



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

Mark your Calendar: Saturday, January 12 at 10 am to lead a “Generosity of Funding” Workshop. This workshop will be led by Rev. Dr. Rodney Smothers, Director of Leadership and Congregational Development, Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Please mark your calendar for this informative time with Dr. Smothers.

January 2019

Special points of interest:

Jan 1 OFFICE CLOSED

- 2 UMW
- 3 Keenagers
- 5 Hall Closet Thrift
- 6 Sunday School and Communion Service
- 8 Sarah Circle Needlebees Bible Study
- 9 Bible Study
- 10 Lunch Bunch
- 12 Generosity Workshop
- 15 Bible Study
- 16 Bible Study
- 17 Admin Council
- 21 Rachel Circle Martin Luther King Jr program and Dinner
- 22 Book Study
- Ladies Luncheon
- 23 Bible Study
- 27 Worship
- Soup and Salad
- 29 Bible Study
- 30 Bible Study

Please see calendar page for all events:

Sunday School

Pre K to Adults 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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Soup and Salad Jan. 27th **Immediately following Church Service**

(11:30am)

\$7.00 for Adults

\$4.00 Children 10 & under

Children 3 and under free

Includes:

Choice of Soup

Garden Salad

Drink & Dessert

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women

Tickets now available



When the most unexpected gift

is the greatest of them all....



The Gift of the Nutcracker, by pastor and author Matt Rowe gains a new perspective into God’s greatest gift of the Christ child and of the reign that Christ came to build. Starting January 8th and January 9th, We’ll be using Rawle’s 4-week video and discussion-based study. Study days: **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 PM or Wednesdays from 11 AM to 12 PM.**



Altar Flowers grace our altar and enhance our worship. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, sign up on the Flower Chart that will be in the Narthex by mid December. Flowers Are \$35 and can be paid in cash or check to Orem's Church.

Please notify the church office if you have specific flower or color requests at least 2 weeks before your date. Also remember to give the office your flower dedication for the bulletin at least 2 weeks before the date. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship space .

Lunch Bunch is held on the Second Thursday of each month at 12 noon at Endy's Grill in Middlessex Shopping center. We gather each month to recognize the birthdays of those born in that month. Everyone is invited to join us. If you plan to attend, please call the Church office by Tuesday. Thank you!



RED DRESS LUNCHEON to bring awareness for Heart Health will take place on **February 9th**. Details to follow soon.

Our Elite Group has a special birthday this month. Jack Johnson will be 93 on January 21st. We wish him a year of good health and many blessings. Happy Birthday Jack! His address is Lorien Bel Air, 1909 Emmorton Road Room 132, Bel Air, MD 21015.

**Be sure to make me aware of any new names we can honor.
God's blessings to all, Mildred Shephard**

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Keenagers will meet in the fellowship hall, weather permitting, on Jan. 3, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. It will be our New Year's Party. We will have pizza for Lunch. 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. Or you can call the office for details.



MOO



NEWS

The MEN OF OREMS will meet on the fourth Thursday of January —Jan 24th.

The Annual 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. All men are invited to Join the MEN OF OREMS.



COME JOIN US!!

As We

Celebrate the Legacy

of

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 21, 2019

5:30 pm –8 pm

Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm

Program will follow the dinner @ 6:00 pm

at

Orem's United Methodist Church

1020 Orem's Road

Middle River, MD 21220

Love offering will be taken and given to
Boys & Girls Club located on Orem's Road.

Sponsored By:

Chase United Methodist Church	Orem's United Methodist Church
Rev. Walter D. Jackson, III, Pastor	Rev. Gail Button, Pastor



Food Pantry News

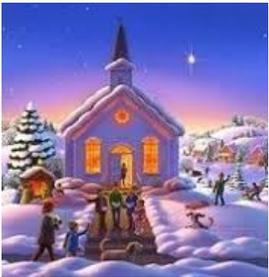
We were able to provide 13 families with Christmas baskets along with the Angel Tree gifts, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation.

Our food pantry will be stocking up for winter. We will need vegetable soup, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti sauce and noodles, Mac and cheese and mixed fruits.

Your donations of food and money will help keep this mission reaching out to others.

Thanks again Pixie Faulkner
Food Pantry Coordinator

Winter is here and that can



mean snow or ice. We will send out a One call announcement if worship service or activities are cancelled. If you

do not feel comfortable driving in inclement weather, please do not attempt to come to worship. We want everyone to have a safe winter. If you are not on our One Call list, contact the church office to be added to our list.

2019 Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. 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.

Have you recently moved, will be moving soon or changed your phone number?

The office is preparing the 2019 phone directory for our congregation and we would like to have addresses and phone numbers up to date. Please notify the office if your address has changed since May of 2018.



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



We were able to help 34 children from 12 families in the Middle River Area. These families were thrilled that we cared enough to help them enjoy a wonderful Christmas. There were joyful tears and lots of smiles as they picked up the gifts and our generous food baskets.

Thanks to everyone who sponsored a child, to those who took more than one, and to those who gave generously to fund for our shopping for angels left on the tree.

Love to all,

Vicki Borreson

Angel Tree Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP – BEACON ARTICLE - JAN 2019

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?*

These beautiful words almost sing themselves. Written by Jane Marshall, it is Hymn #87 from our own hymnal.

As we know, the Wise Men brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus at his birth. Well, these items are likely beyond our budget.

