



# OREMS BEACON

Orem's United Methodist Church  
March 2021

## Worship News

We will continue to worship in person and online on Sundays during Lent .

To attend the service in the sanctuary:

**Please wear a mask and Follow Social distance restrictions.**

You may need a sweater as we will be running the AC to filter the air.

You must enter the building through the doors in the Connecting hallway while observing 6 feet distance. And check in with the Usher to be sure you are on our attendance list. Do not visit from Pew to pew.

Please use the sanitizer at the Sanitizing Station and wear your mask.

Do not sit in a pew that is roped off. Do not sit together, unless you are from the same household or same car.

If you use the restroom, follow directions on the signs for sanitation after use.

Thank you for keeping others safe.

### TO ATTEND THE SERVICE ONLINE:

You can connect to the Youtube link from our website  
[www.oremsumc.org](http://www.oremsumc.org) or to our Facebook page  
at <https://www.facebook.com/Oremsumc/>

Orem's United Methodist, 1020 Orem's Road, Middle River, MD 21220  
Church office: 410-687-9483 Email Office at [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net)

Visit our webpage [www.oremsumc.org](http://www.oremsumc.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Oremsumc](https://www.facebook.com/Oremsumc) Twitter @oremsumc

Pastor Gail Button

Worship service at 10:00 a.m.

## **Faith Boost Lunch & Worship - Wednesdays at 12 PM in Room 100**

Faith Boost is a midweek worship opportunity to gather for fellowship and worship the Lord. We have arranged the tables in room 100 to be 6 feet apart. Please wear a mask and bring your own lunch and drink. Join us at 12 noon to eat together or join us at 12:30 for the worship service.

### ***LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WORDS OF LIFE:***

#### ***Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today***

A video and discussion-based study by Adam Hamilton. In person study on Thursday afternoons at 1 pm in room 100. Masks are required to attend. **Beginning Feb 25th thru March 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like a book, they are available in the church office for \$15. It's not too late to join us.

#### ***From the District Office of our Annual Conference:***

***We are passing along the following information that has been shared with the district office regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.***

- Appointments are available for the new M&T Bank Stadium mass vaccination site to walk up and get an appointment

To make an appointment online go to [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov). #MDReady.

- Or you can text MDReady to 898-211
  - Go to the Baltimore Convention Center to sign up for an appointment
- Preference is given to Baltimore City and Baltimore Community residents.

## **Amazon Smile DO YOU SHOP AMAZON? Shop and Help Orem's!**

Orem's Church is now part of Amazon Smile. IF you shop on Amazon, use this link to give back to Orem's as you shop. This link will take you directly to smile.amazon.com in support of Orem's Church. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0663101> **Go to the link then shop away!**

Thank you from Church member:

To Everyone at Orem's Church,  
Thank you for all the Christmas cards and the letters from the church. I miss you.

Sincerely, Paul Parks



## Changes to Orem's Church Council for 2021

Due to the unexpected loss of our treasurer, Jim McVicker, the Council had to elect a new treasurer. Pat Collins has accepted the position starting March 2nd. Norris Tingle will take the Admin Chair position vacated by Pat for the rest of 2021. Please keep Pat Collins, Norris Tingle and our Admin Board in prayer as they move forward, while still grieving the loss of Jim.

### **Comfort Cases Mission– Help Orem's help others for LENT.**

**THIS SHOULD  
NEVER BE  
A CHILD'S  
SUITCASE.**



As a special mission for Lent we have chosen Comfort Cases. Comfort cases are backpacks filled with comfort and personal care items for kids entering the foster care system. Typically, children are given a trash bag to pack up their belongings when they are removed from their homes. Comfort Cases believes every child deserves to pack their belongings in a special bag that they can call their very own, to have a cozy new pair of pajamas, a brand new warm blanket, and a new stuffed animal to hug during the traumatic transition into foster care. We have 48 backpacks now we need the items to go in the backpacks. You can shop for these items or donate the money to the church and our mission committee will shop for you. Place in envelope and write COMFORT CASES.

