

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 are available online. You can view our service on the Orems Church Facebook page or go to our website at www.oremsumc.org and follow the link.

Office closed from December 24th to Jan 4th. Email and Phone messages will be checked during the week.

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Orems United Methodist Church



ADVENT SCHEDULE

November 28th 1st Sunday of Advent
Worship at 10 a.m. Hope for the Hopeless
November 30th 1 pm Advent Bible Study in person
6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study on Zoom
December 5th 2nd Sunday of Advent
Worship at 10 a.m. with Communion
Carriers Of God's Promise

December 7th 1 pm Advent Bible Study in person 6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study on Zoom December 12th 3rd Sunday in Advent 10 a.m. Worship -Unfolding Joy

December 14th 1 pm Advent Bible Study in person 6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study on Zoom December 19th 4th Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship Communion and Candlelight with Silent Night

December 21st 1 pm Advent Bible Study in person 6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study on Zoom

December 24th

Christmas Eve Service
Time to be announced



It is getting to the time of year when we need to be concerned about road safety. If the roads are icy or we have snowy weather we will most likely cancel in person Worship or church activities for that day. A One Call will go out to announce cancellations. However, even if you do not get a call, please do not place yourself in danger on the roads if you feel they are unsafe. Winter is here and we need to be safe and healthy. Take care all!

Thrift Shop News

Our Thrift Shop is open on December 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. There will be lots of Christmas items and many stocking stuffers as well as great bargains on household goods and clothing. We are asking that all shoppers and Workers wear a mask.

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 12th. 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 be meeting in December at Bob Evans Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a \$10 donation for the Food Pantry.

Pictured is the Thanksgiving event at Bob Evans.

Have a blessed Christmas and safe and happy New Year.



MOO NEWS



The MEN OF OREMS will not be meeting on the last day of the month because of the Christmas Holiday. See you all next year!

United Methodist Women will be meeting in December on the First Wednesday of the month.



Lunch Bunch will meet on December 9th at Alice's Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

Food Pantry News

We were able to provide 12 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 we were able to help 22 children with their Christmas Wishes. If you took a child's name remember that Gifts must be returned to the church by December 12th 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 Orems 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 2022 Lay Leadership Team

Council

Pastor:

Council Chair:		Charlotte West (2022 only)
Recording Secretary:		Joyce Serio
Lay Leaders:		Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert
Lay Member to Annual Conference	:	Laurel McNeal
Pastor:		Rev. Gail Button
Certified Lay Servants:		Pixie Faulkner; Clint Miller
Finance Chair:		Linda Hall
Treasurer:		Pat Collins
Assistant Treasurer (Trust Acct.):		Charlotte West
Financial Secretary:		Linda Hall
Staff Parish Relations Chair:		John Warrender
Trustee Chair (elected by Trustees)	:	TBE
Church Historian:		Karen Dull
Christian Education Chair:		
Sunday School Superintendent:		
Congregational Care & Fellowship 1	Feam Leaders:	Pixie Faulkner; Judy Tolbert
Evangelism Team Leader:		Terry Alexander
Health Ministry Team Leader:		Kathy Egner
Missions/Outreach Team Leader:		Pat Collins
Worship Team Leader:		Clint Miller
UMW President (elected by UMW)	:	TBE
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Youth Representative:		Jeremy Hoch
Youth Coordinator:		
	Ministry Team	S
Christian Education Team:		_
Team Leader	,	
Sunday School (currently inactive)		
Superintendent:		
Teachers:	Terry Alexander;	 ;
Seekers (Adult):	Karen Dull	
Confirmation Classes:	Rev. Gail Button; Terry Alexa	ander; Confirmation Mentors
Adult Small Groups:	Rev. Gail Button; Norris Tingle	

Rev. Gail Button

Communications Team: (Arena: Communications Ministry) Church Administrator: Vicki Borreson (Church Staff) Facebook Page: Nita Hatcher On-Line Worship: Mike Walters & Team; Rev. Gail Button Website: Mike Walters; Vicki Borreson (Church Staff) Congregational Care & Fellowship Team: (Arena: Membership Ministry) Pixie Faulkner; Judy Tolbert Team Leaders: Membership Secretary: Kathy Cunningham Terry Alexander; Don Egner; Pixie Faulkner; Norris Tingle Lay Visitation: Merle Vickers Bereavement Ministry: Warrior Widows: Judy Tolbert **Judy Tolbert** Keenagers Ruth Shifflett / Sarah Circle (UMW) Greeting Card Ministry: Bulletins to Home Bound Members: Ruth Shifflett Prayer Shawls/Needlebees: **Dottie Daiger Evangelism & Fresh Expressions Team (Includes Family Ministry):** (Arena: Evangelism Ministry) Team Leader: Terry Alexander Clint Miller (Fresh Expressions); Glenda Jones; Judy Tolbert Team Members: Charlotta Turner, Robin Hoch Pastor: Rev. Gail Button Health Ministry Team: (Arena: Membership Ministry; Missions Ministry) Team Leader: Kathy Egner Pastor & Health Minister: Rev. Gail Button UMW: Mary Eisley; (Health Education Lunches) Lydia Circle (UMW): Joyce Serio; Trish Alvey; Kathy Egner; Charlotta Turner; Merlyn Campbell; Pat Collins; Pixie Faulkner; Rev. Gail Button Missions & Outreach Team: (Arena: Missions Ministry) Team Leader: Pat Collins Vicki Borreson (Church Staff) Angel Tree: Gloria Asbury; Joyce Scarcella Board of Child Care: Center For Pregnancy Concerns: Linda Hall

