

THE MESSENGER

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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. 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 Methodist Church 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.

On Sunday, March 3 following the worship service we will have our monthly covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Meatloaf will be provided. Please bring your favorite vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert and plan to join us for great food and fellowship.



- 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
- 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 - Kathryn Murphy, M/M Richard Kersey
- 30th - Karter Keller, Evan Keller
- 31st - Rick Gammill

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

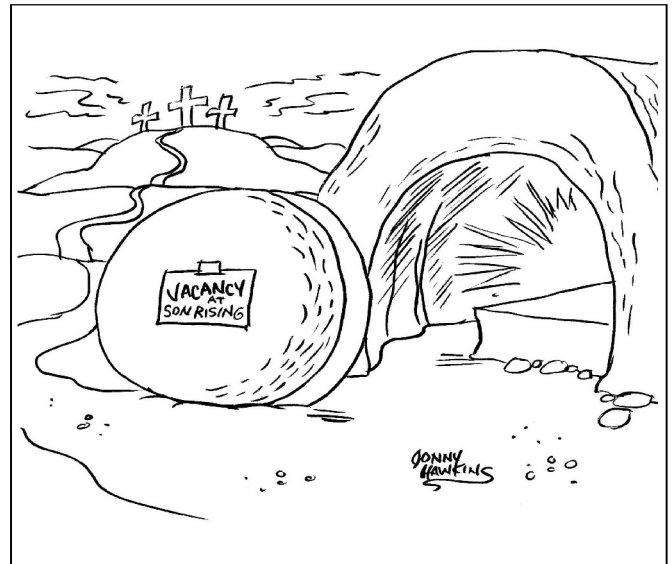


- March 5, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee
- March 13, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Rio Bravo
- March 13, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle
- March 21, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle
- March 27, 1:00 p.m. - Days for Girls



Although we are only meeting once a quarter, we are still active serving some of those in need through our CarePortal project to assist foster children. Recently we provided a twin bed, sofa, and dresser to a single mother who has taken custody of her medically needy nephew. We are also providing a variety of baby items to a 16 year old who is expecting a boy in March and is living with grandparents. A huge thank you to Jeanne Enfinger and Becky Barnhart for their donations of beds and other furniture. If you would like to assist with a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Methodist Men or if donating cash be sure to mark your envelope for the Methodist Men.

United Women of Faith will meet for lunch at Rio Bravo on Wednesday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m. All circle members, prospective members and all women are invited.



REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 9.



The Finance Committee is very grateful for your generous giving. We have a very good balance and have been able to pay all of our current expenses. It appears we will be able to go into our slower summer season with a sufficient balance to carry us through. Thank you!!!

Palm Sunday
 March 24 - 10:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service
 March, 28 - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday
 March 31 - 10:00 a.m.



The Okeechobee Ministerial Association will sponsor an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., Scott Driver Park, Hwy 78.