We need pajamas size 3T to Adult 2X (NO NIGHTGOWNS), soft Throw size blankets, tooth brush, tooth paste, Stuffed animals, books for kids age 2 up to teens age years, Coloring books, crayons, journals, pens and pencils. You can shop by age or just general items, but all goes to help foster children feel more comfortable in an otherwise uncomfortable time in their lives. You can find **more info on this charity at [Comfortcases.org](http://Comfortcases.org)**



**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 shop by appointment along with one or two people. Call the church office to make an appointment.



Food Pantry needs beef stew, pancake mix and syrup, instant potatoes, Chicken noodle and tomatosoups, crackers, jars of gravy and canned chicken, canned hams, canned roast beef, canned beefaroni and ravioli, Peanut butter and jelly, cans of corn, peas and carrots, pudding and cake mix and frosting, Manwich and stuffing. Also if you would like to donate \$15 gift cards to Food Lion or Giant.

## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Our prayer chain uses the One Call Now system to send out prayer requests to the entire group at one time so that we can join together in prayer. If you need to have a request sent through the prayer chain, contact the church office at 410-687-9483 and the prayer will be sent out as soon as possible.

**One Call Now System** is used to send out reminders and announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. Sometimes a call will experience a glitch and not leave a message or If you miss the message for some reason; you can replay the message by calling toll free 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message played for you.

## Disciples of Yarn

The Prayer Shawl Mission has been able to provide 7 prayer shawls in the New year to members and friends of Orem.

Members of the Needlebees continue to provide these shawls and their continuing efforts are greatly appreciated.

Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as we continue throughout the rest of the year. If you know of someone experiencing distress or in need of comfort with the "Hugs from God" that are offered through the shawls, contact Dottie Daiger or the church office.



**NEEDLEBEES** If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our 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 March 9th and March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in room 100.

Blessings,

Dottie Daiger

**The April Newsletter deadline is March 15th. Please drop off your information or send an email to [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net).**





UMCOR Sunday is one of six special offerings in The United Methodist Church that supports ministries shared by all churches in the denomination. UMCOR, the United Methodist



Committee on Relief, acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. From the Philippines to Pennsylvania, Brazil to Burundi, UMCOR worked to meet people's daily needs such as health care, food, hygiene and job security.

And UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR cultivates relationships and helps communities rebuild, often for years after the disaster.

UMCOR can do this because the funds we receive today join with those of millions of United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes. This offering covers their admin costs so that 100% of designated UMCOR giving can then go to specified need. Please give as you are able.

### **Streets of Hope**

**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**

Orems is serving dinner to the homeless men of the Streets of Hope on Mar 21<sup>st</sup>. We need donations of water, crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels and sodas. You can drop these off to Orems on Tues, Wed or Thurs from 10 to 3 p.m. If you have any questions, contact: Joyce Serio, Or call the church office 410-687-9483. It takes all of us to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



## In Memorial

Orems Church was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Orems Treasurer **James McVicker Sr.** on February 12, 2021. Jim was a devoted member of Orems Church and held the position of treasurer for 33 years. We continue to hold his wife Sandy, his daughter Kelley Hopkins and her husband Kyle, his son James A. McVicker, Jr. and his wife Melissa, and his daughter Ashley Linz and her husband Phil; and his grandchildren James III (Trae), Luca, Finley, Marshal, Parker, Mason, Hudson, and Calvin in prayer as they journey through this season of sorrow. May God give them peace in the knowledge that Jim was a great man of faith and is at rest with his Lord.

Thank you to Terry Alexander, Bob Collins and John Warrender for your help in clearing, salting (and spreading corn) on the Church steps, walkways and parking area for Jim McVicker's funeral. And to James Jr, and Trae for setting up the system to Live stream the Funeral Service.

