

THE MESSENGER

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The UMM continue to serve by responding to critical needs by families who are in danger of children going into the foster care system. In January we assisted with the following situation by providing formula, diapers, wipes, baby items and clothing. We also connected the mother with resources for housing and employment. Here is her story from the caseworker: "10 month old boy on special formula-WIC unable to assist as they only provide Enfamil. Needs Similac Pro Sensitivity she is paying out of pocket and has not been able to work since 01/08/2022. He is in need of size 5 diapers and wipes and clothing size 6-9 months// 1 year old girl needs 2T-3T pull-ups and wipes, clothing size 12-14 months// 3 year old girl needs 4-5T pull-ups and wipes, clothing size 4-5T// mother and children stay in Economy Inn for \$87 a night and when cannot afford live in the car. Family would also benefit from groceries and personal hygiene items: baby lotion, baby bath, shampoo, soap, antiperspirant, laundry soap for when she goes to the laundromat. Gently used clothing completely acceptable. Anything will help this family. Case management is assisting with SNAP application for food stamps." The stories of some of these children will absolutely break your heart. If you would like to assist the UMM in this project, please make your check payable to the UMM. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated by the children and the caregivers.

Our February meeting we will have a special program on a new service in Okeechobee called Rite Life. All men are invited to attend and enjoy the dinner and fellowship. We would like good attendance as the speaker is traveling from Stuart.

SAFETY TEAM: Our Safety Team continues to monitor the services and could use help with more members willing to cover doors during services. Please contact Dowling Watford if you would be interested in assisting.



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

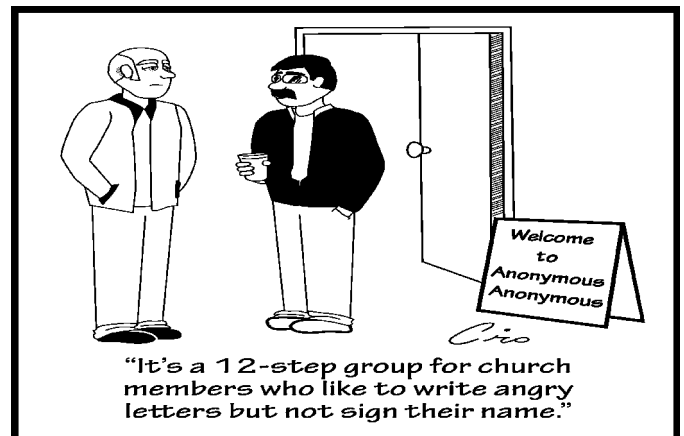
February 7, 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee

February 7, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle

February 9, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle

February 17, 1:30 p.m. - Lydia Circle

UMW will meet for lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. On Wednesday, February 9 we will meet at Nutmeg's Restaurant. All women are welcome.



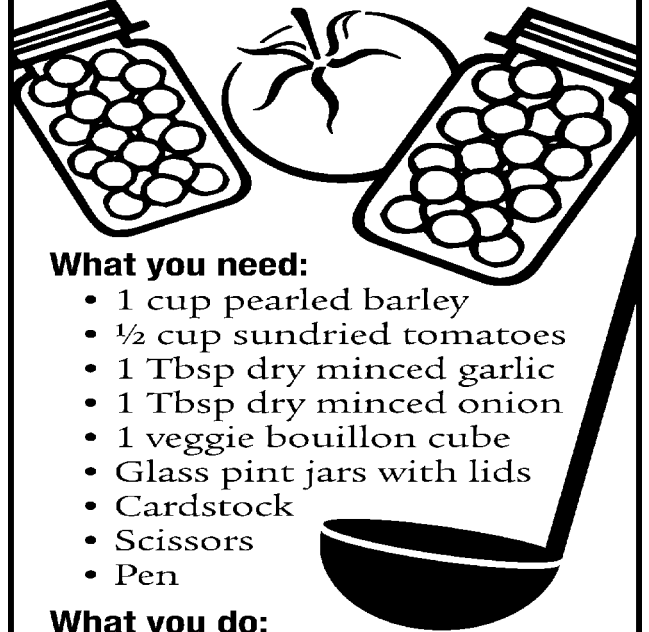


- 2nd - Melanie Rathbun, Don Hanna
4th - Joseph Hall, Brooke Ragamat
6th - Tammy Bean, M/M Edward Kavanaugh
7th - M/M Steve Rathbun
13th - Rebecca Wyatt
14th - James Marquis, M/M George Carpenter, Pat Wemmer, M/M Vance Shirley, Brenda Bray
15th - Elaine Keller, Hannah Rucks-Zaoui
17th - Kerry Simmons
18th - Angela Mintz, Tommy Raulerson
19th - Ruth Yeilding, Betty Clement, Josiah Harris
20th - Pat Tenniswood
21st - Jessica Suit
23rd - Tammy Rhodes, M/M Keith Poole
24th - Justin Murphy, M/M Walter Taylor
25th - M/M George Cooper, Pug Weadick, Denise Woody
26th - Louise Head, Edward Kavanaugh
27th - Dorothy Richardson
28th - Alice Steiner, Karyne Brass

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

Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.