

# THE MESSENGER

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*Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be held at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.*

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:** The Christmas Card exchange box will be located in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, December 5. **PLEASE BRING CARDS TO SHARE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ATTENDING REGULARLY.** Please sort your outgoing cards alphabetically when placing them in the box. **EVERYONE**, please check the box for cards addressed to you and your family. Any cards not claimed by Sunday, January 9 will be donated to a charitable organization.



- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gil Culbreth, Hazel Murphy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Judy Mix, Pat Watkins, Janice Spyker
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Nicolas Suarez
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Kim Mucherino
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Anne Young
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Sandy Watford, M/M Larry White
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Coleen Clark
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Dana Straight, Preston Hall
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Janet McKinley
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Darrell Enfinger
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer Gagliano, Sue Miller
- 21<sup>st</sup> - M/M Bennett Yeilding
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Georgia Gerren
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - George Clement, Ed Fletcher
- 26<sup>th</sup> - M/M Joe Ostavitz
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Jim Barnhart, Helen Brumitt
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Dave Buddenhagen, Kathryn VanBeek, Joe Suarez
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Peggy Lampi



The Finance Committee thanks the congregation for their continued support. We are grateful for everyone who returned their Commitment Card. Our offerings continue to be below last year, but we are maintaining our balance even with our roof and A/C repairs. We look forward to a better 2022!

Our Covered Dish Christmas Dinner (meat provided) will be held Sunday, December 19 following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.



The UMM meeting for November was a joint meeting with the ladies. The program was Michael Keen with 4Kids and the CarePortal Project. 4Kids is the foster care agency for our area and coordinates the CarePortal program. Michael stressed the need for foster families and thanked the UMM for their support of CarePortal and the support we have provided for children in Okeechobee. If you would like to help the UMM with this wonderful mission, please donate items or funds when a need is posted on our Facebook page. We thank everyone for the support of our Chicken Lunch! Although we served less dinners than in the past, we will still net about \$2,000 for our projects. The UMM will not meet in December.