



MARCH 2023

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8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers

Class

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church
March 2023

***Orems United Methodist
Church Health Ministry Com-
mittee will host a
Blue Bag luncheon on***

ARTHRITIS



***Saturday, March 18, 2023
11:00—12:00 Presentation
with Special guest Speaker
12:00—1:00 Lunch***

Tickets are \$3.00

***Contact the Church office
410-687-9483 or see Joyce
Serio for tickets.***

Faith Boost Lunch & Worship

Wednesdays at 12 Noon in Room 100

Bring your sandwich, salad or snack, and a beverage and join us for fellowship followed by a brief Worship Service. Desserts will be provided. Come and fellowship and then enjoy a mid week Worship service on Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John with speaker and writer Matt Rawle. Give yourself a BOOST of FAITH on WEDNESDAYS at 12 Noon.



These Orem's UMC plaques and Crosses are wood carving made from our old church pews. The Cross has a label on the bottom of it's circular stand that states it is made from pews from our church. The plaque states Established in 1773. So it is part of our Anniversary celebration. For just \$25, You can own a piece of Orem's History too!

Please, contact the Church office to purchase one for your home.



KEENAGERS (Fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Please join us for lunch and devotions. Bring a sandwich or snack for your lunch. We supply the dessert.

We will meet on March 2nd and on April 6th at 11:30 a.m. in Room 100. Joins us and be COOL KEENAGERS!

Hope to see you there!



Beloved of God: As The United Methodist Church, we are a people who span multiple continents across the world. Even as we claim a singular rootedness in our Wesleyan theology, we experience and express that theology and our faith in diverse ways. Yet there comes a time when we need to hear the same message and stand united in our response. This is that time. As we enter the season of Lent this year, I join Bishop Thomas Bickerton, the President of the Council of Bishops, in proclaiming it is time to Reclaim, Revive and Renew. Please read this message repeatedly during these forty days. Let the message resound within you. Fast and pray for a movement of the Holy Spirit to sweep over us as we prepare to emerge more committed than ever to our common purpose -- making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It is time to Reclaim, Revive and Renew.

*Your servant in Christ,
Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling*

Reclaim. Revive. Renew.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
-- Psalm 51:10*

Friends, the journey to Easter has begun today as we once again mark Ash Wednesday. These forty days (not including Sundays) have traditionally been focused on repentance, prayer, fasting, and reflection in preparation for the celebration of Easter and the risen Christ. It is a time to pray that God will create within us a clean heart and a renewed spirit. There is no doubt that as we absorb the realities of splintering, disaffiliation, and post-Covid, it is time for us as United Methodists to make the pivot away from what was into new and concerted efforts to reclaim, revive and renew The United Methodist Church throughout the world.

The approach to this season of Lent varies from person to person. Some see it as a time to “give up something.” Others see it as a season to “take on something new.” Perhaps in this unique season of our lives as a church, it is time for us to do both. Could it be that it is time for us to discipline ourselves and to breathe out that which has consumed us and breathe in that which will renew us?

As we reflect and pray fervently this Lent, let’s breathe out anger and disappointment, and breathe in once again our calling and identity as United Methodists. Let’s **Reclaim** that we are a people called to love all; a people called to serve all; and a people called to openly worship our loving God with joy and anticipation. (John 13:35)

Let’s breathe out hesitations and apathy and breathe in a desire to **Revive** our belief in the love of God, our creator; the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior; and the communion we have with the Holy Spirit, our ever-present guide and inspiration. (2 Corinthians 13:13) Let’s revive our belief in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting. Let’s revive our belief in one another and the power of God to use even us to transform a broken world.

Reclaim. Revive. Renew.

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Let's breathe out any focus on our ourselves and breathe in a deep desire to **Renew** our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Let's renew our commitment to reach out to all who need the saving grace and love of Jesus Christ with joy and enthusiasm. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Friends, this is the time for The United Methodist Church to pivot away from old behaviors into a new vision for how God can use this church to be a beacon of God's love for all. It is time to move from division and focus on the unity of the beloved community given to us by our loving God.

It is time to move from a rhetoric that tears down and focus on the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is time to move from paralysis and fatigue and focus on the life-giving mission and ministry we are called to offer as guided by the Holy Spirit. It is time to move from sadness over what has been and focus with anticipation on the future with the hope that God will open to us. It is time.

This Lenten Season, may we let go of everything that has discouraged us and held us back and pray that God will guide us as we Reclaim, Revive, and Renew our beloved United Methodist Church. We, in the Council of Bishops, renew our commitment to pray for you as we journey through the days that lie ahead. In turn, we ask for your prayers as we attempt to faithfully lead in your midst.

It is time to once again reaffirm our belief that God has not left us alone and will walk with us as we move forward. So as the liturgy for Ash Wednesday so simply states, *"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent."* This is my prayer for you.
May it be so.

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton
President, Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am
on March 12th so be sure to
SPRING Forward!

Finance News

It has come to my attention that some folks received End of Year statements that did not match their giving. During the investigation we discovered that a few people were using envelopes that were not assigned to them.

To keep your giving confidential only numbers are on the Envelopes. We have no way to know that the cash or even a check in the envelope is your money unless you use the proper envelope. Numbers are assigned to members and logged into our Contribution system by Number. If you do not use the proper number assigned to you, then our accounting will not be accurate. Somehow 3 people got envelopes mixed up in 2022 and were using another person's number. I don't know how this happened since there is always a name on the box.

Because of this, I am asking EVERYONE to stop what you are doing and look at the offering envelopes you have in your home.

