



MARCH 2019

Special points of interest:

- 2 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
Girl Scout Tea
- 6 Ash Wednesday Service
at Back River UMC
- 7 Keenagers
- 10 Communion Service
- 12 Sarah Circle
Book study
Needlebees
- 13 Lenten Lunch & Worship
UMW
- 14 Lunch Bunch
- 15 Newsletter deadline
- 16 Memorial Service
- 18 Rachel Circle
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- 19 Lent Daytime Study
- 20 Lenten Lunch & Worship
- 21 Admin Council
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- 25 Lent Evening study
- 26 Lent Daytime Study
Ladies Luncheon
Needlebees
- 27 Lenten Lunch & Worship
- 28 Men of Orem

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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OREMS BEACON

Orem United Methodist Church March 2019



Ash Wednesday is March 6th.

We invited to worship with Back River United Methodist Church at 7 pm. Rev Donna Nelson will be sharing the message with us. Join us that evening as we

gather together on the day held to remember the sacrificial love of Christ.

Bible study – He Chose the Nails—Norris Tingle will lead us in the follow up study from Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado. We will be meeting on

**Mondays: March 18,
25, April 1, 8, 15 – 7 PM**

**Tuesdays: March 19,
26, April 2, 9, 16 – 10 AM**

**Sessions will run one
hour.**

(Note: Monday class is contingent on doctor release for Study leader to drive.



Spaghetti Dinner

sponsored by the

MOO (Men of Orem)

Join us on Saturday, April 13th

from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Menu: Salad, bread, drinks, Spaghetti, Meatballs and dessert! Tickets will be available soon. Come support the Men of Orem for the Lawn Care Fund and have a great night!

Our Mission Statement is:

"To love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves."



2019 Lenten Lunch & Worship Series

Wednesdays at 12 PM in Room 100

Join us for table fellowship & a brief Lenten worship experience

Bring your own lunch; dessert & beverage provided.

Worship experiences will draw from the book

The Common People Heard Him Gladly by James W. Moore

March 13: "The Common People Heard Him Gladly"

March 20: "Jesus and Andrew: The Ripple Effect"

March 27: "Jesus And Zacchaeus: Put It Behind You"

April 3: "Jesus and Bartimaeus: The Miracle of Love"

April 10: "Jesus and Mary and Martha: Dangerous Attitudes"

April 17: "Jesus and Judas: Why Did Judas Betray?"

April 24: "Jesus and Mary Magdalene: Easter Is a Serendipity"

KEENAGERS

(fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Please join us for lunch and devotions.

We supply the drink and dessert. We will meet on March 7th at 11:30 a.m.

Hope to see you there!

Judy Tolbert



A Word From Our Pastor

Facing Change TOGETHER

It's often said that CHANGE is the only constant in life. But even when life's changes seen overwhelming, we can cling to the biblical promise of a far greater constant than CHANGE. That constant is **JESUS CHRIST**. Hebrews 13:8 assures us that **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”**

As I write this article for the *Beacon*, the 2019 Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church (February 23-26) is only a week away. Only God knows the ultimate outcome and unfolding impact of their work in response to possible plans proposed by the Commission On A Way Forward and other United Methodist groups and concerns. Whatever the outcome, we will all need to face, process, and live into change.

As I await the outcome of the Special General Conference, I draw hope from a July 31, 2018 Facebook post by Bishop Gary Mueller of the Arkansas Annual Conference. Bishop Mueller assures us that, whatever the outcome of the Special General Conference, on the day after **God will still be God, God will still be at work making God's will just as real on earth as it is in heaven, people will still need Jesus, and we will still be called to make disciples of Jesus Christ who will, in turn, make more disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Here at Orem, and in every other United Methodist congregation across our great connection, we will face, process, and live into whatever changes occur **TOGETHER**.

And I am confident that, whatever we are called to face, our wonderful Orem congregation will continue to love and support and pray for each other. And we will also continue to love and minister to our surrounding community.

As always, it is my joy and privilege to serve as your pastor.

Love & Blessings,

Pastor Gail

Book Club using suggested books from the United Methodist Women Reading List is meeting in March. The book: *The Same Sky: A Novel* by Amanda Eyre Ward. This heartrending novel about motherhood, resilience, and faith—is a ripped-from-the-headlines story of two families on both sides of the American border. We will meet March 12 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss this book. This book is available at Amazon, and may be available at your local library.



Souper Bowl of Sharing Sunday

Thank you for your generous donations for Souper Bowl Of Sharing. We were able to give the Essex Center for Pregnancy Concerns \$349.75. And we were also able to restock some needed items in our Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry is still in need of Small cans of fruit.

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Our prayer chain uses the One Call Now system to send out prayer requests to the entire group at one time so that we can join together in prayer. If you need to have a request sent through the prayer chain, contact the church office at 410-687-9483 and the prayer will be sent out.

If you have a request after office hours and it is an urgent request that can't wait till the office opens, please call Vicki at 410-335-1870. Prayers will be sent out as soon as possible.

One Call Now System is used to send out reminders and announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. Sometimes a call will experience a glitch and not leave a message or If you miss the message for some reason; you can replay the message by calling toll free 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message played for you.

Disciples of Yarn

The winter months seem to take a toll on all of us and the prayer shawls are no exception. We continue to create prayer shawls at our Needlebees meetings and at home.



