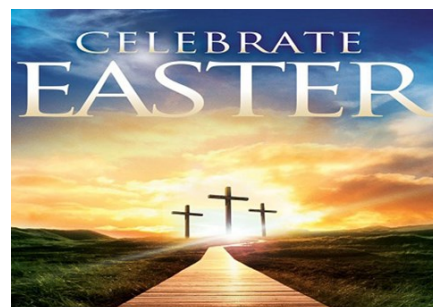


# OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church  
April 2023



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## Special points of interest:

- 1 Hall Closet Thrift Store
- 2 Pancake Breakfast and Worship
- 4 Sarah Circle
- 5 Faith Boost
- United Women of Faith
- 6 Keenagers
- Holy Thursday Pot Luck and Worship
- 7 Morning Worship at Chase UMC
- Evening Worship at Back River UMC
- 9 Easter Celebration
- 11 Needlebees
- 12 Faith Boost
- 13 Lunch Bunch
- 15 Newsletter deadline
- 16 Worship
- 19 Faith Boost
- 23 Worship
- 25 Needlebees
- 26 Faith Boost
- 27 Men of Orems
- 30 United Women of Faith Sunday Worship

Please see calendar page for all events:

8:45 a.m. Seekers Class,

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### APRIL 2ND PALM SUNDAY

**8:30 A.M. Pancake Breakfast**

Sponsored by Men of Orems in  
Orems Fellowship Hall

**Pancakes, Sausage, Beverage (juice, milk, coffee, tea)**

**Free Will Offering Supports the work of Men of Orems**

**10 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service**  
with Communion

### APRIL 6TH 6 P.M. HOLY THURSDAY

Pot Luck and Worship in Orems Fellowship Hall  
joined by Back River UMC

Sign up for Pot luck items

### APRIL 7TH

**10:30 A.M. "THE Seven Last Words" Service at**  
Chase United Methodist Church

### 7 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

We Worship at Back River United Methodist  
Church



### APRIL 9TH EASTER

**10 A.M. CELEBRATION OF**  
**OUR RISEN LORD**

Worship and Communion

## *What's New at Church*

***TV Screens--- Something new in the Sanctuary—That's right we have TV screens for our worship services hung in the left and right Corners of the Sanctuary. That means that we will soon be taking down the old screen from the middle of the altar. We want to thank Mike Walters for arranging with the Stuart Technology Services company to install these TV screens. They should be much easier to read and avoid the glare that was often the problem with the screen in the middle .***



*The Center for Pregnancy Concerns Essex/ Middle River location is closing the end of April. If you would like to help with women in need of help during their pregnancy there is a Center in Dundalk at St Rita's Church.*

## 250th Anniversary News

Did you know that the land for the first Meeting House was deeded to John Wesley by Lord Baltimore in April 1773. How is that for History? We will gather for a re-dedication of our land on May 21st. Hopefully, we will get a canopy to hold the service outside but if not we will walk across the street and dedicate the area to God and his purpose. More details in next month's newsletter.



IF you would like to purchase an Orem's Plaque or Cross made from the old pews of the 1859 church, contact the church office. The cost is \$25 each. The cross has a label on the bottom identifying it as part of the old pews. The Plaque has est. 1773 on it.

## KEENAGERS

**(fellowship group for those 55 and over)**

**Please join us for lunch and devotions.**

**We supply the dessert. We will meet on April 6th at 11:30 a.m.**

**Hope to see you there! Judy Tolbert**



## Blue Bag Luncheon

On Saturday, March 18, 2023, OUMC held its first Blue Bag Event for Arthritis. The speaker was from Franklin Square Community Health, Ms. Karen Lamma-Polite, RN. She brought three of her student nurses as well. We had 21 people in attendance. Each attendee received a blue bag of goodies provided by the Community Health group, along with a folder of information describing various types of arthritis. *Did you know there are over 100 kinds of arthritis?* Neither did we!



If you get a chance check out the website [www.youdontlooksick.com](http://www.youdontlooksick.com) to learn about Spoon Theory.



The tables were decorated with mason jars filled with blue spoons with inspirational words on them. Each attendee got to pick their “reserve spoon(s)” as a reminder to protect their energy levels, and how they would like to spend their time and energy every day.

We enjoyed a hot lunch from Season’s Pizza of baked ziti, baked chicken, cheese bread, fresh salad, and cookies & brownies for dessert. You know we always must eat at every event – we’re Methodists!

I would like to thank all those who purchased a ticket, as well as the folks who assisted me in selling tickets, setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Those people are Pat Foard, John Warrender, Merlyn Campbell, Kathy Egner, and Trish Alvey. I couldn’t have done it without all of you. You all allowed me to save my spoons for another activity! (Really you must check out the website to understand.)

Here are some suggestions of Anti Inflammatory foods that may help relieve pain of Arthritis

Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Kale, Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower, Kiwi, Beets, Cherries, Oranges, Grapes, Olives, Avocados, Pineapple, Whole Wheat bread and pasta, Oatmeal, Rye, Buckwheat, Barley, Sardines, Anchovies, Salmon, Herring, Tuna, Walnuts, Pine nuts, Pistachios, Almonds, Pecans, peanuts, Extra virgin olive oil, Coconut oil, Turmeric, Cinnamon, Ginger and Sage.



We hope to have another event for our health ministry in the Fall. If there is a health topic near and dear to you, please let me, Joyce Serio know. The Community Health group just may have a speaker for that.



