

THE MESSENGER

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The United Methodist Women invite you to attend their Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will find a variety of crafts, quilted items, nuts, baked goods, white elephant items and a Silent Auction. 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, candles and candle holders, small appliances, costume jewelry, and children's toys, etc. They may be left in the Conference Room Sunday, October 27 through Thursday, October 31 or brought to the Fellowship Hall by 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 1. 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.

Hands on Okeechobee will be held Saturday, October 12 to provide help to others as we share Christ's love. Please let the office know about small jobs, such as cleaning fans, washing windows, replacing bulbs, weeding yards, light housekeeping, cleaning the refrigerator or just sitting and visiting. These can be your needs or another's, but we need a name and address. We also need volunteers to be the Lord's hands. Don't delay, contact us this week, please.



We have once again "survived" our summer season and hope to recover from our negative balance soon. A very generous donation was made for our Conference Apportionments and we have now paid 43% for the year. Unfortunately, a water pipe leak in the education building caused quite a bit of damage and will require an insurance claim with a \$5,000 deductible. The Finance Committee feels we can meet this unexpected expense when the budget adjustments made earlier in the year take full effect this month. Your generous and faithful support of our finances is greatly appreciated.



The Community Life and Intentional Discipling Committees will have a box in the Fellowship Hall during the month of October collecting candy and small prizes for our booth at the Halloween Festival at the Agri Center on Thursday, October 31.

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



- October 1, 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee**
- October 1, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle**
- October 5, 9:30 a.m. - District Annual Meeting, Oceanview UMC, Juno Beach**
- October 9, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle**
- October 14, 7:00 p.m. - Wesleyan Circle**
- October 17, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle**

SMALL GROUPS: Adult, Youth and Rainbows for All God's Children small groups will resume on Sunday, October 6 with classes at 5:00 p.m. followed by a light supper at 6:00 p.m. for a nominal cost. Registration is strongly advised. Classes are as follows:



Adults:

- Experiencing God**
Leader: Gary Kirsch
- When Christians Get It Wrong**
Leader: Ruth Yeilding
- The Way by Adam Hamilton**
Leader: Opal Wolff
- Stitches and Scripture - Crochet**
Leader: Lonnie Kirsch

Youth:

Life Leader: Jim Dawson

Children: Nursery 3-4

K-5th Grade & Parents - Rainbows for All God's Children



FROM PARISH NURSE DIANA SAUM, RN: Rash from poison ivy is not contagious - poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac are in the Toxicodendron (poisonous tree) family. An oily resin in the leaves (urushiol) is the allergenic substance. It becomes black and hardens with exposure to air. If the resin remains on clothes, pet fur or gardening tools, exposure to the skin can also cause the characteristic red, intensively itchy rash. Wash the whole body gently with soap and water as soon as possible after exposure to remove any oily resin especially under the nails. All contaminated clothing and tools should be thoroughly washed in warm soapy water. Once the "poison ivy" juice (resin) has been washed off you are no longer "contagious." If you are unfortunate enough to have a poison ivy rash, it is an auto immune response to the resin. It travels to different areas of your body internally not externally.



SMOKED CHICKEN DINNER

Sponsored by UMM

Friday, November 15
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

(Take-out Only)

4:00-6:30 p.m.

(Dine-in or Take-out)



The pumpkins for the youth's Pumpkin Patch will be arriving on October 5 around 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck.

Donation: \$8.00



The program at the September meeting of the United Methodist Men was presented by several of the youth who went on the mission trip during the summer. They shared the video of the trip and their personal experiences. For the devotion, Jim Davis presented a video of a Billy Graham speech on technological advances and how in David's era the Israelites had a similar advance in technology. The United Methodist Men will have their next Smoked Chicken Dinner on November 15. Watch for tickets to be available soon.

World Communion Sunday on October 6 is one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of the United Methodist Church. Observed annually on the first Sunday in October, World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world. Our gifts help equip U.S. racial - and ethnic students and international students to transform the church and communities. Each gift makes a difference not only in the life of one individual, but in the future of our church.



The United Methodist Women cordially invite everyone (men and teens as well as women) to their Quarterly Gathering & Luncheon on Sunday, October 13 from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Jonathan Bean, Executive Director of Martha's House, Inc.,

a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of victims from domestic and sexual violence, will bring the program. There will be a very brief business meeting first to elect officers and vote on the budget for 2014. 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, October 6.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd - Glenn Davis
- 3rd - Elizabeth Stanley
- 4th - Christina Honeycutt, Justin Akins, Jarrod Akins
- 5th - Trey Price, Tyler Rhodes
- 6th - Mildred Pearce, Claudine Hampton
- 7th - Jack Wolff, Jennifer Hawthorne, David Blankenbaker, John Boak
- 8th - Gary Rucks, Genia Arbogast, Harry Tewksbury
- 10th - Nannette Richie, Brent Simmons, Phyllis Mays
- 11th - Brent Rucks, Gene Rhodes, Loris Asmussen
- 12th - Gary Sperry
- 13th - Cathy Kline, Kyle Smith, Beulah Morse
- 14th - Jane Frey, Renee Bishop
- 15th - Cameron Tewksbury, Adam Tewksbury
- 16th - Andrea Childs, Glenna Rucks
- 17th - Florine Keatley, Mary Ellen Emley, Donald Baggett
- 19th - Dora Coen, Roxanne Barnes, Wesley Bishop, Francis Mays
- 20th - Ruth Yates
- 21st - Kristine Lakeman
- 22nd - L.C. Pearce
- 23rd - Eric Walker, Jane Ehrhart
- 24th - Barbara Eve, Florence Oake
- 25th - Suzanne Hoover, M/M Gil Culbreth, Jr., Vance Shirley, Robert Lampi
- 26th - Shirley Yates, Mark Tenniswood, Bailey Regan
- 27th - Bruce Watford
- 28th - Lola Fortner, Gregory Straight
- 29th - Anna McBee, Rev. Bruce Simpson, Sharon Suits
- 30th - Matthew Gast
- 31st - Kenny Bass, M/M Tom Mix

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