## THE MESSENGER

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**APRIL**, 2016



ATTENTION WOMEN: Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

April 2, 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Day Apart, Christ-by-the-Sea, Vero Beach April 5, 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee

April 5, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle

April 13, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle

April 21, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle

April 24, 11:15 a.m. - Unit Meeting

We are asking the church to help support the expenses for our youth's mission trip to Charleston, SC, July 16-24. The goal is \$2,500. This year we will be doing various mission activities. Help us



help others in Jesus' name this summer. Thank you for your support.



Beginning, April 3 we will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. and all Sunday School classes will begin at 8:45 a.m. There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting on Sunday, April 3 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is for ALL, kids to register, teens to be helpers and adults. This year's VBS, "Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace", has an Egyptian theme, so think like a sphinx. Decorations are needed.



The United Methodist Women invite the entire congregation to attend a gathering immediately after worship on Sunday, April 24 at 11:15 a.m. in the

Fellowship Hall. Tom Leach, program manager from Senior Services will speak. We will learn about the various services they provide.

If you would like to join us for lunch and fellowship time afterwards, please bring a covered dish to share. If you are bringing a child who will need nursery care, please notify Cynthia Yoder at 763-2103 by Sunday, April 17.

With your generous support, we are currently ahead of schedule on our Apportionment payments for the year. We are a little short of our goal for the general fund balance going



into the slower summer months, so we would appreciate your continued gifts.



The UMM thank everyone for their wonderful support of the Smoked Chicken Dinner. We made about \$1,700 and

sold almost all the chicken. Scholarship packets will be received soon and awarded in May to our graduating seniors. The UMM are discussing the Mother's Day Breakfast as the attendance has dropped over the past couple of years. Suggestions have included having the breakfast the week before Mother's Day. Please share your thoughts with any member of the UMM.

A SUMMER CAMP MEETING for all campers and parents will be Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: The next New Members Class will be held on Sundays, April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. This is for anyone



wishing to know more about United Methodism and our church in particular. Lunch will be served. Please let us know if you are interested so that we have adequate materials by contacting Opal Wolff at 763-4393 or the Church Office at 763-4021.

Please save plastic bottle caps for the CAPS OF LOVE project and join UMW sorting caps on April 11, 18 and 25 at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See Cynthia Yoder for more information.



- James Lakeman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Billy Mattox
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bobbie Ezell, Wendy Passwaters, Judy Mattern, Ronald Bodine, Stella Handley
- 4<sup>th</sup> R.J. Herndon
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lance Enfinger, William Gillette
- 7<sup>th</sup> Charlene Peck
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pauline Davis
- 9<sup>th</sup> Amy ProudFoot, Priscilla Rhodes
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ryan Crawford, Doc Thrift, Judy McCutchan
- 11<sup>th</sup> Elsie Close, Ethan Kersey
- 12<sup>th</sup> M/M Aubrey Burnham
- 13<sup>th</sup> M/M Clifford Matson
- 14<sup>th</sup> Lauren Raulerson
- 15<sup>th</sup> Diana James, Caitlyn Gaucin, Kendall Harrison
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jenna Tenniswood, Marty Kearney, Brady Boak, Evelena Cook
- 19<sup>th</sup> Shaina Ragamat, Tom Yackamouih
- 20<sup>th</sup> Janice Mohr
- 21<sup>st</sup> Kevin Shumate
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ray Fuller, Rachel Herndon, Ruth Watford, Elwin Kessler
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nicole Lynch
- 24<sup>th</sup> Ed Sinz
- 25<sup>th</sup> Shari McGrath, Carrie Jones, Clifford Matson
- 26<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Cherry, Orba Massey
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jackie Flood
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ernestine Robertson, Carolyn Sweatt, Judy Simpson, Joey Barletto, Martha Gillette
- 30<sup>th</sup> Parker Tyson, Chelsea Walker

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect of has been omitted, please call the Church Office