



# OREMS BEACON

## FEBRUARY 2020

Special points of interest:

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Hall Closet Thrift Shop
- 2 Communion Service
- 4 Body and Soul
- 5 Faith Boost  
UMW Meeting
- 6 Keenagers
- 8 Lydia circle
- 9 United Methodist  
Women Sunday
- 11 Sarah Circle  
Body and Soul  
Needlebees
- 12 Faith Boost
- 13 Lunch bunch
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Worship
- 17 Rachel Circle
- 18 Body and Soul
- 19 Faith Boost
- 25 Ladies Fellowship  
Lunch  
Body and Soul  
Needlebees
- 26 Faith Boost  
Ash Wednesday Service
- 27 MOO

Please see calendar page for all events:

8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers  
Class, and Sunday School

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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY



February 9th 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 Orems Sunday School, Board of Child Care, Center For Pregnancy Concerns, the Pink Bag Lunch, and the Ruth Bundick scholarship.

## United Methodist Women will again be holding a Log Cabin Easter Candy Sale February 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>



This is a delicious way to help our UMW with their missions.

**WE** all love candy but some of us, can't have it anymore. **Donate it!** We will again be sponsoring "Candy with a

**Cause."** You can order boxes of candy to be given to the Streets of Hope men. Be sure to mark on your order the boxes for the Streets of Hope. **Brochures will be available soon.** Payment is due with the candy order. Make checks payable to UMW.

Our Theme for 2019 is <sup>39</sup> 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'  
**Matthew 22:39**

**Communication is the Key**  
**to Success**



**For Orem's Church to function successfully, we need to re-member 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. **Although I wish I did!** Your church family can not offer support if we are in the dark when you need us most!!

Please call the office 410-687-9483 or email at [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net). I would rather get the information from a dozen people than to not hear anything at all. And do not think that you are not IMPORTANT enough for us to know what is going on. Everyone has value in the family of God.

Thank you, Vicki Borreson, your Admin Assistant





Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26, and our Lenten journey at Orem's will include numerous opportunities to go deeper in our walk with Christ through worship, Bible study, fellowship, and generosity.

There will be **two opportunities to worship on Ash Wednesday:**

- \* Our weekly **Faith Boost Lunch and Worship at 11:45 AM** with a **Lenten theme** and **imposition of ashes**.
- \* Ash **Wednesday Worship at 7 PM** when we will welcome and worship with our sister congregation from Back River UMC, receive the **imposition of ashes**, and share in the **sacrament of Holy Communion**.

Sunday worship during Lent will be based on Scripture from the Revised Common Lectionary.

And, beginning in Lent and continuing throughout the year, Sunday worship will include a **"loose-change offering"** to support a specified outreach ministry for each Sunday:

- ☞ First Sundays: Orem's UMC's Food Pantry
- ☞ Second Sundays: Little Feet
- ☞ Third Sundays: Center For Pregnancy Concerns
- ☞ Fourth Sundays: Board of Child Care

**New Women's Circle- Lydia** A Saturday morning UMW circle predominately for those who work or have care giving responsibilities on weekdays and are no longer comfortable being out and about after dark. Invite friends who may be interested. Why LYDIA? Lydia offers an awesome role model for women who balance work, family, and church responsibilities. **Lydia Circle will meet** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at the IHOP in Golden Ring. February 8th is the next date.



**Little Feet** supplies the 2 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/>

## 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. 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.

**Streets of Hope Mission** - Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner at The Streets of Hope Men's Cold Weather Shelter every third Sunday through March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Boulevard Christian Church located at 920 Essex Ave. ***Our next serving date is Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.*** If you would like to help with food preparation, or would like to help with serving at the mission, **contact the church office or Madeline Kikola.** Food and other Items can be delivered to Boulevard Christian Church, 920 Essex Ave., Lower level at 6 pm.

**March Newsletter Deadline is Feb 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](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net)**







## Disciples of Yarn

The month of December ended a busy year for our Prayer Shawl mission at Orems. A final count results in a total of twenty-one prayer shawls being provided to members and friends of Orems during the final three months of the year. The total number of prayer shawls provided during the year 2019 is 44. This mission is truly blessed to have the support of 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.

