

Special points of interest:

Remember that Christmas day is a celebration of what God gave to us and not what we get under the tree. So on December 25th don't forget to stop and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus and thank you to God for loving us enough to give his very best!

Our services will remain online through December. We are working to keep our people as safe as possible. You can view our service on the Orem Church Facebook page or go to our website at www.oremsumc.org and follow the link.

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OREMS BEACON DEC. 2020

Orem United Methodist Church

Here we go a caroling!
Join us for Caroling Event
in the parking lot at Orem
Church on December 13th
at 4:00 p.m.



Join us for a time of safe distance fellowship and caroling! Music will be provided by our Organist/Choir Director Greg Arment. He will be playing the organ in the sanctuary for us to listen on our car radios. We will have song sheets available. We must remain in our cars but we can open our windows a little to hear each other sing. We will make the best of this crazy Christmas Covid season and lift our spirits together. You may even want to decorate your car for the occasion.



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Our Christmas eve service will be online to provide a safe environment for our congregation. We want to make a special slide show presentation of folks holding candles for our service. Please take a selfie of yourself or your family holding a lighted candle like we would do in our candlelight worship service. Once you have the photo just Email or text the photo to Pastor Gail so she can add it to the slide show. We hope to get lots of photos for this moment in our Christmas eve service. Deadline to send the photo is Dec. 20th.



Worship for December will be on line only.

We will be offering communion by appointment for those who can not watch the service online and would like communion. Call the office to make an appointment with Pastor Gail. Also if you do not have access to a computer and would like to come up to the office to watch the service during the week, call the church office and set up a time to watch safely in room 100. Masks are required.

Thrift Shop News

We are unable to accept donations at this time. We have run out of storage space and since merchandise is not moving while we are closed there is no where for new items to go.

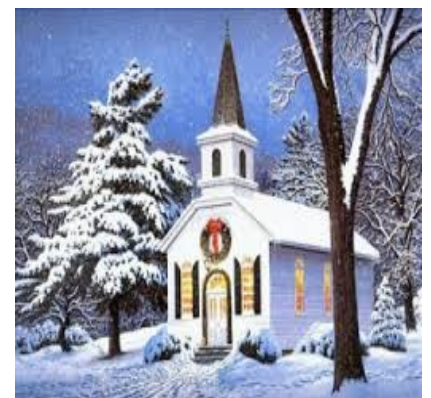
Our Thrift Shop still can not open due to the order to maintain social distancing. Our rooms are too small to keep people 6 feet apart. But if you are interested in shopping, you can make an appointment to shop the thrift shop with one or two people. Call the church office to make an appointment.



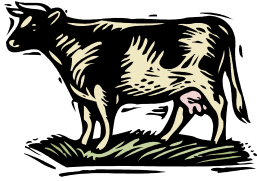
Orems Gift Card Fundraiser” Christmas is almost here! Gift cards make a perfect Gift! **Pick up your order form and retailer’s list in the Narthex or from the office.** Orders will be taken until December 6th. If you have any questions please call Pat Collins at 410-687-2548. Let’s make this a great Success!!

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Keenagers will not be meeting in December. We hope to get together again soon but Mr. Covid has really rained on our parade this year. Have a blessed Christmas and safe and happy New Year.



MOO NEWS



The MEN OF OREMS will not be meeting in December. We will hope to be together in January but who knows!

The MOO will be meeting the fourth Thursday of each month as soon as we can gather.

United Methodist Women will not be meeting in December but hope to meet soon. We miss seeing each other and the fellowship of Christian women.

Lunch Bunch hopes to return to meeting in the Spring. Thank you!



Food Pantry News

We were able to provide 18 families with a Happy Thanksgiving, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation.

Our food pantry will be stocking up for Christmas baskets. If you are able to help us, Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned potatoes, canned yams, Rice, Jello and pudding, soups, Beef stew, cookies, and Spaghetti noodles. We will also gladly accept gift cards of \$20 to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

Your monetary donations, help us shop for these items. Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working.

