THE MESSENGER

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The United Women in Faith invite all to attend their Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 2 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Simply Christmas area offering a

large and beautiful selection of Christmas items and gifts. Also a variety of crafts, nuts, and baked goods. Local arts and crafts vendors will be selling their wares. 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. 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!

We continue to have a negative balance in our general fund and appreciate your continued support. We have completed our 2025 budget and will present it to the Church Council. We will also apply the Pumpkin Patch profits to the general budget.

The Methodist Men thank Tire Zone repair for donating and mounting a tire for one of our BBQ cookers. Thank you David McCormack and staff for the kind donation.

The Methodist Men will meet on October 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish dinner and meeting. All men are invited to attend. We continue to



serve the children of our community by providing a bunk bed for a caregiver who received two foster children. She was very appreciative and thanked the church for the wonderful donation. The men would like to thank the United Women of Faith for their generous donation to our CarePortal project.



On Sunday, October 6, 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.

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



October 1, 1:00 p.m. - Executive Committee October 9, 11:30 a.m. - UWF Lunch at Applebee's

October 9, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle October 17, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle



3rd - Elizabeth Stanley

5th - James Bush

8th - Genia Arbogast, Brent Simmons

9th - Arthur Sienes

10th - Cathy Barber

11th - Loris Asmussen

12th - Gary Sperry

14th - Jane Frey

15th - Thomas Plant

19th - Roxanne Barnes, Wesley Bishop

22nd - Leah Suarez

23rd - Jane Ehrhart

24th - Barbara Eve

25th - M/M Gil Culbreth, Jr., Vance Shirley

26th - Mark Tenniswood

28th - Gregory Straight

29th - Sharon Suits

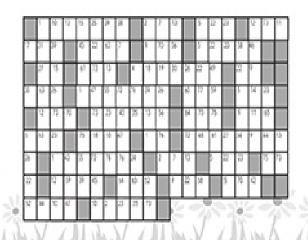
If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or has been omitted, please call the Church Office.



Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the dues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

Grassy area behind a house	2 1 4 5 6 7 1
Blooms that have petals	- 0 H 2 G 3 X 8
Spring precipitation	* 0 # 10
Puffy and white in the sky	* * * * * *
Soil	3 7 3 7
Lawn	X P X P P
Must be weeded and tended	* F F F F F
Tiptoe through these	
Baby sheep	0 0 0 0 0
We need food and this	
God made this from nothing	
A sign of God's promise	
These, in April, bring May flowers	



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