



# OREMS BEACON

## Orems United Methodist Church

FROM OUR PASTOR

### December 2014

Special points of interest:

- Dec 3 UMW Meeting  
Choir
- 4 Keenagers
- 5 Youth
- 6 Hall Closet Thrift  
Shop
- 7 Communion Service  
2 pm Family Christmas  
Event
- 9 Sarah Circle
- 10 Esther Circle  
Choir
- 11 Lunch Bunch
- 12 Mary Circle
- 13 Cantata Rehearsal
- 14 Cantata  
Angel Tree
- 15 Rachel Circle
- 17 Choir
- 24 Family Service  
Christmas Concert  
Candlelight

Please see calendar page for all events:

Adult Seekers Sun 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

Pre K to 5th grade 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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As we enter into the Advent season, let us look for the coming of Christ. Not just on Christmas, not just on that one day of the year, but let us look for the coming of Christ each day in our hearts. This Advent, let us wait expectantly for Christmas but with the joy of knowing Christ today. Let's interact with our neighbors over the coming weeks as if we know He has already come. Let's live out our hope in how we act in our jobs, in school, in line at the stores and everywhere else that we come into contact with others. Let us hope that the reality of Christ in our lives would shine into theirs like a the star that led the shepherds to Christ in the manger.

Let us always live as though we expect Christ to return today, because we know that He is already with us, in our hearts and guiding us through this Advent and beyond.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Pastor Chris, Laura, Ava, and Sam

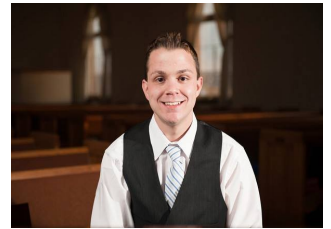
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“Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.” **1 John 3:18**



Dear Church

We are gearing up for the Advent and Christmas season, the Chancel choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. The Chancel choir sings most every Sunday, High Holy Days and special events.



Sanctuary choir joins the Chancel Choir in Singing High Holy days Special events and Christmas and Easter Cantatas. This group is for those who do not have time to make Wednesday evening rehearsal on a continual basis but want to sing on special occasions. Christmas Cantata rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m.

**The Cantata "When Earth Receives Her King" will be presented on December 14th at the 10 am service.**



I visited the Sunday School classes to begin the development of Youth/children's choir. We hope to have them sing on Christmas Eve.

**Begin your Christmas Eve celebration with an hour of music and song with a Candlelight Christmas Concert presented by Ben Boellner, Choir director and Organist of Orem's Church. This Concert features the Organ and Piano as well as Soprano soloist Donna Sfikas.**

Look for news about the upcoming concert series at Orem's. Featuring guest musicians and organists. As always, do not hesitate to contact me. My email is listed below.

Ben Boellner, Director of Music and Organist.

[ben@ben-boellner.com](mailto:ben@ben-boellner.com)

## Hall Closet Thrift Shop News

Our Thrift shop continues to accept donations of men, women and children clothing, bedding, books, toys, shoes, and household goods. The monthly sale day has been a very successful contribution to the church general budget. It is also a great way to reach out to our community.

Our next two open days are December 6 and January 3rd. The shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. We will be spotlighting Christmas in December. Shop for decorations, clothing and specialty items for Christmas. There are two shopping rooms with many bargains. Come join us on our next shopping day.

## **KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)**

We met at Golden Corral for our Christmas celebration at 11:30 a.m. Then we will be back for our regular meetings on January 8th at 11:30 p.m. Bring your lunch item and a canned good as we gather for fellowship and devotions. Hope to see you there!

Butch Frank



## MOO NEWS



**The MEN OF OREMS will be meeting the Fourth Thursday of January at 7 pm. At Double T Diner. We are skipping the December meeting since that would fall on Christmas day.**

**MOO continues to purchase chairs for the fellowship hall.**

**The Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MOO to raise money for the care of Orem's Cemetery was a great Success with 150 people in attendance and raising \$1296 in profit.**

**Thanks to everyone who attended and especially to all who helped us with the dinner.**

## THANKS

On behalf of the Board, staff, volunteers, and the victims of domestic violence that we serve at the Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County; we want to sincerely "thank you" for your generous contribution of clothing totaling \$300.00

As you know, the Family Crisis Center, along with other supportive services such as the Lethality Assessment Program, the Victim Advocate Program, New Behaviors Treatment Program, and the On-site Emergency Safe Shelter serves victims of domestic violence and their children. The Center is always in need of materials and funding for their operation. Thank you for your generosity and concern for our Center and its work. We truly believe "When someone somewhere cares, then someone somewhere survives."