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 11th, and 25th in Room 100 next to the Church office at 6:30 pm.

## Attention Students:

The Baltimore-Washington Conference will once again be offering college scholarships for the Fall 2019 semester. Students can apply January 3 – March 5, 2020 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, GO TO [www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/](http://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/).

## 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.

## KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 50 and over)



**We will meet on February 6th at 11:30 a.m.**

**For Lunch, Devotions and fellowship. Bring your valentines to pass out! These can be homemade or store bought. We hope to plan some great events for this spring.**

Hope to see you there!



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. This Center is in dire need of funding. The Center accepts donations of Maternity Clothing, Baby clothes up to size 4 T, and other items a mother to be may need. (There is always a need for Formula and diapers.) 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 Concerns**) and we will see that they are delivered to the Center.*

For God so lo **V**ed the world,  
That He g **A**ve  
his on **L**y  
Begott **E**n  
So **N**  
**T**hat whosoever  
Believeth **I**n Him  
Should **N**ot perish,  
But have **E**verlasting life."  
**John 3:16**

## MEN OF OREMS



The Men of Orem's will be meeting on February 27th at 7 p.m. All men of the church are invited to join us. You do not need to be a member of Orem's to attend our meetings.



Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MOO (Men of Orem's)  
Join us on Saturday, March 28th  
from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$4  
for Children 5 to 10 years old.  
Children 4 and under are free  
Menu: Salad, bread, drinks, Spaghetti, Meatballs and dessert!  
Come support the Men of Orem's  
for the Cemetery Fund and have a  
great night! Tickets will be  
available by February 16th.

## 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 5th. Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries. Our March meeting will be held on March 4th. 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 have 4 circles: Rachel Circle meets in members homes on the 3rd Monday of each month, Sarah meets in Room 100 on the second Tuesday, Mary meets on the night of the UMW meeting and our new circle: Lydia meets the second Saturday at IHOP.

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on Tues, Feb 25th 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.

## Lenten Study

There will also be an evening Lenten study on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM.

*The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days*

**A Video & Discussion-Based Study by Rob Fuquay**

This Lenten study will help us discover our own place in the story of Jesus as we explore the origins of the Oberammergau Passion Play. Weekly sessions are as follows:

- March 3: "The Power of a Vow"
- March 10: "The Importance of Community"
- March 17: "The Role of Ritual"
- March 24: "Living the Story"
- March 31: "Telling a Better Story"
- April 7: "The Power of the Cross"



**Winter is here! And with that we can get some icy or snowy weather. If Schools are closed during the week, we will cancel activities at Orem's church. On Sunday morning, we will send out a ONE CALL if we are going to cancel worship service. But in all circumstances, please use your own judgement for traveling in the winter weather. Your safety is our concern.**



## **Faith Boost Lunch & Worship** **Wednesdays at 11:45 AM in Room 100**

Our Faith Boost Lenten worship series will draw from the book *Mosaic: When God Uses All The Pieces* by Shane Stanford.

### **February 26 (Ash Wednesday):**

Theme: "When God Uses Our REST-LESSNESS"

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

*Imposition of Ashes*

### **March 4:**

Theme: "When God Uses Our REGRET"

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-15; Luke 19:1-8

### **March 11:**

Theme: "When God Uses Our REJECTION"

Scripture: Matthew 9:12-13; 27:27-31; 1 Peter 5:7

### **March 18:**

Theme: "When God Uses Our RESPONSIBILITIES"

Scripture: Genesis 3:12-13; John 14

### **March 25:**

Theme: "When God Uses Our RESOURCES"

Scripture: Proverbs 3:9-10; Malachi 3:6-12

### **April 1:**

Theme: "When God Uses Our RELATIONSHIPS"

Scripture: Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 5

### **April 8:**

Theme: "After WORDS"

*Appreciating Both Sides Of God's Masterpiece*

Scripture: Acts 9:1-22