



## September 2021

### Special points of interest:

- Sept. 1—Faith Boost  
UMW
- Sept 2—Keenagers
- Sept 5 Worship
- Sept 6—Office Closed
- Sept 8 Faith Boost  
Choir
- Sept 9 Lunch Bunch
- Sept 11 Hall Closet Thrift  
Shop
- Sept 12 Worship with Communion
- Sept 13 Warrior Widows
- Sept 14 NeedleBees
- Sept 15 Faith Boost  
Choir
- Sept 16 Admin Board
- Sept 18 Lydia Circle at Double T
- Sept 19 Worship
- Sept 22 Faith Boost  
Choir
- Sept 26 Worship
- Sept 28 Needle Bees
- Sept 29 Faith Boost  
Choir
- Sept 30 MOO

Please see calendar page for all events:

Adult Seekers Sun 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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# OREMS BEACON

## Orems United Methodist Church

**School can be a difficult time for both children, teachers, parents and their care givers, especially in these times, please keep them in your prayers.**



## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Bless all the children in this new school year. Give them the ability to concentrate, to learn and to treat their classmates with love and kindness. Grant the teachers and faculty the wisdom and guidance to create a wonderful learning environment. Grant the students, families and faculty the peace and understanding to grow together throughout this year. Amen.

## School Supplies Delivered

Little Feet Mission has delivered school supplies to Orems Elementary School. We thank the congregation for your support of this mission. Orems Elementary was thrilled with our donations. We have a great working relationship with this school that shares our name and some of our history.

Our Scripture Theme for 2021 is “**Love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.**”



**September 8th we will be back to rehearsals for our Choir. It should be so good to have choir back in our sanctuary. If you enjoy singing, why not join us and SING FOR THE LORD!**

**If you have any questions about choir, contact Gregory Arment.**

## CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS

Leaders who have reports for the Church Conference must turn these into the office before September 28th. They must be uploaded to the Conference on October 1st. If you need a copy of last years report to help you fill out this years form, contact the church office (410) 687-9483.

We do not have our date for the Church Conference confirmed as yet, but should hear soon.

## **Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child—**

We have collected some items over the summer for our packing party. We still need socks, sunglasses, small toys, combs, hair barrettes, flashlights and batteries, jump ropes, and wash cloths.

We will update you with a date for the packing party soon.

**LYDIA CIRCLE will meet at Double T Diner on Saturday September 18th at 9:30 a.m.**

**Sarah Circle plans to meet in September in Room 100 on September 14th at 11 a.m.**



## **A Celebration Of Blessings**

### **Sunday, September 12 at 10 AM**

We've been through so much during the past 18 months. A global pandemic put lives, livelihoods, and businesses at risk. For many months we were unable to gather as a church family; we were unable to gather with extended family members or friends; many of the activities that once filled our lives with joy and purpose were suspended; even our normal grieving traditions were postponed or greatly altered. And, even with the gift of highly effective vaccines, we're still navigating many pandemic-related uncertainties and challenges. Natural disasters of many types continue to emerge around the globe.

And a stressful political climate continues to divide us and set us on edge.

We feel disappointed and overwhelmed!

We feel stressed, sometimes to the breaking point!

We wonder how to respond as disciples of Jesus Christ.

It would be easy to focus on the losses and stresses of the past 18 months (and earlier).

But a more biblical response is to focus on our blessings.

In the words of the Apostle Paul (written from his prison cell):

***Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.***

***Let your gentleness be known to everyone.***

***The Lord is near.***

***Do not worry about anything,***

***but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving***

***let your requests be made known to God.***

***And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,***

***will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

***Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,***

***whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,***

***if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,***

***think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.***

Philippians 4:4-9 NRSV

**Those words of Scripture will center us during our worship celebration  
on Sunday, September 12 as we celebrate our blessings  
and share in the celebration of Holy Communion.**

**Please submit** any blessings you would like to celebrate, via email to Pastor Gail at [glbutton@gmail.com](mailto:glbutton@gmail.com) or in writing to the church office, by Tuesday, September 7.

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 message.

**PRAYER CHAIN**—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.

### 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 Orems website and listen to the sermon again. It is fun to go back a few weeks and listen or even a few months back. To access these sermons, go to the website at [www.oremsumc.org](http://www.oremsumc.org) at the home page click on STAY INFORMED and the word Sermons will pop up. Click on that and a list of sermons will be available by date. Just click on the one you want to hear. And Enjoy!

You can also find the videos on our facebook page-  
[www.facebook.com/OremsUMC](http://www.facebook.com/OremsUMC)

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** Here is the list of needed items: Canned Ham, Jello and pudding, Cans of Juice, Beef stew, and other soups, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, and spaghetti noodles. **Thank you for your donations.**

## Disciples of Yarn

The Prayer Shawl Mission has been able to provide 20 prayer shawls in the first half of this year to members and friends of Orems church.

