



# OREMS BEACON

## OREMS UNITED METHODIST

June/ July 2020

### TUNE IN– to Worship and Prayer

We will not be able to gather in our sanctuary for worship till this Fall but we can still worship and gather via the internet. Orem's is providing Sunday Worship on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Oremsumc/> and also on Youtube. Connect to the Youtube link from our website [www.oremsumc.org](http://www.oremsumc.org) Also we have prayer time through Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 pm. To receive the Zoom log in information, send an email to the church office or Pastor Gail.

**DON'T HAVE THE INTERNET** but want to see Orem's worship service. You can view the service in Room 100 on Tuesday or Thursday at 11 am or 1 pm. Tables are set up for you to watch while observing social distance and mask requirement.

**Communion Service July 5 and August 2nd** at 12 Noon for drive in style communion. Arrive by 11:55 a.m. and park in every other spot on the lot or across the road. Tune your car radio to 103.9 FM to hear the service. Bring your own elements or pick up a set from the Church office on Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Please stay in your car. But If you need to leave your car, please wear a mask.** The Sunday school Restroom will be open if needed. Follow directions on the signs for sanitation. This is the communion section of the service only. The entire Worship service will be broadcast at 10 a.m. on Orem's Facebook Page or Youtube.

## Giving your Tithes / Offerings

It is now possible to give your offering on a recurring basis or a single donation to Orem's Church through ShelbyNext systems.

You may do this with a credit or debit card or ACH (withdrawal) or an echeck. The system charges 2.7% of your donation as a convenience fee. You do not have to pay this fee, the church will be invoiced. There is a box to check if you wish to cover the fee. If you use echeck or ACH the fee charged to the church is smaller but the online system does not differentiate between the Credit/debit convenience fee and lesser fees. If you want to use echeck or ACH do not check off that you will cover the convenience fee. For these types of donations the fee is less than 1% of your donation. It would be better for you to make a cash donation to the church at a later time in person for that small amount then to be charged 2.7%.

To donate online follow this link

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/orem1020156>

To text your donations: Text the word **Give** to **1-410-873-1957** then follow the prompts.

Your information will be encrypted so that it is safe. We hope that this will offer you another option for giving your tithing and more to Orem's United Methodist Church. You can also give to specific missions or programs. If you have any questions, I will be happy to help you. Contact the church at 410-687-9483 or email me and we can work through the form. Vicki Borreson.

If you prefer to mail your donation or drop off your offering, we now have a locked mailbox to keep your donations secure. It is located outside the center entrance to the connecting hallway. Or you can drop off donations on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Congratulations to the Graduates of 2020

**Cambri Lynn Andrews** *Oliver Beach Elementary from Kindergarten to First Grade. She is the daughter of Sarahann Borreson and granddaughter of Vicki and Larry Borreson.*



**Luca Diodato** 5th grade graduate from Ring Factory Elementary. Son of James and Melissa McVicker. Grandson of Jim and Sandy McVicker.

**Joshua Eney** - Kenwood High School/Sollers Point High School on June 18th with a virtual graduation. He received the Sollers Point Faculty Scholarship. He will attend CCBC-Essex and then transfer to Towson University to complete a degree in Cyber Security Degree. Josh is the son of Margaret and Jeff Eney.



**Nate Eney** Nathaniel Eney graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Stemmers Run Middle School. Will be attending Sollers Point Technical High School for IT Networking in the Fall. Nate is the son of Margaret and Jeff Eney.



**Finley McVicker** from Pre-K at Bel Air United Methodist Church Elementary. Daughter of James and Melissa McVicker. Granddaughter of Jim and Sandy McVicker.

**Samantha Tingle** Perry Hall High School, Class of 2020. Sam earned membership in the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Social Studies Honor Society. She will attending Salisbury State University in the Fall studying for a career in Nursing. Granddaughter of Norris and Linda Tingle.







## The Prayer Shawl Mission

The newest Prayer Shawls, 38 of them, were blessed on the altar at the end of May. There were beautiful shades of blue, yellow, gold, brown, purple, and pink on display.

Shawls remain available at the Church office. Our members continue to use their skills in knit and crochet to provide new shawls as they work from home.

New members who would like to learn to knit or crochet the shawls would be welcomed to our group.

