



# OREMS BEACON

## Orems United Methodist Church

**We will have a service to observe Ash Wednesday on February 10th at 7 p.m.**

*"All are from the dust, and to dust all return."*  
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service

### February 2016

Special points of interest:

#### FEBRUARY

- 3 Choir  
UMW
- 4 Keenagers
- 5-7 ROCK 2016
- 6 Hall Closet Thrift Shop  
Spaghetti Dinner
- 7 Communion Service
- 9 Sarah Circle
- 10 Ash Wednesday
- 11 Lunch Bunch  
Choir
- 14 United Methodist Women Sunday
- 15 Rachel Circle
- 17 Choir
- 18 Lenten Bible Study
- 21 Candy order Deadline
- 23 Ladies Fellowship  
Lunch
- 24 Choir
- 25 Lenten Bible Study  
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Please see calendar page for all events:

- 8:45 a.m. Adult Seekers Class, and Sunday School  
Pre K to 5th grade
- Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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### Spaghetti Dinner

February 6th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$4 for Children 5 to 10 years old. Menu: Salad, bread, drinks, Spaghetti, Meatballs and dessert! Come support the Men of Orems and have a great night!

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

February 14th we join together for worship and to recognize the United Methodist Women with a Litany and presentation of the Life Pins. The Congregation is asked to wear Red to recognize the event and the group. The bulletin will have information about UMW projects and missions. And it will all begin with a Coffee Fellowship.



**UMW Log Cabin Candy Sales (fund raiser) begins February 1st and ends on Sunday, February 21st. Candy folders are available from any UMW member or by calling Mary Eisely (410-686-5815) or the Church office. We will also be**

**selling boxes of candy to be given to the Streets of Hope.** You can purchase a 6 pk box of Easter Eggs for \$4.00 and have them donated to the men at The **Streets of Hope-Homeless Mission**. Last year boxes were donated to the men at the Streets of Hope and they loved it. **This is a great way to Help UMW and the Streets of Hope.**

Our Theme for 2016 is James 5:16 (NLT version)

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

Think about our theme, pray about our theme, strive to live our theme in 2016.

Dear Church—

Thank you for all the support and kind words to the music program. As we approach the Lenten season let us not forget GOD is in control and doing amazing things.

Please Stay tuned to the bulletin and newsletters for music news and updates. Neat things are coming in the spring. Interested? Come and find out!



The CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses at 7 pm on Wednesdays and sings most every Sunday, Holy day and special occasions.

The SANCTUARY CHOIR rehearsals are at 7:30 during Cantata season or for special Holy Days and or events.

The Childrens choir meets during Sunday school hours from 8:45 – 9am – Any interested please me.

Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome. Music reading is NOT a requirement. If you do not want to make a commitment every week but would like to sing for special events, Holy Days or cantatas join our Sanctuary Choir. s

**In His name,** Ben Boellner,  
Director of Music and Organist,  
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**KEENAGERS** (fellowship group for those 55 and over)

We will meet on February 4th at 11:30 a.m.  
Hope to see you there! Butch Frank



## A Word From Our Pastor

Greetings Orems,

I hope that you are doing well and made it safely through the snow storm last week. Laura, the kids, and I were snowed in at our house, but the break in our routine gave us time to be together as a family. It also gave me more time to think about Lent. As we draw closer to the liturgical season of Lent, have you begun to think about what you will do to try to draw closer to God this year? I think I mentioned it last year, but Laura and I usually put together a list of five prayers that we pray for each day during Lent. We write out our list and put it somewhere we both can see it, so we remember to take time to pray each day.

Speaking of prayer, we will be offering a Bible study during Lent called, *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer*. This is a Max Lucado Bible study that I will be leading for four consecutive Thursdays during Lent: February 18, 25, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and March 10<sup>th</sup>. I will be leading our conversations at both a 10:30-11:30AM time and a 7PM time. Hopefully one of these times will work for you to attend. Please let the office know if you plan to attend; the cost of the study guide is around \$10.

While this Bible study is not a Lenten study, per se, prayer is something that we always need to be doing and be ready to do. It isn't just an activity for the particularly pious, or for when we are in trouble, but it is something we should be doing constantly. Lent is a time for us to intentionally focus on our prayer and spiritual life in relationship to God through Jesus Christ. In Luke chapter four, we are told that Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days and nights, and during that time he was tempted by Satan to sin but we know that Jesus did not sin. It was his prayer and his knowledge of scripture that kept him strong.

So what will you do to draw closer to God this Lent? I ask you to pray about joining us for this Bible study. Seek God's direction for what God wants you to do to draw closer to him this Lent. Is it prayer or getting back into reading your devotional every day? Or, could it be giving something up that you know is preventing you from having a more full relationship with God? It could also be something else. Don't just think about these questions, but pray about them, lifting them up before the Lord. God is there and is listening; for God is always with us and wants us to draw closer. I pray that your Lent is a great journey and that you grow in Christ throughout!

In Christ,

**PASTOR CHRIS**

**JAMES 5:16**

**"PRAYER IS POWERFUL!"**



## 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 fundraising 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.



