Dottie Daiger

Little Feet

The area schools Nurses Office needs 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. What a great way to start a child in a new school year. **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices. These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.**





IT'S SHOE BOX TIME!!!

We have had a long tradition at Orem's Church of participating in Frank-

lin Graham's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign. This year our campaign will begin with a special video during worship service on October 1st. We hope that you are able to attend worship that morning to view this important message. If you would like to fill a shoe box we have some for you or you may purchase a plastic shoe box and fill it. The shoe boxes may be filled with small toys (no war toys or guns please), crayons, small books, small note books and school supplies, sun glasses, flashlights and batteries, band-aids and pocket size Kleenex, chap stick and gum, tooth brush and hair brush or comb, wash cloth and soap, jump ropes, socks and t shirts.

We will be working until mid November to collect donations. We will have a packing party (date to be set soon) and a blessing of the boxes. So please have your boxes back to Church by that date, once the date is announced. Let's make this year our biggest yet!! Thanks for all your help!

Michele McNeal

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.



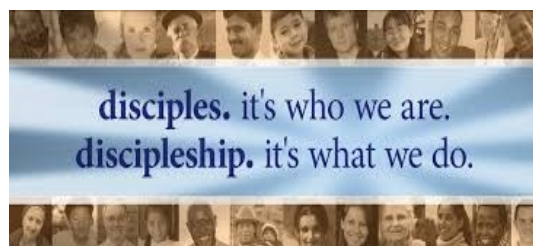
Vacation Bible School News (VBS)

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or attended VBS this year.


We took a trip to Rome to visit Paul. We learned how difficult it was for Paul and other Christians to practice their faith. During the week we also learned how God's Love is a gift, changes us, saves us and is worth sharing.

Our mission this year was Kennedy Krieger Institute. We raised enough money that we were able to donate \$500.

VBS Coordinator
Mary Eisely



Planning Day - We have set aside October 28th to review our goals and set plans for 2018 and beyond. This is a working day for YOUR church. The 24/7 Prayer week began our thinking about the future of Orem's church. Now let's set those dreams and visions into action. Plan to be at this meeting 9 a.m on Saturday Oct. 28th.



Fall Craft Fair

**Saturday,
September 30, 2017
8 am to 2 pm**

**Orems United Methodist Church
1020 Orems Rd., Middle River, MD 21220**

*Pit Beef / Pit Ham
and other Food*

Come Shop from our local Crafters

**Halloween, Thanksgiving &
Christmas Items**

**Holiday crafts & wreaths, Jewelry,
Glass work, Pottery, Artwork,
Handmade scarves, Blankets, etc.
Gifts for Children and Everyone**

*Admission
1\$ Donation or
Canned good for
Church Pantry*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Fall is in the air and it is time for us to start meeting again!

United Methodist Women (UMW) is a group for women in our church. We meet once a month and every woman is invited to attend (you do not need to be a member of the church). We will meet on Wednesday, **September 6th** at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about events that we are planning. Hope to see you at the meeting!

The circles will begin their monthly meetings in September. Sarah circle meets the second Tuesday at 11 am and Rachel circle meets the third Monday at 1 pm. Mary circle date to be determined.

The Baltimore Washington Conference UMW will meet on Sept 23rd at Epworth UM Chapel at 9 am to Noon. Registration forms are available at the church office. Cost is \$10.

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

Pink Bag Lunch

Save the date! The Pink Bag Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. We are planning to order tee shirts for this event. More information will be in the bulletin. Hope to see you there!

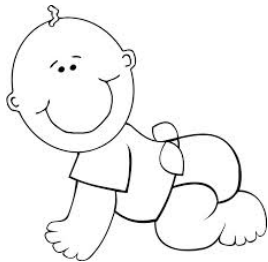
One Call Now System

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.

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. This center survives on monetary and actual donations of goods. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.



October Newsletter Deadline is September 15th. Please have articles turned in to the office by that date.

Thank you

Thank you to the congregation for your outpouring of love to the Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns. Your generous gifts of Similac Advanced was a true blessing. We were completely out of formula. I had not even had time to ask God for help when Linda Hall called to say 'I am dropping off some formula to you today.' God does work in mysterious ways. As I carried the formula down the hall to our cupboard, I said "God I didn't even ask you for this and you provided!" We have an awesome God!

Thanks again for your continued support to help our mothers and babies.

Love and hugs Linda Gossman—Essex CPC

Dear Orems Church

Thank you for the scholarship money. I will be using it this fall!. Also thank you for everyone who has guided me through life.

Love Laurel McNeal

Orems Church

Thank you to everyone for my Birthday wishes and cards. Special thanks to Charlotte West, Debbie Brickus and Fran Frank for the birthday cakes. All of them were delicious. I was royally spoiled for my birthday. Vicki Borreson





Orems United Methodist Church will hold a Craft Fair on Saturday, September 30th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Local crafters will be selling Halloween and Christmas items, as well as jewelry, artwork, handmade cloth items (bags, scarves, blankets, etc.), blown glass, pottery, etc.

The Men of Orems will be selling pit beef and ham, and United Methodist Women will be selling lunch items, drinks and desserts. There will be a \$1.00 fee collected from everyone who attends (under age 10 free) OR a canned good to be donated to the Orems Food Pantry. For more information or to register for a table, call Orems Church office at 410-687-9483.

Thanks, Joyce Serio 410-687-4012

DID YOU KNOW?

If you miss a Sunday Service or would like to hear that great sermon again during the week, you can go to Orems website and listen to Pastor Chris preach his sermon again. It is fun to go back a few weeks and listen or even a few months back.

To access these sermons, go to the website at www.oremsumc.org at the home page click on STAY INFORMED and the word Sermons will pop up. Click on that and a list of sermons will be available by date. Just click on the one you want to hear.



MEMORIAL FUND

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

In memory of:

Michael Biebl given by Charlotte and John West

Dr John S. Heck given by his wife Dottie (Helen) Heck and his family

In Honor of Mildred Shephard

Given by Julia and Chris Papesh

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Yours in Christ,

Madeline Kikola

Memorial Fund Treasurer

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.

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

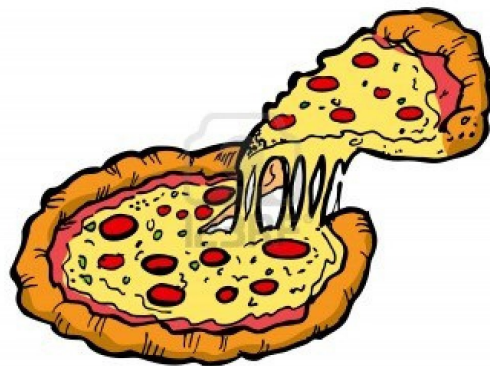


STREETS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER

Have a Bite Night 6: Ledo Pizza
Campbell Blvd.

Monday night, September 18th from 5
pm to 10 pm

Bring the whole family for pizza! We
need your support to make this a
great event for Churches for Streets of Hope!



2nd Annual Hope for the Homeless Bull Roast Fundraiser

Saturday, October 28

7:00pm

Hawks Club

430 Riverside Dr

Essex, MD 21221

Coming soon! It's going to be even bigger than last year--
live music, great food, and a good time getting ready for
our upcoming season. We are unveiling something BIG, and
we can't wait to share it with you. You don't want to miss it!

More information and tickets are coming soon.

