

#### September 2022

Special points of interest:

Sept 3 Worship with Communion

Sept 4—Office Closed

Sept 6 Faith Boost

UWF

Sept 7 Keenagers

Sept 9 Hall Closet Thrift Shop

Sept 10 250th Anniversary Celebration

Sept 12 Needlebees

Sept 13 Faith Boost

Sept 14 Lunch Bunch

Sept 17 Worship

Sept 20 Faith Boost

Sept 21 Admin Board

Sept 24 Worship

Sept 26 Needlebees

Sept 27 Faith Boost

Sept 28 MOO

Please see calendar page for all events:

Adult Seekers Sun 8:45

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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# **OREMS BEACON**

Orems United Methodist Church September 2023 Gail L. Button, Pastor

Orems Church celebrates
250 years of Faith
It Only Takes A Spark!
Moving Forward in Faith

Our official celebration will take place on September 10, 2023 beginning with worship in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. Our guest speaker for worship is the Rev. Dr. Wanda Bynum Duckett, District Superintendent of Baltimore Metropolitan District of the Baltimore Washington Conference.

There will be a catered luncheon following the worship celebration. 250 years of a Faithful community is a joyous event. If you don't have a ticket yet, we are sorry but we have met our limit of guests.

Did you know The beloved hymn "Amazing Grace" is as old as Orems Church? That's right both were created in 1773! "Amazing Grace" was written by John Newton as he was preparing for a New Year's Day sermon for 1773? When John Newton, a former sea captain, wrote the lyrics of "Amazing Grace," he could see the "prodigal son" in his early life. Newton was a self-confessed "wretch" (a word he borrowed from Romans 7:24), distant from the heart of God. Still, Newton discovered that God in Christ's deep and abiding love does not give up on anyone. And we are so grateful for this beautiful hymn.

## ""Love God and love our neighbors as ourselves."



September we will be back to rehearsals for our Choir. It should be so good to have choir back in our sanctuary. If you enjoy singing, why not join us and SING FOR THE LORD!

If you have any questions about choir, contact Gregory Arment.

#### CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS

Leaders who have reports for the Church Conference must turn these into the office before September 27th. They must be uploaded to the Conference on October 1st. If you need a copy of last years report to help you fill out this years form, contact the church office (410) 687-9483. We have our date for the Church Conference confirmed it will be November 11th at 11 a.m. via Zoom.

**Samaritans Purse Operations Christmas Child**— We will not



be actively supporting this mission this year as we focus our resources on community needs. But there are several churches in the area that are running Shoebox missions this year.

Also Chick Fil A is a sponsor of this ministry and they offer boxes and drop off times for those who want to continue to do this mission this year.

We will still have Angel Tree and the Food Pantry helping Orems Elementary Students at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Mission Team felt that working with our Community should be our main focus this year. The families at Orems Elementary are very appreciative of our help. And with limited financial resources, we felt this was the best use of our time and talents.





School can be a difficult time for children, teachers, parents, care givers, and bus drivers, especially in these times, please keep them in your prayers. Ask God to bless the children with kindness and good focus. Ask for the teachers to find joy in each child and guidance to create a great learning experience. Ask for safe roads and

capable bus drivers. And finally ask God to give the students and families the means to make the most out of this year of learning.

School Supplies were not collected this year as the Mission Committee decided to wait till January and deliver supplies to refill the students classrooms. We will ask for items that are requested by the Teachers at Orems Elementary at midyear. Thank you

Our Elite Group (90 and over) wishes Maxine Young a happy Birthday. She will be 97 on September 3rd. We wish her a year of good health and many blessings. Happy Birthday Maxine.

Be sure to make the office aware of any new names we can honor. If you know of someone that should be in-

cluded in our "Elite 90 and over group" please let the office. It is a joy to honor our Silver Church members.

Our One Call Now system sends out reminders of activities, meetings, and other announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. If you miss the message from our One Call you can replay the message by calling the toll free number 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

PRAYER CHAIN—Prayer plays a very important part in all of our lives. If you would like to be a part of our prayer chain; please call Vicki at the church office at 410-687-9483 and leave a message. With our One Call system, we can send out the prayer to everyone on our prayer chain at the same time so all can pray as a unit as we get the information.

DID YOU KNOW? Orems has a Facebook page? You can visit the page for inspirational posts and even live stream the service or watch a past service on the video.

www.facebook.com/OremsUMC

### \$ Finance Update

Please don't forget our Capital Improvements when you plan your giving to the church. There is a blue envelope in the pews for Capital Improvement donations. As you know our building is aging and there is always a need for maintenance upkeep.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Here is the list of needed items: Canned Ham, Jello and pudding, Cans of Juice, Beef stew, pancake mix and syrup, Canned Ravioli and SpaghettiO's. Thank you for your donations.

## Disciples of Yarn

Our Disciples of Yarn ministry has recently been blessed by several lovely baby blankets and two prayer shawls discovered by Mildred Shepherd's family members. I plan to place these treasures on the altar in the Spring when we have our next Prayer Shawl blessing. The members of the Disciples of Yarn continue to crochet and knit these shawls that are given in prayer and hope of healing for each recipient.

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 through the rest of the year.

If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. If you enjoy a craft, join us for fellowship while you craft. Our meetings this September are Tuesday 12th and 26th.

Blessings to all, Dottie Daiger



# **KEENAGERS** (fellowship group for those 50 and over)

Greetings fellow Keenagers, Well, it's September already. Where did the summer go? We will meet on September 7th in room 100.

If you are over 50, and haven't come out to see what a good time we old folks have, this is the best month to try us out.

Bring your lunch and a drink. We have a Keurig if you prefer coffee or tea. And since it will be October before we know it, remember to start thinking about treats for our Trick or Treat October. Costumes are not required, but it is fun to have a chance to be creative.

Hope to see some new faces. (Not that there is anything wrong with our current faces. LOL) Judy Tolbert

# THANK YOU OREMS CHURCH

Thank you for all your support throughout my life. I could never thank you enough for all the support and prayers you have given me. Every time I use the Paten, Chalice, and Pitcher you gave me, I will think of all of you! Thanks again!

Laurel McNeal

collecting new and gently used shoes and winter coats, new socks, and underwear sizes 6 to 14 for boys and girls, elastic waist pants sizes small through extra large. What a great way to care for the students at Orems Elementary school.

Thank you in advance for your help. Little Feet Mission

The Newsletter
Deadline for October NEWSLETTER
is Sept 15th, if you have information for our newsletter, please drop it off to

the Church office or email at

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# MOO — MEN OF OREMS



The Men of Orems will be meeting 28th of September at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast at Essex Diner and at 7 p.m. in Room 100 for their meeting.
All men are encouraged to attend this meeting. The men have helped with various projects around the church. We appreciate all that this group does to help around the Church complex.

We thank them for the wonderful picnic in August. They are the grill masters!





#### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith! The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth.

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

We will be meeting on September 6th in Room 100. There will be a lot of things to discuss and to plan for the year. Please join us at 7 p.m.