



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX PACKING PARTY

Saturday, November 10th 5:00—7:00 p.m.

(includes Pizza, salad and drinks for dinner). Thanks for all your help! We really need donations toward the shipping of the Packing party boxes. Each box cost \$9 to ship. Please consider donating the this cost. Our goal is to pack 50 boxes. Help us reach our goal!

Veteran's Day Recognition November 11th

Orems Church would like to honor all those who are serving in the military or who have served in the military on Sunday Nov. 11th in our Worship bulletin. Please drop a note in the offering plate or call the church office (410-687-9483) before November 8th. Please include Name, rank, years, and service information.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY-Norris Tingle will be leading the Max Lucado "Because of Bethlehem" Bible Study for Advent. Bible Study dates begin Monday November 26th 7 pm to 8 pm and Tuesday November 27th at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The study guides are \$5. Call the office by November 6th to order a book.

"Gift Card Fundraiser" Christmas is only 7 weeks away. Gift cards make a perfect Gift! Start your shopping now. **Pick up your order form and retailer's list in the Narthex or from the office.** Orders will be taken every Sunday until December 9th. If you have any questions please call Pat Collins at 410-687-2548 or call Norris Tingle at 410-440-3764.



November 2018

Special points of interest:

- Nov 1 Keenagers
- Nov 3 Hall Closet Thrift
- Nov 4 Communion
- Nov 7 Choir
UMW
- Nov 8 Lunch Bunch
- Nov 10 Planning meeting
Packing Party
- Nov 11 Shoeboxes blessed
Guest Speaker
Serving Streets of Hope
- Nov 13 Sarah Circle
Needlebees
- Nov 14 Choir
- Nov 15 Admin Board
- Nov 18 Angel Tree up
- Nov 21 Choir
- Nov 22 Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 23 Office Closed
- Sunday school 8:45 a.m.
- Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.
- Orems United Methodist
1020 Orems Road
Middle River, MD 21220
Church office: 410-687-9483
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oremsumc@verizon.net
Gail L. Button, pastor

Dear Church-
Music is in full swing here at Orem.



Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday nights from 7-8:15. We sing most every Sunday, Holy day, Christmas Eve, Easter and more. Music reading is NOT NECESSARY but helpful. Anyone 18 and older is welcome to join us. Music and learning cds are provided. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

Sanctuary choir is for those who do not want to make the weekly commitment but like to sing for special occasions, and holy days. WITHOUT YOU these things CAN'T happen. Learning CDs and music are provided. Rehearsals are generally on Wednesday evening with the chancel choir beginning at 7:35. We have a great time- come check us out.

We are looking forward to some great Christmas music for our worship services Christmas Eve at 7 pm and 10:30 pm and believe it or not we are planning our Lent and Easter music as we look toward 2019!

Congratulations to Choir member Lauren Gunes on the birth of her baby girl Abby Rose on October 18th.

As always I am looking forward to a great season of making a joyful noise unto the Lord,

Best always, Ben
Director of Music and Organist



KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Keenagers will meet at Bob Evans for our November meeting on November 1st at 11:30 a.m. We are busy making plans for the winter.

Our Christmas lunch will be at a Bob Evans restaurant on December 6th. We will be taking a \$10 donation for our Food Pantry and for Lovely Lane Church.

We had a great trip to Lovely Lane Church in October. We learned a lot of Methodist History. We want to give back to them as they work on restoration projects for their historic building.

Happy Thanksgiving
Judy Tolbert, President



Everyday Resurrection

Congregations in our district were asked to identify and celebrate signs of resurrection and new life during this year's Church Conference season. How would Orem's respond?

At first it seemed like we were in a season of transition and waiting. There seemed to be few, if any, signs of resurrection and new life. But those signs have recently started emerging, much like the tips of tiny green sprouts just beginning to break through the earth's surface.

On September 30, we talked about waiting for signs of hope and new life during worship. The most prevalent sign that you identified on your butterflies that day was **NEW BABIES**. We have many new babies in our extended Orem's family and some have been or soon will be baptized here at Orem's. Another sign of hope and new life that you identified that day was **BIBLE STUDY**. We now have plans in place to insure on-going Bible study (both daytime and evening) throughout the year.

We celebrated our Tenth Annual Pink Bag Lunch on October 20; it was a sellout with the largest attendance and highest amount donated in its ten-year history. In response to this amazing sign of growth, we've begun to dream about similar health-related events like a Red Dress Lunch, focusing on women's heart health, in February. Other events might focus on senior nutrition or living with COPD. We've just started to dream. With God's help & inspiration, who knows? We may have the beginnings of an **ABUNDANT HEALTH MINISTRY** here at Orem's—one of our current denominational areas of focus.