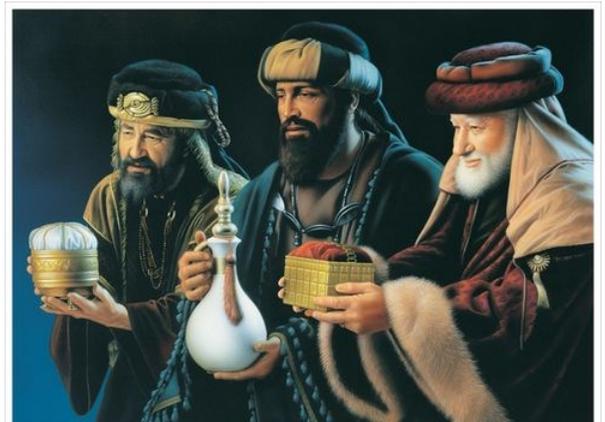
Jesus only wants the gift of our hearts. When we give our hearts to Him, everything else falls into place. In that assurance, giving of our time, talent and gifts become secondary. Becoming disciples and encouraging others to do the same becomes natural. All we have to do is give our hearts to our Saviour.

Notice that Jesus makes no demands on us to do so. He only waits for us to make the request. He stands at the door waiting for us to open it. He has been standing there for a long time. Some hearts never open to Him. Others always do. May that be our story.

After we let Him in, we'll know what to do.

Truly worthy—and ultimately, rewarding!
Norris W. Tingle, Jr. - Chair

The Wise Men brought Gold to the King of Kings, Frankincense to the Highest of Priests and Myrrh to the Sacrificial Lamb and they worshipped the child that is God's greatest gift of love to us. Epiphany Sunday is January 6th.



Streets of Hope Meal team

Orems is excited to be serving dinner to the homeless men of the Streets of Hope on Jan 13th, Feb 10th, Mar 17th, and Apr 14th. **If you have any questions, or would like to help serve and fellowship with the men at the shelter or would like to contribute meals ; contact one of our SOH Meal team: Madeline Kikola, Or call the church office 410-687-9483.**

Hall Closet Thrift Shop

The year 2018 was a very good year. We closed out the year with the total sales of \$20,703.50. This is \$2804.50 more than 2017 sales. We thank everyone who donated to our shop as well as the shoppers.

Also a very BIG THANK YOU to the volunteer staff that makes all this run smoothly— Pat Robertson, Dottie Lay, Nikki Hart, Vicki Metzger, Sara Beth Dulina, Merlyn Campbell, Lisa Hoerger, Kathy Egner, Pat Foard, Susan Winkler, Sheila Fazio. Also thanks to Terry Alexander for the Thursday set ups.

We are sorry to lose Pat Robertson and her daughter Vicki Metzger working on Saturdays as of the end of 2018. We are thankful for other helpers in 2018, Keegan Winkler, Ben Eney, Sallie Tyner, Joyce Serio and Geri Maher.

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

Our next two open days are Jan 5th and February 2nd. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are three shopping rooms and hallways with many bargains. We opened the Children's Room in September 2018. Come join us on our next shopping day. In the Lords service Linda Hall

Scholarship Opportunity

The Baltimore-Washington Conference will once again be offering college scholarships for the Fall 2019 semester. Students can apply January 3 – March 7, 2019 through an online application system. Scholarships are available to students attending or enrolling in accredited colleges and universities in the United States. Students must be an active member of a church for at least one year and be attending (or will attend) an accredited college or university within the United States full-time. Students will need to provide their official transcript (high school or college) and contact information for two church references (pastor and another member of the church). In addition, the student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. For additional information and to apply, visit www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/.

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.



United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. **Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.**

“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.gbgm-umc.org)

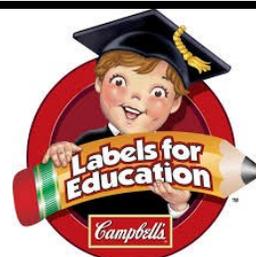
OUR PURPOSE:

“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.”

Also on **February 9th Red Dress Luncheon** — Heart Awareness Luncheon

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.



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.

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. At this time, the center is in great need of monetary donations as well. This center does such good work, please consider donating. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.

February Newsletter Deadline is January 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

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.

Guidelines for use of One Call Now System

The One Call Now system will be used to:

1. Announce meetings and activities happening at the church or an activity connected to the Church that is happening elsewhere. (such as Orem's members serving a meal at a homeless shelter, etc)
2. Alert members to cancellation of church services, meetings or activities due to weather or other circumstances.
3. Announce the death of a member or regular attendee to Orem's, or a friend of the congregation if the family requests it.

A note of thanks to Disciples of Yarn from a friend of Merle Vickers

Thank you so much for the wonderful perfect surprise. I don't even know how to tell you how much comfort the prayer shawl has brought to me. When I feel a little rough, I wrap up in the prayer shawl and sit quietly and just think of all the prayers and good wishes that are wrapped around me. I always feel better when I do this.

Thank you to Dottie Daiger for this wonderful mission that blesses so many. And to Mildred Shephard for starting this mission many years ago. Christmas Blessings, Merle Vickers

NEW BOOK CLUB



Book Club using suggested books from the United Methodist Women Reading List will meet on January 22nd at 10:30. The first book will be *Eleanor: A spiritual biography* by Harold Ivan Smith. More than fifty years after her death, Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered as a formidable first lady and tireless social activist. Often overlooked, however, is her deep and inclusive spirituality. Her personal faith was shaped by reading the New Testament in her youth, giving her a Jesus-centered spirituality that fueled her commitment to civil rights, women's rights, and the rights of all "little people" marginalized in American society. Join us on January 22nd at 10:30 a.m. to discuss this book with Pastor Gail.