Members of the Needlebees continue to provide these shawls and their continuing efforts are greatly appreciated. If you want to help, we have plenty of yarn available to get you started. Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as we continue throughout the rest of the year.



**If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our Needlebees group. If you enjoy a craft, join us for fellowship while you craft. Our meetings this September are Tuesday 14th and 28th.**

Blessings to all, Dottie Daiger



Don't forget to collect those labels from Campbell's Soup and other food products. Look for the Campbell's Soup label collection bin in the hallway. The Box Tops will be donated to the Board of Childcare mission.



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

Greetings fellow Keenagers,

Well, it's September already. Where did the summer go? We will meet on September 2nd in the room 100.

If you are over 50, and haven't come out to see what a good time we old folks have, this is the best month to try us out.

Bring your lunch and a drink. We will provide water for those who want it. We have a Keurig if you prefer coffee or tea. And since it will be October before we know it, remember to start thinking about treats for our Trick or Treat October. Costumes are not required.

Hope to see some new faces. (Not that there is anything wrong with our current faces. LOL) Judy Tolbert

Little Feet will continue to collect new and gently used shoes and winter coats and new socks, and underwear sizes 6 to 14 for boys and girls, and elastic waist pants sizes small through extra large. What a great way to care for the students in our area schools. **Thank you in advance for your help.**

**Kathy Cunningham,  
Little Feet Mission Chair**

## **Thank YOU**



I wanted to thank all of my church friends for your prayers, cards, flowers, meals and phone calls during my recent eye surgery. I am very fortunate to have so many loving people in my life.

Michele McNeal

Dear Orem's Church

I want to thank my Orem's Family for the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits while Ron and I were sick with COVID. Also for all the prayers, cards, flowers and the hugs after Ron passed away.

I am so grateful to you all as you are the most loving and caring people.

A special thank you to Pastor Gail for her calls and her beautiful message for Ron's funeral and celebration of his life.

Diane Fink



**The Newsletter  
Deadline for October Beacon NEWS-  
LETTER is September 15th, if you have an  
article or information for our  
newsletter, please drop it off  
to the Church office or email  
at [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net)**





Our Elite Group (90 and over) has two special birthdays this month. Maxine Young will be 95 on September 3rd. Bill Myers will be 94 on September 24th. We wish them both a year of good health and many blessings. Happy Birthday Maxine and Bill.

Be sure to make the office aware of any new names we can honor. If you know of someone that should be included in our "Elite 90 and over group" please let the office. It is a joy to honor our Silver Church members.



Please don't forget our Capital Improvements when you plan your giving to the church. There is a blue envelope in the pews for Capital Improvement donations. As you know our building is aging and there is always a need for maintenance upkeep.



## CHURCH HISTORY— 248 YEARS OF WORSHIP

Our first worship service conducted by Francis Asbury was in the home of Mr. Joseph Armstrong at Middle River Neck "where there was a good prospect" in September 1773. "He was greatly blest while dispersing the word to a large congregation at Mr. Armstrong's in Middle River Neck" as he recorded on September 13, 1773 in his journal. He wrote on February 21, 1774 he "rode to Middle River and had the satisfaction of seeing our new house raised and covered." It stood until 1831 when it was destroyed by fire. This did not deter the faith of the people. They immediately built another on the same site. This new building was named Orams Meeting House after a trustee whose name was Henry Orams. The spelling of Orams to Orem's changed sometime between 1831 and 1859.

If you are interested in being part of the 250th celebration of Orem's Church, contact the church office. We will have a planning meeting in October for those interested.

## CPC Mission!

*The Center for Pregnancy Concerns 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. The Center accepts donations of Maternity Clothing, Baby clothes up to size 4 T, and other items a mother to be may need. **They are in desperate need of Similac Advance formula (12.5 oz cans)** You may drop off donations at the Center at Mars Hill Baptist Church 1400 Old Eastern Ave or bring your donations to the Church (**Please mark For CPC or Center for Pregnancy**) and we will see that they are delivered to the Center. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.*

## MOO — MEN OF OREMS

**The Men of Orems** will be meeting 30th of September at 7 p.m. in Room 100. All men are encouraged to attend this meeting. The men have helped with various projects around the church. We appreciate all that this group does to help around the Church complex.



We thank them for the wonderful picnic in August. They are the grill masters!

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

“You don't have to be a member of The United Methodist Church to join. Our membership is diverse, women of many races, cultures, languages, young and old. There is no minimum age requirement” ([new.gbglm-umc.org](http://new.gbglm-umc.org))

### OUR PURPOSE:

***“United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is: To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”***

Summer is almost over and that means we will begin meeting again!

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1st at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend.

If you aren't sure what UMW is all about, please talk to one of our members or attend our meeting.

All women are invited to attend our meetings or to join. You can be as active as your schedule permits you to be.

Hope to see you at the meeting!