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Disciples of Yarn/Prayer Shawls: Dottie Daiger
Food Pantry: Pixie Faulkner
Little Feet (Local Schools): Kathy Cunningham
Streets of Hope (Homeless Ministry): Glenda Jones
Samaritan's Purse (OCC Shoeboxes):
Scouting Liaison: Pat Collins

Hall Closet Thrift Store: Linda Hall; Sara-Beth Dulina

UMW President (elected):

Worship Team: (Arena: Worship Ministry)

Team Leader: Clint Miller

Pastor: Rev. Gail Button

Music Director & Organist: Gregory Arment (Church Staff)

Certified Lay Servants: Pixie Faulkner; Clint Miller

Choir Representative: Judy Tolbert

A/V & Online Worship Tech Team Mike Walters & Team; Rev. Gail Button

Altar Guild: Merlyn Campbell; Sara Beth Dulina; Lisa Hoerger; Joyce Serio

Communion Stewards: Nita Hatcher
Worship Servants Coordinator: Linda Hall

Wedding Coordinators: Merlyn Campbell; Annette Falkenhan

Sunday School Representative: Robin Hoch

Lay Leaders: Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert

Additional Members: Laurel McNeal (Candidate for Ordained Ministry)

Administrative Committees

Finance Committee: (Arena: Finance Ministry)

Chair:

Treasurer:

Assistant Treasurer (Trust Acct.):

Council Chair:

Charlotte West

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Lay Member to Annual Conference:

Laurel McNeal

Lay Leaders: Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert

Memorial Fund Secretary/Treasurer: Pat Collins Financial Secretary: Linda Hall

Trustee Chair (elected by Trustees): TBE

SPRC Chair: John Warrender

Nominations and Lay Leadership Development Committee

(Arena: Lay Leadership Dvlpmt) Chair: Rev. Gail Button (Pastor)

Lay Leader: Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert

<u>Class of 2022</u> <u>Class of 2023</u> <u>Class of 2024</u>
Carl Horst Kathy Cunningham Don Egner

Norris Tingle Judy Tolbert

Scholarship Committee: (Arena: Finance Ministry)

Chair / Pastor: Rev. Gail Button
Memorial Fund Treasurer: Charlotte West

UMW President (elected): TBE

Sunday School Superintendent:

Lay Leaders: Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert

Staff Parish Relations Committee (Arena: SPRC/PPRC)

Chair: John Warrender Lay Member to Annual Conference: Laurel McNeal

Lay Leaders: Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert

Pastor: Rev. Gail Button

Class of 2022Class of 2023Class of 2024Joyce ScarcellaTerry AlexanderRobin Hoch

Linda Rampola Laurel McNeal (Young Adult)

John Warrender

Board of Trustees: (Arena: Trustees)

Chair: (to be elected by Trustees)

Vice Chair: (to be elected by Trustees)
Secretary: (to be elected by Trustees)

Treasurer: Pat Collins (Church Treasurer)

<u>Class of 2022</u> <u>Class of 2023</u> <u>Class of 2024</u> Chuck Frank Charlotte West Bob Collins

Jeff Dulina Elaine Masson Terry Alexander Charlotta Turner Sara Beth Dulina

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)



Operations
Christmas
Child—We were
able to ship 90 boxes
this year. Thank you
to everyone who
helped with packing

boxes during Faith Boost and who brought their own boxes and also who donated through the year to make the packing of boxes a huge success. Special thanks to Michele McNeal for being a great coordinator and taking the boxes to the drop off site. 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 14th at 6:30 p.m. If you can't make that meeting we will see you in the new year!

Blessings to all, Dottie Daiger



2022 Offering envelopes will be available for pick up by December 19th. 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 Orems 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 12th. Cards will be hand delivered at church on December 19th.

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

Churches for Streets of Hope is a Community Care Center and Mens' Winter Shelter. If you feel called to give to this mission: Go to their website at www.churchesforsoh.org Or you can Mail checks to Churches for Streets of Hope, P.O. Box 34073, Essex MD 21221. Our night to serve meals is Thursday, Dec 9th at 5:30 p.m. Items can be dropped off at Boulevard Christian church at 5:30p.m. or drop them off at church by Dec 8th. Our other serving dates are Jan 22nd. Feb 13th and March19th. If you have any questions or would like to help serve, WE NEED SERVERS- contact Glenda Jones or the church office.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matt 25:40

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logo. then click on Access Code. Congregational code is RTJLVP

Church Anniversary

We will be forming a committee to plan a celebration for our 250th Anniversary. We hope to hold several events to celebrate our long history at Orems United Methodist Church. If you are interested in being part of the committee, contact the church office. Our first meeting will be in March 11th at 3 p.m. in Room 100.

Family Night at
Orems Our Fresh Expressions Family Ministry team is happy to announce something new happening at Orems Church.

On the Second Friday of each month, we will have <u>Family Night at Orems</u>. Each gathering will offer a family friendly dinner and a seasonal craft for the family to make together. We will also offer a non-perishable Food basket for each family that attends.

We have invited Families that are connected to Orems Church and you can as well and ask them to invite a family to join them. If you would like to invite a family, please give them the information for our next event on Friday, Dec 10th at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In this way, we hope to reach out into our community and let them know that Orems church is here and willing to be part of their lives. We will need RSVP's to ensure we have enough food and craft supplies on hand. Call the office by Tuesday Dec 7th with a head count for our next night. We are excited about this new venture into our community.



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. Thank you for continuing to support Orems Church and it's ministry.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

FAITHFUL: Christmas Through The Eyes Of Joseph.

A Video & Discussion-Based Advent Study by Adam Hamilton

Tuesdays at 1 PM in Room 100

And Tuesday evening via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Call or email the church for the Zoom link.

