

THE MESSENGER

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The church is planning to recognize Jim Dawson's 24 years of ministry here at FUMC. Sunday, August 6 (Jim's last Sunday) is designated as Jim Dawson Appreciation Day. He will be honored during the regular worship service with a plaque of appreciation and presented with the monetary gift designated through the love offering envelopes.

There will be a covered dish lunch immediately following the worship service where we'll continue with fun and fellowship. The church is providing the meat, bread and cake. Bring sides only to the lunch and make them extra-large to accommodate extra guests.

Please mark your calendars as you will not want to miss this very special Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Enfinger at (863) 763-5383.

We were successful in receiving \$17,000 from the IRS for the Employee Retention Tax Credit for retaining our employees during COVID. With this amount, we are able to maintain a positive balance during this slower summer season. The Finance Committee is carefully monitoring our financial condition, and is looking for ways to maximize our earnings and manage our accounts. Thank you for your continued support!



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

- August 1, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee - 2024 Planning Session
- August 9, 11:30 a.m. - UWF Lunch at Brown Cow
- August 20, 11:15 a.m. - Fall Kick-Off Gathering and Luncheon

The UMM are still active during the summer, even though we are not officially meeting. The UMM prepared the meal for the Great American Picnic and continue to support the CarePortal project for foster children. Our most recent participation was to provide a grocery gift card for a single father with two teenage children. We also provided a tent for a mother struggling to regain custody of her children, but was homeless. She is working at a fast food restaurant and trying hard to provide for her children. We will begin meeting again in September.



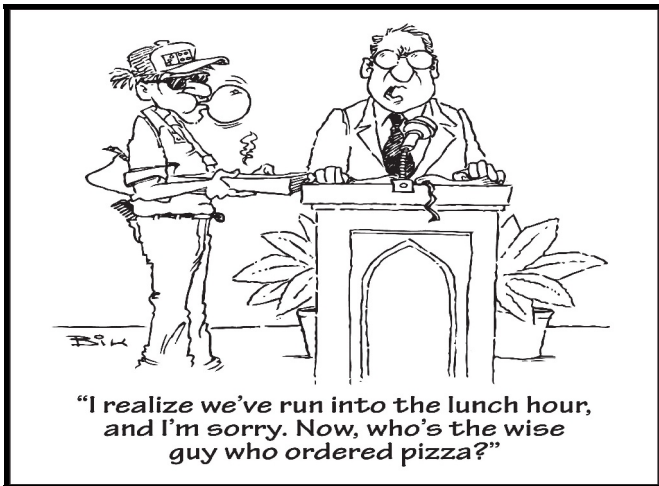
You're Invited!
The United Women in Faith cordially invite everyone (men as well as women) to their Fall Kick-off Gathering and Luncheon on Sunday, August 20, from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and learning.



- 1st - Emma Spangler
- 3rd - Patricia White
- 4th - Teresa Chandler, Jody Raulerson, Heaven Peacock
- 7th - Priscilla Rhodes, Tara Threewits, Gene Gorham
- 10th - Joyce Elmore
- 12th - M/M Gene Lenfest

- 13th - Sheryl Yackamouih
- 15 - Richard Bizaillion
- 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.
- 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.



(This one's for you, Jim!)

Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love
31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking
12 3 24 28

Color made by red and yellow
28 42 7 8 27 37

A present
1 32 28 11

Clothing a girl wears
19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room
40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)
24 17 41 30

To take a long walk
14 2 9 38

A high body temperature
45 50 48 48 42

Items used to build or fix things
13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea
18 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee
6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, have, Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV