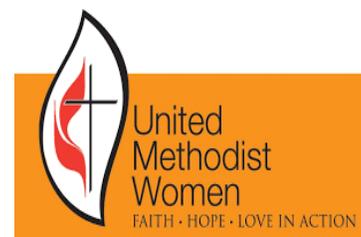


OREMS BEACON FEB. 2019

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY



February 10th we join together for worship and to recognize the U M W with a Litany and presentation of the Life Pins. The Congregation is asked to wear Red to recognize the event and the group. The bulletin will have information about UMW projects and missions. These include the Orem Sunday School, Board of Child Care, Center For Pregnancy Concerns, the Pink Bag Lunch, and the Ruth Bundick scholarship.

United Methodist Women Candy Sale--LOG CABIN CANDY IS BACK. Yes, you read right, Log Cabin candy has returned. Easter is April 21st and your Easter Basket won't be complete without Log Cabin Candy. We will be selling the candy in a few weeks. Details and order forms will be available soon.



**Communication is the Key
to Success**

For Orem Church to function successfully, we need to remember to communicate with one another. We have bulletin announcements, the Beacon newsletter, a website, a facebook page, and a One Call system to give our CHURCH FAMILY information.

However, if the information doesn't make it to the office it will not go out to all these wonderful avenues of communication. This is not just for meeting and activity announcements, this includes trips to a hospital, a time of crisis, a need for prayer or pastoral care. We are your family and we don't have a crystal ball that tells us that you are in need. Please call the office 410-687-9483 or email at oremsumc@verizon.net. I would rather get the information from a dozen people than to not hear anything at all.

Thank you, Vicki Borreson, your Admin Assistant

We love
because
He first
loved us.

1 John 4:19

Special points of interest:

FEBRUARY

- 2 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
- 3 Communion Service
- 6 UMW Meeting
- 7 Keenagers
- 10 United Methodist Women Sunday
- 12 Sarah Circle Needlebees
- 14 Lunch bunch
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Worship
- 18 Rachel Circle
- 25 Ladies Fellowship Lunch Needlebees
- 28 MOO

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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Our Theme for 2019 is ³⁹ 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
Matthew 22:39

Storyteller coming to Orem

Tracy Radosevic will be with us on February 17th to share her storytelling talent. Tracy is a dynamic, energetic, internationally-acclaimed storyteller, educator, and retreat facilitator. Since 1991 she has traveled all over the United States, as well as to several foreign countries, bringing her special brand of humor, insight, and faith to audiences of all ages through the power of narrative. She has a wide range of story genres that she shares—historical, humorous, fantasy, folk, poetic, personal. She particularly enjoys telling stories that provide food for thought, encouraging her listeners to look at usual occurrences in unusual ways.

Tracy's favorite stories, however, are biblical. Working across denominational lines, Tracy puts to good use the extensive training she received while working as a Director of Christian Education at First United Methodist Church in Cherryville, NC, as an adjunct professor at East Tennessee State University, as Artist-in-Resident at Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church in Baltimore, MD, as well as from her various degrees (Bachelor of Arts from Grove City College, Grove City, PA—double major in Elementary Education and Christian Ministries; Master of Religious Education from Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC; Master of Arts in Storytelling from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN; Doctor of Ministry—focusing on Spirituality for Life Together with a special emphasis on Digital Storytelling—from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC). . And she finds herself continually learning from her students in her current adjunct work at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology in Baltimore and Wesley Theological Seminary.

Tracy hails from Canton, Ohio but currently lives in Baltimore, MD. She is a member of the [National Storytelling Network](#) and the [Network of Biblical Storytellers](#) (NBS). She is a former NBS Board member, served for seven years as the Coordinator of their annual Festival Gathering, was the editor of their bi-monthly newsletter The Biblical Storyteller for eight years, and is now the Dean of the [Academy for Biblical Storytellers](#).



Faith In An Elevator

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:15b

I attended a leadership training event for Rotary a few years ago. As part of that training, we were asked to write a speech that passionately explains the nature and mission of Rotary in the amount of time it takes for an elevator ride. It was an easy task, and I would have no trouble sharing my elevator speech with anyone who asks me about Rotary.

