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Orems United Methodist Church
May 2021

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8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers Class,
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service Sunday school children will attend worship with parents then go to our William Repair chapel for Activity

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Did you know that Orems Church offers a midweek worship service?

Faith Boost is a midweek opportunity for worship and fellowship. We gather every Wednesday in Room 100 for lunch and fellowship at 12 noon then at 12:30 we begin a worship service that runs till 1 p.m. Room 100 is sanitized and has safe seating at 6 tables. You must wear a mask to enter, then you can take off your mask to eat. Bring your lunch and join us for Food and Worship at 12 noon on Wednesday!

Observing Memorial Sunday

Sunday, May 30th, Orems Church would like to honor all those who **died** while serving in the military. Please drop a note in the offering plate by May 16th or call the church office (410-687-9483) if you have someone who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. Please include Name, rank, year of death and service information.



Memorial Day is observed by our Nation this year on May 31st. We will honor all those who have served or are now serving in a special insert in November for Veterans Day.

[TO ATTEND OREMS WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE:](#)

You can connect to the Youtube link from our website www.oremsumc.org or on our Facebook page

*Our Mission Statement is:
"To love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves."*



DID YOU KNOW THAT OREMS HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes we do. Ruth Bundick and Willard Ray Scholarships are established from Memorials for two long time members of Orem's Church. Each Scholarship has its own qualifications.

If you are a High School Graduate, college student or someone looking to further your education, Orem's has scholarships available.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: Orem's scholarship applications must be in by May 30th.

You may pick up an application from the office or call the office and we can email one to you. The criteria for scholarships is enrollment as full time student, member of Orem's United Methodist Church, and accepted by a college, University or Trade school in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church. The Willard Ray Scholarship must have approval by Church council. The Scholarship Committee will present the candidates for Scholarship. We will present the scholarships to our Recipients at a worship service in June.

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Please join us for lunch and devotions on June 3rd at 11:30 a.m. in the Room 100 next to the church office. Bring your sandwich etc. We supply dessert and you can enjoy the fellowship of our Christian brothers and sisters. Hope to see you there!

Judy Tolbert

Thrift Shop News-

We are unable to accept donations for the Thrift shop at this time. Our Thrift Shop still can not open, our rooms are too small to maintain 6 feet distancing. But if you are interested in shopping, you can shop by appointment along with one or two people. Just, call the church office to make an appointment 410-687-9483.

Comfort Cases Mission was our Lent Mission for 2021.

And what a wonderful response we had from you, Orem's congregation for this worthwhile mission!

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. Can you imagine how that feels? Can there be a better way to help a child in Crisis feel more self worth? Yes, 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.

Orem's Church responded very well with items and back packs. Just look at this pile of back packs! We were able to deliver 56 filled back-packs for children age infant to 16 years old. Babies got bibs, wipes,



sippy cups and pacifiers along with their pajamas, blanket, baby book and stuffed toy. Children received Coloring books, learn to read books, along with jammies, blanket and stuffed toy and Teens received deodorant, fun-shaped pillow or stuffed toy, journals, and Teen books along with their Jammies and blanket. All of the backpacks received a toothbrush, toothpaste

soap, shampoo and lotion.

If you discovered a heart for this mission, You can still support this charity at Comfortcases.org Thank you so much for your generous outpouring of items, financial support and encouragement. We were thrilled to have this mission be a success. Thank you to Bob and Pat Collins for delivering the bags to the Comfort Cases Center. And thank you to the Faith Boost attendees for packing about 40 of these bags. A job well done, Orem's Church.

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.

If you have a request after office hours and it is an urgent request that can't wait till the office opens, please call Vicki at 410-335-1870. After 8 p.m. the system will not allow calls until 8 am. So late evening Prayers will be sent out as soon as possible.

Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child— we will begin collecting items for the Shoe boxes this summer. We will collect pocket size facial tissues, pens, and small notepads, flashlights and batteries, socks and sunglasses . Bring the items to the box near the church office.

The JUNE Newsletter deadline is May 15th.

Please drop off your information at the church office or send an email to oremsumc@verizon.net



Disciples of Yarn

Many thanks to those who make this mission possible. We have met the needs of several people experiencing illness or trauma in the past few months. We will have a Prayer shawl blessing on May 16th.

Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as the rest of the year moves forward to many more needs that we cannot yet anticipate.

Blessings, Dottie Daiger



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 May 11th and May 25th at 6:30 p.m. in room 100 beside the church office.

Food Pantry needs

Cereal, Canned hams, Beef stew, Rice a Roni, Chicken noodle soup, Peanut butter and Jelly, Pancake mix and syrup. We also accept \$15 gift cards to Food Lion, Weis and Giant Foods to purchase eggs, bread and Milk.

Thank you for helping to serve the area needs.



Rose Garden at OREMS UMC

Did you know that The Baltimore Chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association dedicated a Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Garden right here at Orem's Church on May 7, 2019.

Stop by on our front lawn and take a look at how our Roses are growing. This particular rose was designed in honor of the Rosies. Isn't it beautiful!