Does it have YOUR name on the top of the box? Is there someone else's name on the box? If it does not have your name, please bring that box back to the church.

Thank you for your time,

Vicki Borreson

Administrative Assistant

Orems UMC

HOLY THURSDAY EVENT

April 6th at 6:30

(arrive with food by 6:15 to eat at 6:30)

We will be worshiping and sharing a pot luck meal around tables in the Fellowship hall with our Christian brothers and sisters from Back River United Methodist and living out the Gospel of John in the preparation of the foot care bags for Streets of Hope.

If you would like to help fill the bags we will need the following items:

- **Thick Socks** (Keeping feet warm during the winter and cushioned in older or ill-fitting shoes makes a world of difference.)
- **Thin Socks** (These are great for layering under thicker socks in cold weather.)
- **Moleskin** (This helps cushion skin from shoes that rub.)
- **Bandages**
- **Nail Clipper Set**
- **Foot Warmers**
- **Foot Powder**
- **Foot Spray**
- **Wet Wipes**

Leave them in the box in the entryway of the Church March 12th—26th

We will have Cards available for you to write Encouraging Notes to include in the bags.

Souper Bowl of Sharing Sunday

Thank you for your generous donations for Souper Bowl Of Sharing. We were able to give the Center for Pregnancy Concerns \$115.00

Food Pantry needs beef stew, pancake mix and syrup, instant potatoes, jars of gravy, canned chicken, Peanut butter and Jelly.



WE DO NOT NEED CANNED VEGGIES OR CEREAL OR MAC AND CHEESE!!

Also we need Chocolate Easter Bunnies for the Easter Food Baskets , **please drop candy off to the church by March 19th.**

HISTORY SPOT

Did you know that Orem's Church was actually named after a Trustee named Henry Orams as the Orams Meeting House. Sometime in the 1930's a misspelling of the name gave us the present Orem's spelling of our church.

Disciples of Yarn

Our Needlebees members continue to create the shawls at our meetings and at home. All are appreciated. If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. There is yarn available for all who are interested.



Blessings,

Dottie Daiger

NEEDLEBEES If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our group. 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 on March 14th and March 28th at 6:30 p.m. in room 100. Join us!



The April Newsletter deadline is March 15th. Please drop off your information or send an email to

oremsumc@verizon.net

Cub Scout troop 308 who meets at Orem's on Sunday afternoons at 6:00 p.m. is selling 2023 Camp cards. These cards give you discounts at many area stores and restaurants. The Cost of the card is \$10.00 and helps our Cub scouts go to Camp this summer. For more information contact Pat Collins or call the church office.



Thank you to all who helped to Support Special Olympics by supporting our own Pixie Faulkner in the Maryland Plunge. Pixie was able to raise over \$500 for Special Olympics. Job well done, Everyone!

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.

Streets of Hope—We will be serving meals to the Streets of Hope on March 16th at 6 p.m. If you would like to help serve Contact the church office or Amber Hackley. Come meet the guys! Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus.

STREETS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER DINNER – St. Patrick's Day corned beef, cabbage, potatoes & carrots, (catered by Silver Spring Mining Company), plus salad, rolls, beverages, desserts, beverages. Saturday, March 18, 4:30-6:30 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8212 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale. Price: \$30/adults, \$15/children under 12/ children under 2 free. Carryout available. Spring plant sale from La 'Brands Florist. 50/50 drawing. Plenty of parking, handicap accessible. Get tickets online at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/corned-beef-cabbage-dinner> or by calling Josh at 443-632-5433. Checks accepted (no fee) or credit card (fee charged). Cut-off date for tickets – Monday, March 13. All proceeds benefit Streets of Hope ministries.



The Center for Pregnancy Concerns

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.

The Center accepts donations of Maternity Clothing, Baby clothes up to size 4 T, and other items a mother to be may need. You may drop off the donations at the Center at Mars Hills Baptist Church on Old Eastern Avenue on Mondays or bring your donations to the Church (Please have them marked For CPC or Center for Pregnancy) and we will see that they are delivered to the Center. Thank you for helping.



MEN OF OREMS



The MOO will meet for Breakfast at Essex Dinner on March 30th at 9:30 a.m. and then at 7 p.m. in room 100 at Orem's Church for their meeting.

April 2nd Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by Men of Orem's starting at 8:30 a.m.

Pancakes & Sausage
Beverage (juice, milk, coffee, tea)
Free Will Offering Supports the work of the Men of Orem's

United Women of Faith

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **April 5th** at 7:00 p.m. **Please join us as we continue to plan for 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)

United Women of Faith Sunday is April 30th. Wear Red to church that Sunday and enjoy celebrating the history of Our Methodist Women.

Did you know that in the 1950's there were more than 6 Women's Circles here at Orem's Church. Find out more on April 30th.





Easter Flower Order Form

This year our Flower choices for Easter are Easter Lillies, Colored Lillies, Tulips for \$8, and Hydrangeas \$12 each. Order due in the office by Sunday, March 12th. Payment due with the order. Make checks payable to Orem's Church.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Circle Type of flower and color

Easter Lily \$8

Tulips \$8 (Growers choice)

Colored Lily \$8 (Growers Choice)

Hydrangea \$12 (Pink or Blue)

Please state the wording you would like (in memory, honor, thanks, to the Glory of God, etc.)

Thank you for allowing Orem's to borrow your plant to beautify our altar for the Easter Services. You may take your Flowers home after the service on Easter Sunday. Please drop this form into the offering plate or call the church office (410) 687-9483 by March 12th.



