



OREMS BEACON

FEB. 2024

Special points of interest:
In FEBRUARY

Feb 11th is Boy Scout Sunday. We will welcome our Cub Scout troop to worship with us.

Ash Wednesday
Service Feb 14th

Please see calendar
page for all events:

Sunday Worship
Service 10 a.m.

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Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th, and our Lenten journey at Orems will include numerous opportunities to go deeper in our walk with Christ through worship, fellowship, and generosity.

There will be **two opportunities to worship on Ash Wednesday:**

- Our weekly **Faith Boost Lunch and Worship at 12 noon** a **Lenten theme** and **imposition of ashes.**
- **Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 PM** we will worship with the **imposition of ashes**, and share in the **sacrament of Holy Communion.**



SOUP AND SALAD CARRY OUT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024

(On Thrift Shop Saturday)

Rain/Snow Date: 3/2/24

Carry Out Open 9:00 AM– 12:30PM

\$8.00 per meal includes:

Choice of Soup

(Chicken Noodle, Potato Soup, Chili)

Garden Salad, Roll and Dessert

We suggest that you **PRE-ORDER**

Please contact Margaret Eney at 410-908-7582
There are order forms on the table in the Narthex



NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you to all who stopped by the office to give us Christmas wishes, gifts and cards. It is truly a pleasure to work at Orem's church and to work with the people of Orem's Church.

God has blessed us all!

Pastor Gail, Vicki Borreson and Debbie Brickus

Dear Orem's Church

I was so happy to join you on your livestream service on December 24, 2023. I live near Sacramento California and I usually watch a service of a church in Boise ID. I was so glad to find your service. And so pleased that you took my prayer requests. Thank you again for your beautiful service and for taking my prayer requests. As a result of my watching your service for several weeks, I received a lovely gift of two prayer shawls from your church. One for myself and one for my cousin John who just had transplant surgery. Thank you for your kind gesture.

Yesterday I received a nice card signed by all of you. Thank you for thinking of me.

Thanks again!

Brenda Leake
Citrus Heights, CA

MORE THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you Orem's Church family for your calls, prayers and cards. I miss all of you so much!

I really enjoy visits and calls from Pastor Gail and members of the congregation. You are all such dear people to me.

God's blessings to all

Pat Pinning

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

We will meet on Thursday, February 1st at 11:30 a.m. for our Valentine Day Party. You bring the Valentines, and a sandwich and drink, we will have cake for you. Meet in room 100 for Lunch, Devotions and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Judy Tolbert



Wear warm clothing to church this winter! Due to rising cost of heating oil and limited finances, we have set

our thermostat at 68 in the sanctuary. We appreciate your understanding and willingness to support us by wearing warm clothing or bringing a sweater with you to worship.



Little Feet Mission supplies local schools with socks, and underwear sizes 6 to 14 for boys and girls, elastic waist pants sizes small

through extra large. Also new or gently used shoes are always welcome. If you have any questions, ask Kathy Cunningham **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices.**

These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.



Food

Pantry

would greatly appreciate donations

of the items listed: canned hams and canned beef, canned chicken, Beef Stew, canned Beefaroni and Ravioli, and cookies. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

Thank You, Pixie Faulkner



Disciples of Yarn

Many thanks to the Needlebees members who provide the prayer shawls for our church members and friends.

Our faithful donors of money and materials are truly appreciated at any time during the year. New members who would like to learn to knit or crochet the shawls would also be welcomed.

Blessings,

Dottie Daiger

NEEDLEBEES

If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, join our Needlebees group. If you enjoy a craft and would like to join us for fellowship, you are welcome at our meetings. We meet on Feb 13th, and 27th this month in Room 100 next to the Church office at 6:30 pm. We have plenty of yarn and even some crochet hooks for those who wish to learn and for those who enjoy knitting and crochet. Join us at our next meeting!

250th Anniversary of Orem's Church

We will continue to celebrate 250 years of worship in Middle River. We didn't stop celebrating when we held our Worship service and dinner. There is so much to share about our history. We will have a special display of Orem's Groups through the years some time in April. We are truly fortunate that we can look back on a rich history of fellowship, mission and Spiritual gatherings of Orem's Church.

Dear Orem's UMC

Because of interest and support of churches like yours the Strawbridge Shrine first home of Methodism in America is still sharing the story of first Circuit rider Robert Strawbridge and our Christian faith.

We want you to know how much we enjoyed meeting each and everyone of you, when your Keenagers group came for a visit. What a wonderful group!

In addition, you were so gracious to leave us a thoughtful and generous donation. We deeply appreciate the gift toward our mission. May God continue to bless your church and your ministry at Orem's United Methodist Church.

Blessings

Helen Kemp

Curator

The Strawbridge Shrine

March Newsletter Deadline is February 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



One Call Now System

We use the One Call Now system to send out reminders and announcements of activities, etc. that we need to communicate to the congregation.