Douglas C Murphy  
Executive/ Clinical Director

### Food Pantry News

**We were able to provide 18 families with a Thanksgiving meal. Thank you to all who donated food to our pantry for the Thanksgiving Baskets. We have begun collecting food items for the Christmas baskets. Your generous donations keep our mission running and gives us the ability to help many many families in our community.**

**Thank you again for all your help.**

**Cathy Horst, Food Pantry Coordinator**



**Thank you to all those who signed up to be Servants for Worship as Liturgist, and Ushers in 2014. A new year is about to begin and that means we need to ask again for help for our worship services in 2015. There will be a chart for all worship servants, please look for it and consider serving your church in this way. We also need helpers for Communion Sundays to help Pastor Chris with Communion. If you can help, contact Donna Sfikas or Pastor Christ.**



## Food Pantry Needs

If you are able to help us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the list of needed items:

Canned Chicken, canned hams, instant potatoes, canned yams, Tuna, Rice, applesauce, pancake mix and syrup, Jello and pudding, Cereals, jelly and peanut butter, soups, crackers, canned fruit, stuffing mix, muffin mix, mac and cheese, Beef stew, canned ravioli, Christmas cookies, and jars of gravy. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working. Your donations of food and money will help make someone's Christmas a Happy and Blessed one.

Cathy Horst

**Little Feet** supplies the 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. And Winter coats and jackets. **Look for a box in the Connecting Hallway by the Church offices. These items are needed all year long. Thank you for your generosity.**

## DISCIPLES OF YARN

This year I have three Christmas Prayer Shawls that have been on the altar and blessed. I have three other Christmas shawls that have been prayed over but have not been placed on the altar to be blessed. If there is an illness in your family and someone needs extra love and comfort and cheer during Christmas season, please ask for a prayer shawl. They were made by our church family. I will bring them to church each week starting on December 7th. And if you need a prayer shawl during the week, please contact me or the church office.

Stay Well,

God's Blessings to all, Mildred Shephard



**Angel Tree Mission** The Four Elementary Schools in our area have given us their information for our Angel Tree. The Tree is in our Narthex with the Angels available for sponsoring this Christmas. Remember that these families would not have a Christmas without our donations. We ask for sponsorship for the children ages infant to 18 years of age. Because every child in the family should have a Christmas! Don't let the teenage children be left behind! The office will be happy to give you shopping ideas. **To further spread your dollars team up with someone** so that as many items as possible on the list can be purchased for the child. It may very well be all they receive this Christmas. If you would like to help with the Angel Tree Mission but don't care to shop or can not take a child we will gladly accept your donation. Simply place your monetary donation in the Angel Tree envelope available near the tree. When you take an angel please be sure to register on the Angel Tree log with your name and phone number, the Angel's name and Code number.



# SUNDAY DECEMBER 7th

2 pm

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT



The Men from Streets of Hope thank you for the generous donation of 82 boxes of Girl Scout cookies that were purchased from the Orem's Girl Scouts and delivered to the Shelter. You have no idea what it means to them to receive these special treats. A feeling that someone cares and thinks about them is something they treasure as much as the delicious cookies.

Thanks again for sharing

The staff and men of Streets of Hope

What a way for the family to get into the Christmas Spirit! Join us for an afternoon listening to the Christmas story, singing some Christmas Carols, making crafts and enjoying some light snacks.



YOU DID IT!

Orem's Church

**Helped bring  
a child to Je-  
sus! YOU  
have the**

**power!!" WE were able to supply  
Operation Christmas Child with over  
250 shoeboxes.** Please pray for the success of Operation Christmas Child as these boxes now journey to the children. Pray that they will receive not only the wonderful gifts inside the boxes but also the love of Christ into their hearts.

