

THE MESSENGER

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The United Methodist Women invite all to attend their Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 6 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Simply Christmas Room offering a large and

beautiful selection of Christmas items and gifts. Also a variety of crafts, nuts, baked goods and white elephant items. Local arts and crafts vendors will be 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, all kinds of Christmas items. They may be left in Room 17 anytime (Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-Noon or 1:00-4:00 p.m. when someone is in the office to unlock the door) through Wednesday, November 3. Please do not leave items in front of the door. On Thursday, November 4 items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m.-Noon or on Friday, November 5 by 10:00 a.m. 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.

UMW is taking pre-orders for nuts - pecan halves, pecan pieces, praline pecans, giant cashews, chocolate covered almonds and chocolate covered peanuts. Please contact Cynthia Yoder, (863) 532-0557 or see any UMW member to order yours. Please order early to be sure to get what you need.

The pumpkins for the youth's Pumpkin Patch will be arriving on Saturday, October 2 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help unload the semi truckload!!!



We continue to thank each of you for your generous support. Although we have a comfortable balance at the present time, we will have another large expenditure very soon. The Church Council approved the Trustees recommendation to replace the roof on the Sunday School/Office wing immediately. The Council did not want to wait for potential hurricane damage, or for the chance that roofing contractors would be too busy and unable to schedule the work. The current balance in the Building Fund combined with the General Fund should be sufficient to cover this cost, but any contributions to the Building Fund to help cover this expense will be greatly appreciated.

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



October 4, 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee

October 4, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle

October 13, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle

October 17, 11:15 a.m. - Unit Meeting

October 21, 1:30 p.m. - Lydia Circle

- 2nd - Lisa Harrison
- 3rd - Elizabeth Stanley
- 5th - James Bush
- 7th - David Blankenbaker
- 8th - Genia Arbogast, Brent Simmons
- 9th - Arthur Sienes
- 10th - Cathy Barber
- 11th - Gene Rhodes, Loris Asmussen
- 12th - Gary Sperry
- 14th - Jane Frey
- 15th - Thomas Plant, Donald Miller
- 19th - Roxanne Barnes, Wesley Bishop
- 22nd - Leah Suarez
- 23rd - Jane Ehrhart
- 24th - Barbara Eve
- 25th - M/M Gil Culbreth, Jr., Vance Shirley
- 26th - Mark Tenniswood
- 28th - Gregory Straight
- 29th - Sharon Suits



The United Methodist Men will have a Smoked Chicken Dinner on Friday, November 19. We will only serve during lunch from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. as this is the busiest time for serving. Tickets are available from any UMM member or the Church Office. We continue to minister to the community by meeting the needs of children in danger of going into foster care. This month we provided a washer for a family with three young children. We thank Bob and Betty Stefanov for the donation of a washer, Cynthia Yoder for coordinating, the anonymous donor of hoses and Vance Shirley and Mike Holmes for helping load and unload.



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



FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOORING: Thanks to the generosity of two women who love the church we are replacing the flooring in the Fellowship Hall. New laminate flooring will be replacing the carpet that has become stained with use over the years. The work will take approximately a week and is scheduled to begin October 11. This was much needed and we appreciate the gifts that made this improvement possible.

Our church will be participating in a Regional Charge Conference on Sunday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m., Community of Hope UMC, Loxahatchee. Please call the Church Office if you would like to attend.

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_ y_ _ h_v_
 b_ _n s_v_d thr_ _gh
 f_ _th, _nd th_s _s n_t
 y_ _r _wn d_ _ng; _t_s
 th_ g_ft _f G_d — n_t th_
 r_s_lt _f w_rks, s_ th_t
 n_ _n_ m_y b_ _st.
 _ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV