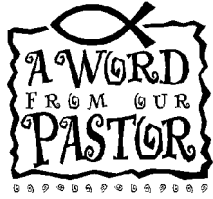


THE MESSENGER

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I can't believe how quickly our first month has already flown by. Thank you for the wonderful welcome.

Many thanks to all who helped to get our new home ready and for helping us move in. I know that you have given toward the Parsonage and some of you were in for the Open House, but I look forward to when we can have everyone in the house now that we have air, lights and furniture! Don't hold your breath, because it will probably be Christmas before we are ready, but we are very happy to be here in Okeechobee!

This month, we will leave Romans behind and have the Youth share about their summer mission trip to Kentucky on the first Sunday and the rest of the month we will be in Matthew's Gospel. We haven't made very many changes and that will continue as I learn you and the community. As we go, hopefully there are some things we can do together to better reach our community for Christ. If you have ideas, let me know your thoughts.

It is my hope that we will have many years together and I look forward to getting to know you as we minister together.

Blessings,

Don

LAST SPLASH! Weather permitting, we will have a Sunday School Pool Party at the home of Willard and Sharon



Suits on Saturday, August 5th at 10:30 a.m. to try and beat the afternoon thunder showers. They are graciously providing a hot dog lunch and the church will provide the paper products and drinks. Please bring chips, cookies/brownies or a side dish to share. Knowing how many students, friends and family members are coming would really be helpful. Please contact Nancy, 763-4021 with your RSVP.



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

- August 1, 6:00 p.m. - Executive Committee - 2018 Planning Session
- August 2, 11:30 a.m. - UMW Lunch at Nutmeg's Cafe
- August 27, 11:15 a.m. - Kick-off Luncheon

We received a bequest from the Mary Sue Riggs Estate for \$44,000 directed to the youth and children departments. We are grateful to her for remembering us in her Will and for the generous gift.



The August Giving Trees are for requested items at Real Life Children's Ranch eight group homes. Real Life

Children's Ranch is a faith-based ministry that offers residential, family style group foster homes for boys and girls who have been abused, abandoned and/or neglected. Real Life Children's Ranch has served children for over 50 years giving foster children a second chance, not merely to survive, but to thrive in a loving, caring environment.

The United Methodist Women cordially invite everyone (men and teens as well as women) to their Fall Kick-Off Luncheon on Sunday, August 27 from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cristina Paniagua, Case Manager for Big Brothers, Big Sisters will share about how BBBS provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. 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 August 20th.



On Sunday, August 6th there will be a Youth Staff meeting at 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Lunch will be provided after the meeting. If you plan to help with the youth this upcoming school year, please attend this meeting.



The United Methodist Men have continued to meet during the summer for dinner and fellowship. Our regular meetings with

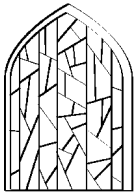
programs will begin in September. The UMM did vote to donate \$1,000 to the Parsonage Fund, make a donation of \$100 to Helping Hands Medical Clinic and deposit funds in the Florida United Methodist Foundation. The UMM also provided and prepared the Great American Picnic on July 2. All men are invited to join us on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

CAPS OF LOVE: We will no longer be collecting plastic bottle caps for the Caps of Love project. They will continue to provide wheelchairs for children as long as funds permit. Check the Caps of Love website <http://www.capslove.com/> for more information. A big thank you to all who have collected caps for this worthy project.



We have many volunteers to thank for recent projects and events. A big thank you to:

everyone who came out to help clean the church; the donors for Bruce's retirement gifts, Pete and Susanne Clemons for the catered lunch, and those who did the set-up and decorations; Doug Jordan for washing the church bus; Dowling Watford for driving the bus to church camp; everyone who supported the youth mission trip; Jeanne Enfinger for coordinating the parsonage construction and Pastor's move; those who helped Rev. Hanna unload and unpack; and Darrell and Jeanne Enfinger for hosting the parsonage family until their home was completed.



The five small stained glass windows on the east wall have been repaired and reinstalled. Conrad Pickel Studios of Vero Beach and Robbie from Valdosta, GA removed windows, cleaned and repaired glass and built new wooden frames for them. The windows look great! Thanks for your generous financial support to fund this important project.

Heat exhaustion can affect anyone, any age. Most vulnerable are infants, the sick and those over 65 yrs. of age. Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion include: dizziness, light-headed, weakness, very tired, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, blurred vision, muscle aches, fainting, drenching sweat, heart pounding, pulse up, trouble thinking and confusion. Treatment - get to a cool place, ice to back, groin or back of neck, drink Gatorade or some type of fluid with electrolytes, force fluids (cool, not ice water). The body can absorb room temperature water easier than ice water. As few clothes as possible to allow heat to escape from body. If condition does not improve, call doctor or 911 according to condition of victim.



Many, many thanks to our wonderful faith family that made Vacation Bible School and the Summer Camp experience possible. Seeing the "light go off" in the mind of a little one is always exciting to me, however a one-on-one encounter that leads to the acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior is something I will really grieve after I retire. Thanks be to God, I was used to doing just that in both events. "Praising my Savior all the day long." This is my story, this is my song.

Nancy

- 1st - Emma Spangler
- 3rd - Patricia White
- 4th - M/M Jim Tenniswood, Teresa Bishop, Jody Raulerson, Heaven Peacock
- 6th - Walter Brown, John Waite
- 7th - Priscilla Rhodes, Tara Threewits, Gene Gorham
- 8th - Totty Davis
- 9th - Carey Saine
- 10th - Joyce Elmore
- 12th - M/M Gene Lenfest
- 13th - Sheryl Yackamouih, Carolyn Hayes
- 14th - Margaret Hamric
- 16th - Corey Krum
- 18th - Theresa Moodsbaugh
- 19th - Kathleen Taylor, Matt Saine
- 20th - Gene Lenfest
- 22nd - Karen Herndon, M/M Gene Gorham
- 24th - Ashley Childs
- 25th - Patricia Jenkins, Catherine Lodge
- 27th - M/M Dowling Watford, Jr., Laverne Holbrook
- 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

