

THE MESSENGER

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GREAT AMERICAN PIGNIG

Saturday, July 7

The worship service will be followed by a lunch of hotdogs and hamburgers provided by the UMM. Dress is casual.

The United Methodist Women will sponsor a continental breakfast for everyone in honor of Father's Day on Sunday, June 16 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Menu will include Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Grits, Breakfast Breads, Fresh Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee.



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

- June 12, 11:30 a.m. - UMW Lunch at Beef O'Brady's (followed by Bazaar planning meeting)
- June 16, 8:00-9:30 a.m. - Father's Day Continental Breakfast
- July 10, 11:30 a.m. - UMW Lunch (Place TBA)
- July 11-14 - Mission u at Bethune-Cookman, Daytona

We are asking the church to help support the expenses for our youth's mission trip to Hope, Arkansas July 6-14. The goal is \$2,500. This year we will be doing various mission activities. Help us help others in Jesus' name this summer. Thank you for your support.

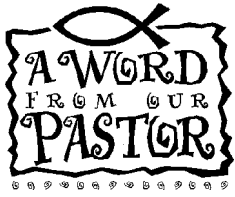


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!!!

*Aracely Blesy
Cole Carpenter
Larry Frefolone
Carley Ostavitz
Cristian Suarez
Madison Townsend*



This year's Vacation Bible School, "Who Is My Neighbor?" will be held Friday, June 21 (evening session), Saturday, June 22 (morning and afternoon session) and Sunday, June 23 (morning session). Please watch the weekly bulletin for more information.



It is my prayer that these months of June and July will be a time for friendships, family and fun! Summer changes across the years, but it is an important time of renewal for me. I said goodbye to a couple on Memorial Sunday who will be gone north for the summer “visiting grandchildren”. Others will be shorter getaways and some will be home, here in Okeechobee for the duration.

Whatever your plans this summer, take some time for yourself. We don’t have to travel to faraway places to enjoy life. Call a friend, start writing your book or research a family mystery. Look for things that bring you joy and do them.

Growing up, summer was visiting relatives. Much of my life, I thought we went back to Pennsylvania mainly because we couldn’t afford to go anywhere else. While money was tight, I know now we went in order to see family because family and friends are important. If you have lost contact with family or friends, take some time to try and restore that connection. Speaking of connections, how is it with your soul? Are you feeling connected to God? There is no more important relationship to nurture. Please take time to renew God’s love in your life this summer. In silence at the lake or in worship on Sunday, may you feel God nearer than ever before!

Blessings,

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JUNE

- 2nd - Michael Achy
- 3rd - William Chaffee
- 5th - Rev/Mrs Don Hanna
- 6th - Mary Alice Bobbitt, Elizabeth Stefanov, Betty Head
- 7th - M/M Randy Burnham



- 8th - Savannah Mintz
- 9th - Joe Ostavitz
- 12th - Vanessa Watt, M/M Dennis Anderson, M/M Joe Juday
- 13th - Doug Wyatt, George Carpenter, Michelle Ostavitz
- 15th - Kayla Sorto, M/M Chad Clark
- 18th - Chris Watford
- 19th - Anna Jane O’Steen, Debbie Johnson
- 21st - Dorothy Anderson, M/M Kenneth Keller
- 22nd - M/M Darrell Enfinger, Erin Bennett
- 24th - Campbell Strelman
- 25th - Christopher Ostavitz
- 27th - M/M Ray Fuller
- 28th - M/M Joe Spangler

JULY

- 1st - Christa Luna, M/M Jody Raulerson, Jennifer Marquis
- 2nd - Adean Miller
- 5th - Cheryl Peters
- 6th - Wade Rhodes, Marie Culbreth, M/M Buck Watford
- 8th - M/M Tommy Raulerson
- 10th - Janet Chaffee
- 12th - Phyllis Poole
- 13th - Nick Lenfest, Benji Lenfest
- 14th - Les Snider, Audrey Metcalf
- 16th - M/M Doc Thrift, Ben Estey
- 17th - Annette Shirley
- 18th - M/M Ed Mucherino
- 19th - Ann Burnham
- 20th - Joy Morgan
- 23rd - Nicholas Hayford
- 27th - Gail Knight, Duncan Gregg
- 29th - William Hendry, C.W. Simpson
- 30th - Betty Barger, Mary Beth Cooper
- 31st - Becky Barnhart

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



FROM PARISH NURSE
DIANA SAUM, RN: Hurricane Preparation - Have a "Master Prep List" of "to do's" for hurricane preparation every year from June 1-November 30.

Special Needs Shelter - Do you need special medical equipment, ie: oxygen, nebulizer, walker, etc. Register June 1 or before.

Medications - Have a printed list of medications with frequency and dosage. You will need enough medications for 5-7 days; this includes oxygen tanks, nebulizer needs. Water - 1-2 gallons per person per day for drinking, cooking, bathing. Fill tub, buckets, containers with water to flush toilets. Non-perishable foods, manual can opener, flashlights, radio, fan and extra batteries for them. First aid kit; let family and friends know where you will be during hurricane. Waterproof container for documents. If you have family in a nursing home or assisted living facility, validate that they have alternative power if electric goes out. Hurricane prep house and yard. Check on home insurance and check the need for flood insurance even if you're not in a flood zone. Add to your "Master Prep List" as life reminds you of other things you may need.

The Special Fifth Sunday Offering for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home will be June 30. Your Florida United Methodist Children's Home provides a safe, loving environment where children can grow and learn. The Home relies on Fifth Sunday offerings in Florida Conference United Methodist Churches to provide funds for a variety of activities and services for the children. If you give a Memorial or Honor Gift to the Home, please note that you are a member of First, Okeechobee and your gift will count toward our goal. Thank you.



HOSPICE CASSEROLE MINISTRY

The Missions Committee has undertaken a project to keep Hospice supplied with casseroles. The purpose, as explained by the Director: sometimes a family will stay over during a final wait and an extra 6 or 8 meal portions are needed. Or a 'client' will wake at 3:00 a.m. hungry. Hospice prepares regular meals, but those needed on a moment's notice are essential. If you would like to prepare a 9"x13" casserole (disposable pans) and drop it at Hospice, we can fulfill this ministry. We will also meet every few months to prepare a larger number of casseroles together. Questions? Please call Sharon Suits, 763-4245.



The deadline for information to be included in the August newsletter is July 15.