

THE MESSENGER

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The Missions Committee is collecting donations of school supplies to support our teachers as they go back to school. If you are able to help, we are in need of: Notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, Expo markers, tissues, glue, colored pencils, markers, rulers, protractors, two-prong pocket folders, composition notebooks, binders and copy paper. All items need to be in no later than Sunday, August 8th.

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



August 3, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee -
2022 Planning Session
August 11, 11:30 a.m. - UMW Lunch at Beef
O'Brady's



Thank you for your generous response to our roof campaign! We have received enough to fund the remaining portion of the roof repair. The Trustees have decided to do a spot treatment for the termite issue in the Sanctuary, so tenting will not be necessary and we will have the funds available. We are grateful for the wonderful donations that will prevent us from having to obtain a loan to cover costs.



The UMM have responded to another CarePortal request to help children in need. The caseworker wrote this report: "a very poor family of 7 in need of bedding. All children have various developmental delays such as autism. Parents are unemployed. Dad lost majority of work due to COVID as he is a handyman. The mother is also delayed and makes fishing lures for money, but this is not enough to support the needs of these children. Currently they are sleeping on the floor with a blanket." We were able to purchase three mattresses from Faith Farm at a very special price. We are pleased to be able to serve those in need.

The United Methodist Women cordially invite everyone (men as well as women) to their Fall Kick-off Luncheon on Sunday, August 29 from 11:15 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share at lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and learning.



The Days for Girls Project group will meet in Room 13 at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17.



The special Fifth Sunday Offering for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home will be August 29. The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

was established in 1908 to provide a home for orphans and other children that had nowhere else to live. Today it serves as a diverse ministry with two campuses that include residential, therapeutic group, foster and emergency shelter care. The Home also provides independent living assistance and a community child care center. About 120 children live on campus in 14 cottages. Each year, on average, about 70-75% of the total funding comes from private sources. Strong church support, including Fifth Sunday offerings in Florida Conference United Methodist Churches, enables the Home to maintain its ministry as a significant Christian outreach committed to the well-being of children, youth and their families. If you give a memorial or honor gift to the Home, please note that you are a member of First UMC, Okeechobee and your gift will count toward our goal. Thank you for remembering the children; they are depending on you.

- 1st - Emma Spangler
- 3rd - Patricia White
- 4th - M/M Jim Tenniswood, Teresa Chandler, Jody Raulerson, Heaven Peacock
- 6th - John Waite
- 7th - Priscilla Rhodes, Tara Threewits, Gene Gorham
- 10th - Joyce Elmore
- 12th - M/M Gene Lenfest
- 13th - Sheryl Yackamouih
- 15 - Richard Bizaillion
- 16th - Corey Krum
- 18th - Theresa Moodsbaugh, M/M Thomas Plant
- 19th - Kathleen Taylor, Kenneth DeYoung
- 20th - Gene Lenfest
- 22nd - John Hayford
- 23rd - Dan Weadick



- 25th - Patricia Jenkins, Catherine Lodge
- 27th - M/M Dowling Watford, Jr., Laverne Holbrook
- 28th - Al Young
- 29th - M/M Jim Huffman
- 30th - Barbara Brown, M/M Jim Barnhart

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

Puzzle!

Answer each statement by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write the circled letters on the numbered lines below to complete the biblical word.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Naomi is Ruth's mother.	D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> R
2. Ruth is a Moabite.	T	P
3. Naomi wants Ruth to leave her and return to Moab.	N	L
4. Orpah is Naomi's hired hand.	H	S
5. Boaz lives in Bethlehem.	C	B
6. Boaz is a farmer.	U	V
7. Ruth makes a living begging at Bethlehem's gates.	X	E
8. Boaz instructs his field workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to glean.	E	J
9. Boaz invites Ruth to eat with the harvesters.	R	Q
10. Boaz is related to Naomi.	I	W
11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth.	F	R
12. Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David.	O	G

R

9 7 4 6 1 11 8 5 2 10 12 3

Answer: 1. R, 2. T, 3. N, 4. S, 5. C, 6. U, 7. E, 8. E, 9. R, 10. I, 11. R, 12. O; RESURRECTION