



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church June 2023

Special points of interest:

- 1 Keenagers Picnic
- 3 Hall Closet Thrift Store open
- 4 Worship Service
- 7 Faith Boost
UWF
- 8 Lunch Bunch
- 11 Communion and Blessing of Prayer Shawls
- 13 Needlebees
- 14 Faith Boost
- 15 Newsletter deadline
- 18 Worship and Father's day
- 21 Faith Boost
- 25 Worship
- 27 Needlebees
- 28 Faith Boost
- 29 MOO

Please see calendar page for all events:

8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers Class,
Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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We celebrated the Mothers of Orems on Mother's day with videos about those who were important to our faith journey. Now it is the Men's Turn.

If you have a story about a man who "Fathered you in Faith" or a special tribute to your father, now is the chance to share that with your Church family.

You can record yourself on your phone and send it to Pastor Gail or come into the church office and have Vicki record it for you. This is a special time to recognize the men in our church history here at Orems. Take a few minutes and think about all those who have contributed to this congregation.

Father's Day is June 18th. Help us make this one a special tribute!



**Worship on-
Wednesdays
at
12 PM**

Join us each Wednesday (Hump Day) for a faith-based booster shot of Worship to get you through the week. Bring your own lunch and beverage and meet in Room 100. Desserts will be provided. Or eat at home and join us for the worship service. Worship begins at 12:30 p.m.

It is a blessing to worship and gather for fellowship midweek.

*Our Mission Statement is:
"To love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves."*



MEN OF OREMS

The Men of Orem will be selling Burgers and Brauts on June 3rd from 9:30 to 12 noon and their monthly meeting is on June 29th at 7 p.m. They also will meet for breakfast on June 29th at 9:30 a.m. at Essex Diner.



KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 50 and over) (Too Kool to be Old!)

Please join us for lunch and devotions on June 1st at 11:30 a.m. in Room 100. We will bring our picnic items and enjoy Hot dogs and all the great sides for a picnic. If you don't remember what you signed up for contact me or the church office. We would love to have any new members join us at any of our meetings. It is open to anyone age 50 and older. I am looking forward to seeing you all in

June. It is a great time of fellowship for our Christian brothers & sisters. Photo is last month celebration of Cinco de Mayo! Hope to see you at our next event! Judy Tolbert

The July/August Newsletter deadline

is June 15th. Please drop off your information at the church office or send an email to oremsumc@verizon.net



If you have a graduate in your family—pre- K to Masters , we want to know. Let us celebrate with you. Contact the church office with the name of student, school, degree, any honors or special certificates and future plans. We will need this information for the next newsletter by June 15th.



Summer is here and you may be planning to go away— unfortunately our bills do not take a vacation. Please remember to keep up your offering to the church. We understand that finances are shakey this year. They are for your church as well. Let's put this in God's hands. Pray

for stability and a plan to meet our needs. God put Orem here in Middle River in 1773. It is up to us to keep working for His Glory in 2023.

"90 and Over"

The Elite Group celebrates Jacob Conn's birthday on June 15th. Remember him in your prayers and give him Birthday wishes when you see him. I don't want to exclude anyone, and I don't know the birthdate of all the members of Orem church. If you know of a member who is 89 and approaching 90, or has been missed on the "90 and over " list; please let me know. Also if you want to have a birthday for anyone acknowledged in church let the church office know by Tuesday to include it in our announcements. We no longer will be asking for folks birthdays in our worship service.



Thanks, Vicki Borreson, Church office

Our 250th Anniversary Tea

Many thanks to Anniversary Committee member, Pat Collins and her crew for this lovely Anniversary event.



Above, Pastor Gail is seated with her friend Sandy Parker (who attended Orem's as a child), Pastor Lee from Back River UMC, Kim Walker the BWC President of United Women of Faith, and Elizabeth Stemley (Baltimore Metro District Coordinator for Certified Lay Servants.)





We were blessed with many members of the congregation., family and friends for a great day to celebrate.