In recent weeks, there's been a renewed interest in exploring **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**. Additionally, some of our members are stepping into **NEW LEADERSHIP** roles for the coming year.

Signs of resurrection and new life are just beginning to emerge here at Orem's, so let's keep all of our spiritual senses tuned, ready, and waiting for God's coming surprises.

In the meantime, it is my great joy and privilege to serve as your pastor.

Love and Blessings,

Pastor Gail



Thank you to everyone who came to the 10th Annual Pink Bag Lunch. We were able to raise \$1200.00.

\$600 will be given to Johns Hopkins Imaging for Research and \$600 will be given to Kellys Angels. Kelly's Angels is a Johns Hopkins affiliated non-profit organization that financially assists

breast cancer patients.

Save the Date! Saturday Oct 19, 2019 for our next Pink Bag Lunch!!

Don't forget - Christmas Tea- Saturday December 8th- 11:00am -1:00pm- \$15 each- Be sure to buy your tickets before November 25th-

There is a limited amount of Tickets available-

See Mary Eisely for tickets 410-456-0712

Our Next UMW meeting is Wednesday Nov 7 at 7pm. See you there!

MOO NEWS

The MEN OF OREMS was formed 7 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 they have accomplished a good many things. Each year they raise money to pay for the mowing of our cemetery and church lawns with a spaghetti dinner. Look for that event in the Spring. MOO will not be meeting in November or December but will be back the 4th Thursday of January for their meeting night.



Craft Fair

The Orems Church Craft Fair scheduled in October was cancelled due to a lack of sufficient Vendor participation. We are hopeful that we can hold this event next year. Thank you, Joyce Serio & Trish Alvey

UPCOMING EVENT

Sunday, November 25: Christ The King Sunday & Hanging of the Greens *Special Music & Hanging of the Greens / Decorating the Chrismon Tree at our 10 am worship. Come celebrate our King of Kings!*



Poinsettia Orders

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

Or email at
oremsumc@verizon.net.

Order due by Sunday, Dec 9th, Cost was not available at time of this printing. Payment will be due with order. Check with office for cost.

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.

STEWARDSHIP IS "ALL IN"*

There is an old story—apochryphal perhaps—that during medieval times when the army of a Christian nation would conquer a non-Christian land, everyone from the King to the lowliest peasant would have to be baptized as one of the terms of surrender. The story goes that as the soldiers would go into the river to be baptized, they would hold their right arm out of the water so that every part of their body—except their sword arm—was under the command of Christ. This caused an old preacher to ask his congregation, "What are you holding out of the water?"

United Methodist Christians are "All In", we hold nothing "out of the water". We recognize that all we are and all we have belongs to God, and that we are using—managing—the blessings God has showered upon us. The Bible says it this way: "Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all." (James 1:17) In "Church-speak", we call that *stewardship* which comes from the ancient understanding that everything belongs to the King; and "Stewards" manage those resources for the King's benefit.

Stewardship is the core understanding of our membership vows as we commit to supporting the ministries of our church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. When you think about it, those five things—prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness—represent the sum total of who we are. United Methodist Christians go "All In" for Jesus!

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Food Pantry News

Our pantry frequently receives requests for food. When you are out grocery shopping think of our Food Pantry.

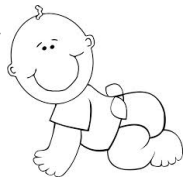
Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, canned vegetables, Soups, canned potatoes, turkey gravy, canned mixed fruit, applesauce, corn bread mix, cranberry sauce, and juices. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

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

Pixie Faulkner

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. The Center is in dire need of Advanced Similac Formula. This is a very hard item for young families to get. If you can donate formula, please bring it to church or drop it off to the center. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.*



DISCIPLES OF YARN

We blessed Prayer Shawls on October 14th. Our altar was alive with color and several shawls were given out. Please keep our mission in your prayers. If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the **next Needlebees** meeting. The dates and times are November 13th and 27th.

