



Orems Beacon January 2022

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A Prayer for Epiphany - Celebrated January 6th

Oh Lord you drew the Magi to you with your Holy Light. Help us to seek that light this year. Draw us to you and out of the darkness of illness, anger and pain. We beseech you to gather us as your people. Help us to see others who need that same guidance and give us the courage and the words to reach them. Let this year be the year we truly become your disciples to the world. Jesus, in your precious name, Amen.



Family Night at Orems

Our Fresh Expressions Family Ministry is sponsoring Family Night at Orems on the Second Friday of each month. We 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. If you are interested in helping with this event, contact the church office, we love to have more participation in our ministry.

If you would like to invite a family, please give them the information for our next event on **Friday, Jan 14th at 6 p.m.** This is another way to reach out into our community and let them know that Orems church is here and willing to be part of their lives. Please call the office with a headcount **by Tuesday Jan 11th.**

Worship Focus in the New Year

We strongly urge you to wear a mask during Worship services.

January 2nd Epiphany Sunday

January 9th First Sunday After Epiphany: Facing The Unexpected In Faith/
Communion Sunday

January 16th Baptism of the Lord Sunday- Named And Claimed For God's
Purpose



**February
Newsletter
Deadline is
January
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**

2022 Offering envelopes are available. 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.

Church Offerings: To donate online follow the 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 use 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. Or you can drop off donations on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

KITCHEN UPDATE

We have an update on our kitchen. If you use our kitchen for an event, please sweep and mop the floor when your event is over. To cut costs, We no longer have that area in our cleaning contract. Thank you for helping us keep our building looking nice.

Food Pantry News

We were able to provide 10 families with Christmas baskets along with the Angel Tree gifts, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation. Our food pantry will be stocking up for winter, Thank you for all your donations of food and gift cards and financial support.

Pixie Faulkner, Food Pantry Coordinator



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

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.

Orems is serving dinner to Streets of Hope on Jan 22nd , Feb 13th , and Mar 19th. **Meals need to be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. at the Boulevard Church on Essex Avenue.** We will have a sign up sheet for Meal items needed. We also need donations of water, crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels and sodas. You can drop these off to Orems on Tues, Wed or Thurs from 11 to 2:30 p.m. If you would like to help serve the men, volunteers are very much appreciated. **If you have any questions, contact: Glenda Jones, Or call the church office 410-687-9483. It takes all of us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Help us serve!**

Thrift Shop News Our Thrift Shop is open on the January 8th, due to the Holiday. Masks must be worn while in the Thrift Shop. We have lots of great bargains. Come out and support Orems Hall Closet Thrift Shop. The Thrift shop is once again taking all donations.

Angel Tree Mission



We were able to help 24 children from 8 families in the Middle River Area. These families were thrilled that we cared enough to help them enjoy a wonderful Christmas. There were lots of smiles and tears of joy as they picked up the gifts and our generous food baskets. Thanks to everyone who sponsored a child, to those who took more than one, and to those who gave generously to fund for our shopping for angels left on the tree.

I enjoyed shopping for the angels and my wrapping elves Debbie, Michele, and Cambri enjoyed wrapping them.

Love to all, Vicki Borreson, Angel Tree Coordinator

THANK YOU

Dear Orem's Church: Your church is a wonderful resource for our families all through the year, but especially at Christmas. Your generosity is a huge blessing to our children and families. Thank you for helping to make Orem's Elementary Students Christmas Special! Merry Christmas!

Dawn Boudier, School Counselor. Orem's Elementary School

Dear Friends at Orem's Church

The weekly church bulletin and activities papers I get each week are really inspirational. It gets me through my daily life. I enjoy reading the word of the Lord. I wish I could be there in worship with you. I miss you all very much.

Take Care, Paul Parks

Dear Orem's UMC

Thank you so very much for the Scholarship money. I will be using it to buy books for my Spring Semester. I plan to graduate the Summer of 2022.

Thanks again Joshua Eney.

Address Change

Maxine Young has moved in with her daughter Mary

Her address is Maxine Young c/o Mary Knick
88 Noble Road, Fairview NC 28730



Joyce and Dave Scarcella have moved to Delaware.

Their new address is 37016 Sandpiper Lane, Selbyville DE 19975

If you have moved or you know of a member who has a new address, please contact the Church office so that we may update our files. We would like to print a new directory in Mid January. So up to date addresses and phone numbers will be very much appreciated.



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. **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!

United Methodist Women Fundraiser **MADE IN USA**

www.RadaFundraising.com Once you are on the site you need to search for 21220 then **Orems United Methodist Women** and begin shopping. Rada Kitchen has **More than 100 exceptional products priced under \$15!** You can shop at anytime The fundraiser will be ongoing. Thank you for supporting UMW!

UMCOR- Your gift to an UMCOR project makes God's love tangible to survivors of all kinds—be it war or conflict, hurricane, fire, famine, earthquake or flood. With the recent storms in 6 of our states, UMCOR is on the job to help those in need

To give: go to <https://www.umcmmission.org/umcor/give>

If you want to mail your check payable to **ADVANCE GCFA.**

Write Disaster Response and Recovery and the Advance code number on the memo line of the check. Send your check to: Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068. **To Help in the USA** use the **US Disaster Advance # 901670**

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. 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.

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**



Robin Hoch is collecting old candles to use as fire starters. If you would drop them off to the church office for her, she would appreciate your help.