

THE MESSENGER

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The United Methodist Women invite all to attend their Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Simply Christmas Room offering a large and beautiful selection of Christmas items and gifts. Also a variety of crafts, nuts, baked goods and white elephant items. Local arts and crafts vendors will be selling their wares on the lawn. Plan on staying for lunch. Soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to mission projects local, national and abroad. Come and bring a friend!

Donations of "quality" white elephant items are needed (no clothes). Especially popular are knick-knacks, kitchenware, small appliances, costume jewelry, children's toys, all kinds of Christmas items. They may be left in Room 17 anytime (Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-Noon or 1:00-4:00 p.m. when someone is in the office to unlock the door) through Wednesday, November 2. Please do not leave items in front of the door. On Thursday, November 3 items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m.-Noon or on Friday, November 4 by 10:00 a.m. Donations of baked goods are also appreciated. Good sellers are fudge, cookies, small breads (such as banana) and brownies. Bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Friday morning or early Saturday morning. Craft donations are also most welcome.



We are truly grateful to the wonderful response to our letter informing the church of our financial condition. We have received donations to pay our property insurance, pay off our parsonage loan, and have cut our deficit by over 50% so far. Thank you for your outstanding support!

On Sunday, November 6, following the worship service there will be a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall for everyone. The meat will be provided. Bring your favorite vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert and plan to join us for great food and fellowship.



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

November 1, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
November 5, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Bazaar
November 9, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Ding A Ling Deli
November 9, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle
November 17, 1:30 p.m. - Lydia Circle



- 1st - Robert Stefanov,
Bryce Emley
- 2nd - Ed Bobbitt, JoAnn
Butler
- 5th - Cynthia Yoder
- 6th - Joe Juday
- 8th - Savannah Simpson
- 10th - Caitlin Spangler, Mark Thompson
- 11th - Mary Jane Blankenbaker, Marilyn
Elsten
- 13th - Emma Savage, Larry White
- 14th - Connie Phillips, Ernie Wayman
- 19th - M/M Jim Dawson, Robbin Dawson
- 20th - Rosemary Hill, Wesley Hill
- 25th - Judy Sienes
- 26th - M/M Ed Fletcher
- 28th - Kristin Higgins, M/M Steve
McKinley
- 29th - Katherine Ragamat, Christy
Spangler, Opal Wolff

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

The UMM continue to support the CarePortal program and were able to provide a Pack and Play (crib) to a family that had to move in with relatives.

Thank you to those who have donated to help with this project. Our November meeting will be a joint meeting with spouses/friends and will feature a program by Jack Nash of the Okeechobee Sheriff's Department. All men and women are invited to attend. The covered dish dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the program following the meal.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: The Christmas Card exchange box will be located in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, December 4. **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 8 will be donated to a charitable organization.

Puzzle!

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

Hint: Each pair of line endings should rhyme.



ate	faces	quest	then
began	late	ran	ton
bunch	lunch	rest	true
done	men	spaces	you

Jesus was tired and went to find _____.
 So away from the crowd he started his _____.
 It came to an end before it _____.
 The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they _____.
 His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their _____.
 Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open _____.
 And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until _____.
 The disciples told him it was time they all _____.
 Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____.
 And feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
 Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____.
 What would they do? They'd need a whole _____.
 But then a young boy came and offered his _____.
 Five loaves and two fish to feed this big _____?
 Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____ ...
 it fed all the women, the children and _____.

Answer: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5!