

OREMS BEACON DEC. 2018

Orems United Methodist Church



A Christmas Concert at St Clare Parish 714 Myrth Ave in Essex will take place on Sunday December 2nd at 3 p.m. This Christmas concert featuring St Clare's Adult and Children's Choirs, Orems United Methodist Choir and More under the direction of Mr. Ben Boellner. Come enjoy the sounds of the season.

Special points of interest: Dec

- 1 Hall Closet Thrift
- 2 Communion Service
- 5 Choir
UMW
- 6 Keenagers at Bob Evans
- 8 UMW Christmas Tea
- 9 Last day for Poinsettia orders and Gift Card orders
- 11 Sarah Circle
Needlebees
- 12 Choir
- 13 Lunch Bunch
- 16 Angel Tree Gifts DUE
- 17 Rachel Circle
- 19 Choir
- 24 Family service
Candlelight
- 25 Happy Birthday Jesus
- Office closed till Jan 2
- 30 Worship at 10
No Sunday school

Please see calendar page for all events:

Sunday School

Pre K to Adults 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Not everyone is merry and bright at this time of year. **Back River United Methodist Church** will be holding a "Blue Christmas" worship service on **December 21st at 7:00 p.m.** If you find you are not feeling the bright and cheery mood of Christmas this year, you are not alone. Join **Back River** for a time of worship for those feeling a bit "BLUE". All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Monday Evening 7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service.
Our service is Children friendly and made for families to worship together to welcome the Christ Child

10:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion featuring the organ, brass and Orems Choir.

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Dear Church,

As I write my final newsletter to you, there are no other words to say than Thank you. I came to you almost 6 years ago, as a very young musician. Over the past 6 years you have nurtured, assisted and watched me grow as a musician, for which I am truly thankful. I have experienced some of the most amazing musical opportunities with you all. Brass at Christmas and Easter, Thrilling and uplifting Cantatas, Inspiring Holy Week Services. Most of all, weekly worship services with music to inspire all.



My hope and prayer, is that you will continue to support the music ministry, no matter who the new Director is, or what may happen. The Chancel choir is some of the most dedicated folks in the world.

I have been richly blessed to serve alongside you. It has fulfilled me more than you could ever know. I will be available to you till December 31st. After that I am only a phone call or email away.

Remember HE is the reason for the season. Have a Blessed Christ-mas season.

Ben Boellner,

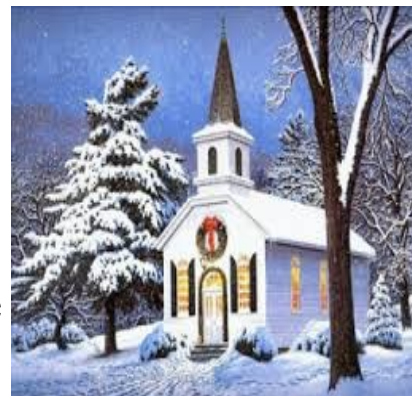
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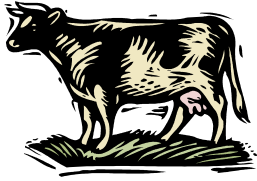
KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Keenagers will meet in the fellowship hall, weather permitting, on Jan. 6, 2019. It will be our New Year's Party. There will be a White Elephant gift exchange. I will be handing out instructions for the White Elephant at church if I missed you at the Christmas lunch. Have a blessed Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

Judy Tolbert



MOO NEWS



The MEN OF OREMS will meet on January 24th.

The Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MOO to raise money for the care of Orem's Cemetery will take place in April. Tickets will be available the end of February.

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

Lunch Bunch is held on Thursday December 13th at 12 noon at Endies restaurant in Middlessex Shopping center. If you plan to attend, please call the Church office by Tuesday Dec 11th. Thank you!



From Your Pastor

**When the most unexpected gift
is the greatest of them all....**

In his Advent study and worship series, *The Gift of the Nutcracker*, pastor and author Matt Rowe invites us to use the iconic Christmas tale of *The Nutcracker* to gain a new perspective into God's greatest gift of the Christ child and of the reign that Christ came to build.