## 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.

*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.*

## The May Newsletter deadline is

April 15th.

Please drop off your information at the church office or send an email to [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net)



## Disciples of Yarn

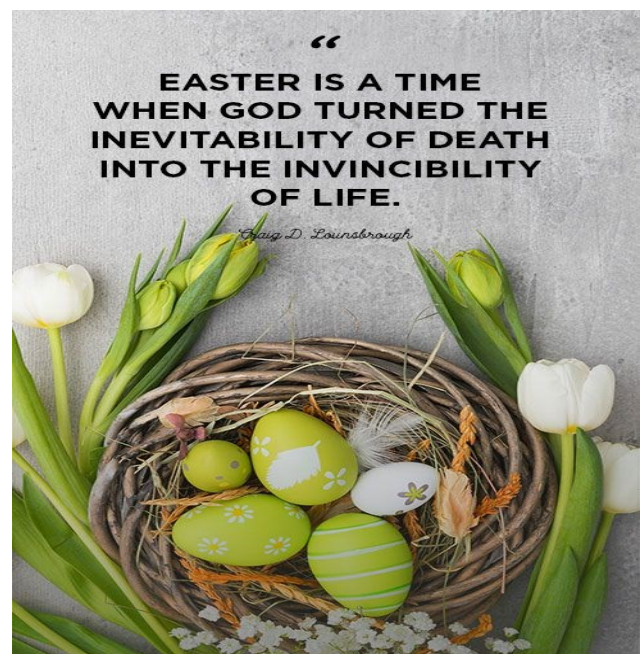
The Prayer Shawl Mission continues at Orem's. There are many reasons that a person may need the comfort of a shawl. Each shawl is "prayed into" as it is made. If you have a need or know someone who needs a shawl, ask an usher or Dottie Daiger on Sunday morning or call the church office.



We are always looking for those who wish to donate prayer shawls. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet we have yarn and would love to teach you. Please join us at the next Needlebees meeting April 11th and 25th at 6:30 p.m. 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 in room 100 beside the church office.

Blessings,

Dottie Daiger



## 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 5th.** You may pick up an application from the office or call the office and we can mail 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 at the May Council meeting. We will present the scholarships to our Recipients at a worship service in June.

**Ruth Bundick Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship was established by the United Methodist Women to honor a long time member. This fund is supported by the UMW and others who wish to donate to it. Recipients will:

- Be a member of Orem's UMC

- Be accepted by a college, University or full time school (post high school, trade, apprentice).  
The school must be in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church.

- Show evidence of financial need.

- Be enrolled as a full time student.

**Willard Ray Memorial Scholarship.** Established by the estate of long time Orem's member Willard Ray. Mr. Ray faithfully modeled strong Christian principles in his personal and professional life. The award is to further the good news of Jesus Christ so that Jesus' followers may go into the world to spread the news of salvation through Christ. It is the goal and focus of this scholarship to further the professional and personal lives of Christians so that they may better serve Jesus all the days of their lives. Those receiving this award are expected to give a high priority to honesty and ethical conduct, and the furthering of their understanding of biblical conduct for their lives.

Recipients will:

- Profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior.

- Live a Christian life as exemplified by the teachings of Jesus understood through biblical principles.

- Courses of study should further higher education leading to improvement of employment opportunities, and not furthering recreational, hobbies, or similar activities.

- First priority is given to members of Orem's who have demonstrated their love for the Lord as evidenced in all they do and say. If no qualified member is chosen, applications for children or grandchildren of members will be considered.

- The Orem's Council has final approval of the selected recipient.



## MEN OF OREMS



The MOO will be meeting on April 27th at Essex Diner for Breakfast and then at 7 p.m. in room 100 for our next meeting. We will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers during the Summer on Thrift Shop Saturdays till late fall.

The Elite Group  
"90 and Over"

It has been a while since we honored our over 90 group at Orem's Church. We are still well and still celebrating!

On April 18th, we honor Don Egner. He will be 95. We wish you a continued good health and happiness in the coming year. Say Happy Birthday to Don when you see him and keep him in your prayers.

Be sure to make the office aware of any new names so that we may honor them as they reach the 90's.



## United Women of Faith

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **April 5th** at 7:00 p.m.

**Please join us for fellowship and encouragement and learn about our missions and ministries.**

"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.gb-gm-umc.org](http://new.gb-gm-umc.org))

On April 30th we will honor the Women of Orem's Church—250 years of women helping to spread the Gospel in Middle River by faithfully serving at Orem's Church. **Wear something red to worship that Sunday.** If you would like to share a memory of a Faithful Woman of Orem's, drop a note or stop by to make a video quote for our screen. Don't be shy! We need to hear about your blessings from the women of Orem's.

You can also record on your own cell phone a brief message about someone and send it to Pastor Gail or email it to [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net) Help make a wonderful tribute for United Women of Faith Sunday.





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*Join Us For Our  
250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea  
May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM  
Menu*

*Salad, Soup, Scones  
Mini Sandwiches and Desserts  
\$15 per person  
Call 410-687-2548*



**Work done on our Property**

**The Trees uplifting the wall of our back room in the middle building (Siberia) have been removed -see photos—next up is the work on the walls of the back room. The two massive trees were removed on February 13, 2023. The company told us that the trees were over 100 years old. Very impressive work to have them cut the trees and lift them by crane over the building to the parking lot to be shredded.**



