



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church
October 2023

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Special points of interest:

- Oct 1 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 3 Sarah Circle
- Oct 4 Faith Boost Worship
United Women in Faith
5 Keenagers trip
7 Hall Closet Thrift Store
8 Worship
10 NeedleBees
11 Faith Boost Worship
12 Lunch bunch
Council meeting
14 Orems Yard Sale
15 Worship
18 Faith Boost Worship
22 Worship
24 Needle Bees
25 Faith Boost Worship
26 MOO
29 Worship

Please see calendar page for all events:

Adult Seekers Sun 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

.Live streaming on Facebook and Youtube via our website

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All Saints Day

We will be remembering and honoring those who have died since October 2022 with a worship service on November 5th. If you have a name for the All Saints Day list, please call the church office by October 31st for the bulletin. If possible, we would like to include a photo in our bulletin. Please send us a photo of your loved one by November 1st. Thank you for helping us honor all of our saints.



OREMS COMMUNITY YARD SALE

On the church parking lot

October 14, 2023 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Raindate October 21, 2023

The Men of Orems will be selling Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks and Chips. United Women in Faith will be selling baked goods. Thrift Shop will have a table, and we will be selling Crosses and plaques handcrafted from the Church pews. Join us to support those selling items or clean your garage and get a table to sell you own items.

Spaces available for Rent (bring your own table) - \$20

Space with a table - \$25

Contact the church office to rent space or for more information. Spaces must be paid for in advance of event.



Our Church Conference date is set for November 11 at 11:00 a.m. **All Administrative Board members** and Congregation members are encouraged to attend. You can attend via Zoom from home or come to Room 100 to join others who do not have the technology at home to attend via Zoom.



From Orem's Office: There is not a working Crystal ball that tells the office what is going on in the life of the congregation. If you have an illness, accident, or have other need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact the office. It is disheartening when word reaches the church office that a member has been hospitalized or suffered a death in the family or other problem and the church is the last to know. How can we pray for you or visit you or be a caring support for you, if we are kept in the dark? **HELP US HELP YOU!** Help us love you as Christ commands and as we desire to do. Church office 410-687-9483. Email oremsumc@verizon.net. Keep the lines of communication open.

Vicki Borreson,
Administrative Assistant

Dear Orem's Church,
Congratulations on your 250th Anniversary. Sorry I was not able to attend this event. Hope everyone had a great time. Thank you for the invitation and the church bulletins you send me each week. They truly mean so much to me.
Take care and God Bless you all,
Sincerely, Paul Parks

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. Prayer is Powerful-spread the power!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS We have a lot of canned veggies. Here is the list of needed items: Canned Hams, Jello and pudding, Beef stew, Canned Ravioli, Beefaroni, Saltine Crackers,

Gift cards to Food Lion, Weis and Giant. **Thank you for your donations.**

Pixie Faulkner

Disciples of Yarn

There were 6 prayer shawls provided for members and friends of the Orem's congregation during the third quarter of the year. As we continue this mission, members of the Needlebees have provided a variety of shawls for our use.



Notes and news of the comfort provided by the prayer shawls is always encouraging to hear.

Please continue to keep our mission in your prayers as the next 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. The dates and times are Oct. 10th and 24th.

Blessings to all,
Dottie Daiger



The Newsletter Deadline for November NEWS in the Orem's Beacon is October 15th. if you have an article or information for our newsletter, please drop it off to the Church office or email at oremsumc@verizon.net

Faith Boost meets on Wednesdays at 12 noon. This is an opportunity for a Worship Boost in the middle of the week. We gather for Lunch and then have a half hour worship time. Our worship is a little more relaxed than you find on Sunday morning but still very meaningful.

Come join us any Wednesday at 12 Noon in room 100 next to the church office. Bring your lunch or snack and fellowship with us or come at 12:30 just for the Worship service. It is a real BOOST to your week!

Our Elite Group (90 and over)



Be sure to make the office aware of any new names we can honor. If you know of someone that should be included in our "Elite 90 and over group" please let the office. It is a joy to honor our Silver Church members.



KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 50 and over)

Greetings fellow Keenagers, 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. Keenagers too COOL to be OLD. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch. We provide dessert. Halloween Costumes are encouraged but not necessary. (Trick or treat candy is happily accepted.)

