

THE MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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The Giving Tree for March is to support Okeechobee High School's End the Hunger Backpack Program. The program is always in need of funds. The program accommodates elementary school children in Okeechobee County who have been identified as needing extra food over weekends. Children in elementary schools receive meals every weekend from August-May. A child can be fed every weekend for a month for about \$28 or throughout the school year for approximately \$275. Your cash donation can be placed in the offering plate in an envelope clearly marked for Backpack Program. If writing a check, make it payable to First UMC with Backpack in the memo line.

ATTENTION WINTER VISITORS: When packing to go home, if you have canned goods or non-perishable foods that have not reached their expiration date that you do not want to take with you or leave here, please consider donating them to the needy of Okeechobee. Place them in the laundry basket in the Fellowship Hall and they will be donated to Big Lake Missions.

The program for the March meeting of the United Methodist Men will be Sean Howard with United Against Poverty. As he will be coming from Ft. Pierce, we would like to have good attendance. All men are invited to attend on March 20 at 6:30 p.m.



- 2nd - Bea Wayman
- 3rd - Merle Bass, Arthur Sienes, Edward Thornton
- 4th - Debbie Krum
- 5th - Donna Tenniswood, D.J. Stevens, Ann Thigpen
- 7th - M/M Simon VanBeek, Anna Lou Wilson
- 8th - Nora Ragamat, Nicholas Flood
- 9th - Doris Entry, Chris Straight
- 11th - Angela Raulerson
- 16th - M/M Bill Chaffee
- 19th - M/M George Clement, Mary McLaughlin
- 20th - M/M Tom Yackamouih, Howard Harrison
- 21st - Karen Smith, Jane Juday
- 24th - Cathie Carpenter, Kathy Boswell, Carroll Head, Naomi Harris
- 25th - Kent Emley, Joy Hanna
- 26th - Joy Burnham, George Jackson
- 27th - Ken Keller, Cristian Suarez
- 28th - Betty Stinnett, Kathryn Murphy, M/M Richard Kersey
- 30th - Karter Keller, Evan Keller
- 31st - Rick Gammill

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



- March 7, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
- March 8, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Rio Bravo
- March 8, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle
- March 16, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle
- March 22, 1:00 p.m. - Days for Girls

First United Methodist Church of Okeechobee
Lecture Series

Presenter: Jeanne Enfinger

Part 1: Our Stained Glass Windows

Wednesday, March 8 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lecture in the Sanctuary followed by coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall

Part 2: First United Methodist Church of
Okeechobee: Our History

Wednesday, March 15 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lecture in the Fellowship Hall with slide show, coffee and donuts

Covered
Dish
Luncheon



On Sunday, March 5 following the worship service we will have our monthly covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Ham will be provided.

Please bring your favorite vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert and plan to join us for great food and fellowship. Up until now, individuals have been donating the meat. It is suggested that those attending be offered the opportunity to contribute toward the purchase of the meat if they wish to do so. A donation basket will be provided.



RECYCLING: The church has two containers for recyclables next to the dumpster in the back parking lot available to those who do not have recycling bins in their area of Okeechobee.

There are three basic rules for recycling. Knowing these rules and putting them into practice will help you recycle more efficiently. And it will help to ensure everything that makes it into the bin finds a second life. Please put items inside the containers and not beside them. (1) Recycle bottles, cans, paper and cardboard (2) Keep food and liquid out of your recycling (3) No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON
SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 11.

