



OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church
May 2024

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Special points of interest:

- 1 Faith Boost
 UMW meeting
- 2 Keenagers
- 4 Hall Closet Thrift
- 5 Communion Worship
- 7 Sarah Circle
 Chick Fil A Night
- 8 Faith Boost
- 9 Lunch bunch
- 12 Worship
- 14 Needlebees
- 15 Newsletter deadline
 Faith Boost
- 16 Admin Board
- 18 Lydia Circle
- 19 Worship
- 22 Faith Boost
- 26 Worship
- 27 Office Closed
- 29 Faith Boost
- 30 MOO

Please see calendar page for all events:

8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers Class,

10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service Sunday school children will attend worship with parents

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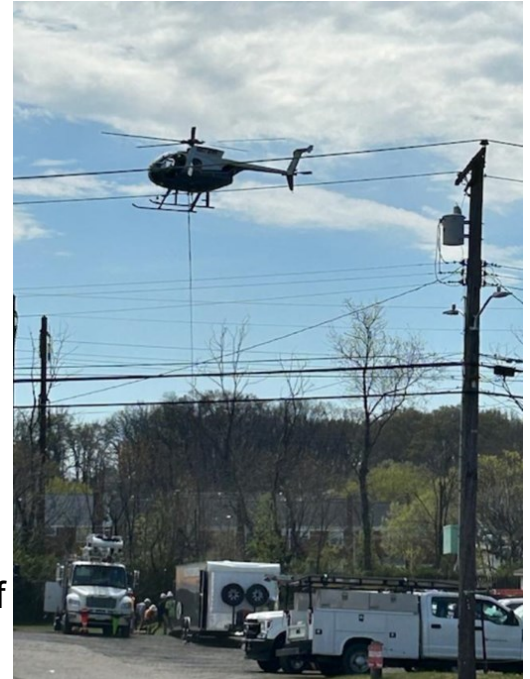
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We had some excitement in our parking lot on April 8th and 9th as AUI did some maintenance work on BGE lines along the Railroad tracks. A crew of workers and special equipment used our parking lot to do the electrical work on the railroad tracks in the area. It was fascinating to watch the helicopter pick up huge coils and other equipment and fly off with it to the needed location.



Occasionally a repairman was dangling from the cable along with the equipment. This is not a job for the faint of heart. But it sure was fun to watch. We had many folks pull up on our parking lot to watch the action throughout the day. If we had known it would cause this much attention, we could have put out chairs and sold tickets!

[To ATTEND OREMS WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE:](#)

You can connect to the Youtube link from our website
www.oremsumc.org or on our Facebook page

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



DID YOU KNOW THAT OREMS HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes we do. Ruth Bundick and Willard Ray Scholarships are established from Memorials for two long time members of Orem's Church. Each Scholarship has its own qualifications.

If you are a High School Graduate, college student or someone looking to further your education, Orem's has scholarships available.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: Orem's scholarship applications must be in by May 5th.

You may pick up an application from the office or call the office and we can email one to you. The criteria for scholarships is enrollment as full time student, member of Orem's United Methodist Church, and accepted by a college, University or Trade school in harmony with the moral and ethical position and teachings of the Church. The Willard Ray Scholarship must have approval by Church council. The Scholarship Committee will present the candidates for Scholarship. We will present the scholarships to our Recipients later this summer.

KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

Please join us for lunch and devotions on May 2nd at 11:30 a.m. in the Room 100 next to the church office. Bring your contribution to Cinco De Mayo Celebration. Don't forget your Sombreros. We supply dessert and you can enjoy the fellowship of our Christian brothers and sisters.

We will have our picnic in June. You can sign up for a picnic item at the May meeting. Hope to see you there!

Judy Tolbert

Did you know we have a Memorial Fund? You may place a memory in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone for a birthday or special event. To contribute to the Memorial fund you can fill out a Memorial Envelope found in the Entry-way of the church, or place your name and the person being remembered on a plain envelope with MEMORIAL written on it. Or you can give through Shelby by putting MEMORIAL in the memo of the contribution site.



Tithing online- Give your offering to Orems Church on ShelbyNext systems with a credit or debit card or ACH (withdrawal) or an echeck. To donate online follow this link

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/orem1020156>

Or text your donations: Text the word **Give** to **1-410-873-1957** then follow the prompts. Your information will be encrypted so that it is safe.

The Thrift shop sales in April brought in a whopping \$2785.00. A wonderful successful shopping day. We continue to take donations on Tuesday and Thursday 10-2. Please do not bring Car seats, electronics or large pieces of furniture. We appreciate all donations of clothing, housewares, books, and toys.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

We are currently raising funds for a new Chairlift to improve mobility to the Fellowship hall. This lift will go up to the hall or downstairs to the bathrooms on the bottom level with a stop on the landing in between to allow access to either floor. **Our update is that we met our goal!**

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to this project. We have ordered the Chair Lift system and hope to have installation complete sometime in early June.

Our aging building continues to have more projects for us to tackle. If you would like to donate to the Capital Improvement fund it would be greatly appreciated. There are blue envelopes in the pews or you can write CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS on an envelope with your donation.

**The JUNE News-
letter deadline** is
May 15th.

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



Disciples of Yarn

Our Disciples of Yarn ministry has recently been blessed by the addition of new members who have provided lovely shawls that will be placed on the altar at our annual Prayer Shawl blessing on May 26th.



There have been six prayer shawls provided to members and friends of our church during the first three months of the year. The members of the Disciples of Yarn continue to crochet and knit these prayer 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 throughout the rest of the year.

If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. The dates and times are May 14th and 28th at 6:30 pm. We have yarn and other supplies for you to use for this mission. Come see our supplies!