The tables were set beautifully and the food was delicious.



The Italian Wedding Soup was a hit! And the scones and salad and sandwiches—yummy.
It was a great success!



United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. **Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.**

OUR PURPOSE: *To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ , To develop a creative supportive fellowship and To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

Food Pantry needs

Cereal, Jelly, Canned beef, Tuna, or hams, Manwich, Beef stew, Rice a Roni, Minuet Rice, and cookies. Also we can use \$15 gift cards to Weis, or Food Lion. Thank you for your support of our pantry. Pixie Faulkner

Crosses and Plaques for sale

If you would like to purchase an Orems Plaque or Cross made from the old pews of the 1859 church, contact the church office. Each piece has a unique coloring depending on where in the pew it was cut. The cost is \$25 each. Both pieces have a label on the bottom identifying it as part of the old pews. The Plaque has est. 1773 on it. Our 250th Anniversary Year is a great time to have a piece of Orems History in your home.

Disciples of Yarn

We will have a
Blessing of
the Prayer
Shawls on



June 11th. The needs of the congregation continue to be met as the faithful member of the Disciples of Yarn continue to supply symbols of God's love. Many thanks to those who support our mission with their talent, material, and monetary contributions.

Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as we continue throughout the rest of the year. If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. Our meeting times are Tuesday June 13th and 27th at 6:30 p.m. on Room 100.

Blessings, Dottie Daiger



Thank You



"This is a "thank you" from my heart to my wonderful church family.

Thank you for your calls, your gifts, your cards and most of all your prayers during my ongoing cancer treatments.

I'm almost finished, and will be working hard on getting recovered and returning to our dear church along with other activities.

May God richly bless each and every one of you.

Merle Vickers



Special Sunday on June 4th

Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. The offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society and benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conferences and around the world. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally. There will be a special envelope in your bulletin on that day if you feel called to contribute.

On May 28th we honored Orem's member Laurel McNeal as she prepares to be commissioned as a Probationary Elder at the Annual Conference the first Saturday in June.

Orem's congregation is very proud of this young lady who has received the calling to be a pastor. What a joy it is that as Orem's Church celebrates 250 years as a congregation in Middle River, we can also celebrate sending one of our own on this Ministry Journey. We will try to have photos for next month's newsletter. Send your good wishes and prayers to Laurel on June 3rd for her commissioning and then on July 1st as she begins to pastor the churches in her care. May God bless Laurel with many years of service as His Shepherd.



THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF OREMS CHURCH

September 13, 1773 – September 13, 2023

Submitted by Anniversary Committee Chair Vicki Borreson

One can hardly imagine the river of Saints that has flowed through Orem's over all this time. Well, that river still flows. Folks, we survived the British invasion in 1776, the Civil War, World War 1 and the Great Depression, World War 2, and two Pandemics and everything in between. I have been excited about this celebration for almost 20 years. What a testament it is to Faith and the fiber of our community. Our big celebration will be in September. If you would like to be part of the Anniversary Service and dinner Planning committee, it is not too late. Contact the church office ASAP!

As part of our 250th Anniversary year, we held our service outside on May 21st Heritage Sunday. We gathered under a canopy and heard the message given by John Strawbridge, and we dedicated our Church grounds and building to God and his purpose. It was a stirring service.



John Strawbridge reminding us of our past and looking to the future of working for Christ in Middle River.



Pastor Gail Button reading us
the Scripture for Ascension
Sunday from Acts 1:6-14

“You will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, in Judea and Sa-
maria, and to the ends of the
earth.” An instruction for all of
us.



Trustees Chair Sara Beth Dulina leading
us in our Rededication of our grounds. By
the power of the Holy Spirit reconsecrate
these grounds and buildings for prayer,
worship, study and fellowship and for out-
reach and service to the community and
world. .



Our Choir singing
“Old time Religion”
under the direction
of Greg Arment.

So good to hear
their voices raised
in joyous song.