But when I recently ran across my Rotary elevator speech in my notes from the training event, I realized that I've never written an elevator speech explaining why I committed my life to Christ. I have an elevator speech explaining why I walked away from a successful career as a software system engineer in order to serve Christ as a pastor. (It's a topic that comes up every time someone learns that I was an engineer before becoming a pastor, so it's an elevator speech I use frequently and naturally.) But how would I respond, briefly, if someone asked me, "Why Jesus?"

Here's my "Why Jesus?" elevator speech:

Jesus transformed my life and gives my life meaning.

I committed my life to Christ, at the age of 13, because I was convinced that following Jesus was the most important thing in life. I was baptized and confirmed on that day; I felt what I now know was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into my heart; my life was never the same again; and people who knew me well noticed the change.

I'm not always as faithful to Christ as I would like, I don't love as deeply as I should, and I know there are many times when I fall short. Following and serving Christ is a life-long journey and I'm a work in progress, through the gift of God's grace. But I can't imagine life without the Spirit-breathed hope, love, strength, and presence that Jesus offers. In the words of the gospel hymn by William and Gloria Gaither, "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow" and every day to come.

That's my "Why Jesus?" elevator speech. I encourage you to write one of your own and be ready to share it whenever the Holy Spirit opens up a door in your daily encounters with others. Scripture calls us to be ready to give an account of the hope that is within us.

Blessings in this New Year,

Pastor Gail



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. If you have any questions, ask Kathy Cunningham **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices. These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.**

Food Pantry would be greatly appreciate donations of the items listed: Pancake mix, Canned Chicken, canned hams, Jello and pudding, saltine crackers, Beef stew, cookies, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, and juice. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread. Your donations will help make someone's day. Thank You, Pixie Faulkner

Registration for Summer Camp opens this month! Take a look at the camps being offered this year so you are prepared to register your camper when the time comes! Here is the link to the website <http://www.bwccampsandretreats.com/westriver/>



Disciples of Yarn

The month of December ended a busy year for our Prayer Shawl mission at Orem. A final count results in a total of one dozen prayer shawls being provided to members and friends of Orem during the final three months of the year for a yearly total of 61 prayer shawls that were provided during the year 2018. Many thanks to the members of the Needlebees who provide these shawls for our members and friends.

Our faithful donors of money and materials are truly appreciated at any time during the year. New members who would like to learn to knit or crochet the shawls would also be welcomed. 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 Needlebees 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 Feb 12th, and 26th in Room 100 next to the Church office at 6:30 pm.



March Newsletter Deadline is February 15th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at oremsumc@verizon.net

STEWARDSHIP FEB 2019 BEACON

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER FOR 2019

On Saturday, January 12 past, we were blessed with a visit from Dr. Rodney Smothers at Pastor Gail's invitation. Dr. Smothers works with the Baltimore-Washington Conference as Congregational Resource Development Specialist. Long title. Massive source of information and ideas. He is author of "Resurgence: Navigating the Changing Ministry Landscape".

My friends, make no mistake: we are ALL in ministry in some form or another. We have been in ministry for nearly two and a half centuries! Hard to comprehend? Bishop Asbury himself spoke on our grounds, arriving here on horseback. Orem's Road probably had another name such as Oram's Trail (not a misspelling), and was not paved, lit or had speed bumps other than natural ones. Baltimore County actually extended into Pennsylvania at the time.

And we have changed with that 246 years of ministry to remain relevant and vibrant. People really don't like change, but we have done so in two ways: either we took the initiative or we were dragged into it by necessity! This does not mean Sunday's Worship service needs to change. Not at all.

Consider though, if our Worship service could reach others who either cannot or do not physically attend that service. Are we not in Mission to serve Christ in the community or environs? When we engage people using social media, we are using Stewardship of Resources to do exactly that. And not just on Sunday mornings. How about between Sundays with Bible Studies, support groups and a myriad of other outreach programs? The possibilities are limitless.

And those of us who attend Sunday morning service have the opportunity to engage the entire Middle River area with us. Or even to those who have moved away and would like to maintain a connection with their former church.

