

# THE MESSENGER

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Thanks to your faithful giving and some special deposits, we have come through the summer with a positive balance. We did fall into a negative balance at times, but overall, we are still in the black. Our giving compared to last year is down, but some of our expenses are less this year. Thank you for your tithes!

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



September 5 - 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee  
September 13 - 11:30 a.m. UWF lunch at Park 112  
September 13 - 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle  
September 21 - 1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle



There will be a Church Conference held on Monday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the purpose of voting for or against disaffiliating from the United Methodist denomination. You must be a Professing Member on our membership roll and be present at the Church Conference to vote.

The September covered dish luncheon will be on the second Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, NOT the first Sunday since that is Labor Day weekend. Ham will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert and plan to join us for good food and fellowship.



The September Giving Tree is for hygiene kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR is one of the first responders to all disasters in the United States and around the world. The following items are included in each kit:

- 1 Hand towel - 15"x25" to 17"x27" - No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels
  - 1 Washcloth - No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber
  - 1 Comb - Sturdy, longer than at least 6"; No rattail or picks, please
  - 1 Toenail or fingernail clipper - No emery boards or metal nail files, please
  - 1 Bath-size soap - 3 oz. bar or larger in original packaging - No Ivory or Jergen's
  - 1 Adult toothbrush in its original packaging
  - 10 Adhesive bandages - 3/4"x3" (Band-aids or similar)
  - 1 One-gallon size re-sealable plastic bag
- All items must be new
  - Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new
  - Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols



- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jeanne Enfinger, M/M Ernie Wayman, Aloma Clark, Vickie Green
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mary Thompson
- 5<sup>th</sup> - M/M George Cox
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Roxy Wyatt
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Gary Kirsch, Fred Hofmann
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Karen VanBeek, Arlene Clark, Donald Comfort, Ramiro Cortez, Garry Savage
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Ida Berlew
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Peggy Smith
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Patti Padgett
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Vaughn, Steve McKinley
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Joe Spangler
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Dawn Troyer
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Cheri Watford
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Minta Hayford, Ed Mucherino, Nancy Fletcher, India Coons
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Merle Hendry, David Wemmer, Kimberlee Entry
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Brooke Mavroides, George Cox
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Jim Dawson
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Gail Minor, Rick Barnes
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Robert Woody
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Simon VanBeek, Steve Padgett
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Dolly Kressley
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Kylie Nix, Andy Troyer

An informational meeting about the Global Methodist Church will be presented by Rev. Chris Akers on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be available.

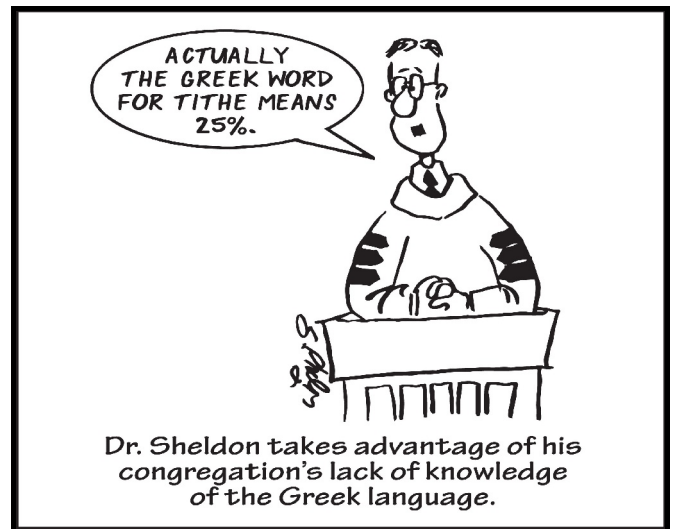


*My sincerest thanks to everyone who had a part in making my last Sunday here so special. Your cards, gifts, words of encouragement, acts of kindness and support are deeply appreciated. It has been a blessing to have been in ministry with FUMC for over 24 years.*

*Jim Dawson*

The UWF will meet for lunch on Wednesday, September 13 at 11:30 a.m. - Park 112. All women are invited.

The UMM continue to minister to foster children through the CarePortal project. We provided a twin bed and bedding to a young girl who, in addition to being in a foster home, is pregnant. We are grateful to Wayne Morgan of Morgan's Furniture for his wonderful cooperation in pricing a bed we could purchase with our budget. The coordinator of the CarePortal program, Derek Albinson, will be the guest speaker for the church-wide monthly covered dish luncheon on October 1 to explain the ministry. We appreciate any donations to the UMM to help fund these projects. A reminder that the UMM will resume meeting on September 18.



Dr. Sheldon takes advantage of his congregation's lack of knowledge of the Greek language.