



**September 2018**

**Special points of interest:**

- Sept. 2 —Communion
- Sept 3—Office Closed
- Sept 5 United Methodist Women
- Sept 6 Keenagers
- Sept 8 -Hall Closet Thrift  
Shop and Pit beef
- Sept 9 Rally Day & Worship
- Sept 11 NeedleBees  
Ledo Fundraiser
- Sept. 12 Choir rehearsal
- Sept 13—Lunch bunch
- Sept 16 Worship
- Sept 19 Choir
- Sept 20 Admin Board meeting
- Sept 23 Worship— Samaritan  
Purse Kick off date
- Sept 25 Needle Bees
- Sept 26 Choir
- Sept 27 MOO
- Sept 30 Worship
- Aug 2 Keenagers

Please see calendar page for all events:

Adult Seekers Sun 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School for Children  
Begins in September

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# OREMS BEACON

## Orem United Methodist Church

We will acknowledge Rally Day with a breakfast celebration and in Worship on September 9th.

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

**SEPTEMBER 9TH 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.**



**Tuesday, September 11th  
from 5 to 8 p. m. Join us at  
Ledo's Pizza on Campbell  
Boulevard for a Fundraiser for Orem Church  
sponsored by The MOO**

Our Scripture Theme for 2018 is “**Love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.**”

Think about our theme, pray about our theme, strive to live our theme in 2018.

**DEAR MEMBERS OF OREMS**

Here we go! Orem Music will be running at FULL TILT starting September 12<sup>th</sup>. 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!

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.

**There are many special musical opportunities available to us, provided we can support them, our budget is stretched to the limit so donations are needed. Please see me or the church office on how to donate to this specific fund.** Your contribution makes a difference.

Best always

Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist

**CONCERT SERIES**

Sunday October 14th at 4 pm, Paul Binko and Ben Boellner Piano and Organ Duet Concert

Sunday December 16th at 10 am "Invitation to a Miracle" Cantata

Monday December 24th:

7pm- Family service with choir and trumpet

10:30 p.m. Carol service with brass trio and organ

# **A Word From Our Pastor**

## *Falling In Love Again*

With each new appointment I fall in love again. The loving starts during my initial meeting with the Staff Parish Relations Committee. It deepens as I work with the transitional team, weeks before my official July 1 start date. And once I begin to worship, fellowship, and minister with the entire congregation, the love is in full bloom.

I never stop loving my previous congregations. That would be impossible. Instead, the Holy Spirit somehow stretches my heart's capacity, enabling me to love yet another wonderful congregation.

My love for my new church family at Orem's continues to grow, day-by-day, week-by-week. My love continues to grow with each conversation, with each joy, dream, or concern we share, with each small group gathering, and with each amazing outreach ministry that I learn about.

As we move into September, I can't wait to fall in love with the children and youth of our Sunday School, starting on Rally Day (Sunday, September 9). Rally Day festivities include a Rally Day Breakfast, an opportunity for children and youth to meet or reconnect with their teachers, and a spirited Rally Day Worship Celebration with a focus on favorite Bible stories and related Sunday School songs for God's children of all ages. New adult Bible studies begin that same week. And our many community outreach ministries, including those related to our partnerships with local schools, will soon be in full swing.

Orem's is truly an exciting, loving, generous, and serving congregation, and I feel very blessed and privileged to serve as your pastor. I'm falling in love again, and it's the gift of God's amazing grace as we work together, using our Spirit-breathed gifts to build up the whole church in love, both locally and connectionally.

*We must grow up in every way into Christ who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4:15b-16 NRSV.*

Love and blessings always,

*Pastor Gail*

**My contact information is as follows:**

Home phone: 410-636-1757      Cell phone: 410-913-7571 (text enabled)

Email: [glbutton@gmail.com](mailto:glbutton@gmail.com)

Both phones have password-protected voicemail. So, if I don't answer, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

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 the message by calling the toll free number 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

Cell Phones are still collected as a fundraising mission through GRC recycling. There is a box in the connecting hallway to collect unwanted cell phones.



**NEEDLEBEES** If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our group. If you enjoy a craft, join us for fellowship while you craft. Our meetings this September are Tuesday 11th and 25th.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer plays a very important part in all of our lives. If you would like to be a part of our prayer chain; please call Vicki at the church office at 410-687-9483 and leave a message. With our One Call system, we can send out the prayer to everyone on our prayer chain at the same time so all can pray as a unit as we get the information. Prayer is Powerful-spread the power!