**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**

**oremsunc@verizon.net**

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, canned potatoes, Rice, Jello and pudding, Cereals, soups, saltine crackers, Beef stew, sauerkraut, cookies, pancake mix and syrup, baked beans, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, and juice. 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 day.



## Disciples of Yarn

I am pleased to be handling the Prayer Shawl mission as Mildred takes a well-deserved break. I look forward to serving all members of our congregation with their needs in this mission. The persons making the shawls remain our most valuable assets and anyone interested in joining our mission is invited to do so. More information about the making of the shawls can be obtained at our Needlebees meetings. Best wishes to all of my Church family,  
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 while you craft, you are welcome at our meetings. We will meet on Feb 23rd, March 8th and March 22nd

## LITTLE FEET

Don't forget our Little Feet Mission through the year! Little Feet supplies the 4 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. 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.**



Our Mission Chair, Kathy Egner has some exciting news about a new mission to send cards to our soldiers. More details next month or see Kathy if you are interested.

## Memorial

### Fund

The following memorials have

been given in memory of loved Ones.



### In memory of

**Mary Lou Efford** given by Pat Pinning

**James and Betty Harryman** given by John and Charlotte West

**James Harryman** given by Carol A Buedel, Norman and Linda Miller

**Betty Kluttz** given by David and Judith Plott

**David and Ada Mundy** given by Norman and Linda Miller and John and Charlotte West.

**David Mundy** given by Dennis and Gloria Asbury

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

Yours in Christ

Donna Winner,

Memorial Fund Treasurer

## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Prayer plays a very important part in all of our lives. Each of us can likely tell a story about how prayers touched us, helped us in time of need or perhaps helped us in healing.

We have a prayer chain at Orem's United Methodist Church. We want to keep the prayer chain going and if you would like to be a part of our prayer chain; please call Vicki at the church office at 410-687-9483 or Donna Winner at 410-335-7429. We want to start a new list. With our One Call system in place, we can now send out the prayer to everyone on our new prayer chain list at the same time so that all can pray as a unit as we get the information. You will not need to call anyone to further this prayer along our chain but we encourage you to contact others who are not on our chain to spread our prayers wider. Prayer is a powerful tool and praying with others strengthens our faith and theirs. The Power of Prayer—PASS IT ON!!



## Baltimore County Citizen Police Academy

The Baltimore County Citizen's Police Academy is a 16 week program that gives attendees the opportunity to learn about the challenges and demands associated with law enforcement. The academy gives attendees exposure to why police respond to various situations in a particular way and how they handle those situations.

It is Baltimore County Police Departments hope to have voices in the community to act as ambassadors to build solid partnerships and to help the department better serve the community. The Goal of the Citizen's Police Academy is to foster relationships between law enforcement, community and businesses.

The Academy Class is scheduled from March 3 to June 9 on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m to 3 p.m. If interested visit the website and submit a nomination form. The Nomination form is available at [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/police/community/citizensacademy.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/police/community/citizensacademy.html)

Baltimore County Police Department, 700 East Joppa Rd. Towson MD 21286

## STREETS OF HOPE MISSION

Weekly Bingo games will soon be starting up at the Streets of Hope shelter. Not only will they will be a fun diversion on those evenings, but there will be a chance to win a prize they can really use. If you would like to send something in for the prize box, here is a list of suggestions (these are from the guys themselves):

- \$5 gift cards to carry-out places (McDonald's, Chic Fil-a, Subway, others)
- gloves
- wallets
- large nail clippers
- batteries, esp. AA and AAA
- small flashlights

If you have things to donate, leave them in Room 100 and Vicki will see that they are taken to the shelter. Thank you so much for helping!



**Thank You** —Many Thanks to Jackie Miller for donating the beautiful winter church painting to Orem's for the silent auction. I was thrilled to be the lucky winner! Not only is Jackie a long time friend, she is a gifted and talented artist. Ralph and I are blessed to have another of her original paintings in our home.

Merlyn and Ralph Campbell

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. **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.gbgm-umc.org](http://new.gbgm-umc.org))

### OUR PURPOSE:

***“United Methodist Women 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.”***

United Methodist Women Sunday is February 14th. Please wear Red to support the UMW.

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be held at Double T Diner on Tues, Feb 23rd at Noon. Be sure to let Gloria Asbury know if you are attending so we can have enough seats. This is a great time of fellowship for our women. Please join us.

## Help Our Mission!

The United Methodist Women continue to support *The Center for Pregnancy Concerns*.



*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.*

*Linda Hall has baby bottles that can be filled with spare change and then returned to her to donate to the center. Last year through the baby bottle collections we were able to raise \$1254.41*

*The Center accepts 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 **(Please have them marked For CPC or Center for Pregnancy)** and we will see that they are delivered to the Center. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.*

St Matthew Lutheran Church in Bowleys Quarters (3620 Red Rose Farm Road) invites our congregation to two events.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** on February 9, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Menu is pancakes, sausage, potatoes, fruit cocktail and beverage, plus desserts. Tickets are Adults \$6.00 and Children up to age 12 \$4.00. Price includes two trips to the buffet table. Tickets available at the door or you may call Vicki at 410-456-6735

**C. S. Lewis discussion and pot luck lunch** Feb. 14 at 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Discussion about his conversion to Christianity, Christian writings, and his later years.