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 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 March 12th and March 26th at 6:30 p.m. in room 100 beside the church office.

The April Newsletter deadline is March 15th. Please drop off your information or send an email to oremsumc@verizon.net.



STEWARDSHIP MARCH 2019 BEACON

For centuries, beacons were used to warn sailors of dangerous shoals. They started with fires lit high up off the ground. Technology improved to electric lights and Fresnel lenses that cast the beam further out than ever before. Today, lighthouse beacons are powered by solar energy and typically unmanned. But GPS—global positioning satellites—will probably make lighthouses with their beacons obsolete, therefore relegating old technology into historic curiosity pieces for tourists to admire. GPS as a technology is currently the most powerful beacon, reaching beyond our imaginations.

Orems is also a Beacon, not just the name of this small local publication. We are to be a beacon for the Good News of Christ. We proclaim that at the end of every service with the admonition to “Go Now and spread the Good News” in the benediction. Or certainly something similar.

Yet, our numbers in the congregation are not growing as they used to. In fact, we are reaching far fewer people than ever before. Instead of communicating to Aero Acres, Middle River, and Baltimore County beyond, we are limited pretty much to the environs of our membership roster. Why? We are only lighting fires above the ground in the old way rather than sending out beams of the Good News via technology, reaching not just outside our doors, but potentially from coast to coast and beyond. Think about that for a moment!

Dr. Rodney Smothers states the following: “While the good news of God’s love is unchanging, the world has moved through the Industrial Age into the digital, downloadable-on-demand age. Social media today is what the printing press was in the past. Churches that do not intend to invest in digital media (for worship, giving, meetings, Christian education, evangelism and mission) are signaling that they do not intend to invest in a vital future.”

We have been “doing church” as we always have, when the tools of doing the church’s mission are evolving. *Imagine* maintaining live connection with folks who move away, no matter how far away they might be. *Imagine* that they can see our services live or on replay later in the week. *Imagine* our senior folks attending our service in their home. *Imagine* having committee meetings on a smartphone rather than sitting in Room 100 on a snowy night. Science fiction? No, it’s here and now. Expensive? No, not in 2019. Stewardship using Technology to adapt to our calling? Absolutely. And Sunday morning services just keep on keeping on! No changes for those attending.

Then, we will be a true Beacon to anyone who wishes to hear the Good News wherever they may be. Who’d have ever thought??

Norris Tingle – Stewardship

Easter Flower Order Form

This year our Flower choices for Easter are Lillies, Hyacinths, Daffodils and Tulips.

Order due in the office by Sunday, March 17th, Cost \$7.00, **Payment due with the order.** Make checks payable to Orem's Church.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Circle Type of flower and color:

Lily

Tulip (Red, Pink or Yellow)

Daffodil

Hyacinths (Pink or Purple)

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 for the Easter Services. You may take your Flowers home after the service on Easter Sunday. Please drop this form into the offering plate or Call the church office (410) 687-9483 by March 17th



Help Our

Mission!

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns



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.

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 have them marked For CPC or Center for Pregnancy) and we will see that they are delivered to the Center. Also they are in need of Similac Advanced Formula in powder form. Thank you for helping .



MEN OF OREMS

The MOO will be meeting on March 28th for next meeting. Don't forget to support our Spaghetti Dinner on April 13th. Also our Pit beef sales will begin in April on Thrift Shop Saturdays till late fall.



LOG CABIN Easter Candy sale continues till March 3rd. Payment is due with your order. If you would like to see a brochure, drop by the church office or contact a United Methodist Women member. Log Cabin Candy is delicious and it helps the women with their mission work.

YOU DON'T EAT CANDY?

Donate it! We will be selling boxes of candy to be given to the **Streets of Hope**. You can purchase a 6 pk box of Easter Eggs for \$7.25 and have them donated to the men at The **Streets of Hope** Homeless Mission. Candy folders are available in the Narthex. Or you can contact a **UMW** member or the church office to place an order.

United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **March 13th** at 7:00 p.m. One week later than usual meeting day due to Ash Wednesday. **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.gbgu-umc.org)

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

On Feb. 10th, UMW Sunday, we presented Dawn Wallingford and Ralph Campbell with Lifetime Membership Pins for their service to our UMW and Orem's Church. Just look at the smile on Ralph's face as he hears the news!



Worship With Us During Lent

Sundays at 10 AM

Sunday, March 10: First Sunday In Lent

Worship Theme: With All Your Heart 1: God's Generous Heart
Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, March 17: Second Sunday In Lent

Worship Theme: With All Your Heart 2: Imitating
Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1

Sunday, March 24: Third Sunday in Lent

Worship Theme: With All Your Heart 3: Repenting
Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Sacrament of Baptism for Samantha Johnson & Braxton Ziegler
Confirmation/Profession of Faith for Samantha Johnson

Sunday, March 31: Fourth Sunday In Lent

Worship Theme: With All Your Heart 4: Coming Together
Scripture: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sunday, April 7: Fifth Sunday In Lent

Worship Theme: With All Your Heart 5: Making A New Thing
Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, April 14: Palm Passion Sunday

Based on the Holy Week story from Luke's Gospel.
Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Worship themes during the first five Sundays of Lent
come from United Methodist Discipleship Ministries.*

*Themes are based on this year's Old Testament and Epistle readings
from the Revised Common Lectionary.*