

THE MESSENGER

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VALENTINE COOKIES/GIFTS FOR SHUT-INS will be delivered beginning February 10. We deliver cookies to Grand Oaks residents, Hamrick House, and Martha's House as well as our shut-ins. We also reserve some for the less fortunate who receive meals daily on our campus. Please bring homemade cookies to the Fellowship Hall by 1:30 p.m. on February 10. Give your suggestions of any shut-ins who should be included to Cynthia Yoder or Opal Wolff. Volunteers to help make deliveries are needed.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: While folks are over-eating and drinking, our children/youth will be working to help those who don't have enough to eat. We will be at the doors of the church on Sunday, February 7th with soup pots asking for donations of cans of soup, other non-perishables and/or cash. Everything collected stays in our community. The canned goods go to the Presbyterian Food Pantry and the money collected goes to Big Lake Missions. Thank you for supporting us in this community event.



The Global Life Committee wishes to thank our congregation for the wonderful response in January for the items collected for CROS Ministries. This will go to their place in Belle Glade for distribution to those in need.

NO MORE MALARIA - The 2015 No More Malaria project was very successful with the United Methodist Church reaching 90% of its \$75,000,000 goal. The Florida Conference raised \$1,200,000 and we reached our \$1,000 goal. The purpose of the project is to help eliminate Malaria by providing mosquito nets in developing countries. Thank you for your support of this important project.

Thanks to your generous support and some special gifts, we were able to have a sufficient carry-over for 2016. We also were able to pay approximately 68% of our Conference apportionments and we will strive to make 100% for 2016. For this year the Finance Committee will be working with the Trustees on several projects including a marker for our National Register of Historic Places designation and the repair of the small stained glass windows.



MISSION STUDY The United Methodist Women will sponsor a Mission Study, "Latin America: People and Faith" on Saturday, February 20 from 9:30 a.m-Noon. We will learn about Latin American history and modern day issues. All are invited - men, women and teens. If you are bringing a child who will need nursery care, please notify Cynthia Yoder at 357-2103 by Sunday, February 14.

The Annual Yard Sale to benefit summer camp scholarships will be held Saturday, February 6th. Donations are still being accepted. You may bring them to the church during normal business hours or call for a pick-up (24 hrs. notice, please). **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MUST WORK THE SALE OR SEND A PARENT/GRANDPARENT.**



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

February 2, 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee

February 2, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle

February 10, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle

February 18, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle

February 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Mission Study

Summer Camp will be July 18-23. Registration is now open. Your registration is confirmed with your deposit. Those wishing scholarship monies must work the Yard Sale on February 6th. February 5th is an early release date and help is needed to sort the donations.



Small Groups for all including RAINBOWS for all God's Children will resume on Sunday, February 7 at 5:00 p.m. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for registration form.

The United Methodist Men began the new year on January 18, and although attendance was down slightly with the MLK holiday, the meeting was very enjoyable with great fellowship. The men voted to send a donation to Real Life Children's Ranch for their nice program at the November meeting and decided to hold the next chicken dinner on March 18. The Valentine Dinner will be cancelled for this year. Men, plan to join the UMM on February 15 for a special speaker on the Henderson Settlement. We also invite the women to attend if they would like to hear about this mission project we support.



Vacation Bible School will be June 20-24 and will have an Egyptian theme. The week will be spent learning about the life of Joseph: from slavery to the palace. We will be turning the

Fellowship Hall into the palace and will be in need of all things Egyptian: fake coins, large planters to turn into electric camp fires, boxes of all sizes to make into obloquies and pyramid stones. Also any Egyptian looking cloth, or jewelry that the leaders could borrow and artists to draw scenes are also needed. And, of course, all hands on deck to make light work for all.

A Pancake Breakfast to benefit summer camp scholarships will be held at Applebee's on Saturday, February 27th. Tickets will be available from the children/youth who are going to camp. We get a portion of the tickets sales, and all of the tips. Thank you for supporting our scholarship fund for summer camp.



FROM PARISH NURSE DIANA SAUM, RN: There are several important reasons why children older than 6 months should get a flu shot every year. Influenza can be dangerous, even for healthy children. The flu is not the same as the common cold. Flu can be dangerous for children, particularly those with asthma, diabetes or other chronic health problems. But even healthy children can get very sick and possibly die from influenza. You can't catch the flu from a flu shot. The flu shot, given by needle, contains virus that has been killed. Despite the misconceptions that some parents have, the flu shot cannot infect your child and cause the flu. If your child is between 6 months and 2 years or has a weakened immune system, he or she should get the flu shot. Some kids (and adults) who get the flu shot also get a mild fever, an aching muscle where the flu shot was given, and feel tired for a day or so. That's not because the shot gave them the flu; it's a sign that their immune system is responding vigorously to the shot. The flu shot is safe. Years of experience have shown that the influenza vaccine is very safe. There is no evidence that thimerosal, a common vaccine preservative, is dangerous for children. The flu shot protects more than your child. Kids are germ-producing machines. Your child may weather the flu fine, but what about others who could catch the flu from your child? Although there are a few unusual circumstances in which your pediatrician may recommend against a flu shot, the flu shot is almost always a safe treatment.

(Reprinted from column in
Treasure Coast Newspaper,
Dr. Komaroff)

- 1st - Sue Christopher
- 2nd - Melanie Rathbun
- 4th - Joseph Hall, Brooke Ragamat
- 5th - M/M Bob Foster
- 6th - Ruth Marsh, Tammy Bishop
- 7th - M/M Steve Rathbun
- 9th - Connie Burkes, Mackenzie O'Bannon, Allissa Childs
- 12th - Wayne Bishop, Jr., Carmen Schaefer, M/M Monroe Hampton
- 13th - Bertha Snively, Rebecca Wyatt
- 14th - James Marquis, M/M George Carpenter, Pat Wemmer, M/M Charles Snively, Sue Rogers, M/M Vance Shirley
- 15th - Elaine Keller, Hannah Rucks-Zaoui
- 16th - Frances James
- 17th - Cheryl Worlow, Kerry Simmons
- 18th - Angela Mintz, Susan Rucks, Tommy Raulerson, Barbara Regan
- 19th - Benji Walker, Ruth Yeilding, Betty Clement, Josaiiah Harris
- 20th - Pat Tenniswood, M/M Barney O'Steen
- 21st - Lydia Bishop, Jessica Suit
- 22nd - Darrell Ferneau, Charlotte Mann
- 23rd - Tammy Rhodes, M/M Keith Poole, Marsha Chapman
- 24th - Justin Murphy, M/M Walter Taylor, Aalia Murphy, John Gammill, Elizabeth Coombs
- 25th - Sylvia Ingersoll, M/M George Cooper
- 26th - Louise Head
- 27th - Dorothy Richardson, Sherrie Terrell
- 28th - Alice Steiner, M/M Perry Green, Karyne Brass

