

# THE MESSENGER

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The United Women in Faith invite all to attend their Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 4 from 8:00 a.m.-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, childrens' toys, all kinds of Christmas items. They may be left in Room 17 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon or 1:00-4:00 p.m. when someone is in the office to unlock the door through October 27 or brought to the Fellowship Hall October 30-November 2 during the same hours. 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 Friday morning or early Saturday morning. Craft donations are also most welcome.

The Days for Girls Project group will meet Wednesday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 13.

**PUMPKIN PATCH PROGRAMS:** Volunteers are still needed to help with simple tasks for the Pumpkin Patch programs that will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. for our community's pre-school/day care children. The dates for the programs are: October 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 24. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, October 1 following the covered dish luncheon. Please contact Nancy Vaughan-Fletcher for details on how you may help. (863) 763-3951 or (863) 532-1618



On Sunday, October 1, following the worship service we will have our monthly covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. The meat will be provided. Please bring your favorite vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert and plan to join us for great food and fellowship.

The October Giving Trees are for Real Life Children's Ranch. They are requesting toilet paper and paper

towels for the family homes. Real Life Children's Ranch is a faith-based ministry that offers residential, family style group foster homes for boys and girls who have been abused, abandoned and/or neglected. Real Life Children's Ranch has served children for 66 years giving foster children a second chance, not merely to survive, but to thrive in a loving, caring environment.





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

October 3, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee

October 11, 11:30 a.m. - UWF Lunch at Applebee's

October 11, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle

October 19, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle

With our vote to disaffiliate, we will have several items that will have to be paid to accomplish the procedure. The major item is the amount required by the Conference of two years of apportionments and the unfunded pension liability. This amount is approximately \$130,000. We have most of this amount either in a designated fund or pledged. In addition, we will need funds to change our name. This will require incorporating, changing all church signs, stationary, checks and any other item with "United" in the name. We will also incur additional insurance expenses to cover Conference requirements. Please consider donations to our "Disaffiliation Fund" to help us meet these obligations. Please mark your envelope or check "Disaffiliation Fund". Also, please note that we are still First United Methodist Church until final approval by the Annual Conference. Our new name should take effect on December 15, so until then all checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church. Thank you for your continued support.



**Simply Christmas** - As a part of this year's Bazaar, there will be a Simply Christmas room. If you have any Christmas decorations, ornaments, Christmas crafts, or any kind of Christmas item you no longer use, please donate them. Call Lonnie Kirsch at 467-0158 and she will pick them up.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lisa Harrison
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Elizabeth Stanley
- 5<sup>th</sup> - James Bush
- 7<sup>th</sup> - David Blankenbaker
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Genia Arbogast, Brent Simmons
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Arthur Sienes
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Cathy Barber
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Loris Asmussen
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Gary Sperry
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Jane Frey
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Thomas Plant, Donald Miller
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Roxanne Barnes, Wesley Bishop
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Leah Suarez
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jane Ehrhart
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Eve
- 25<sup>th</sup> - M/M Gil Culbreth, Jr., Vance Shirley
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Mark Tenniswood
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Gregory Straight
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Suits



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



The UMM have continued their meetings after the summer break and have decided to begin meeting quarterly rather than monthly. Due to scheduling, we will not meet in October, but will sponsor a church-wide dinner on November 20. At this meeting we will have a special program and everyone is invited to the covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. Watch for more details in the November newsletter.