Judy Tolbert

Orems Movie Goers—there are some good movies coming out in November. Keep watch in the bulletin, or call the church office if you want to join our group to go to the movies!

MOO — MEN OF OREMS



The Men of Orem will be meeting on October 26th at 7 p.m. in Room 100.

The Men have had a successful summer of Hot Dog and Hamburger sales at the Thrift shop and sponsored the Church Picnic in August.

They will be selling food on Thrift Shop day in October 7th and also selling burgers and Brauts on October 14th at the Orem Yard Sale. Come out and support the MOO. We appreciate all that this group does to help around the Church complex.

We are very thankful for the Men Of Orem!



The Girl Scout Troops who meet at Orem Church would like you to know that they are selling cookies through November.

Cookies are \$5.00 per box. If you would like to order cookies, you can call the church office or stop by their meeting on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Our membership is diverse, women of many races, cultures, languages, young and old. There is no minimum age requirement

Our next meeting is October 4th at 7 p.m. in room 100, join us for Fellowship and help to make some plans for the coming year.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

World Communion Sunday Envelopes

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to extend healing and hope which will guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Through our gifts and support on World Communion Sunday, we can invest in talented, qualified students from around the globe to transform the world as witnesses for Christ!

250th Anniversary Celebration of Orem's United Methodist Church

The name has changed through its history but the congregation has always had a presence in the Middle River area since 1773.

The 250th Anniversary Timeline will be on Display in the Sanctuary for a few weeks in October and then in the Hall way near the memorial room for the month of November. If you missed seeing it at the Anniversary Luncheon, stop in to see it soon.

The 250th Anniversary Celebration on September 10th was a wonderful day. The service included a hymn "God of Love, It Only Takes a Spark" written for Orem's Anniversary by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. It kept the theme of It Only takes a Spark. We really appreciate the hard work and talent that went into creating this hymn for us.

Rev Dr. Wanda Bynum Duckett gave us an encouraging and inspiring sermon to tell us that we are not done. We have what it takes! 250 years is just the beginning of our work here in Middle River for Christ. If you want to relive the event or if you missed it that day, it is available on Orem's Facebook page.

Rev. Wanda Bynum Duckett tells us We have what it takes to carry on!!





We enjoyed a delicious Lunch catered by Mission BBQ



Councilman David Marks presented a Baltimore County Resolution in recognition of our 250 years at our service on Sept. 10th. Delegate Ric Metzgar gave us an Official Citation in recognition of our Anniversary at a worship service on September 24th.



Trustee Transparency

Hello Church Family! My name is Sara-Beth Dulina and I have been the Trustee Chair at Orem's UMC for the last year and a half. I wanted to share some information with you as I personally believe that good communication leads to strong relationships.

Q: What does the Trustee Committee do?

A: We maintain the building and facilities inside and out. Not only the structure of the building, but we also ensure all the contents within the building, the heating and air-conditioning, electrical and mechanical systems, utilities etc. are in working order. We keep track of and maintain all church equipment such as security devices (cameras), computers and copier. We maintain the grounds and ensure they are kept nice as well as safe.

Q: What has the Trustee committee done over the last 18 months? Things appear the same.

A: Actually, we have done a tremendous amount of work, but many things are not visually obvious. We have done many smaller projects, but today I want to outline some of the larger projects we have completed over the last year and a half.

2022:

Installed access platforms in sanctuary attic to allow better access for a/c repair/replacement and overall maintenance. Cost: \$5,000

Replaced roof above the Repair chapel (needed prior to A/C installation and due to leaks). Cost: \$10,200

Installed 3 new A/C units for the Sanctuary on chapel roof (2 of the 3 did not work and were unable to be repaired, the third was at the end of its lifespan). Cost: \$24,900

Trimmed 2 trees which had large branches hanging over the Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$2,600

Begun investigative work on repair of severely cracked wall – over a year of prep work.

Total for large projects in 2022: \$42,300

2023 (as of August 1st):

Removed two enormous trees behind room 100 (one was causing a huge gap in the wall). Required a crane to remove. Cost: \$10,800

Installed 3 new A/C units for fellowship hall/kitchen (had issues with old ones-all 3 were at or near end of lifespan) Cost: \$28,500

Repaired leaking steeple which caused damage to the sanctuary ceiling. Cost: \$5,000

Severely cracked wall repair near room 100 (Cost includes tear down and rebuilding of cinder block wall). Cost: \$8,680

Total for large projects in 2023 (as of August 1st): \$52,980

Q: How are all these big projects being paid for? If we aren't meeting our weekly offering goals, how is this possible?