Blessings to all, Dottie Daiger

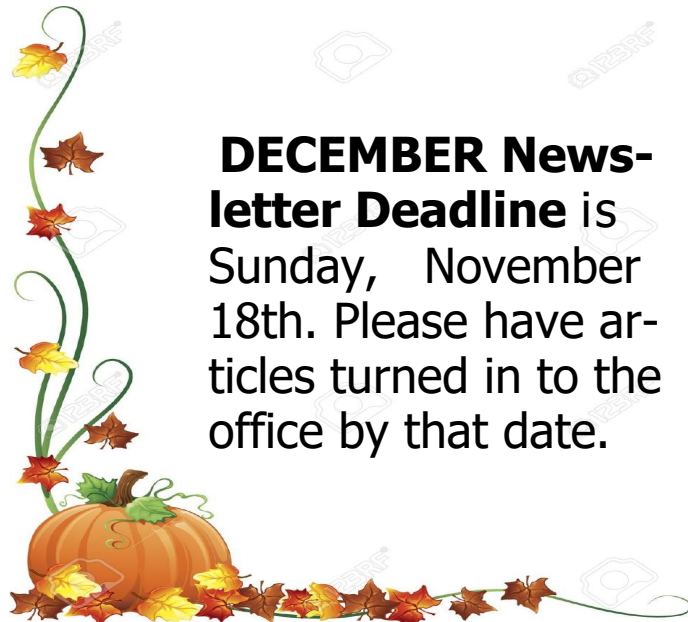


DID YOU KNOW? If you miss a Sunday Service or would like to hear that great sermon again during the week, you can go to Orem's website and listen to Pastor preach. Go to the website at www.oremsumc.org at the home page click on STAY INFORMED and the word Sermons will pop up. Click on that and a list of sermons will be available by date. Just click on the one you want to hear.

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



DECEMBER Newsletter Deadline is Sunday, November 18th. Please have articles turned in to the office by that date.





IT'S
SHOE BOX
TIME!!!

We have had a long
tradition at Orem's
Church of partici-

pating in Franklin Graham's Samaritan's
Purse Operation Christmas Child cam-
paign.. If you would like to fill a shoe box.
The shoe boxes may be filled with small toys
(no war toys or guns please), crayons, small
books, school supplies, sun glasses, flash-
lights and batteries, band aids and pocket
size Kleenex, chap stick and gum, tooth
brush (NO toothpaste please) hair brush or
comb, wash cloth and soap, jump ropes,
socks and t shirts. Don't forget your shipping
payment and labels. If you pay online for
shipping you can print off a shipping label
that allows your box to be tracked and after
Christmas you will receive an email telling
you where your boxes was sent. You can al-
so include a Christmas card with a note from
your family to the recipient of your shoe
box.

Saturday November 10th we will have a
packing party 5:00-7:00 p.m. (includes Pizza,
salad and drinks for dinner). November 11th
will be the blessing of the boxes. So please
have your boxes back to Church by that
date. Let's make this year our biggest yet!!
Please consider donating toward the ship-
ping cost of the boxes for our packing party.
Each box cost \$9 to ship.

Thanks for all your help!

Michele McNeal



It's time for the
Christmas Card
Box! The mail
box will be in
the entryway
starting Novem-
ber 18th for

your Christmas cards to your
friends at Orem's Church. Sign
your name inside the card and
write their name on the enve-
lope-NO STAMP REQUIRED. Place
your card in the box. Cards will
be hand delivered after wor-
ship on Sunday December 23rd.

Peace and Love in Christ.

Gloria Asbury



THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just wanted to thank you for all
your prayers for me while I was
hospitalized this summer while
visiting my sister Fran. When I
went home to Oklahoma City, I
was doing great for a week then
was hospitalized again and then
went to rehab. Now I am doing
great.

Thank you for your continued pray-
ers and concern, especially thank
you to Pastor Gail whom I have
kept informed of my progress. God
is good to me!

Love to all! Edie Aitken



Memorial Fund

The following memorials
have been given in memory of
loved ones

Robert Shifflett - given by Ellen and Hiram Smoot

Michael Adcock - given by Fran and Butch Frank

Lt. Thomas W. McGeever, Jr. - given by Don Egner

Charles Dove - given by Pat Pinning and Shirley Valentine

Margaret and William Repair - given by Ramona and William Repair

Beginning January 2019, donations given to the Memorial Fund will no longer be submitted for posting in the Beacon. Incoming donations are reported to the Finance Committee, and the fund is audited on a yearly basis. An acknowledgment card and a thank you card is mailed to the respective individuals of the donation. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause for discontinuing these postings.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ
Madeline Kikola,

Streets of Hope men's winter shelter will once again open in November and operate through April. Orem is excited to be serving dinner to the homeless men of the Streets of Hope on Nov. 11th, Dec 16th, Jan 13th, Feb 10th, Mar 17th, and Apr 14th. Casserole dishes are welcome. Teams of 2 to 3 volunteers per month would be ideal. You are welcome to come and fellowship with the men on our evening and help serve the meal. If interested, please see Madeline Kikola following worship or contact the church office.

Angel Tree Mission

The tree will be up on Nov 18th with the names of Children and their list of Christmas Wishes. If you prefer, 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 17th. Thank you for supporting this mission.

