



# OREMS BEACON OCT/NOV 2020

## Orems United Methodist Church



Groups meeting at Orems Church must check with the RE-ENTRY Committee before meeting in our building. There are certain guidelines to be followed to meet requirements by Health regulations and our Insurance company.

At this time our Keenagers, United Methodist Women and Men of Orems are waiting till January to begin meeting if it is safe to meet at that time. Our HALL CLOSET will remain closed until the 6 feet social distance restriction is lifted.

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### ALL SAINTS DAY

**We will be observing All Saints Day, on Sunday, November 1st at Worship service and online. We will present a slide show of photos of those we have lost since our last All Saints Day.**

*If you have lost a loved one, family or friend, in the past year since our last All Saints Day (Nov 2019), please*

*notify the office of the person's name and date of death by Tuesday afternoon October 27th. We will include them on our list to honor them on Nov. 1st and if possible will add their photo to our slideshow.*



Sunday school is open! But like everything else it is—just different—than before. We will have Sunday school at 10 am during our worship service. Children will

begin in service with their family then after the Children's message they will go to the Repair chapel for an activity. Children should wear a mask.



**REMEMBER TO  
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS  
on Saturday October  
31st Daylight savings  
time ends  
November 1st.**



## CHURCH IS OPEN FOR WORSHIP

We are meeting in person in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. You must wear a mask and keep social distance regulations. No visiting from pew to pew and only sitting in the pews NOT roped off. We are not using the elevator at this time because you can't social distance in our elevator. We do not know how long we will have to follow these guidelines but it will be much longer than we would like, that much is for sure.

Sunday school is meeting during our Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children begin with their family and then move to another area to do a craft or activity.



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**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 Orem's website and follow the link to youtube or you can watch the facebook sermons on our facebook page.

**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.

If you have a group that would like to resume meeting in Orem's buildings, you must advise the re-entry group so that you can be informed about the up-to-date guidelines for using our building safely. We are doing everything we can to safeguard against possible exposure to the public. If we don't know you have been in the building, we can't properly sanitize the area. Help us keep everyone as healthy as possible.

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

Keenagers as a group of older citizens, it has been decided that it is safer to wait to gather than it is to BE together. So we will see you after the holidays, if it is safe to meet at that time. Blessings to All, Judy Tolbert



If you are planning a meeting or event, please notify the office so that it can be added to our calendar. This is important for insurance purposes as well as avoiding conflicts with room usages. Thank you

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## FAITH BOOST RETURNS

While many of our events are cancelled due to the Corona Virus, Faith Boost has resumed. We are meeting on Wednesday 12 noon for worship and lunch in room 100. We have arranged the tables to be 6 feet apart. Please, wear a mask and bring your own lunch and drink. A prepackaged dessert is provided.



## Advent Study INCARNATION by Adam Hamilton

Pastor Gail will be leading an advent  
study over ZOOM.

Tuesday evenings on Nov 10th, 17th, Dec 1st, and  
8th at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Incarnation explores the meaning behind the names  
of Christ. And the difference he makes in our lives  
today. Please plan to join us for this study and re-  
discover the significance of Christmas.





**OREMS YARD needs some tender loving care. Please join us with rakes and garden tools to clean up our church property on November 7th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information contact Bob Collins or call the church office.**

## **AMPLIFY – New Media service for Orem's Church**

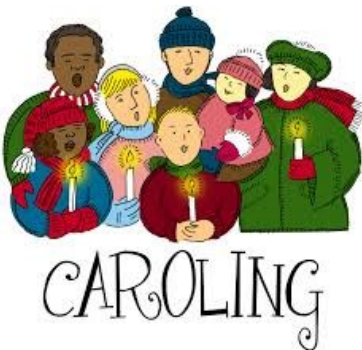
We're excited to announce that we are launching a new multimedia service called Amplify. Amplify is home to thousands of videos that will allow you to explore and grow your faith in new ways. There are videos centered around study, reflection, worship and more. Best of all, you can watch these videos anytime on almost any device. We'll be using these resources for inspiration and teaching in our main services here as well as with our small groups, Bible studies, and Sunday school classes. There are great videos for children and adults for entertainment and education. And they are free for you to use. To create your Amplify account, you can find all the information you need below.