A: Many years ago, Orem's had a parsonage, which is where the pastor would live, and at one point we rented it to our choir director. That property was sold in fall of 2013 and the money from the sale went into a Baird (pronounced "Beard") account where it has been making interest through investing. Per regulations of the Balto/Washington Conference, this money is set aside and can ONLY be used for Capital improvements, meaning building repairs. We CAN NOT use it to pay electric bills, salaries (Pastor, secretary, organist), office supplies, church missions, etc. We try to use this fund sparingly for "rainy day" emergencies or larger repairs. We have just had a very "rainy" 18 months. This is how we were able to cover the cost of over \$95,000 in repairs over the last 18 months. We also have a small Capital Improvements fund which is separate from our Baird account and is used for day-to-day small maintenance items.

Q: What are your future projects?

A: The trustees keep a running list of large and small projects that we would like to and need to accomplish. Some we deem as urgent and try to tackle them first. We also have to tackle any emergency issues that sometimes arise. We have some smaller projects currently being worked on; one is to repair the tiles in the Sanctuary ceiling. One larger project is we are going to begin looking into getting a new door for the Sanctuary basement stairwell. A future dream project of mine would be to purchase a new chairlift for the fellowship hall that would go from the top to lower level (both floors) so our space can be used by those with mobility issues. As some of you know my dad struggled to use the current chairlift because it is very old, so this is of personal importance and meaning to me.

Q: How can I help?

A: You don't have to be on the trustee committee to help. Can you help on one project? Absolutely! Many hands make light work. Do you love gardening? We could use help keeping the garden out front of the sanctuary looking beautiful. Do you like painting? We have a few areas that need to be touched up. Do you have the ability to do minor cosmetic fixes like fix fallen molding or a cracked tile? We'd love your help! If a project mentioned touches your heart, please consider donating your time and talents. **If you have questions or want to help? Please let me know!**



Churches for Streets of Hope
“Bring them Out of the Cold”

Bull and Oyster Roast

Date: Sunday October 28th

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue: Rosedale Gardens 8037 Philadelphia Rd.

Menu: Select Oysters on the half shell, Top Round of Beef, Smoked ham on the pit, Maryland Style Crab Soup, Oyster stew, Bar-B Que Chicken, Sweet Italian Sausage, Swedish Meatballs, Baked Ziti, Green beans, Seasoned Red Potatoes, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Cheese display, Vegetable Display, Chips & Pretzels, Kaiser Rolls, Desserts.

There will be Music, Photo Booth, 50/50's & Basket Raffles

Event tickets are \$60.00 per person (Children 6-12 \$30. Sell a table of 8 get on free ticket!. Final Ticket sale date October 17th at 11:30 p.m.

Tickets must be Purchased at
[eventcreate.com /e/outofthecoldevent](http://eventcreate.com/e/outofthecoldevent)

(There is a processing fee)

(If you need further information contact Josh at 443-632-5433

Churches for Streets of Hope is a 20 bed “COLD WEATHER SHELTER” which operates during November 1st through April 30th from 6pm to 8am daily. The proceeds from this event will help the men's shelter and the Streets of Hope ministries.

Back River UMC-invites you to a Crab feast Thurs. October 19 at Back River UMC from 5-7:30 pm. \$50 per person. For tickets contact 443-986-2956 ASAP!

Calling all Goblins and Critters!!

Orems Elementary PTA invites you to join them at
Trunk or Treat event

on Saturday October 21st.
12 Noon to 3 p.m.

Event takes place at the Elementary School parking lot
Food trucks, and Vendors will also be there. If you would like to be a part of the Trunks decorated or if you are a vendor who would like to set up a table contact them at
OremsElemPTA@gmail.com.

Little Feet Mission-

Orems Elementary reached out to us with this need.

Spiral notebooks, pencil cases, folders with pockets **and prongs**, folders with pockets (no prongs) , theme books, back packs (can be gently used) for students just now enrolling into the school. Any help would be appreciated.

UMCOR: *To give at any-time to relief efforts:*
go to

<https://www.umcmmission.org/umcor/give>

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