Why can't we sing in church? And other Covid rules—

Can you remember the last time you sang full voice in worship? It seems impossible that it was over a year ago that our houses of worship closed, and we switched to online worship; and we were advised not to sing in public. Study after study showed that singing is many times more likely to spread the virus than simply talking. And so, we started singing at home as we watched worship, doing our best to participate with body, mind, and spirit. It is no wonder we are all SO ready to get back to our favorite place to sit in our worship space, even as we allow for distancing and singing! Before you make that leap, however, you should consider the following.

What the CDC Says The CDC advises that while churches are opening up, the people should remain masked and not sing until herd immunity has reached at least seventy to eighty-five percent of the population. CDC offers the following general considerations to help churches keep their staff and congregations safe:

-[Wear a mask](#) that completely covers your nose and mouth and Stay [at least 6 feet away](#) from others. [Avoid](#) large crowds.

-[Wash your hands](#) frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or use [hand sanitizer](#) containing at least 60% alcohol)

-[Get vaccinated](#) when the vaccine is available to you. [Get tested](#) if you have signs or [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, or if you think you may have been [exposed](#) to someone with COVID-19

-[Limit the sharing](#) of frequently touched objects.

-[Consider a stationary collection box](#), or electronic methods of collection for regular financial contributions instead of shared collection trays or baskets.

-If food is offered at any event, [consider pre-packaged options](#) and avoid buffet or family-style meals.



The Refrigerator in Orem's Kitchen has failed. This refrigerator is 16 years old. So the decision has been made to be good stewards of our money and purchase

a new refrigerator.

We have received a quote from Carey sales for a new Commercial Refrigerator at about \$4000. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the new Refrigerator you may do so by dropping by the office or mailing a donation to the church with the words = **Refrigerator** in the Check memo section or on the envelope. Or you can donate online and use the note section to request donation for the Refrigerator. At this time we are more than HALFWAY to our goal of \$4000! We have some time to collect the funds for this purchase since we do not have any events taking place in the kitchen for the next several months. Thank you in advance for any financial help you can offer. It is very much appreciated.



Altar Flowers 2021. If you would like to sign up for flowers, the cost is \$36. There is a chart in the Entryway of the Church or call the office to sign up for a Sunday. 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.

BIBLE STUDY - RELIGION AND SCIENCE: PATHWAYS TO TRUTH

Is it possible to be a Christian and take science seriously? Must we choose between God and science? This study offers a positive alternative, a way to live in today's world as scientifically informed believers.

We will have an in-person study on Thursdays at 1 pm beginning May 6th in Room 100 by the church office. Masks are required.

There will be a Zoom bible study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning May 4th. Contact the church office for the login information.

Amazon Smile DO YOU SHOP AMAZON? 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!

Tithing online- Give your offering to Orem's Church through ShelbyNext systems with a credit or debit card or ACH (withdrawal) or an echeck. To donate online follow this link

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

Or 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.



As we prepare for a worship service that will also be live streaming, we will be making

some changes in how our worship service looks. We will be including language that helps outsiders know what is going on and we will be conscious of how smoothly our service runs.

With that in mind, one change is that We will have announcements on the screen including birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries. We will no longer be taking the time during the service to make announcements. If you are celebrating a birthday or Anniversary in May, please contact the church office so we can recognize your special day.

If you have any announcements about meetings or events, please email or call them into the office by Tuesday of the week you want the announcement to be made.

The church office email is oremsmc@verizon.net and the office number is 410-687-9483.

The Elite Group "90 and Over"



The Elite Group was started by Mildred Shepherd several years ago when we discovered that we had several church members who were in their 90's. I have tried to keep up the tradition of welcoming folks into the "Elite Group." We don't have any special (90's) birthdays in May that I know about.. I don't want to exclude anyone, and I don't know the birthdate of all the members of Orem's church. If you know of a member who is 89 and approaching 90, or has been missed on the "90 and over " list; please be a good "SNITCH" and let me know or call the church office.

It is a blessing to be a member of Orem's and especially one of the "Elite"
Love to all,

Vicki Borreson

Attention Graduates and Family

If you have a graduate in your family—pre- K to Masters , we want to know. Let us celebrate with



you. Contact the church office with name of student, school, degree, any honors or special certificates and future plans.

We will have a special insert in a June Bulletin.

**The Center for
Pregnancy Con-
cerns is still sup-
ported by our**

**United Methodist
Women. 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 is a great way to
clear your pockets and help a wor-
thy cause. This Center does not
take Government funding but relies
solely on donations from good
folks like YOU.***

**CUT THIS SECTION OUT AND
KEEP NEAR YOUR PHONE:**

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***One Call Now System is used to
send out reminders and an-
nouncements we need to
communicate to the cong-
regation. 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.***

United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday,
June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. It has
been a long time since we were
able to gather in fellowship.

**Please join us as we con-
tinue to plan for our mis-
sions and ministries. If you
are a woman attending
church at Orem's we would
love to have you join us for
our next meeting.**

**OUR PURPOSE: *To know God and
to experience freedom as whole
persons through Jesus Christ, To
develop a creative supportive fel-
lowship and To expand concepts
of mission through participation in
the global ministries of the
church.***

MEN OF OREMS

**The Men of
Orem's (MOO)
will be meeting
on May 27th at
7 p.m.**

This is our first meeting
after the long isolation from Covid
19. We hope to have a nice size
group to fellowship and discuss fu-
ture plans.