Occasionally due to noise in the line, or if you have a long greeting on your answering machine, our One Call message gets scrambled or disconnects before it leaves a message. If the message does not come through, you will be able to listen to the last message sent through the system.

Cut this section out and place near your phone.

If you miss the message from our One Call you can replay the message by calling 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message.

MEN OF OREMS

The Men of Orem's will be meeting on February 29th for Breakfast at Essex Diner at 9:30 a.m. Join us for fellowship and breakfast. And meeting at 7 p.m. in room 100. All men of the church are invited to join us. You do not need to be a member of Orem's to attend our meetings.



Correction to newsletter

In January Newsletter a photo was identified as December 1972 and there was a mention of the stained glass from the 1859 church. That building was torn down in 1958 to make way for the Christian education building. The stained glass windows were found in storage and then placed in the church Sanctuary, possibly in mid 1980's. Thank you to Carl Horst for catching that error.

For God so lo **V**ed the world,
That He g **A**ve
his on **L**y
Begott **E**n
So **N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."
John 3:16

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The United Women of Faith would like to invite ALL women in the church to attend our meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of February at 7 p.m. in Room 100 beside the church office. Join us and bring a friend.

OUR PURPOSE: *"is a community of women whose purpose is: 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."*

Communication is the Key to Success

For Orem's Church to function successfully, we need to communicate with one another. We have bulletin announcements, the Beacon newsletter, a website, a facebook page, and a One Call system to give our CHURCH FAMILY information.

However, if the information doesn't make it to the office it will not go out to all these wonderful avenues of communication. This is not just for meeting and activity announcements, this includes trips to a hospital, a time of crisis, a need for prayer or pastoral care. We are your family and we don't have a crystal ball that tells us that you are in need. Please call the office 410-687-9483 or email at oremsumc@verizon.net. I would rather get the information from a dozen people than to not hear anything at all.

Vicki Borreson, your Admin Assistant

Streets of Hope UP-Date

Orems will be serving the Streets of Hope a meal on February 20th.

Meal items need to be dropped off to Boulevard Church on Essex Ave at 5:30 p.m. Our sign up sheet will be out soon for items. Thank you for stepping up to provide food for the February meal. For more information contact the Church office or Amber Hackley. We are also looking for folks to help serve the meals on our night from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus!

We have supported Streets of Hope for over 12 years. This organization is sheltering men through the winter and on Code Blue days they are open all day. They also serve the community with a health van visit every month.

If you want to contribute to

Churches for Streets of Hope Community Care Center you can send a check to P.O. Box 34073 Essex MD 21221 or go to

www.churchesforsoh.org



Inclement Weather statement: We are in the time of year where our roads could be icy and unsafe for travel. If we have a snowy or icy day and Worship or other activities are cancelled or delayed, we will send out an announcement via our One Call system. Even if you do not get a call, please use your own judgement. We do not want anyone to place themselves in danger. Winter is here and we need to be safe and healthy. Take care all!

Boy Scout Sunday is February 11th.

Come worship with our cub scouts!! If you were a Boy Scout, we would love for you to share memories and photos of your time as a Cub scout or Boy scout.

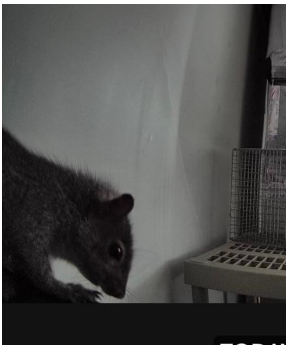


Information for the March newsletter should be sent to the office by February 15th via email: oremsumc@verizon.net or by calling the church office.

BODY AND SOUL Join us for Body and Soul- a fitness program that focuses on the health of body and spiritual health as well. This program is tailored to building strength and flexibility. It can be adapted for any level of ability, so don't feel that you are not "fit" enough to come try it. Our next Class begins February 6th on Tuesday at 2 pm. Wear comfortable clothing and sturdy sneakers. Bring a water bottle. Cost would be about \$5.50 per class per person (sign up for a month session.) Register online at bodyandsoul.org/classes type in zip code 21220 and Orems program should come up for you to register or come early to the first class to register.

The SAGA of STANLEY AND SAMANTHA

In November right after Thanksgiving, it was discovered that something had been in the workroom knocking things off the shelves. Then the second week of December a squirrel was spotted on the shelves as it quickly climbed up into the drop ceiling. He came and went so often that we named him Stanley. By Christmas, Stanley was bringing a friend in to sleep on the shelves at night with him. We named her Samantha. But soon the two squirrels were getting into things on the shelves and making a mess. So we laid traps and a plan to relocate them. Finally after over a week of several near misses, we caught each squirrel and relocated them to a wooded area so they can be free and our work room can be pest free!



So long Stanley
and
Samantha- Have a
good life!

