



# OREMS BEACON

## FEB. 2023

Special points of interest:

In FEBRUARY

Feb 12th is Boy Scout Sunday. We will welcome our Cub Scout troop to worship with us.

Feb 19th is a special presentation for our 250th Anniversary with Candies from the 1700's, 1800's and 1900's.

Please see calendar page for all events:  
Sunday Worship

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Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd, and our Lenten journey at Orems will include numerous opportunities to go deeper in our walk with Christ through worship, fellowship, and generosity.



There will be **two opportunities to worship on Ash Wednesday:**

- Our weekly **Faith Boost Lunch and Worship at 11:30 AM** with a **Lenten theme** and **imposition of ashes**.
- **Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 PM** we will gathering at Back River UMC where we will worship with our sister congregation for the **imposition of ashes**, and share in the **sacrament of Holy Communion**.

### Communication is the Key to Success



**For Orems Church to function successfully, we need to remember to communicate with one another.** We have bulletin announcements, the Beacon newsletter, a website, a facebook page, and a One Call system to give our CHURCH FAMILY information.

However, if the information doesn't make it to the office it will not go out to all these wonderful avenues of communication. This is not just for meeting and activity announcements, this includes trips to a hospital, a time of crisis, a need for prayer or pastoral care. We are your family and we don't have a crystal ball that tells us that you are in need. Please call the office 410-687-9483 or email at [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net). I would rather get the information from a dozen people than to not hear anything at all.

Thank you, Vicki Borreson, your Admin Assistant



The United Women of Faith continue to support **The Center for Pregnancy Concerns**. *This Center 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. This financial support helps to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to women and their babies.*

*The Center is now housed in Mars Hill Baptist Church on Old Eastern Avenue in Essex. It is only open on Mondays at this time. Hopefully, when financial support becomes more stable additional days can be scheduled.*

*Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.*

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

**We will meet on Thursday, February 2nd at 11:30 a.m. for our Valentine Day Party. You bring the Valentines, and a sandwich and drink, we will have cake for you. Meet in room 100 for Lunch, Devotions and fellowship.** Hope to see you there!

Judy Tolbert



## NOTES OF THANKS

*Thank you to all who stopped by the office to give us Christmas wishes, gifts and cards. It is truly a pleasure to work at Orems church and to work with the people of Orems Church.*

*God has blessed us all!*

*Pastor Gail, Vicki Borreson and Debbie Brickus*

## Dear Orems Church

**I want to thank everyone for their prayers, caring thoughts and concerns during my recent illness. It has been a hectic and worrisome time but knowing your prayers were with me, helped me and my family both physically and emotionally. With the grace of God, I pray my health challenges are over.**

**Hugs to all Glenda Jones**

*Members of Orems*

*Just wanted to thank you all for the cards, calls and kindness I received during this difficult time of my husband's passing. Each and every one meant so much to me.*

*With much love*

*Leodia Rinker*



**Little Feet Mission** supplies 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. If you have any questions, ask Kathy Cunningham **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices.**

**These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.**



**Food Pantry** would greatly appreciate donations

of the items listed: canned hams and canned beef, canned chicken, Beef Stew, Jello and pudding, and juice. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

**WE DO NOT NEED CANNED VEGETABLES OR FRUITS or MAC and CHEESE** at this time.

Thank You, Pixie Faulkner



## Disciples of Yarn

Another busy year has ended for members of the Disciples of Yarn. The members include Merle Vickers, Jessica Holmes, Caroline Little and myself. Others have contributed prayer shawls on occasion. A final count for the year results in a total of one dozen prayer shawls being provided to members and friends of Orem during the final three months of the year for a yearly total of 32 shawls that were provided during the year 2022. Many thanks to the Needlebees members who provide these shawls for our church members and friends.

Our faithful donors of money and materials are truly appreciated at any time during the year. New members who would like to learn to knit or crochet the shawls would also be welcomed.

Blessings, Dottie Daiger

**NEEDLEBEES** If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our Needlebees group. If you enjoy a craft and would like to join us for fellowship, you are welcome at our meetings. We meet on Feb 14th, and 28th this month in Room 100 next to the Church office at 6:30 pm. We have plenty of yarn for those who wish to learn and for those who enjoy knitting and crochet. Join us at our next meeting!

## 250th Anniversary of Orem's Church

We will continue to celebrate 250 years of worship in Middle River.

There will be a special presentation on February 19th following the worship service— Candies through the Centuries Sweet Life at Orem's Church. What candy did folks enjoy in 1773?

What is the oldest candy manufactured in the United States? These questions and more will be answered on February 19th.