Michele McNeal, OCC Project leader

**Come fellowship together as we  
prepare our hearts for Christmas**

### Group leaders:

If you are planning a meeting or event, please notify the office so that it can be added to our calendar. This is important for insurance purposes as well as avoiding conflicts with room usages. Thank you.

## One Call Now System

We use the One Call Now system to send out reminders and announcements of activities, meetings, fund raiser events 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.



Cell Phones are still being collected as a fund-raising mission through GRC recycling. There is a box in the connecting hallway to collect your unwanted cell phones.

Don't forget to collect those labels from Campbells Soup and other food products. Look for the Campbells Soup label collection bin in the hallway. The Box Tops will be donated to the Board of Childcare mission.



**January Newsletter Deadline is December 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](mailto:oremsumc@verizon.net)**

## United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Please remember to bring 2 dozen Christmas cookies to our December meeting. The cookies will be donated to St Rita's Supper Table. Also bring donations to the Board of Child Care to the December meeting or give them to Tammy Brown. We are collecting Wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift bags, Body Wash (Axe, Old Spice, Dove for men) Action and Comedy DVD's rated G, PG & PG13

**Please join us as we continue to plan for our missions and ministries.**

"You don't have to be a member of The United Methodist Church to join. Our membership is diverse, women of many races, cultures, languages, young and old. There is no minimum age requirement" ([new.gbmgm-umc.org](http://new.gbmgm-umc.org))

**COOKBOOKS are still for sale. They make great Christmas Gifts. The cookbook "I Gotta Have That Recipe" is a collection of Desserts. Books sell for \$10**

It is with sadness we announce the closing of one of our circles- The Esther Circle. We thank the Chairperson Donna Winner and all past and present members for the blessing they have been to Orem's Church and to our United Methodist Women.

## Financial Facts

Did you know. . . .

The white envelope in the pew is for three different usages. When using the envelope for an offering you will find

across the bottom of the envelope; a space for visitors, members who forgot their offering envelopes, or a special offering. When using the envelope for special offering, just write which mission or capital improvement fund you want to give.

Thank you.

## WELCOME

*Enter to Worship...  
Depart to Serve*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Visitor  Regular Offering  Special Offering  
Cokesbury



## Help Our Mission!

The United Methodist Women continue to support *The Center for Pregnancy Concerns* and invite you to join their support.. This Center is reaching out to women who are in a time of their lives when they are vulnerable and in great need of support. The Center is accepting donations of Maternity Clothing, Baby clothes up to size 4 T, and other items a mother to be may need. You may drop off the donations at the Center at 442 Eastern Avenue or bring your donations to the Church and Our representative Linda Hall will be see that they are delivered to the Center. **(Please have them marked For CPC or Center for Pregnancy)** Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission



**We are still seeking volunteers for JAM (JESUS AND ME) a children's time during Worship that follows the Children's message. Thank you to those of you who have stepped up to help. We appreciate all you do for our children. Contact the Church office for more info 410-687-9483**

## Office News

I am still in the process of receiving Cancer treatments and the office may not always have coverage during the week. When you call the office, please leave a message so that someone can return your call. Be sure to leave your name and phone number and speak slowly and clearly. If you are not feeling well, or have recently been ill; please do not come into the church office. You can leave a note on my office door or call the office with your needs. Thank you for helping me on my road to recovery.

Yours in Christ,

Vicki Borreson

## 2015 Lay Leadership Orem's UMC

### **Council**

Council Chair	Nikki Hart (3)
Recording Secretary	Lisa Schenning (1)
Co-Lay Leaders	Merlyn Campbell (1), Norris Tingle (1)
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Nikki Hart (3), Norris Tingle (1)
Pastor	Christopher Dembeck
Church History Chair	Karen Dull
UM Women President	Margaret Eney (UMW elect their own)
Young Adult representative	Laurel McNeal
Youth Coordinators	Mike Walters
Men of Orem's (MOO)	Butch Frank
Keenagers	Butch Frank

### **Education**

Teachers:	Adam Wasson, Melissa Wasson, Robin Hoch, Carol Crisp, Laura Dembeck (Hall Monitor and Attendance taker)
Youth teachers:	Don Schenning, Sara Beth Dulina, Mike Walters
Seekers (adult):	Karen Dull