Pixie Faulkner, Food Pantry Coordinator

Don't forget our Little Feet Mission through the year! 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. 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



This year the tree didn't go up but you still managed to help 26 children with their Christmas Wishes. If you took a child's name remember that Gifts must be returned to the church by December 9th so that they can be ready for pick up.

Please be sure to tag the gifts with the child's name and please put them all in a large bag with the Child's name and Code on it.

Many of you sent monetary donations for the Angel Tree so that we could shop for you. Thank you so very much for the outpouring of response to this mission.

Once again Orem's Church has been able to give families in Middle River a good Christmas. Thank you so much for sharing the love of Jesus in this tangible way.

Orems UMC 2021 Lay Leadership Development Report

Council

Council Chair:	Pat Collins
Recording Secretary:	Linda Tingle
Lay Leaders:	Merlyn Campbell, Judy Tolbert
Lay Member to Annual Conference:	Laurel McNeal
Pastor:	Rev. Gail Button
Certified Lay Servants	Norris Tingle, Pixie Faulkner
Finance Chair:	Linda Hall
Treasurer:	Jim McVicker
Assistant Treasurer:	Charlotte West
Financial Secretary:	Linda Hall
Staff Parish Relations:	Norris Tingle
Trustee Chair (elected):	Bob Collins
Church History Chair:	Karen Dull
Christian Education Chair/Sunday School Superintendent:	Robin Hoch
Congregational Care Team Leader	Pixie Faulkner
Evangelism Team Leader	Terry Alexander
Health Ministry Team Leader	Kathy Egner
Missions/Outreach Team	Pat Collins
Worship:	Clint Miller
UMW President (elected by UMW):	Margaret Eney & Mary Eisely
Men of Orems (MOO):	Butch Frank
Keenagers	Judy Tolbert
Youth Coordinators:	_____
Additional Members	Jeff Eney

Ministry Teams

Christian Education	Team Leader	Robin Hoch
Superintendent:	Robin Hoch	
Teachers:	Laurel McNeal, Sara Hoch, Terry Alexander	
Seekers (Adult):	Karen Dull	
Confirmation Classes	Rev. Gail Button, Terry Alexander, & Confirmation Mentors	
Adult Small Groups:		
Pastor:	Rev. Gail Button	
Certified Lay Servant:	Norris Tingle	

Communications Team

Church Administrator: Vicki Borreson (Staff)
Facebook Page: Nita Hatcher
Live Streaming /online worship Mike Walters; Rev. Gail Button
Website: Mike Walters, Vicki Borreson, Karen Dull

Congregational Care Team Team leader Pixie Faulkner

Membership Secretary: Kathy Cunningham
Lay Visitation Terry Alexander, Don Egner, Pixie Faulkner, Al Martins, Norris Tingle
Bereavement Ministry Merle Vickers
Greeting Card Ministry Ruth Shifflett, Sarah Circle
Home Touch (ministry to Home bound) Ruth Shifflett
Prayer Shawls Dottie Daiger

Evangelism Team Leader: Terry Alexander

Team Members Jeff Eney, Pat Pinning

Health Ministry Team Team Leader Kathy Egner

Pastor & Health Minister Rev. Gail Button
UMW President Margaret Eney & Mary Eisely (Health Education Lunches)
Additional Team members Carolyn Luttrell, Charlotte Turner
Lydia Circle (UMW) Joyce Serio, Trish Alvey, Kathy Egner, Charlotta Turner, Merlyn Campbell, Pat Collins, Pixie Faulkner, Rev. Gail Button

Missions and Outreach Team Leader: Pat Collins

Angel Tree: Vicki Borreson (Church Staff)
Board of Child Care: Gloria Asbury & Joyce Scarcella
Center for Pregnancy Concerns (UMW mission) Linda Hall
Disciples of Yarn/Prayer Shawl: Dottie Daiger
Food Pantry: Pixie Faulkner
Little Feet (Local Schools):
Homeless Ministry: Joyce Serio
Samaritan's Purse: Michelle McNeal
Scouting Liason: Pat Collins
Thrift Store: Linda Hall & Sara-Beth Dulina

