

THE MESSENGER

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Covered Dish Luncheon
The United Methodist Women cordially invite everyone (men and teens as well as women) to the Fall Kick-Off Luncheon on Sunday, August 24 from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The program will be "How Is It With Your Soul?" Bring a covered dish to share at lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and learning. If you are bringing a child who will need nursery care, please notify Cynthia Yoder at 357-2103 by Sunday, August 17.

Due to your generous giving, we continue to have a positive balance through the summer. This is one of the first times we have not gone into the "red" during the summer months in years (if ever). We have also made additional payments on our Conference apportionments and have now paid 41% for the year. We are truly blessed by your gifts!



The family of Margaret Rucks Hamric invites you to join us in celebrating Margaret's 92nd birthday. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 9 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. No gifts, please. Only cards.

Many, many thanks to our church family for making this year's Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp experience so wonderful. Our children are such a precious treasure and they feel your love by your response to their Christian education and experiences. I can't thank you enough.

Nancy Vaughan

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



August 5, 6:00 p.m. - Executive Committee - 2015 Planning
August 13, 11:30 a.m. - UMW Lunch at Applebee's
August 24, 11:15 a.m. - Kick-off Luncheon

NEW TEACHER LUNCHEON - The New Teacher Luncheon will be Monday, August 11. The church will supply the meat, but we are looking for lots of side dishes, salads and desserts as we will feed about 90 people. Get out your favorite recipes and let us know how you will help, then call Jeanne at 763-5383. The teaching supplies gathered from the July Giving Tree needs for teaching supplies will be handed out at the luncheon. These contributions must be in by Sunday, August 10 so there is time to organize the distribution.

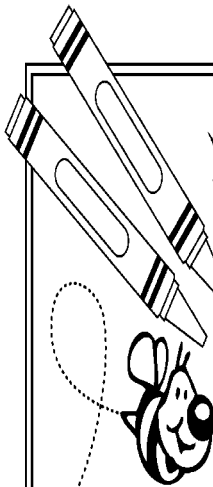
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd - Rev/Mrs Bruce Simpson
 4th - M/M Jim Tenniswood, Teresa Chandler, Jody Raulerson, Heaven Peacock
 6th - Walter Brown, John Waite
 7th - Priscilla Rhodes, Tara Threewits, Gene Gorham
 8th - Totty Davis
 9th - Ross Enfinger, Carey Saine
 10th - Joyce Elmore
 12th - M/M Gene Lenfest
 13th - Sheryl Yackamouih, Noah Handley, Carolyn Hayes
 14th - Margaret Hamric
 16th - Corey Krum, Stephanie Metcalf
 17th - Rebecca Barnes
 18th - M/M Dennis Tyson
 19th - Kathleen Taylor, Matt Saine
 20th - Gene Lenfest, M/M Paul Gast
 22nd - Karen Herndon, Randi Barnes, M/M Les Snider, M/M Gene Gorham, Paula Fisher
 25th - Emily Davis, Patricia Jenkins, Catherine Lodge
 27th - M/M Dowling Watford, Jr.
 28th - Dante' Mucherino, Al Young
 29th - Hobert Lee
 30th - Barbara Brown, M/M Jim Barnhart
 31st - Jill Rucks, Richard Mattern

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or has been omitted, please contact the Church Office.



A Family Movie Night will be held on Friday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come in your pajamas if you like, bring a blanket or pillow. Snacks will be served. The movie will be "Son of God."



PUZZLE

BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

<p>1. "Happy are the <u>POOR</u> <u>IN SPIRIT</u></p>	<p>hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."</p>
<p>2. "Happy are those who _____</p>	<p>pure in heart, for they will see God."</p>
<p>3. "Happy are the _____</p>	<p>peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."</p>
<p>4. "Happy are those who _____</p>	<p>persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."</p>
<p>5. "Happy are the _____</p>	<p>poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."</p>
<p>6. "Happy are the _____</p>	<p>merciful, for they will be shown mercy."</p>
<p>7. "Happy are the _____</p>	<p>meek, for they will inherit the earth."</p>
<p>8. "Happy are those who are _____</p>	<p>mourn, for they will be comforted."</p>