

THE MESSENGER

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On August 7, immediately following the worship service we will have a brief congregational meeting in the Sanctuary to discuss changes and challenges facing the UMC in Florida and beyond. All who wish to stay will see a short video and then have a time of questions and answers.

There is a lot of concern in the UMC and people are hearing and reading about lawsuits and churches and people leaving. What has gotten everyone so agitated? That's what we are going to talk about and I don't think I can discuss it in this article without getting into a very long article. So, for now, if you can be here, please join us. For those who cannot be here, we will try to have that discussion on Facebook Live and on YouTube both at Okeechobee First United Methodist.

Please be in prayer for our church and our leaders, locally and globally.

Pastor Don

Thanks to some special gifts, we have been able to lower our deficit from about \$19,000 to approx. \$10,000. Unfortunately, we still have a negative balance with several major bills coming due, especially our property insurance. We also have the parsonage loan balance of \$4,873. Please continue to prayerfully support our general budget with your tithes.



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

August 2, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee - 2023 Planning Session

August 10, 11:30 a.m. - UWF Lunch at Dingaling Deli

At the conclusion of the congregational meeting that will be held on Sunday, August 7 there will be a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall for everyone. Ham will be provided. Bring your favorite vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert and plan to join us for great food and fellowship.



You're Invited!

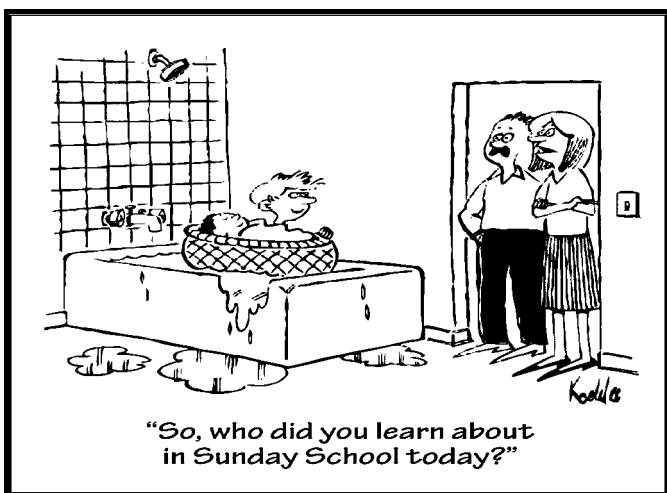
The United Women in Faith cordially invite everyone (men as well as women) to their Fall Kick-off Luncheon on Sunday, August 21 from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and learning.



- 1st - Emma Spangler
- 3rd - Patricia White
- 4th - Teresa Chandler, Jody Raulerson, Heaven Peacock

- 6th - John Waite
- 7th - Priscilla Rhodes, Tara Threewits, Gene Gorham
- 10th - Joyce Elmore
- 12th - M/M Gene Lenfest
- 13th - Sheryl Yackamouih
- 15 - Richard Bizailion
- 16th - Corey Krum
- 18th - Theresa Moodsbaugh, M/M Thomas Plant
- 19th - Kathleen Taylor
- 20th - Gene Lenfest
- 22nd - John Hayford
- 23rd - Dan Weadick
- 25th - Patricia Jenkins, Catherine Lodge
- 27th - M/M Dowling Watford, Jr., Laverne Holbrook
- 28th - Al Young
- 29th - M/M Jim Huffman
- 30th - Barbara Brown, M/M Jim Barnhart

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



Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!