

July & August 2019

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Special points of interest:
July 3 Faith Boost
July 4-Office Closed
July 6 -Hall Closet Thrift
          Shop and Pit beef
July 7 Worship in the Park
 July 9 NeedleBees
July 10 Faith Boost
July 11-Lunch bunch
July 14 Worship & Communion
July 17 Faith Boost
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 Aug 3 Hall Closet Thrift and
      Pit beef sale
 Aug 4 Communion
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 Aug 11 Worship
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 Aug 18 Worship
Aug 22 Pit Beef picnic
Aug 25 Worship
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OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church

Cluster Worship Service

SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENT- JULY 7th.

This is an exciting joint worship opportunity. Don't let the idea scare you. Our United Methodist cluster (Orems, Essex, Back River, Chase,

Cowenton, and Piney Grove UMCs) is planning/hosting a joint community worship celebration and picnic on Sunday, July 7th at 10:30 a.m. This Worship service will replace our regular service.



Join us at the pavilion at The Fields at Renaissance Park. This park is located at 99 Stemmers Run Rd, 21221. (near the corner of Stemmers Run Road & Eastern Blvd – entrance from Stemmers Run Road). This is a great opportunity to both worship and fellowship with other UMCs in our cluster & connect with the unchurched in our community.

You are requested to bring your lawn chair or blanket (limited seating at picnic tables) and a favorite lunch dish to share. Please try to invite a young adult or a young family to join you. There will be activities for youth during the worship time. We will need a few people to help with set up or clean up. Sign up at the church office. Come out and help announce to the Essex/Middle River community that Jesus loves You!



Food For Thought

Connectíng Faíth Wíth Every Aspect Of Lífe



We tend to package life into different categories and treat each category like a square on a waffle. We have one square for our home life and another square for our work life. We have one or more squares for extended family members and friends; one or more squares for our hobbies and recreational activities; one or more squares for health related activities like doctors' appointments and exercise; and one square—a church square—for our faith. But our Christian faith is far too crucial to be relegated to a separate, isolated square.

Our faith has a vital role to play in every aspect of life. Thus, it would be better to think about our faith as the connecting ridges that form each waffle square. The author of Psalm 139 seems to suggest that very approach by reminding us that there is no situation or aspect of life in which God is not continually present and actively involved.

Psalm 139:1-18 NRSV

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them — they are more than the sand; I come to the end — I am still with you.

Our Christian faith is the connecting and strengthening structure for all of life!

Our One Call Now system sends out reminders of activities, meetings, and other announcements. 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, Ham, Rice, Jello and pudding, Beef stew, and other soups, canned peaches or pears, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, and spaghetti noodles. We will 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.

Faith Boost

LUNCH AND WORSHIP -

Those who shared in our Wednesday Lenten Lunch & Worship series expressed a desire to continue this mid-week worship experience on a permanent basis. In response, *Faith Boost* will be held on Wednesdays at 11:45 AM. Join us each Wednesday (Hump Day) for a faithbased boost or booster shot to get you through the week. Summer messages during our first series will draw from the book *Seizing the Moments* by James W. Moore. Bring your own lunch. Desserts and beverages will be provided. **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 Summer: July 10th and 24th and August 14th and 28th at 6:30 p.m. in room 100. Hope to see you there.

Disciples of Yarn



The Orems prayer shawl mission continues to be an important part of our church. As we continue this year, members of the Needlebees have provided a variety of shawls for our use.

We know that prayers are an important part of the healing process and are grateful for the opportunity to provide shawls to our church members and friends.

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. The dates and times are in your Church bulletin.

Blessings to all,

Dottie Daiger

Take me out to the Ball Game! Take me out to enjoy the day with my Orems friends and family!

Join Orems Church at the Iron Birds Game on



Sunday afternoon, August 4th at 4:05 p.m.

<u>Watch the Aberdeen Ironbirds vs Vermont Lake</u> <u>Monsters . It is Super Hero Night so there will be</u> <u>some special visitors to the game.</u> We have reserved seats in section 208. Tickets are \$ 12.00.

