

THE MESSENGER

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The United Methodist Women invite all to attend their Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the

Fellowship Hall. You will find a variety of crafts, quilted items, nuts, knives, baked goods and white elephant items. There will also be a Simply Christmas room offering a large and beautiful selection of Christmas items and gifts. New this year will be some local craftspeople selling their wares on the lawn. 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, children's toys, and all kinds of Christmas items. They may be left in the Conference Room Sunday, October 28 through Thursday, November 1 or brought to the Fellowship Hall by 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 2. 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.

50th Anniversary of The United Methodist Church

This year, 2018, marks the 50th anniversary of The United Methodist Church. In 1968, delegates from the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church met in Dallas to form The United Methodist Church. Since its founding in America in 1784, this was the second time members from separate denominations had joined together in the Methodist Church. In 1939, the Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church had met in Kansas City, Missouri to form The Methodist Church. If you notice our cornerstone, it says "Methodist Episcopal Church South." Happy 50th Anniversary to The United Methodist Church!

The pumpkins for the youth's Pumpkin Patch will be arriving on Saturday, October 6 at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help unload the semi truckload!!!



Our next Small Group study for adults will be held October 7-November 11. Sharon Suits will lead the study on "Unafraid - Living With Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times" by Adam Hamilton.



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

October 14, 11:00 a.m. - Unit Meeting

October 18, 1:30 p.m. - Lydia Circle

October 20, 9:30 a.m. - District Annual

Meeting, Grace UMC, Merritt Island

Simply Christmas - As a part of this year's Bazaar, there will be a Simply Christmas room. If you have any Christmas decorations, ornaments, Christmas crafts, or any kind of Christmas item you no longer use, please donate them. Call Lonnie Kirsch at 467-0158 and she will pick them up.

The United Methodist Women cordially invite everyone (men as well as women) to their Quarterly Gathering and Luncheon on Sunday, October 14 from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Mia Mikesell-Bobo of Steadfast Ministries will present the program. She will share about the mentoring program at the Okeechobee Girls Academy. There will be a very brief business meeting first to elect officers and vote on the budget for 2019. 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 (863) 532-0557 by Sunday, October 7.



- 2nd - Lisa Harrison**
- 3rd - Elizabeth Stanley, Becky Wolf**
- 5th - James Bush**
- 7th - Jack Wolff, David Blankenbaker**

- 8th - Gary Rucks, Genia Arbogast, Brent Simmons**
- 9th - Arthur Sienes**
- 11th - Brent Rucks, Gene Rhodes, Loris Asmussen**
- 12th - Gary Sperry**
- 13th - Beulah Morse**
- 14th - Jane Frey**
- 15th - Thomas Plant**
- 19th - Roxanne Barnes, Wesley Bishop**
- 22nd - Leah Suarez**
- 23rd - Jane Ehrhart**
- 24th - Barbara Eve, Florence Oake**
- 25th - M/M Gil Culbreth, Jr., Vance Shirley**
- 26th - Mark Tenniswood**
- 28th - Gregory Straight**
- 29th - Anna McBee, Rev. Bruce Simpson, Sharon Suits**

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