We'll be drawing from this resource, in connection with some of the Advent lectionary scriptures, as we worship together during the four Sundays of Advent. Then, once the busyness of the Advent and Christmas season is behind us, we'll dig deeper, using Rawle's 4-week video and discussion-based study.

Tuesdays from 7 to 8 PM

or

Wednesdays from 11 AM to 12 PM

Week 1: (January 8/9):

"Clara: Waiting for Christmas"

*A deeper look at waiting in hopeful anticipation,
as we live into the mystery of our faith.*

Week 2 (January 15/16):

"Drosselmeir: A Godfather's Love"

A deeper look at God The Father's love.

Week 3 (January 22/23):

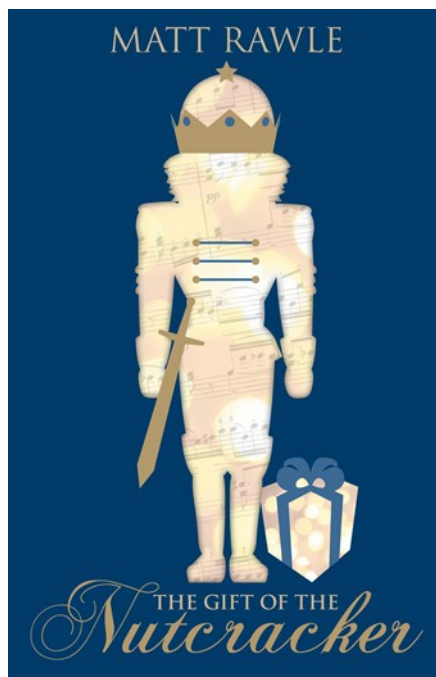
"The Mouse King: Changing Perspectives"

*A deeper look at (1) our human tendency to major on the minors and turn proverbial molehills into mountains;
(2) our need for forgiveness; (3) God's bigger picture.*

Week 4 (January 29/30):

"The Nutcracker: The Greatest Gift"

*An invitation to perceive and embrace Christ
as God's Greatest Gift.*



Food Pantry News

We were able to provide 14 families with a Happy Thanksgiving, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation. Now that Thanksgiving is over we must begin to plan for December.

Our food pantry will be stocking up for Christmas baskets. If you are able to help us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, canned potatoes, canned yams, Rice, Jello and pudding, soups, Beef stew, cookies, and Spaghetti noodles. We will also gladly accept gift cards of \$15 to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

We will be purchasing Turkeys or Hams for the Christmas baskets. Your monetary donations, help us shop for these items. Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working.

Your donations of food and money will help make someone's Christmas a Happy and Blessed one.

Thanks again

Pixie Faulkner

Food Pantry Coordinator

STREETS OF HOPE--Volunteers are needed to help shop, prepare and serve meals for the men of the shelter? Orem's will be serving Dec 16th, Jan 13th, Feb 10th, Mar 17th and Apr 14th. Teams of 2 to 3 would be ideal. You are welcome to come fellowship with the men on our serving night. Contact Madeline Kikola or the church office for more information.



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



The tree with the names of Children and their list of Christmas Wishes is up and almost all the angels are taken. If you prefer not to shop, you may donate money and we will shop for you. Adopt a child for the season by filling out the Angel Log with your name, the Child's name and code written on the Angel. Please remember that this is the only Christmas gifts this child will receive. **Team up with a friend and expand your shopping money.** Please Help us provide a good Christmas for children from the Middle River area. Gifts must be returned to the Church by December 16th. Thank you for supporting this mission.

STEWARDSHIP – DEC 2018 BEACON

FROM THE CONFERENCE

Each month, we have written different articles about Stewardship activities. The Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church has some guidance for Stewardship. Let's read their words.....

"Celebrating the offering is a spiritual act of worship every believer can actively participate in each week. Giving becomes a celebration when the believer discovers the joy of generosity, which grows out of God's grace." — Melvin Amerson, *Celebrating the Offering*

WE GIVE

To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Some may say that "stewardship" is just a polite way of referring to financial giving to the church. But it's far more than that.

One character in some of Jesus' parables is the steward — the servant charged by the master to care for the master's property. It is the master, not the steward, who owns the property, but the steward is responsible for it and is accountable to the master. So it is, said Jesus, between God and us. As God's stewards, we have three responsibilities:

Receiving: We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God shows upon us — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty around us.