Sound impossible? (it's not) Beyond our capability? (not at all) Stay tuned. Our outreach of Orem's UMC can go beyond anything we've ever imagined!

Norris Tingle - Stewardship

One Call Now System

We use the One Call Now system to send out reminders and announcements of activities, etc. that we need to communicate to the congregation.

Occasionally due to noise in the line, or a long greeting on your answering machine, our One Call message gets scrambled. If the message does not come through, you will be able to listen to the last message sent through the system. Cut this section out and place near your phone.

If you miss the message from our One Call you can replay the message by calling 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

**Attention Students:
Scholarship opportunities with the United Methodist Church. For Scholarships information go to the following link for more information:**

https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/?utm_source=e-connection%257C+Jan.+14%252C+2019&utm_campaign=This+Week%2527s+e-Connection%257C+11.26.2018&utm_medium=email

PRAYER ROOM

Our Prayer Room is available for use at any time during the day or night. There is a key lock box near the door to the Education building. Use the code to open the box and retrieve the key to open the door. Please remember to return the key to the lock box. If you need the code for the lock box, contact the church office. Once you arrive, you may turn on lights or adjust the heat in the room to make yourself more comfortable. If someone is using the Prayer room when you arrive, check to see if a DO NOT DISTURB sign is on the door. If not, then you may softly knock and enter the room to pray.



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. Through the baby bottle collection in 2018 we donated \$688.99 to the center. This financial support helps to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to women and their babies. This Center is in dire need of funding.

Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.



KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over) We will meet on February 7th at 11:30 a.m. For Lunch, Devotions and fellowship. And we are busy planning some great events for this spring.

Hope to see you there! Judy Tolbert

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The General Conference for the United Methodist Church will be meeting in February. To find out what will be discussed follow these links

Commission On A Way Forward Links

Tom Berlin's 9/15 Presentation:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=AKua-X-NCgU>

Full Report: www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/way-forward-report-released-in-all-four-official-languages/

MEN OF OREMS



The Men of Orem will be meeting on February 28th at 7 p.m. All men of the church are invited to join us. You do not need to be a member of Orem to attend our meetings.

Mark your calendar for Saturday



April 13th for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MOO (Men of Orem)
Tickets will be available in March.

For God so lo **V**ed the world,
That He g **A**ve
his on **L**y
Begot **E**n
So **N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."

John 3:16

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women better known as UMW would like to invite ALL women in the church to join our group attend our meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 6th. Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries. Our March meeting will be held on March 6th. Please mark your calendar

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."

United Methodist Women Sunday is February 10th. Please wear Red to support the UMW.

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

NOTES OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone who has given me candles this year—Keep them coming I can really use them. The best thing that comes from this is that each candle tells a story. There are birthday candles, anniversary candles, scented candles, every color of the rainbow and every shape and size imaginable. I so appreciate each candle given to me. I use them to make firestarters in my fireplace to help heat my home. So you are really helping my entire family with your candles. Thanks again. Love to all , Robin Hoch.

Angel Tree Thanks

Thank you so much for once again including Glenmar Elementary school community in your Holiday Outreach this year! We are so appreciative and grateful for your continued generosity and kindness.. Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year

Jessica Platt, School Counselor
Glenmar Elementary School

Orems Church

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for helping my family this year at Christmas. You helped us at Thanksgiving with a basket and then helped my children at Christmas through the Angel Tree. It meant the world to me and my family. I feel so blessed to know that God put wonderful people on this earth to do his work. I will pray for your church that you may continue to do God's work as you are able to reach out to others.

Peace and blessings from the English Family

Friends at Orems

Many thanks to everyone who donated bottles of Shampoo and Body Wash to the Board of Child Care. They are much appreciated by the children.

What a blessing it is to belong to such a loving church. Thank you so much.

Many Blessings
Gloria Asbury and Joyce Scarcella



Thank you to Orems Church

I would like to thank all of you who "mailed" your Christmas cards in our "mailbox." This year we "delivered" about 2100 cards—a new record!

Also many thanks to my "Elves" who helped to sort and hand out the cards. It was a lot of work but well worth it!

God bless you all
Gloria Asbury

