

THE MESSENGER

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The Fall Bazaar usually held on the second Saturday of November has been canceled due to concerns about the Coronavirus.

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CHARGE CONFERENCE - Charge Conferences this year were held virtually throughout the Florida Conference. Our Charge Conference was held on October 7. District Superintendent Dionne Hammond opened the Charge Conference with a video interview from the Virginia Conference Bishop on race relations and a video on food programs in the District. The Bishop's Major Initiatives for 2021 are: Anti-racism; "Fill the Table" food and feeding programs; and Clergy Care (pastor mental health and wellness programs). The Conference will allow \$1,000 grants to each pastor to use for mental health programs of their choice. After the District Superintendent's presentation, each church was sent to a breakout room to conduct the business portion of the Charge Conference. In addition to the pastor's report, voting took place for the pastor's salary and the church officers and committee members.



The United Methodist Men decided to cancel their Fall Smoked Chicken Dinner due to COVID-19 issues. We hope to have a dinner in the Spring. The program for the October UMM's meeting was presented by Raye Deusinger on the Blood Roundup in November. Benji Lenfest also gave a brief update on the Medicare open enrollment period. The UMM meeting in November will be a joint meeting with the spouses.

- 1st - Robert Stefanov, Bryce Emley
- 2nd - Ed Bobbitt, June Waite, JoAnn Butler
- 5th - Cynthia Yoder
- 6th - Joe Juday
- 8th - Savannah Simpson
- 9th - Roseann Stanford
- 10th - Caitlin Spangler, Mark Thompson
- 11th - Mary Jane Blankenbaker, Marilyn Elsten
- 13th - Emma Savage, Larry White
- 14th - Connie Phillips, Ernie Wayman
- 19th - M/M Jim Dawson, Robbin Dawson
- 20th - Rosemary Hill, Wesley Hill
- 25th - Judy Sienes
- 26th - M/M Ed Fletcher
- 28th - Kristin Higgins, M/M Steve McKinley
- 29th - Katherine Ragamat, Christy Spangler, Opal Wolff



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