



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 and follow the link.

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24th Christmas Eve

10 a.m. Worship

9:00 p.m. Candlelight

New Years EVE

10 a.m. Worship



“Orem's Gift Card Fundraiser”

Gift cards make a perfect Gift! Orders will be taken every Sunday until December 10th. If you have any questions please call the Church office. Let's make this a great Success!!

Along with the list of retailers, we are offering gift cards to Pizza John's Restaurant on Back River Neck Road in Essex. The list of retailers can be found in the church entryway. Check our list and remember that our Food Pantry can use gift cards to Giant, Food Lion or Weis for \$25. And our Angel Tree would like Walmart or Target or Kohls gift cards for \$25. It helps our missions and our church at the same time.



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!

Food Pantry News We were able to provide 7 families with a Happy Thanksgiving, thanks to the generous donations of this congregation.

Our food pantry will be stocking up for Christmas baskets. If you are able to help us, Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, Canned Hams, canned yams, cake mixes and frosting, Jello and pudding, Stuffing, Mashed potatoes, cookies and Juice. We will also gladly accept gift cards of \$25 to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

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

Pixie Faulkner, Food Pantry Coordinator

2024 Offering envelopes will be available for pick up by December 17th. 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.

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 on January 4th to kick off our 2024 year of Keenagers Meetings. Till then take care!



A black and white line drawing of a cow standing in a field. The cow is facing left, with its head turned slightly towards the viewer. It has a spotted coat with dark patches on a lighter background. The cow is standing on a patch of grass, indicated by simple lines. The background is plain white.

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**Lunch Bunch
will meet on
December
14th at
Alice's Res-
taurant at
11:30 a.m.**



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.

Special Shopping for Angels

We are doing something different this year. If you take an angel off the tree we will have a special shopping day on December 11th from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. in Room 100 to pick out some toys and items for the Angel children. The items were donated to the Angel Tree program and will be available for a free will offering to the mission.

Disciples of Yarn

As the year comes to a close, 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. 12th.

Blessings to all,
Dottie Daiger



**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**



Member News

On Friday, November 10, 2023, my mother, Ramona Repair, passed away. She was 94 years old. Mom was the daughter of Bill and Alma McBeth, long-time and active members of Orem, which is where Ramona met her husband of 69 years, Bill Repair. His parents were Bill and Margret Repair, also long-time members of Orem. The chapel bears Grandpa's name. Bill and Ramona were married in Orem in 1950.

Mom had been in hospice care several weeks and passed away peacefully during her sleep. She touched many people's lives over the years and she will be missed. She is at peace with Jesus and reunited with Dad, who passed away in 2019.

Sincerely,

Gary Repair

We received word that former member **Martha King** passed away November 20, 2023.

Our prayers and Sympathy to the family of **Sandra McNeal** who passed on November 21, 2023. There will be a remembrance at a later date.

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 Or you can Mail checks to Churches for Streets of Hope, P.O. Box 34073, Essex MD 21221. **Our next night to serve meals** is Wednesday, Dec 20th at 5:30 p.m. Items can be dropped off at Boulevard Christian church or drop them off at church by Dec 17th. 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

AMPLIFY MEDIA Is a site that offers Bible studies, devotions and especially wonderful programs for children and families to enjoy. The Church pays for the subscription but you will need to register an account so that you have your own password to access the programs. We hope you will enjoy this site. Go to <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify> in the upper right corner click on the person



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More Than Peanuts!

A BIG thank you to everyone who made the Peanut/Texas Roadhouse Dinner Fundraiser a huge success. We sold all 40 bags of peanuts in just two weeks! There were some generous donations as well. We had a nice turnout at The Texas Roadhouse Restaurant on November 13th and I hope everyone enjoyed their dinner and used their free appetizer coupon! I am excited to tell you that we made \$134.00 from the peanut sale. I won't have the amount we made from the dinner until later. Look for more "dinner out" fund raisers in the new year.



Orems Church 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 Orems Church and it's ministry.

The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum has a free Holiday Plane & Train Garden on display around the corner in a Lockheed Martin space at 2323 Eastern Blvd. A hand-crafted display, the Garden features Maryland sites, a Minion hunt, and trains rolling 'round the tracks. Aviation exhibits for visitors to explore include a Pietenpol aircraft. A photo ID is required of adults for entry into the facility. There is plenty of free parking for this free event. The Garden is open November 26, 11am to 4pm, and other selected dates through January 7, dates posted on the website. Launch your 2023 holiday season with these Middle River events. www.mdairmuseum.org

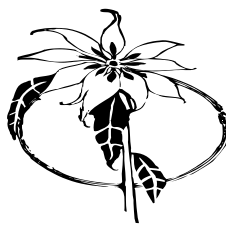


United Women in Faith

will hold a Multi Circle Christmas gathering on Wednesday

December 6th.at

6 p.m. We want to have a great evening of food and fellowship with Christian Women. Please RSVP by Friday, December 1st. If you need more information, contact Mary Eisely.



Poinsettia Order Form

Order due by
SUNDAY Dec 3rd

Cost \$7.00, Payment due with order.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please Specify color by circling your choice

Red or White Poinsettia

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 during the Christmas season. You may take your flower home after the candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve. The office will not be open during the Christmas week.

Please drop this form into the offering plate or Call the church office

(410) 687-9483 or email at
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than **Sunday- December 3rd.**

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE PERRY HALL CHORALE
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!!!!

Bring the entire family to our Christmas program at Perry Hall
United Methodist Church on Sunday,
December 17th at 3:00 P.M.

We will have traditional carols, popular Christmas songs,
audience participation, soloists, dance, instrumentalists, cho-
ral singing and some very cute kids!!!

Come bring your silver bells, holiday cheer and your love of
Christmas (it's the best time of the year) and celebrate with
us!!!

There is no admission charge---a free will offering will be tak-
en and donated to Perry Hall UMC..