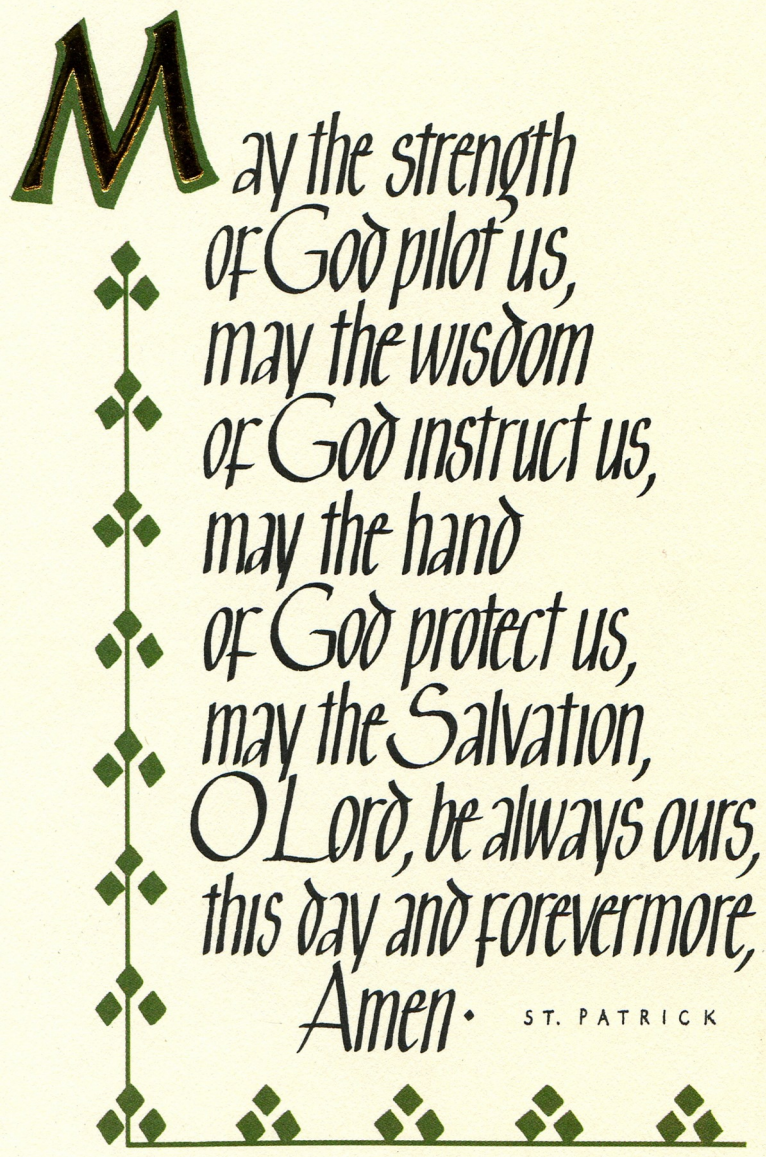
**Orvel Eldred Watts** passed away on February 24, 2021. He and his wife Ann have been members of Orems Church for several years. Orvel wasn't always well enough to attend over the last few years. But when he did, it was a delight to have him with us. Please keep his wife Ann, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in prayer at this time.



Dear Orems Church Family

Thank you for all the cards and prayers that my family received when Jack passed away. They were all much appreciated and we felt your love and support.

Mary Eisely



## **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.

Go to <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify> in the upper right corner click on the person logo then click on Access Code.

**Orems Congregational code is RTJLVP**

We hope you will enjoy this site.

### **Suggestions for Children:**

Danny Go! is similar to Blues Clues. Pete and Penelope is an adventure series. Deep Blue Kids has great animated bible stories. And there is so much more available to you.

**Altar Flowers 2021.** If you would like to sign up for flowers, the cost is \$36. You may pay for your flowers at the time they are on the altar. You can order special colors for your week, just be sure to call the office at least two weeks in advance. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship space. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE GREEN LINER HOME WITH YOU. ALUMINIUM PANS ARE PROVIDED.**

Remember when you go to bed on Saturday March 13th you need to turn your clocks forward by one hour so you will be on time on March 14th







## Easter Flower Order Form

**This year our Flower choices for Easter are Lilies, Calla Lillies, Hyacinths, Azaleas, \$7 each.** Order due in the office by Sunday, March 21st **Payment due with the order.** Make checks payable to Orems Church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Circle Type of flower and color:

Easter Lily \$7      Hyacinths \$7 (Pink, White or Purple)

Azalea \$7 (Pink, Red or White)

Calla Lily \$7 (Yellow, Red, Pink, or Purple)

Please state the wording you would like (in memory, honor, thanks, to the Glory of God, etc.)

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Thank you for allowing Orems to borrow your plant to beautify our altar for the Easter Services. You may take your Flowers home after the service on Easter Sunday. Please drop this form into the offering plate or call the church office (410) 687-9483 by March 21st.

