



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 Orem's Church Facebook page or go to our website at [www.oremsumc.org](http://www.oremsumc.org) and follow the link.

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Gail Button, pastor

## Orem's United Methodist Church Beacon December 2022



### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### **December 24th Christmas Eve**

Candlelight Services

3 p.m.

9 p.m.

#### **Christmas Day**

10 a.m. Worship

#### **New Years Day**

10 a.m. Worship



### **Bible Study begins January 10th**

#### ***Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith***

Join us for a 6-week video and discussion group on Tuesdays at 1 PM in Room 100. This study features Videos by pastor and author Tom Berlin and were filmed at historic memorial sites in the Washington DC area. Videos connect biblical stories about the life of Jesus with faith challenges faced by historic US figures and faith challenges that confront us today. **Weekly videos include:** The Clarity Of Courage, The Conviction of Courage, The Candor of Courage, The Hope of Courage, The Fortitude of Courage and The Love of Courage.



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 3rd 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. We will be open January 7th to bring in the New Year.**

**Faith Boost will meet December 7th, 14th and 21st but will not be meeting December 28th. We will resume the weekly midweek Worship on January 4th at 12 Noon. Bring your lunch and join us each week for this BOOST of your faith walk. We eat till 12:30 and then worship till 1 p.m. Hope to see you there!**

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

Keenagers will be meeting in December at Alices Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a \$10 donation for the Food Pantry.

Have a blessed Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

See you January 5th to kick off our 2023 year of Keenagers Meetings.





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**Lunch Bunch  
will meet on  
December 8th  
at Alice's  
Restaurant at  
11:30 a.m.**

We were able to provide 10 families with a Happy Thanksgiving, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation.

Your monetary donations, help us shop for these items.  
Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working.

## Angel Tree Mission



**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.**

**Once again Orem's 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 2023 Lay Leadership Team**

### **Council**

Council Chair:	Jeff Dulina
Recording Secretary:	Joyce Serio
Lay Leaders:	Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert
Lay Member to Annual Conference:	Laurel McNeal
Reserve Member to Annual Conference	Clint Miller
Pastor:	Rev. Gail Button
Certified Lay Servants:	Pixie Faulkner; Clint Miller
Finance Chair:	Pat Collins
Treasurer:	Pat Collins
Assistant Treasurer (Trust Acct.):	Charlotte West
Financial Secretary:	Linda Hall
Staff Parish Relations Chair:	John Warrender
Trustee Chair (elected by Trustees):	Sara Dulina
Church Historian:	Karen Dull
Christian Education Chair:	_____
Sunday School Superintendent:	_____
Congregational Care & Fellowship Team Leaders:	Pixie Faulkner; Judy Tolbert
Evangelism Team Leader:	Terry Alexander
Health Ministry Team Leader:	Joyce Serio
Missions/Outreach Team Leader:	Linda Hall
Worship Team Leader:	Clint Miller
UWF President (elected by UMW):	Mary Eisely
Men of Orems (MOO):	Butch Frank
Youth Representative:	Jeremy Hoch
Youth Coordinator:	_____

### **Ministry Teams**

#### **Christian Education Team: (*Arena: Education*)**

Team Leader	_____
Sunday School (currently inactive)	
Superintendent:	_____
Seekers (Adult):	Karen Dull
Confirmation Classes:	Rev. Gail Button; Terry Alexander; Confirmation Mentors
Adult Small Groups:	Rev. Gail Button; Norris Tingle
Pastor:	Rev. Gail Button

## **Communications Team: (*Arena: Communications Ministry*)**

Church Administrator: Vicki Borreson (Church Staff)  
Facebook Page: Nita Hatcher  
On-Line Worship: Mike Walters, Clint Miller, Rev. Gail Button  
Website: Mike Walters; Vicki Borreson (Church Staff)

## **Congregational Care & Fellowship Team: (*Arena: Membership Ministry*)**

Team Leaders: Pixie Faulkner; Judy Tolbert  
Membership Secretary: Kathy Cunningham  
Lay Visitation: Terry Alexander; Don Egner; Pixie Faulkner; Norris Tingle  
Bereavement Ministry: Merle Vickers  
Warrior Widows: Judy Tolbert  
Keenagers: Judy Tolbert  
Greeting Card Ministry: Ruth Shifflett / Sarah Circle (UMW)  
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

Team Members: Clint Miller (*Fresh Expressions* & Mission insite Data)  
Amber Hackley (Family Ministry) ; Judy Tolbert (Lay Leader)  
Pastor: Rev. Gail Button