### **Nurture, Evangelism, and Church Membership**      Evangelism Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Ron Fink	Nikki Hart
Kathy Cunningham	Judi Maynor (membership)
Pixie Faulkner (Congregational Care)	Margaret Eney

### **Family Events Committee**                      **Chair:** Mary Eisely

### **Missions and Outreach**                      Chair: Kathy Cunningham (3)

Angel Tree	Cathy Horst
Board of Child Care	Tammy Brown
Disciples of Yarn/Prayer Shawl	Mildred Shepherd
Food Pantry	Cathy Horst
Little Feet	Betsy Myers
<b>Girl Scout Representative</b>	Margaret Eney
Homeless Ministry	Lynn Clough
Samaritan's Purse	Michelle McNeal
Thrift Store	Linda Hall



## Nominations and Lay Leadership Development

Chair: Christopher Dembeck (Pastor)

Vice Chair:

Lay leader: TBD

### Class of 2015

Merle Vickers

Merle Clough

### Class of 2016

Dottie Daiger

Nita Hatcher

### Class of 2017

Adam Wasson

Gloria Asbury

## Staff Parish Relations

Chair: Pat Pinning

Vice Chair:

Lay leader: Norris Tingle, Merlyn Campbell

Member to Conference: Nikki Hart

### Class of 2015

Elaine Masson

Charlotta Turner

### Class of 2016

Linda Edwards

Judi Maynor

Terry Alexander

### Class of 2017

Lisa Hoeger

Melissa Wasson

Joyce Scarcella

## Board of Trustees

Chair: Robert Churchman Vice Chair: Ralph Campbell

### Class of 2015

James McVicker, Jr.

Ralph Campbell

Jeff Dulina

### Class of 2016

John Warrender

Dennis Egner

### Class of 2017

Tom Vinck

Jackie Miller

### Trustee Sub-Committees

#### Cemetery

Bob Churchman

Dennis Asbury

Karen Dull

## Worship

Chair: Donna Sfikas (3)

Norris Tingle (Lay leader)

Annette Falkenhan (wedding coordinator)

Mike Walters (youth coordinator)

Ben Boellner (ex-officio, music director)

Merlyn Campbell (wedding coordinator and Lay Leader)

Cathy Horst

Jane Warrender (Altar Guild)

Christopher Dembeck (pastor)

## Finance

Chair: Linda Hall (3)

Jim McVicker (Treasurer)

Nikki Hart (Council Chair)

Norris Tingle (Lay Leader)

Carl Horst

Robert Churchman (Trustee Chair)

Pat Pinning (SPRC Chair or representative)

Charlotte West (Assistant Treasurer)

Merlyn Campbell (Lay Leader)

Donna Winner (Memorial fund secretary)

Linda Hall (Financial Secretary)

Judi Maynor

## Scholarship Committee

Chair: Pastor

Christopher Dembeck (Pastor)

Donna Winner (Memorial Fund Treasurer)

Norris Tingle (Lay Leader)

Margaret Eney (United Methodist Women President)

\_\_\_\_\_ (education representative)

Administrative Assistant Vicki Borreson

Director of Music and Organist Mr. Ben Boellner



*Merry*  
**Christmas**

For unto you is born  
this day in the city of  
David a Savior which  
is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:11

## Poinsettia Order Form



Order due by Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, Cost \$7.00, Payment due with order.

Name:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Specify flower color

Red or White

Please state the wording you would like (in memory, honor, thanks, to the Glory of God, etc.)

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Thank you for allowing Orem's to borrow your plant to beautify our altar during the Christmas season.

You may take your poinsettia home after the candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve.

Please drop this form into the offering plate or at the church office **no later than Monday- December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

# *Orems United Methodist Church*



6:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service. Our service is Children friendly and made for families to worship together to welcome the Christ Child

9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Begin your Christmas Eve celebration with an hour of music and song with a Candlelight Christmas Concert presented by Ben Boellner, Choir director and Organist of Orems Church. This Concert features the Organ and Piano as well as Soprano soloist Donna Sfikas.

11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service featuring the organ and Orems Choir.

May your hearts be touched with the Love of Christ this Christmas as you worship with us.