We are looking ahead to a Tea in May, Re-Dedication of our property to the Lord in Early summer, and a Celebration Worship Service and Dinner in September. Do you have an idea for our celebration— Join us on February 15th at 1:30 for our next meeting.

### Did you know?

On March 20, 1970 a special dinner was held at Orem's church to honor Mr. William F. Repair and his wife Margaret Burkett Repair.

On this occasion the Church Chapel was named in honor of the man who had taught Adult Sunday School at Orem's for 27 years, had audited our financial records for over 20 years, helped charter the Methodist Men's group and was a Lay leader and Board member for many committees over many years.

He was known by many in the Baltimore area as he was often called upon as a Lay leader pulpit replacement for preachers on vacation. His witness and devotion to God was inspiring to all. His picture hangs in the William Repair Chapel just off the Sanctuary.

## One Call Now System

We use the One Call Now system to send out reminders and announcements of activities, etc. that we need to communicate to the congregation.

**Occasionally due to noise in the line, or a long greeting on your answering machine, our One Call message gets scrambled. If the message does not come through, you will be able to listen to the last message sent through the system. Cut this section out and place near your phone.**

If you miss the message from our One Call you can replay the message by calling 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

### **Attention Students and parents of Students:**

**Scholarship opportunities with the United Methodist Church. For Scholarships information go to the following link for more information:**

[https://  
www.bwcumc.org/  
administration/local-  
church-resources/  
scholarships/](https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/)



# MEN OF OREMS

The Men of Orem  
will be meeting on  
February 23rd for  
Breakfast at the Es-  
sex Diner at 9:30 a.m.  
Join us for fellowship  
and breakfast. And meeting at 7  
p.m. in room 100.



All men of the church are invit-  
ed to join us. You do not need  
to be a member of Orem to at-  
tend our meetings.

## Chesaco United Methodist

on 901 Chesaco Ave is holding a

**Spaghetti dinner** on  
Feb. 4th 1 pm to 5 pm.

Adults \$12

Children 6-12 \$6

Under 6 Free



Carry out adult size only. Also  
there will be Craft and Bake table.

For God so lo **V**ed the world,

That He g **A**ve

his on **L**y

Begott **E**n

So **N**

**T**hat whosoever

Believeth **I**n Him

Should **N**ot perish,

But have **E**verlasting life."

**John 3:16**

## UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The United Women of Faith  
better known as UMW would like  
to invite ALL women in the  
church to attend our meetings.  
The name has changed to Unit-  
ed Women of Faith, but our pur-  
pose has remained the same to  
be a fellowship of women devot-  
ed to Christ. We meet the first  
Wednesday of March at 7 p.m. in  
Room 100 beside the church of-  
fice. Join us and bring a friend.

### OUR PURPOSE:

*"is a community of women  
whose purpose is: To know  
God and to experience free-  
dom as whole persons  
through Jesus Christ, To de-  
velop a creative supportive fel-  
lowship and To expand con-  
cepts of mission through par-  
ticipation in the global minis-  
tries of the church."*

## Streets of Hope UPDate

Orems will be serving the Streets of Hope a meal on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>. Meal items need to be dropped off to Boulevard Church on Essex Ave at 6 p.m. Our sign up sheet is full and thank you for stepping up to provide food for the February meal. For more information contact the Church office or Amber Hackley. We are also looking for folks to help serve the meals on our night from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus! Special thanks to those who provided Laundry detergent, and shampoo and soap for the Shelter this month.

If you want to contribute to Churches for Streets of Hope Community Care Center you can send a check to P.O. Box 34073 Essex MD 21221 or online at [www.churchesforsoh.org](http://www.churchesforsoh.org)



Inclement Weather statement: We are in the time of year where our roads could be icy and unsafe for travel. If we have a snowy or icy day and Worship or other activities are cancelled or delayed, we will send out an announcement via our One Call system. Even if you do not get a call, please use your own judgement. We do not want anyone to place themselves in danger. Winter is here and we need to be safe and healthy. Take care all!



**Boy Scout Sunday** is February 12th. Come worship with our cub scouts!! If you were a Boy Scout, we would love for you to share memories and photos of your time as a Cub scout or Boy scout.



Information for the March newsletter should be sent to the office by February 15th via email: [oremsumc@verizon.net](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net) or by calling the church office.



## What's happening at the Church???

Due to a huge crack in a wall at the back of the middle building of our campus, we have had to make some big decisions.

The first step to the repair is taking down the two huge trees that are uprooting our wall. The second step will be to repair the wall. Weather permitting, the trees will come down on February 13th and 14th.

To prepare the actual room for repair, we have had to remove a lot of items stored in that back room (Siberia) Here are some photos



We also scrubbed tables and chairs in the Fellowship hall so everything was nice and clean.