Blessings,
Dottie Daiger



Crosses and Plaques for sale

If you would like to purchase an Orem's 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 wood revealed beautiful colors as the pews were shaped into crosses or plaques. 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.



Observing Memorial Sunday May 26th.

Orems Church would like to honor all those who **died** while serving in the military. Please drop a note in the offering plate by May 21st or call the church office (410-687-9483) if you have someone who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Country, include Name, rank, year of death and service information.

We will honor all those who have served or are now serving in the military in a special insert in November for Veterans Day.

Cub Scout troop 308 who meets at Orems on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. is selling 2024 Camp cards. These cards give you discounts at many area stores and restaurants.

The Cost of the card is \$10.00 and helps our Cub scouts go to Camp this summer.

For more information contact Pat Collins or call the Church office.

There is a poster in the Narthex with a list of some of the retail stores that offer discounts.



Altar Flowers 2024. If you would like to sign up for flowers, the cost is \$36. Call the office to sign up for a Sunday. You may pay

for your flowers at the time they are on the altar with a check payable to the church or with cash. Be sure to call the office at least two weeks in advance with dedication for the bulletin. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship space. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE Brass vase HOME WITH YOU. IF FLOWERS ARE IN A GLASS VASE YOU MAY TAKE THE VASE HOME WITH YOU AND BRING IT BACK WHEN YOU ARE THROUGH USING IT OR KEEP IT IF YOU LIKE.**

Rose Garden at OREMS UMC

Did you know that The Baltimore Chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association dedicated a Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Garden right here at Orems Church on May 7, 2019?

Stop by on our front lawn and take a look at how our Roses are growing. This particular rose was designed in honor of the Rosies. Isn't it beautiful!

Just another example of Orems sharing the history of Middle River.



Faith Boost

Did you
know that
Orems

Church offers a midweek worship service? Faith Boost is a midweek worship and fellowship. We gather every Wednesday in Room 100 for lunch at 12 noon. **We begin a worship service** at 12:30 p.m. that runs till 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and join us! We were blessed to have a birthday celebration for Don Egner at our Faith Boost Service on April 17th the day before his 96th birthday on April 18th.



The Elite Group "90 and Over"

The Elite Group was started by Mildred Shepherd years ago when we discovered that we had several church members who were in their 90's. I have tried to keep up the tradition of welcoming folks into the "Elite Group." We don't have any special (90's) birthdays in May that I know about. I don't want to exclude anyone, and I don't know the birthdate of all the members of Orems church. If you know of a member who is 89 and approaching 90, or has been missed on the "90 and over" list; please be a good "SNITCH" and let me know or call the church office. It is a blessing to be a member of Orems and especially one of the "Elite"

Love to all,
Vicki Borreson



Attention Graduates and Family

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 name of student, school, degree, any honors or special certificates and future plans.

We will have a special insert in a June Bulletin.



MEN OF OREMS



The Men of Orem (MOO)

will be meeting on May 30th at 9:30 a.m. at Essex Dinner and then at 7 p.m. in Room 100.

We will be selling Burgers and Brauts on the days that the Hall Closet Thrift Store is open. Come buy lunch and support Orem Men. MOOOOOO!

CUT THIS SECTION OUT AND KEEP NEAR YOUR PHONE:

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One Call Now System is used to send out reminders and announcements we need to communicate to the congregation. Sometimes a call will experience a glitch and not leave a message or If you miss the message for some reason; you can replay the message by calling toll free 1-877-698-3261 and press option "1" to hear the group message played for you.

A big Thank you to Pat Collins for making the lovely wreaths to grace our Sanctuary doors for Easter.



Streets of Hope

The Spaghetti Dinner from April has been moved to Friday, May 31st from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church , 8212 Philadelphia Rd Rosedale. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$8 for Children ages 7 to 13 \$5 for Tots ages 4 to 6 All you can eat spaghetti dinner (Meatballs on 1st serving only.) All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to Churches for Streets of Hope and their programs. Please bring a donation of shelf stable food for the Prince of Peace Food Pantry when you attend the dinner. Tickets can be purchased by calling 410-866-8766 or from the Streets of Hope website.

Mother's Day is May
12th



United Methoist Women (UMW] News

At our last meeting we decided to go to back to our familiar name of United Methodist Women. We feel that this title is more familiar to everyone. There is no mandate that our name be changed to United Women of Faith. The idea behind the change to the name was to include any women who wanted to join. This idea is in our Purpose as a group so it is nothing new to us.



Any woman who has a desire to become a member of UMW just needs to attend our meetings. You do not have to be member of our church or join any of our Circles, you can be a member at large. If you would like more information please talk with any of our current members or call Mary Eisely.

We also decided to change our meeting time to **6:30 p.m.** We are hoping that the time change will encourage more women to attend. Our meetings usually do not last longer than one hour. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1st. We meet the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August.

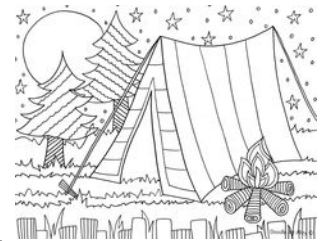
UPCOMING EVENTS

We are planning a picnic type dinner for our meeting on June 5th. More information will be available in the next Newsletter.

We are also planning a Halloween type Tea in the fall. We will have more information on this in the next couple of months.

We are looking forward to seeing both new and old members at our next meeting.

Blessings,
Mary Eisely
UMW President



Campership Sunday Collection. Summer Camp Ministry is an extension of the ministry of the local church, giving campers guidance in their Christian growth. Campership is a financial scholarship that provides 1/3 of the tuition for children to attend a Baltimore Washington Conference Summer Camp. Contact Pastor Gail or the church office for more information on possible camping opportunities for children in your extended family. Please pray about this ministry and give if you can either on Shelby or in person.

