THE MESSENGER

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On Sunday April 7, following the worship service, we will have our monthly covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Chicken tenders will

be provided. Please bring your favorite vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert and plan to join us for great food and fellowship.

The quarterly meeting will be held on April 15 at 6:30 p.m. with **FE** the normal covered dish dinner. We will have a special speaker, the new CarePortal coordinator



with 4Kids. She will provide an update on the program and how our participation helps children in foster care. We have met several needs in the past few months. Our latest assistance with a bunk bed is a very touching story. Here is the caseworker request: "I am working with a young single mother that lives in a two-bedroom trailer with her three children (Female, 12; Male 10; and Male, 2) and she recently took placement of her two nephews (Male, 2; and Male, 6 weeks). In order to maintain the placement and get her the licensing services to help the family, code requires that all children have their own bed. Currently, the infant sleeps in a bassinet in the caregiver's room, and the other four children share the second bedroom with only one twin and full bed. The room is small, but will fit a twin bunk bed, the twin that already exists, and a toddler bed, if the full bed is removed. I am requesting a toddler bed and a twin bunk bed with mattresses." This just shows some of the needs in the system. Thank you for your continued support!



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

News April 2, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee

April 10, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Big Tasty April 10, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle April 18, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle

April 24, 1:00 p.m. - Days for Girls

- 3rd Judy Mattern
- 10th Doc Thrift, Judy McCutchan
- 11th Ethan Kersey, Pat Klapper
- 12th M/M Aubrey Burnham
- 13th M/M Clifford Matson
- 15th Caitlyn Gaucin, Kendall Harrison
- 19th Shaina Ragamat, Tom Yackamouih
- 20th Janice Mohr
- 22nd Ray Fuller, Ruth Watford, Elwin Kessler, Carl Holcomb, Judy Russ
- 23rd Nicole Plant
- 25th Clifford Matson, Linda Austin
- 28th Jackie Flood
- 29th Ernestine Robertson, Carolyn Sweatt, Judy Simpson, Martha Gillette
- 30th Chelsea Townsend

United Women in Faith will meet for lunch at Big Tasty on Wednesday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. All circle members, prospective members and all women are invited.