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, Ham, or Tuna, Rice, Jello and pudding, Cereals, Cans of Juice, Beef stew, and other soups, canned fruits, pancake mix and syrup, baked beans, peanut butter and jelly, and spaghetti noodles. **We do not need canned green beans at this time!**

#### Disciples of Yarn

There were 9 prayer shawls provided for members and friends of the Orem's congregation during the second quarter of the year. As we continue this mission, members of the Needlebees have provided a variety of shawls for our use. It is gratifying to hear that the shawls provided have been received with enthusiasm in the knowledge that prayers can be an important part of the healing process. 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 Tuesday Sept 11th and 25th.

Blessings to all,  
Dottie Daiger



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.



## *An Invitation To Pray Twice*

It's often said that, "those who sing pray twice." Our hymns make wonderful prayers, whether you sing them, read them out loud, or pray them silently. And music touches and deeply moves our hearts in ways that spoken words alone can never achieve.

Some years ago, I had the privilege of singing with a spiritually gifted soprano in a community choir. She sang with such passion that she commanded the undivided attention of a mall full of Christmas shoppers during her rendition of "O Holy Night." People literally stopped shopping, stood still, and listened. That same soprano told me that every song she sang was a prayer for someone on her prayer list.

Music, like prayer, is a powerful gift from God. It's truly an opportunity to share God's love with the world. I invite you to join Orems' choir as we "pray twice" during the coming choir season.

Blessings,  
Pastor Gail

## *Short Stories By Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables Of A Controversial Rabbi*



**Tuesday Evenings: 7 to 8:30 PM**

**Wednesday Afternoons: 1 to 2:30 PM**

Join us for a DVD and discussion-based study by Amy-Jill Levine.

In *Short Stories by Jesus*, author Amy-Jill Levine takes us back in time and explains how Jesus' original audiences would have understood Jesus' parables. She also explains how new interpretations of these parables continue to challenge and provoke 21<sup>st</sup> Century readers.

Weekly sessions include.

Session 1: Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son

Session 2: The Good Samaritan

Session 3: The Pearl of Great Price

Session 4: The Mustard Seed

Session 5: The Laborers in the Vineyard

Session 6: The Widow and the Judge

**Tuesday Evening Dates: September 11, 18, & 25; October 2, 9, & 23**

**Wednesday Afternoon Dates: September 12, 19, & 26; October 3, 10, & 24**





Our Elite Group (90 and over) has two special birthdays this month. Maxine Young will be 92 on September 3rd. Bill Myers will be 91 on September 24th. We wish them both a year of good health and many blessings. Happy Birthday Maxine and Bill. Be sure to make me aware of any new names we can honor. If you know of someone that should be included in our "Elite 90 and over group" please let the office or Mildred Shephard know about them.

Love from your Church Family



Please don't forget our Capital Improvements when you plan your giving to the church. There is a blue envelope in the pews for Capital Improvement donations. As you know our building is aging and there is always a need for maintenance upkeep.



## **MOO — MEN OF OREMS**

### **The Men of**

**Orems** will be meeting 27<sup>th</sup> of September.

They have had a successful summer of Pit Beef sales and sponsored the Welcome Picnic for Pastor Gail in August. Thanks to their successful sales, they have been happy to pay some of the bills for the church to get things done around the building. The MOO group paid \$4115.64 for the storage pods and the costs of Moving all the items and furniture out of the offices, Room 100, Room 103 and 104 and the back storage room in April for the renovations and asbestos abatement project and then moving everything back into the rooms again in May. Also some Electrical work was done beside the Kitchen and that bill of \$1695.00 was paid for by the MOO as well. We appreciate all that this group does to help around the Church complex.



Mark your calendar for September 11th for Fundraiser at Ledo's on Campbell Boulevard from 5 to 8 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend and help support Orem's Church and the MOO.

## CPC Mission!

*The Center for Pregnancy Concerns 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. **They are in desperate need of Similac Advance formula (12.5 oz cans)** You may drop off 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.*

## St. John's Lutheran Church Autumn Festival!

8808 Harford Road ~ Parkville, MD

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Vendors Needed!**

**Vendors (Deadline 9/1/18):**

\*Outdoor Full Space (16'x16' w/space for 1 car)- \$40

\*Outdoor ½ Space (8'x16' w/ no car space)- \$25

\*Indoor Space w/o table- \$30 w/ table- \$35

Visit [stjohnsparkville.org/autumn-festival](http://stjohnsparkville.org/autumn-festival) or contact the church office at

410-665-1234 or [office@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:office@stjohnsparkville.org) for applications and details.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

“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](http://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.”***

Summer is almost over and that means we will begin meeting again! Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend.

We are so excited to be planning the Annual Pink Bag Lunch and a Christmas Tea. The Pink Bag lunch will be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available in the next coming weeks.

