THE MESSENGER

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We are grateful for your wonderful financial support of the church during this difficult time. We have

finished the year with a positive balance even with all the unexpected expenses (roof and A/C repairs). Unfortunately, we were unable to pay the entire amount of our Conference Apportionments, but we made a good faith effort. Thank you again and best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Although we did not meet in December, we were still active FELLOWS serving our community's children through the CarePortal project. This month we provided another



twin mattress, sheets and a pad to a single mother of four who is working two jobs to support the They were very appreciative of our family. support. We thank Faith Farm Thrift Store for assisting with a reduced price on the mattress. Our next meeting will be January 17 at 6:30 p.m. and all men are invited to attend.

A huge thank you to Bill Chaffee for repairing the handrails on the ramps. He

had to replace and weld several sections. The rails look brand new! Thanks to Becky Barnhart and Sheila Brown for decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas and to Darrell and Jeanne Enfinger for decorating the Chrismon tree. Also, thank you to Diana Saum for coordinating the Christmas lunch and to all who helped setup and clean.

- 2nd -**Sheila Brown**
- 4th -Beth Lehman, Ronda Watt, **Carley Ostavitz, Keith Poole** 5th -Jordan Bolen
- 6th -Jill Kavanaugh
- 8th -**Taylor Rathbun**
- 9th -**Clarence Elsten**
- 13th -**Susanne Clemons**
- 16th Alice Tyson
- 20th -**Diane DeYoung**
- 21st -**Dowling Watford, Jr.**
- 22nd Kelsey Burnham, Ayden Wyatt, Diana Saum, Annarose Hill
- 24th -Joshua Rivera
- 25th Richard Kersey
- 27th -Peregrino Ragamat, Bennett Yeilding
- 28th -**Raye Marie Deusinger**
- 29th -**Millie Blesv**
- 30th Mariettes Sienes, M/M Carroll Head, Frank Stillrich, Earl Yoder

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

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



January 3, 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee January 3, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle January 12, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle January 20, 1:30 p.m. - Lydia Circle