Call the church office today to purchase your tickets at 410-687-9483. Deadline July 21st. Checks should be made out to Orems Church.





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 or after hours for an emergency call 410-335-1870 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. To be added to our prayer chain call the office. Prayer is Powerful-spread the power!

Upcoming Workshops:

Discipleship Systems: The 3D Journey Presented by: Rev. Dr. Quincy D. Brown

This workshop will help clergy and laity walk through a transition of: discern / dream / develop. The church is in the business of connecting people with Jesus through relationships.

Sept 6, 2019 9:30 am – 3:30 pm BWC Mission Center

Registration Required -Cost \$35 per person (includes lunch)

From Franchise to Local Dive: Multiplying Your Church by Discovering Your Contextual Flavor

Presenter: Jason Moore

Many local churches are stuck in a rut, have reached a plateau, or — worst of all — are declining.

Friday, Nov 8th 8:30 am - 3:30 pm BWC Mission Center

Please check out <u>The Conference's event</u> <u>page</u> for more information and links to registrations for various conference events, as well as opportunities for service and resourcing your ministries.

MOO — MEN OF OREMS

The Men of Orems started our Pit Beef sandwich sales in April and will continue



weather permitting on Thrift Shop day till October.

We will meet on Thursday July 25th to plan our Pit Beef Picnic. This has become an Annual tradition for the entire congregation.



We are looking forward to our Pit Beef picnic on August 22nd. We will gather at 6 p.m. for a pot luck picnic.

As usual, the MOO will furnish the Pit beef and Pit Ham. We ask you to bring a side salad or dessert. All are welcome to attend this fun, and delicious fellowship night.

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.

News from our Sister Church

Back River UMC will be hosting Gospel Concerts this summer. There are lots of opportunities to hear Gospel Music in July and August. The Church is located at 544 Back River Neck Road in Essex.

The first concert in July will be on Friday July 19th with **The Anchormen** starting at 7 p.m. Then on August 9th at 7 pm **Gloryway Quartet** will perform. And September 14th **The Joneses** will be giving a concert at 6 p.m.. A love offering is taken at these events.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 4th 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."

Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on the last Tuesday in July and August at Noon. Be sure to let Gloria Asbury know if you are attending. Join us for a great time of fellowship for our women.

Pink Bag Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. More information will be in the bulletin. Hope to see you there!

The Newsletter Deadline for September NEWS is <u>Thurs</u> <u>Aug 15th</u>, if you have information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at <u>oremsumc@verizon.net</u> for inclusion in the September edition of the Beacon.



Our Elite Group (90 and over) has two special birthdays this month. Dale Ledwell will be 98 on July 5th and Bud Masson will celebrate a birthday on July 31st. We wish them a year of good health and happiness. Happy Birthday Dale and Bud with Love from your Church Family

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.

SUMMER'S HERE - IT'S VACATION TIME! But what about your weekly giving? Enjoy this wonderful warm weather but please don't put your Sunday offerings on vacation! Even though you are away, the church is not on vacation and neither are our bills. We appreciate your continued support of your church and it is important! Don't forget us! 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. Also our Missions continue to need funds in the summer months.



A Confirmation Class will be starting in Mid September for students grade 6 and above. If you have a youth interested in this class contact Pastor Gail or the church office.

THANK YOU To My friends at Orems Church

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls following my recent heart attack. I send a special thank you to "Pixie" She came to the hospital and gave her support and comfort to my family while I was in surgery. After surgery she stayed with me, and gave a special prayer for my healing. Thank you for your kindness, Pixie. Also thanks to Pastor Gail for her visit and prayers of comfort. I am getting stronger each day and will be back with you soon. I am blessed to have each of you as a member of my church family.

Love to all, Mildred Shepard.



We honor our Class of 2019 Graduates from all levels of schooling and extend the Lord's Blessings on each of them as they take the next step into their future.