## **Health Ministry Team: (*Arena: Membership Ministry; Missions Ministry*)**

Team Leader: Joyce Serio  
Pastor & Health Minister: Rev. Gail Button  
UW F President: Mary Eisley  
Lydia Circle (UMW): Joyce Serio; Trish Alvey; Merlyn Campbell; Pat Collins;  
Pixie Faulkner; Rev. Gail Button

## **Missions & Outreach Team: (*Arena: Missions Ministry*)** Team Leader: Linda Hall

Angel Tree: Vicki Borreson (Church Staff)  
Board of Child Care: Gloria Asbury  
Center For Pregnancy Concerns: Linda Hall  
Disciples of Yarn/Prayer Shawls: Dottie Daiger  
Food Pantry: Pixie Faulkner  
Little Feet (Local Schools): Kathy Cunningham  
Streets of Hope (Homeless Ministry): Amber Hackley  
Samaritan's Purse (OCC Shoeboxes): Michele McNeal, Sallie Tyner  
Scouting Liaison: Pat Collins

Hall Closet Thrift Store: Linda Hall; Lisa Hoerger

UWF President (elected): Mary Eisely

### **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. Clint Miller, Rev. Gail Button

Altar Guild: Merlyn Campbell; Lisa Hoerger; Joyce Serio

Communion Stewards: Joyce Serio, Clint Miller

Worship Servants Coordinator: Linda Hall

Wedding Coordinators: Merlyn Campbell; Annette Falkenhan

Lay Leaders: Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert

### **Administrative Committees**

#### **Finance Committee: (Arena: Finance Ministry)**

Chair: Pat Collins

Treasurer: Pat Collins

Assistant Treasurer (Trust Acct.): Charlotte West

Council Chair: Jeff Dulina

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Laurel McNeal

Reserve to Annual Conference Clint Miller

Lay Leaders: Merlyn Campbell; Judy Tolbert

Memorial Fund Secretary/Treasurer: Pat Collins

Financial Secretary: Linda Hall

Trustee Chair (elected by Trustees): Sara Beth Dulina

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 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
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Kathy Cunningham	Don Egner	Judy Tolbert
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## **Scholarship Committee: (*Arena: Finance Ministry*)**

Chair / Pastor: Rev. Gail Button  
Memorial Fund Treasurer: Pat Collins  
UWF President (elected): Mary Easley  
Sunday School Superintendent: \_\_\_Currently inactive\_\_\_  
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 2023

Terry Alexander

Laurel McNeal (Young Adult)

John Warrender

### Class of 2024

Robin Hoch

Tom Vinck

### Class of 2024

Linda Rampolla

Amber Hackley

## **Board of Trustees: (*Arena: Trustees*)**

Chair: Sara Beth Dulina  
Vice Chair: Bob Collins  
Secretary: (to be elected by Trustees)  
Treasurer: Pat Collins (Church Treasurer)

### Class of 2023

Charlotte West

### Class of 2024

Bob Collins

Sara Beth Dulina

Terry Alexander

### Class of 2025

Jeff Dulina

Sallie Tyner

Dottie Daiger

Honorary Trustee: Elaine Masson

## **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 93 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 and Sallie Tyner for getting supplies and coordinating the packing and drop off. A job well done by everyone!

## **Disciples of Yarn**

As the year comes to a close, an update shows that there were eight prayer shawls provided for family and friends from July to September. The total number of shawls provided this year totals 20. Our sincere thanks is extended to all who make the shawls and provide donations and prayers for this mission.

The Disciples of Yarn continues to present these reminders of God's comfort to those who are ill, distressed, or experiencing trauma in their lives. There are now some Christmas shawls available in the narthex.

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 on Dec. 13th.

Blessings to all,  
Dottie Daiger



*2023 Offering envelopes will be available for pick up by December 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 Anniversary**

We are still forming the committee to plan a year long celebration for our 250th Anniversary. We will hold several events to celebrate our long history at Orem's United Methodist Church. If you are interested in being part of the committee, contact the church office. Our next meeting will be in January 18th at 3 p.m. in Room 100.

**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](mailto: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](http://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 15th at 6:00 p.m. Items can be dropped off at Boulevard Christian church at 6:00 p.m. or drop them off at church by Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to help serve, **WE NEED SERVERS-** contact 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**



**Family Night at Orem's** *Family Night at Orem's.* We 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. If you would like to invite a family, please give them the information for our next event on Friday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

*In this way, we hope to reach out into our community and let them know that Orem's church is here and willing to be part of their lives. We will need to reserve seats for this event by Thursday December 8th to ensure we have enough food and craft supplies on hand. .*

### **Offerings online:**

**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.**

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