

THE MESSENGER

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As we reported last month, we were able to completely pay for the Sanctuary roof repairs with your very generous giving. The Trustees have determined that the Sunday School/Office wing roof is in dire need of repair. Several spots are leaking, and we have ceiling damage in some rooms. They are in the process of getting bids. Hopefully we can fund out of existing funds and will not have to have another appeal. We thank the congregation very much for the continued support!

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



September 7 - 5:45 p.m. Executive Committee

September 7 - 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle

September 8 - 1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

September 16 - 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle



The UMM continue to serve those in need through the Care Portal program that serves children who are in danger of going into foster care. Below are two of the caseworker requests to which we have responded. We provided a \$150 gift card for clothing in the first case, and provided \$100 for the FPL bill in the second case.

“This is an in-home case. This is a family of seven members. There are five

children and two adults in the family. The father works to support the whole family, and the mother stays in the home and takes care of the children. The father used to work long hours, but due to the investigation and open case he has had to miss work causing him to get behind in bills. He currently owes \$367.00 for his utilities bill and is unable to pay it. He also needs assistance with school supplies and clothes for the children”.

“The family consists of 6 children in the home, ages: 13, 11, 9, 8, 7, 5. The parents are in the process of getting a divorce. The father has already left the home and left the mother to care for her 6 children and taking care of bills. The mother has no help from her husband and she is struggling to provide for the family. She has another daughter age 17 who does not live in the home and has a child of her own, but frequently comes to the home to help as much as possible. For FPL, the mother owes \$272 immediately, but the total \$644 is due August 2nd. For OUA, the mother owes \$127 by 7/19. The mother would benefit from financial assistance and will ensure the children’s stability. Any help would be greatly appreciated”.

The UMM will have their Smoked Chicken Dinner again on November 19. This will be our first fund raising event since the COVID outbreak and we ask for your support. More information will be in next month’s newsletter.



The September Giving Tree is for hygiene kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR is one of the first responders to all disasters in the United States and around the world. The following items are included in each kit:

- 1 Hand towel - 15"x25" to 17"x27" - No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels
- 1 Washcloth - No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber
- 1 Comb - Sturdy, longer than at least 6"; No rattail or picks, please
- 1 Toenail or fingernail clipper - No emery boards or metal nail files, please
- 1 Bath-size soap - 3 oz. bar or larger in original packaging - No Ivory or Jergen's
- 1 Adult toothbrush in its original packaging
- 10 Adhesive bandages - 3/4"x3" (Band-aids or similar)
- 1 One-gallon size re-sealable plastic bag

- All items must be new
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols

1st - Jeanne Enfinger, James Hall, Vicki Green, Aloma Clark, M/M Ernie Wayman

3rd - M/M John Waite, Mary Thompson

5th - M/M George Cox

7th - Roxy Wyatt

9th - Gary Kirsch, Fred Hofmann

10th - Karen VanBeek, Arlene Clark, Donald Comfort, Ramiro Cortez, Garry Savage

11th - Ida Berlew

12th - Carolyn Barrett, Peggy Smith

13th - Patti Padgett

14th - Victoria Vaughn, Steve McKinley



- 15th - Joe Spangler
- 17th - Dawn Troyer
- 18th - Cheri Watford
- 19th - Minta Hayford, Ed Mucherino, Nancy Fletcher, India Coons
- 20th - Merle Hendry, David Wemmer, Kimberlee Marquis
- 21st - Brooke Snyder, George Cox
- 24th - Jim Dawson
- 25th - Gail Minor, Rick Barnes
- 26th - Robert Woody
- 27th - Simon VanBeek, Steve Padgett
- 29th - Dolly Kressley
- 30th - Kylie Nix, Billye Oden, Andy Troyer

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