Create your Amplify account today!

Our Amplify Church Website: <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify>  
Access code: RTJLVP

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Amplify Support team is here to help: [SUPPORT@AMPLIFYMEDIA.COM](mailto:SUPPORT@AMPLIFYMEDIA.COM) or call 800.672.1789



**Since we can't sing in church we will be gathering in our parking lot on December 13th at 4 pm to sing Christmas Carols in our cars. Greg will be playing the organ in the sanctuary and we will get the music through our radios. There will be song sheets to help us sing our old familiar tunes safely in our cars. We will not let Covid19 stop us from celebrating the birth of our savior. (Restrooms will be open if needed)**



### Poinsettia Orders

Call in your Flower order to the office  
410-687-9483

Or email at  
oremsmc@verizon.net.

Order due by **TUESDAY Dec 1st**, Cost is \$7 . Payment will be due with order.

Please state

Red or White  
Poinsettias

**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 during the Christmas season.

You may take your poinsettia home after the worship service on December 20th.

## MOO NEWS



**The MEN OF OREMS was formed 9 years ago as a group for fellowship of men in the church. The men decided their purpose would be to "Get Things Done" around the church. And they have accomplished a good many things. Each year they raise money to pay for the mowing of our cemetery and church lawns with a spaghetti dinner but Covid 19 stopped the Spaghetti dinner and pit beef sales. They are still accepting donations to help pay for the lawn care for our church property.**

**MOO will not be meeting in November or December but will be back the 4th Thursday of January for their meeting night, Lord willing. We are all so tired of this virus and hope to be able to gather in person in January for our meeting. MOOOOOOOO**



The United Methodist Women will not be meeting in November or December but hope to meet in January. UMW

meetings are the first Wednesday of each month from September to June in ordinary years meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm. All Women of the church are invited. Hope to See you there! We hope that we can soon gather as a group safely and enjoy the fellowship of Christian women.

Please keep our missions in prayer at this time:

Orem's Sunday School, Board of Child Care, Asbury Methodist Home, YWCA Battered Women, Susanna Wesley House, Homeless Mission, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts who meet at Orem's, UMW Global Missions and the Center for Pregnancy Concerns

## Food Pantry News

When you are out grocery shopping think of our Food Pantry. Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, Soups, instant potatoes, turkey gravy, canned mixed fruit, applesauce, corn bread mix, cranberry sauce, and juices. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread. WE encourage you to purchase Food Lion, Giant Foods and Weis Market gift cards from our gift card fundraiser to be used during the holidays for our baskets.

Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working.

### Help Our Mission!

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. At this time, they can only take monetary donations as their volunteers to sort clothing are not working during Covid. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.*



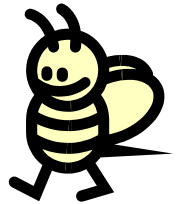
**Church Conference will be meeting via ZOOM on November 21st at 3 pm. You must register ahead of time to receive the zoom invite. Or come to Room 100 wearing a mask and participate.**