If you aren't sure what UMW is all about, please talk to one of our members or attend our meeting. All women are invited to attend our meetings or to join. You can be as active as your schedule permits you to be.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

## 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 the 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](http://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. And Enjoy!



**The Newsletter Deadline for October NEWS is Sunday September 16th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net) for inclusion in the October edition of the Beacon.**

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you for your generous response to the School Supply drive. Little Feet will continue to collect new and gently used shoes and winter coats and new socks, and underwear sizes 6 to 14 for boys and girls, and elastic waist pants sizes small through extra large. What a great way to care for the students in our area schools.

**Thank you in advance for your help.**

**Kathy Cunningham, Little Feet Mission Chair**

## CHURCH HISTORY— 245 YEARS OF WORSHIP

Our first worship service conducted by Francis Asbury was in the home of Mr. Joseph Armstrong at Middle River Neck "where there was a good prospect" in September 1773. "He was greatly blest while dispersing the word to a large congregation at Mr. Armstrong's in Middle River Neck" as he recorded on September 13, 1773 in his journal. He wrote on February 21, 1774 he "rode to Middle River and had the satisfaction of seeing our new house raised and covered." It stood until 1831 when it was destroyed by fire. This did not deter the faith of the people. They immediately built another on the same site. This new building was named Orams Meeting House after a trustee whose name was Henry Orams. The spelling of Orams to Orem's changed sometime between 1831 and 1859.





**KEENAGERS** (fellowship group for those 50 and over) Please join us for lunch and devotions on September 6th at 11:30 a.m. We are trying to book a tour and lunch at Blooms Broom in Bel Air. If this is not possible then you may Bring your lunch to the Church to fellowship together on our meeting day. We will supply drinks and cake. Come enjoy the fellowship of our Christian brothers and sisters.

**Hope to see you there!**

**Judy Tolbert**

## **News from our Sister Church**

Back River UMC will be hosting Gospel Concerts this September. There are four opportunities to hear Gospel Music this month. The Church is located at 544 Back River Neck Road in Essex Maryland. The first concert will be Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with Mercy's Well performing. On Friday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm Glory Way Quartet will bring their sound to the area. Saturday September 22 at 7 pm is the Dixie Melody Boys. Closing out the month is the Chapter VII Quartet on Sat. September 22 at 6 pm. There will be a love offering taken at each concert.



## **Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas**

**Child**— Our Kick Off is September 23rd. We will have a video and the boxes should be in for us to hand out by that time. We have collected many items over the summer for our packing party. Mark your calendar for Friday night, November 9th as the date for our Pizza and shoe box packing party. Please note that All shoeboxes must be in by November 11th for the shoebox blessing. Any Questions contact Michele McNeal or the church office.



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## Pink Bag Lunch

Our Annual Pink Bag Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th.

If you have never attending this event you should know that it is a couple of fun filled hours that bring women together to discuss breast cancer. We are trying to expand the discussion to include other women cancers.

We begin at 11:30 and end around 1 pm. The tickets are just \$2 and lunch and door prizes are provided for everyone.

Please contact Mary Eisely for tickets.

## Save the Date CHRISTMAS TEA

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the UMW Christmas Tea!

A Christmas Tea is scheduled for Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be \$15 and everyone is invited.

The tea will be a time to relax, spend times with friends and prepare for the Christmas Holiday.

More information will be available soon.



## Sunday School is Cool



## Sunday School News

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and fall is on its way. That means it's time to start thinking about Sunday school. We would like to welcome Sara Hoch and Laurel McNeal to our teaching staff this year.

Our Rally Day breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast is a time for the children to meet their teacher and enjoy breakfast with our church family.

Our classes will begin on the following week, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you there!  
Sunday School Staff



September

## **OREMS Craft Fair**

**Sat, October 13, 2018**

**9 a.m. – 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, candy, needlework, etc. Our United Methodist Women will be selling food. The Men of Orem will have pit beef & ham. All table proceeds will benefit Orem United Methodist Church. We will be asking "shoppers" to give \$1.00 entrance fee (Children under 10 yrs are Free) or to donate a non-perishable food item to the Food Pantry.**

**We will need volunteers to set up and take down tables, collect vendor checks for reserved tables, advertisement committee, and boxes to collect food donations. If anyone has other ideas, let me know.**

**If you know of any crafters that may be interested, please send them this date. The registration form will be available by email or in the office.**

**Get the word out about this event. All questions directed to Joyce Serio at 410-687-4012 or Trish Alvey at [p45alvey@aol.com](mailto:p45alvey@aol.com)**

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