

THE MESSENGER

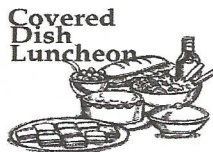
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The United Women in Faith invite all to attend their Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 4 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Simply Christmas Room offering a large and beautiful selection of Christmas items and gifts. 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, children's toys, all kinds of Christmas items. They may be brought to the Fellowship Hall October 30-November 2 during office 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.

On Sunday, November 5, following the worship service there will be a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall for everyone. Turkey will be provided. Bring your favorite vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert and plan to join us for great food and fellowship.



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

November 4, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Bazaar
November 7, 1:00 p.m. - Exec. Committee
November 8, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Ding A Ling Deli
November 8, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle
November 16, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle

CHICK-FIL-A FUNDRAISER: The Chick-fil-A food truck will be in our parking lot on Thursday, November 2 from 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. This will be a fundraiser for the UMM CarePortal Project. Please plan to have a great Chick-fil-A sandwich or chicken nuggets to help support this worthy cause.



We have raised the entire amount due to the Conference for our disaffiliation, but will still have additional expenses including insurance, signs, checks, etc. Please consider a gift to help us cover these expenses. Mark your check or envelope "Disaffiliation Fund". A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 4!



- 1st - Bryce Emley
- 2nd - Ed Bobbitt, JoAnn Butler
- 5th - Cynthia Yoder
- 6th - Joe Juday
- 8th - Savannah Simpson
- 10th - Caitlin Spangler, Mark Thompson

- 11th - Mary Jane Blankenbaker
- 13th - Emma Savage, Larry White
- 14th - Connie Phillips
- 19th - M/M Jim Dawson, Robbin Dawson
- 20th - Rosemary Hill, Wesley Hill
- 25th - Judy Sienes
- 26th - M/M Ed Fletcher
- 28th - Kristin Higgins, M/M Steve McKinley
- 29th - Katherine Ragamat, Christy Spangler, Opal Wolff

BACK BY POPULAR

DEMAND: The Christmas Card exchange box will be located in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, December 3. PLEASE BRING CARDS TO SHARE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ATTENDING REGULARLY. Please sort your outgoing cards alphabetically when placing them in the box. EVERYONE, please check the box for cards addressed to you and your family. Any cards not claimed by Sunday, January 7 will be donated to a charitable organization.



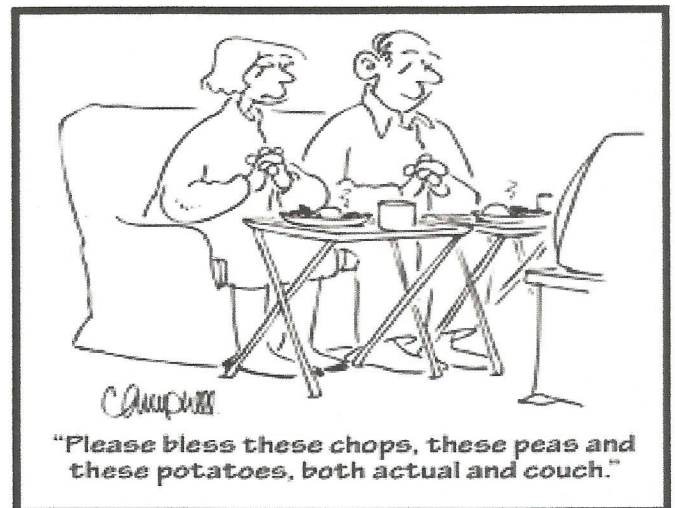
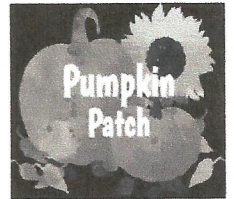
The UMM will meet on Monday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. and invite everyone (men and women) to attend their meeting. The program will be from Real Life Children's Ranch. This is always an inspiring presentation. The UMM responded to another CarePortal request, furnishing a bunk bed for a single mother to be able to keep her children. A special thanks to Gene Lenfest for donating the bunk bed frame. The UMM will not meet in December and will begin their quarterly meetings in January.

Children's Home
Christmas
Gifts



The Missions Committee invites all to contribute to provide gifts for the children at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. The staff will utilize a portion of the donations to purchase personalized gifts for the children. The gift will be wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree to be opened on Christmas morning. The children will also receive some gift cards on Christmas morning, which will allow them to go shopping. Any additional donations will be used after Christmas to purchase needed items for the children throughout the year. Make checks payable to First UMC with "Children's Home Christmas" in the memo line or put cash in an envelope clearly marked for "Children's Home Christmas".

The Pumpkin Patch was again a big hit with the community, with many families coming to pick out the perfect pumpkin and take photos of the kids and pets. Thank you to everyone who helped unload, maintain the patch, and assist with the children's programs. A big thank you to the OHS football team and Sheriff's Department trustees and weekend workers for their help unloading 2,880 pumpkins.



"Please bless these chops, these peas and these potatoes, both actual and couch."