

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 grateful for the special gifts we have received to help with our budget and property insurance premium. Even with these extra donations, we still have a larger than normal deficit. We continue to work on our expenses and will prepare our 2023 Budget at the Finance Committee meeting on September 29. Thank you for your continued faithful giving!



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

October 4, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee

October 12, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Brown Cow

October 12, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle

October 16, 11:15 a.m. - Unit Meeting

October 20, 1:30 p.m. - Lydia Circle

On Sunday, October 2, following the worship service, there will be a covered dish dinner 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.





- 2nd - Lisa Harrison
- 3rd - Elizabeth Stanley
- 5th - James Bush
- 7th - David Blankenbaker
- 8th - Genia Arbogast, Brent Simmons

- 9th - Arthur Sienes
- 10th - Cathy Barber
- 11th - Loris Asmussen
- 12th - Gary Sperry
- 14th - Jane Frey
- 15th - Thomas Plant, Donald Miller
- 19th - Roxanne Barnes, Wesley Bishop
- 22nd - Leah Suarez
- 23rd - Jane Ehrhart
- 24th - Barbara Eve
- 25th - M/M Gil Culbreth, Jr., Vance Shirley
- 26th - Mark Tenniswood
- 28th - Gregory Straight
- 29th - Sharon Suits

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

OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY.

At the September United Methodist Men's meeting, Sharon Suits presented a program on one of her recent diving trips with some beautiful pictures. The United Methodist Men continue to participate in the CarePortal project and were able to help grandparents purchase diapers for grandchildren they are now caring for unexpectedly. All men are invited to join us on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.



The pumpkins for the youth's Pumpkin Patch will be arriving on Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help unload the semi truckload!!!



The United Methodist Women cordially invite everyone (men as well as women) to their Quarterly Gathering and Luncheon on Sunday, October 16, from 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Donna Summerall from the Okeechobee Pregnancy Center will speak about their programs and services. Please bring a covered dish to share at lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and learning.