Worship

Pastor:	Rev. Gail Button
Music Director & Organist:	Gregory Arment (Staff)
Certified Lay Servants:	Norris Tingle; Pixie Faulkner
Choir Representative	Judy Tolbert
Projection Coordinators:	Mike Walters; Mike Bell, Clint Miller
Live Streaming/online Worship	Mike Walters; Rev. Gail Button
Altar Guild	Merlyn Campbell, Sara Beth Dulina, Lisa Hoerger, Joyce Serio
Communion Stewards	Nita Hatcher, Joyce Serio,
Worship Servant Coordinator	Linda Hall
Sunday School Representative	Robin Hoch
Wedding Coordinators:	Merlyn Campbell; Annette Falkenhan
Lay Leaders:	Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert
Additional member	Laurel McNeal (Candidate for Ordained Ministry)

Administrative Committees

Finance Committee:	Team Leader Linda Hall
Treasurer:	Jim McVicker
Assistant Treasurer (Trust Acct.):	Charlotte West
Council Chair:	Pat Collins
Lay Member to Annual Conference:	Laurel McNeal
Lay Leaders:	Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert
Memorial Fund Secretary/Treasurer:	Madeline Kikola
Financial Secretary:	Linda Hall
Trustee Chair (elected by Trustees):	Bob Collins
SPRC Chair:	Norris Tingle
Additional Members:	Carl Horst

Nominations and Lay Leadership Development Committee

Chair: Rev. Gail Button (Pastor)

Lay Leader: Merlyn Campbell

Class of 2021 Class of 2022 Class of 2023

Mary Eisely	Carl Horst
<i>Kathy Cunningham</i>	Norris Tingle
	Judy Tolbert

Scholarship Committee: (*Arena: Finance Ministry*)

Chair / Pastor: Rev. Gail Button
Memorial Fund Treasurer: Madeline Kikola
UMW President (elected): Margaret Eney & Mary Eisley
Education Chair: Robin Hoch
Lay Leader: Merlyn Campbell, Judy Tolbert

Staff Parish Relations Committee (*Arena: SPRC/PPRC*)

Chair: Norris Tingle
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Laurel McNeal
Lay Leader: Merlyn Campbell, Judy Tolbert
Pastor: Rev. Gail Button

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Norris Tingle	Joyce Scarcella	Tom Vinck
Carl Horst	Linda Rampola	Terry Alexander
Robin Hoch		Laurel McNeal (Young Adult)

Board of Trustees: (*Arena: Trustees*)

Chair: Bob Collins (to be confirmed by Trustee election)
Vice Chair: Terry Alexander (to be confirmed by Trustee election)
Secretary: Pat Foard (to be confirmed by Trustee election)
Treasurer: Jim McVickers (Church Treasurer)

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Terry Alexander	Chuck Frank	All Martins
Bob Collins	Wes Hart	Elaine Masson
Pat Foard	Jeff Dulina	Charlotte West (Church Kitchen)
	Charlotta Turner	

Ex-officio Members

UMW President (elected): Margaret Eney & Mary Eisley
MOO Representative: Butch Frank
Pastor: Rev. Gail Button

Cemetery Committee (sub-committee of Trustees): (*Arena: Trustees*)

Chair: Carl Horst
Vice Chair: Sallie Tyner
Secretary & Historian: Karen Dull
Treasurer: Charlotte West (Trust Fund Treasurer)
Additional Members: Elaine Masson; Butch Frank (MOO representative)

Staff Parish Relations

Chair: Norris Tingle

Lay Member to Conference: Nikki Hart

Lay Leaders: Merlyn Campbell; Nikki Hart

Pastor Rev. Gail Button

Class of 2020

Tom Vinck

Terry Alexander

Laurel McNeal (Young Adult) Carl Horst

Class of 2021

Norris Tingle

Robin Hoch

Carl Horst

Class of 2022

Linda Rampolla

Joyce Scarcella

Board of Trustees

Chair: Bob Collins (elected)