### DISCIPLES OF YARN

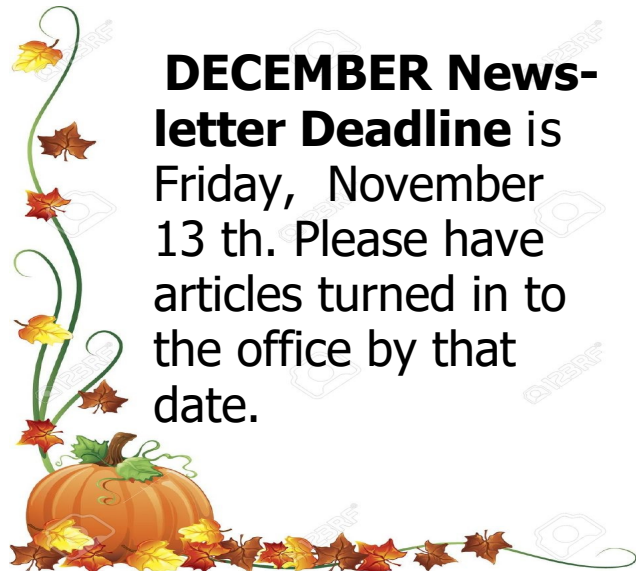
The needs of the congregation continue to be met by those who prepare the shawls. Many thanks to those who support our mission with their talent, material, and monetary contributions. Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as we continue throughout the rest of the year.

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 the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in Room 100 at 6:30 p.m. November 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.



Wear a mask to attend the meeting at this time.

**DECEMBER Newsletter Deadline** is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please have articles turned in to the office by that date.





## IT'S SHOE BOX TIME!!!

We have had a long tradition at Orem's Church of participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

campaign. This year Covid will prevent us from having our usual Packing party but you can still pack a box on your own. If you would like to fill a shoe box here's a list of accepted items: small toys (no war toys or guns please), crayons, small books, school supplies, sun glasses, flashlights and batteries, band aids and pocket size Kleenex, chap stick and gum, tooth brush (NO toothpaste please) hair brush or comb, wash cloth and soap, jump ropes, socks and t shirts. Don't forget your shipping payment and labels. If you pay online for shipping you can print off a shipping label that allows your box to be tracked and after Christmas you will receive an email telling you where your box was sent. You can also include a Christmas card with a note from your family to the recipient.



**Please have your boxes back to the church no later than November 15th.** We will record the blessing of the boxes to put up on our online service and show to the congregation in our sanctuary. Thanks for all your help!

Michele McNeal

Operation Christmas Child Coordinator

**Streets of Hope** men's winter shelter will once again open in November and operate through April. Orem's will be helping to provide dinner to the homeless men of the Streets of Hope. With Covid 19 restrictions we can not go in and serve the men just yet. But we can give snacks, meals, and drinks. Jesus can become real to them through you. Teams of 2 to 3 volunteers per month would be ideal. If interested, please contact the church office. WE will update you when we have a calendar of meals.

Streets of Hope UPDATE: Our organization has an opportunity to operate the Code Blue shelters for this area along with housing sixteen men for the winter. We will continue to operate Streets of Hope as before, giving them a warm meal and a bed every night from November through April 15. Now, we are asking for our churches to send us people who might be interested in applying to help staff the freezing weather shelter. There are two shifts = 5:30-12:30 and 12:00-7:00, all paid positions. This could work well for those who already have somewhat flexible hours. We need people with experience working with homeless or at-risk population, Ability to work under pressure and in an emergency, especially with clients with physical or mental disabilities, Ability to work nights and on call. **Will you help us find those people?**



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 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. Prayer is Powerful-spread the power!

Our One Call Now system sends out reminders of activities, meetings, and other announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. **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**



The Girl Scout troops that meet at Orems are selling cookies. They are \$5 a box this year. If you would like to order Girl Scout cookies from the troops at

Orems Church you can order through the church office or sign up on the sheet next to the church office on the bulletin board.

## Angel Tree Mission

The tree will be up on Nov 8th with the names of Children and their list of Christmas Wishes. If you prefer, you may donate money and we will shop for you. It is a safer choice for this year. We are also accepting gift cards to Walmart, Kohls and Target for the families on the tree. Adopt a child for the season by filling out the Angel Log with your name, the Child's name and code written on the Angel. Please remember that this is the only Christmas gifts this child will receive. Team up with a friend and expand your shopping money. Please Help us provide a good Christmas for children from the Middle River area. Gifts must be returned to the Church by December 15th. Thank you for supporting this mission.





Fill out the form below or print info on a piece of paper and give to Pat Collins or turn in at the church office.

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