

THE MESSENGER

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The United Methodist Women invite everyone to attend their Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will

find a variety of Christmas ornaments, Christmas gifts, crafts, quilted items, nuts, baked goods and white elephant items. Also we will be introducing a commemorative trivet honoring our church's 100th anniversary. Plan on staying for lunch. Soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to mission projects local, national and abroad. Come and bring a friend!

Donations of "quality" white elephant items are needed (no clothes). Especially popular are knick-knacks, glassware, small appliances, costume jewelry, and children's toys, Christmas decorations, etc. They may be left in the Conference Room Sunday, November 2 through Thursday, November 6 or brought to the Fellowship Hall by 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 7. Donations of baked goods are also requested. Good sellers are fudge, cookies, small breads (such as banana) and brownies. Bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Friday morning or early Saturday morning. Craft donations are also most welcome.

The children's Christmas play, "Be HIStory" will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m. with cookies and punch afterwards. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway if you would be willing to make a dozen or so homemade cookies or brownies. We will also need a good punch recipe and servers. Our children look forward to sharing their version of the Christmas story with you. For more information, please contact Nancy Vaughan.



SMOKED CHICKEN DINNER
Sponsored by United Methodist Men

Friday, November 14
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
(Take-out Only)
4:00-6:30 p.m.
(Dine-in or Take-out)

Donation: \$8.00

The Global Life Committee wishes to thank the congregation for donating items to UMCOR in September.

**BEGINNING SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 2 OUR WORSHIP
SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT
8:00 A.M. (TRADITIONAL) AND
11:00 A.M. (BLENDED).
SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL
BEGIN AT 9:30 A.M.**





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

November 4, 5:45 p.m. - Exec. Committee

November 4, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle

November 8, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Bazaar

November 12, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle

November 15, 9:30 a.m. - Conference Annual Meeting - Lakeland

November 20, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle

Rehearsals for the Christmas play continue at 4:00 p.m. each Sunday, except for November 30. We have had a few great rehearsals getting familiar with the art form of "mime" and ANY child or youth who wishes to participate, needs to come to rehearsals. Casting will be decided very soon.

FROM PARISH NURSE, DIANA SAUM, RN: Gum disease can affect your heart. Gum disease or periodontal disease is the primary cause of adult tooth loss. Gum disease begins when plaque (the sticky stuff bacteria-laden film that collects on your teeth) forms in a shallow trough where the gum meets the tooth. Without proper cleaning, successive layers of plaque build up, preventing oxygen from reaching the deepest parts of the trough. The bacteria thrives in this area. They release toxins that injure the surrounding tissue. Gum disease is linked to premature births, heart disease and diabetes. The common thread through each of these conditions is inflammation. The immune systems effort to heal the gum injury causes the chemicals of inflammation to enter the blood and travel throughout the body. These chemicals then can injure other parts of the body. When caught early, gum disease is almost always correctable. Have your teeth checked and cleaned at least yearly. Brush and floss at least twice a day, then SMILE.



1st - Robert Stefanov, Bryce Emley

2nd - Ed Bobbitt, M/M Richard Mattern, June Waite

5th - Karen Bishop, Cynthia Yoder

6th - Sharon Bishop

7th - Robert Steiner

8th - Florence Noland, Savannah Simpson

9th - Ricky Barnes III, Roseann Stanford

10th - Caitlin Spangler, Tad Norman

11th - Melody Griffen

12th - Shannon Martin, Joseph Hill

14th - Merrie Stella, Mary Kliphouse, Patricia Chase, Wayne Brown, Connie Phillips

15th - M/M Charles Rucks, Ruby Crowe

16th - Corinna Comfort, Jordan Pearce, John Duke, Marian Smith

17th - Seth Louthan, Murrah Elmore

18th - Perry Green, M/M Noah Handley

19th - M/M Jim Dawson, Robbin Dawson

20th - Joe Gaucin, Rosemary Hill, Victoria Smith, Wesley Hill

27th - Vivian Wright, Melinda Hall

28th - Ronald Tyson, Kristin Higgins

29th - Katherine Ragamat, Christy Spangler, M/M Bill Coombs, Opal Wolff, Mike Radebaugh, Jack Fisher

30th - M/M Gary Sperry

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

November 30 is a fifth Sunday and therefore a Library Day for the children during Sunday School. Please check your DVD/book/tape collection for items that need to be returned to the Church Library. Also on each 5th Sunday there is a Community-wide 5th Sunday Service sponsored by the Okeechobee Ministerial Association. Please watch the newspaper or our bulletin for location and time.