Vice Chair: (elected)

Secretary: *Pat Foard* (elected)

Treasurer: Jim McVickers (Church Treasurer)

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Al Martins

Elaine Masson

Kenny Keys

Class of 2021

Terry Alexander

Pat Foard

Bob Collins

Class of 2022

Chuck Frank

Wes Hart

Jeff Dulina

Charlotta Turner

Ex-officio Members

Church Kitchen Charlotte West

UMW President: Margaret Eney

MOO Representative Butch Frank

Lay Leaders: Merlyn Campbell; Nikki Hart

Pastor: Rev. Gail Button

Cemetery Committee (sub-committee of Trustees until cemetery is separately incorporated)

Incorporation Transition Leader Sallie Tyner

Chair: Carl Horst

Vice Chair

Secretary & Historian: Karen Dull

Treasurer Charlotte West (Trust Fund Treasurer)

Additional members Elaine Masson, _____ (Moo Rep)

Resident Agent (once incorporated) _____

Note: Approved by Church Council on September 19, 2019



Operations Christmas Child

—We were able to ship 83 boxes to this year. Thank you to everyone who helped with packing

boxes during Faith Boost and who brought their own boxes and who donated through the year to make the packing party a huge success. Special thanks to Michele McNeal for being such a great coordinator of this event. A job well done by everyone!

Disciples of Yarn

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. We have supplies to help you learn to knit or crochet. Also there is yarn for those who want to help supply our mission with shawls. The dates and times of our next Needlebees meeting is December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Blessings to all,
Dottie Daiger

KITCHEN UPDATE

We are still collecting funds to replace the commercial refrigerator in the kitchen. Drop off your donation or mail a check to the church with a note: Kitchen refrigerator! And thank you in advance.



2021 Offering envelopes will be available for pick up by December 16th. 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.

It's time for the Christmas Card Box!



The mailbox is in the connecting hallway for your Christmas cards to your friends at Orem's Church. Sign your name inside the card and write their name on the envelope—NO STAMP REQUIRED. Place your card in the box by Dec 17th. Cards will be hand delivered to your home on December 21st and 22nd. Please be sure the office has your correct address for delivery.

Streets of Hope Mission

Feeding the Homeless: At this time we are purchasing the meals for them. We do need donations of water, crackers, cookies, chips/ pretzels and sodas. You can drop these off to Orem's church Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10 to 3 p.m.

If interested in helping to pick up or prepare food, **contact the church office or Joyce Serio**. Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

Bible Studies on Zoom

If you are interested in joining a bible study in January, drop a note to the office. We want to know your preferences for daytime or evening and which day works best for you. We have many wonderful opportunities available for study. Let us know your thoughts.

Email:

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Phone: 410-687-9483

We offer prayers and sympathy to the following families:



On November 24th John Jessa passed away. He was the husband of the late Barbara (Bobbi) Jessa

On November 25th Francis Falkenhan, brother of Casper Falkenhan and Uncle of Eric Falkenhan passed away.

On November 29th, Jack Eisely, husband of Mary and father of Dawn Wallingford and Katie Mayfield passed away.

Please keep all of these families in prayer as they approach the Christmas holiday and beyond.

AMPLIFY MEDIA Is a site that offers Bible studies, devotions and especially wonderful programs for children and families to enjoy. The Church pays for the subscription but you will need to register an account so that you have your own password to access the programs. We hope you will enjoy this site. Go to <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify> in the upper right corner click on the person



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Church Offerings

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. 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. There is a box to check if you wish to include this. If you need help, call the church office.

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.

January Newsletter Deadline is December 12th, if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at oremsumc@verizon.net



A Christmas Prayer

*Lord,
You came upon
A Midnight Clear
to bring
Joy to the World
and draw us near.
It was a Holy Night,
when you came from above,
to fill our hearts with hope and love.
Thank you,
Sweet Jesus Boy,
for clothing us with
Comfort and Joy.*

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