Blessings, Dottie Daiger





We are beginning to collect photos of folks listed on our All Saints List. IF you have lost a loved one since November 1, 2019 and would like them listed in the All Saints list this year, we would appreciate a photo to include in our listing. Please email these to [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net)



### **Thank You**

*Butch and I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, prayers, condolences and the many cards that we received at the passing of Butch's brother Bobby. Thank you all so much and God Bless you all.*

*Fran and Butch Frank*

### **KEENAGERS and LUNCH BUNCH**

***Watch for a POP UP event for Keenagers and Lunch Bunch at Orems Church. We will gather outside under a canopy with radios to hear the devotions through the speakers. We will place an order from Coffmans or another local restaurant and enjoy fellowship with social distancing. This is of course weather permitting. A One Call will announce the date and time.***

## The Task to Re- Open Orem's Church

We have been directed by the Bishop to form a "Re-Entering Well Task Force" to plan for a phased-in reopening of our building(s) for church gatherings. This Team includes Pastor Gail, Members of the Board of Trustees, Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair, Media Presentation Representative, our Administrative Assistant, Worship Chair and our Health team chair. This team is meeting by Zoom to review updated information regarding reopening. Their work will be informed by the local health department and CDC guidelines.

Before congregations gather, each church must be able to do the following:

Consider the percentage of congregants who are vulnerable to the virus, and take into account the high degree of discipline that will be necessary in order for the pastor and congregation to be vigilant about adhering to guidelines and helping others do the same.

Consider the size and configuration of your space(s) including parking lots, foyers, sanctuaries, bathrooms, elevators, classrooms, etc. and what that means in terms of meeting health guidelines.



### **PICNIC CANCELLED**

***As you may have guessed our Annual Pit Beef picnic has been cancelled. As disappointing at this may be, there is too many restrictions on large groups and for serving meals at this time. We will have to wait for next year to enjoy our annual picnic together.***

## **THAT BRIGHT LIGHT AHEAD**

These past few months have been daunting. Disappointment, a bit of depression, interruption of our daily routine, not to mention missing friends and family...all these and more. There is a bright light ahead.

The Re-Entry Team is working diligently to bring our Church family back together at Orem. Carefully, thoughtfully, safely. We have set a target date of October 7—World Communion Sunday, subject to Conference and State guidelines. Could that change to a later date? Possibly. Sometimes when we put stakes in the ground, they need to be pulled up and moved in the name of safety.

Nonetheless, this is the plan. This is the date. This is that bright light that will draw us back together into the fellowship we relish and enjoy. Mark that date on your calendar.

In the meantime, Orem has become a “hot spot” on the internet while we are apart physically. The church services—live and recorded—are working for us. The church’s message is even reaching some who have never been in our pews. Imagine that!

So, Blest Be The Tie That Binds, be it hand in hand or electronic. Amen and Blessings to all.

**We Are Still The Church”** Calling all members to consider submitting a brief video (a minute or two) on how you are dealing with the Quarantine. Perhaps show us the simple pleasures you have discovered, or how you are serving in new ways, or where God has shown up to you in this time of Pandemic. Send the videos to the church email or to Mike Walters. If you would like to come to the office on a Tuesday or Thursday Vicki Borreson can film you as you share your comments. In the coming weeks, Pastor Gail will be preaching about the Church being “the church” when working OUTSIDE the Box.





## **THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OREMS** **CHURCH**

***September 13, 1773 – September 13, 2023***

*In less than 2-1/2 years, we will be 250 years young. One can hardly imagine the river of Saints that has flowed through Orem's over all this time. Well, folks that river still flows and we're in it. When this date rolls around, we will be celebrating in various and sundry ways. We know that's a way off at the moment.*

*We will be including articles about our formation and history from time to time in the Beacon. The brief messages and stories will be in roughly chronological order up until our birthday.*

*Folks, we survived the British invasion in 1776, the coronavirus in 2020 and everything in between. We are here to stay. Look forward to sharing our history.*



### **NEWS FROM MOO -- MEN OF OREMS**

***The Spaghetti Dinner helps to offset the cost of lawn care for our cemetery each year. We greatly appreciate the help the funds raised at the spaghetti dinner offer us and we are grateful to all who support this dinner each year.***

***As you know our dinner was cancelled due to the Corona Virus shut down. **If you purchased a ticket** and would like a refund from the MOO, please call the church office (410)687-9483 and a check will be mailed to you. If you would like your payment donated to the Lawn care fund, please let us know by phone call 410-687-9483 or email ([oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net)) We look forward to a great dinner next year and thank you for your continued support.***