Managing: We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely — for our own good and the good of others.

Giving: Out of our gratitude in receiving so abundantly, we want to share with others. Let's look at four kinds of gifts that we receive, manage, and share in the next Beacon.

Norris Tingle - Stewardship



John 3:16 New Century Version (NCV)

¹⁶ "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.

Disciples of Yarn

An update reveals that there were 40 prayer shawls at the October 14 blessing this year along with three baby blankets and six newborn hats. This would not be possible without the dedicated work of those who crochet and knit the shawls. Many thanks to all.

The third quarter of this year provided six prayer shawls for family and friends of the members of Orem's church. There have been several donations of yarn in the past few months that will be used for our mission. Many thanks to those who donated the yarn.

Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as a new group of prayer shawls is being created.

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 to all,

Dottie Daiger



"A Still and Silent Night"
featuring Voices of Faith
Chorale Directed by Don
Appel

Performances will be

Friday Dec 7th at 7 p.m.
At Perry Hall United Methodist
9515 Belair Rd

A free will offering will be taken at these concerts.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE Operations Christmas Child

—We were able to ship 120 boxes to this mission. Thank you to everyone who helped at the packing party and who brought their own boxes and who donated through the year to make the packing party a huge success. Special thanks to Michele McNeal for being such a great coordinator of this event. A job well done by everyone!

We will not be having Sunday school on Sunday, December 16th but the children will be singing at the Worship service on that day and December 30th we will not have Sunday school. Hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas!

The Sunday school Staff

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.



2019 Offering envelopes will be available December 16th. 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.

It's time for the Christmas Card Box! The mailbox will be in the entry-way for your Christmas cards to your



friends at Orem's Church. Sign your name inside the card and write their name on the envelope-NO STAMP REQUIRED. Place your card in the box. Cards will be hand delivered after worship on Sunday December 23rd.

Poinsettia Orders

Call in your Flower order to the office
410-687-9483

Or email at



oremsmc@verizon.net.

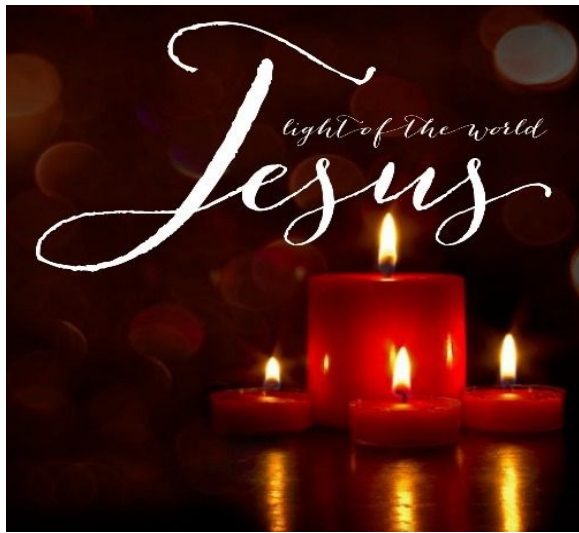
Order due by Sunday, Dec 9th, Cost is \$7.00. Payment will be due with order. Please state

Red or White Poinsettias

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 during the Christmas season.

You may take your poinsettia home after the Candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve. Or pick it up on the following Sunday.



United Methodist Women

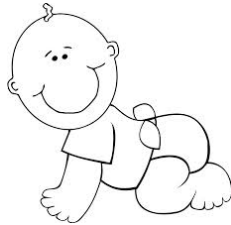
Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. **Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.**

Remember to bring Christmas Cookies to the December meeting. One dozen for the meeting and One dozen for Charity.

We are once again collecting Bath Gel for Boys and Girls at the Board of Child Care.

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 need of support. 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 mark For CPC or Center for Pregnancy) and we will see that they are delivered to the Center. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 27th Soup and Salad Dinner
Ticket and information will be available soon.

February 9th Red Dress Luncheon —
Heart Awareness. Ticket information soon.

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.



January Newsletter Deadline is December 12th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please

drop it off to the Church office or email at oremsmc@verizon.net



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.