Kaycee Diane Davis, graduated May 30, 2019 from Clark County High School, Berryville, Va. She will be attending the University of Tennessee in the Pre-Veterinary Program in the Fall. Kaycee is the Granddaughter of Diane Fink.

Charly Frank, graduated from Kindergarten. She is the daughter of Nikki and Chuck Frank and granddaughter of Fran and Butch Frank.

Laurel McNeal graduated from Towson University with a B.S. degree. She is employed at Oakcrest Senior Community. Her parents are George and Michele McNeal and her grandparents are George and Sandy McNeal.





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 Orems 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 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!

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 50 and over) There will be NO KEENAGERS MEETING IN JULY.

Please join us for lunch and devotions August 1st at 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch and we will supply drinks. Come enjoy the fellowship of our Christian brothers and sisters.



Hope to see you there! Judy Tolbert,

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

As you shop for back to school items, why not purchase a few



extras for a needy child? If you can purchase an inexpensive backpack and load it or just pick up a few items ---all is appreciated! School supplies needed:

Pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, boxes of Kleenex, safety scissors, erasers, glue sticks, quart size and sandwich size zip lock bags, Marble composition books, 3 x 5 index cards, Wide Ruled paper, (not college ruled paper please) large crayons, calculators, folders with brads, hand sanitizers, Nurses Offices needs socks, and underwear sizes 6 to 14 for boys and girls, elastic waist pants sizes small through extra large. What a great way to start a child in a new school year. We have downsized to two schools this year to provide more items. This year we are working with Martin Boulevard and Orems Elementary Schools since they both have a history with Orems Church. Look for a box in the Hallway of the church by the offices. Deadline for items is Aug 18th. Thank you in advance for your help.

Kathy Cunningham

VACATION TIME!



During the summer months, the office will on occasion, have light coverage with the help of volunteers. So if you plan to stop by the Church, please call ahead to be sure that someone will be there to assist you. Phone messages will be attended to as quickly as possible. Have a safe and relaxing Summer!



Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child— we are collecting

items for our packing party to be held in November. This month we will collect flashlights and batteries, socks, Small dolls, small cars and trucks, crayons, small notebooks, jump ropes, baseball hats, socks, tee shirts and sunglasses. Bring the items to the box outside the church office.

Churches for Streets of Hope: Hope Forward program

The organization needs to boost their income by \$30,000. How do they do that?

If 85 people gave \$1 per day it would meet their need.

If 250 people give \$10 a month Or 125 people give \$25 a month.

Or what if YOU give them a donation today of any amount you are comfortable with.

Go to www.churchesforsoh.org/donate or mail a check to P.O. box 34073, Essex MD 21221 label it HopeForward.

Another way to help is promote their Dinner nights

This summer there are three Dinner nights out Fundraisers for Streets of Hope. Please support these events. Flyers will be available at the Church office, or online at http://www.churchesforsoh.org/events

Panda Express Monday, July 12- 1 p.m. to 10 pm

Campbell Boulevard, White Marsh

20% goes toward Streets of Hope!

Pizza John's Tuesday, August 6 - 5:00-8:00pm

113 Back River Neck Rd

An Essex classic. Come and get your favorite and give Streets of Hope 15%.

STREETS OF HOPE THANKS– Thank you Orems for hosting our Annual Meeting. We had an excellent time with volunteers, staff and clients in your fellowship hall. You are a wonderful group of believers.

Sincerely, Patrick Dickerson

FURNITURE MINISTRY—HELPING THE HOMELESS

Camp Chapel has a Furniture Ministry that helps homeless folks who get a new home but now desperately need furniture. If you would like to donate furniture or would like to help them as a member of the moving team, contact Camp Chapel UMC at 410-256-5561 or email at info@campchapel.org

OREMS is having a Craft Fair Saturday, September 28, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall

Vendors will be selling their crafts. United Methodist Women will be selling food. The Men of Orems will have pit beef & ham. All table proceeds will benefit the Capital Improvement Fund of Orems United Methodist Church. We will be asking "shoppers" to give \$1.00 entrance fee 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, an 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 forms are available in the church 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