THE MESSENGER

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The Finance Committee completed our line of credit at SouthState Bank. This line of credit will allow us to respond to any unexpected expenses, especially any storm damage

as our new insurance will not cover wind damage. We have hit our summer slump and our general fund has a negative balance. We are current on all our expenses, but need to return to a positive balance. Thank you for your continued support!

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



September 3 - 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee September 11 - 11:30 a.m. UWF lunch at Regal Restaurant

September 11 - 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle September 19 - 1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle

The September covered dish luncheon will be on the second Sunday, September 8th, NOT the first Sunday since that is Labor Day weekend. The meat will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert and plan to join us for good food and fellowship.

The Community Fifth Sunday Service sponsored by the Okeechobee Ministerial Association will be held on September 29, 6:00 p.m. - Okeechobee Presbyterian Church

Vance Shirley for repairing the lights in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. He spent hours replacing ballasts and bulbs.

Gilbert Ford for donating a complete cleaning and detailing of the church bus. As the bus is no longer being used, the Trustees have decided to sell it. It had just been sitting and had become very dirty.

Gil & Marie Culbreth for having the area where the playground was removed, leveled out and new sod installed.

- 1st Jeanne Enfinger, Vickie Green
- 3rd Mary Thompson
- 5th M/M George Cox
- 7th Roxy Wyatt
- 9th Gary Kirsch
- 10th Donald Comfort, Ramiro Cortez
- 11th Ida Berlew
- 12th Peggy Smith
- 13th Patti Padgett
- 14th Steve McKinley
- 15th Joe Spangler
- 17th Dawn Troyer
- 18th Cheri Watford
- 19th Minta Hayford, Ed Mucherino, Nancy Fletcher, India Coons
- 21st Brooke Mavroides, George Cox
- 24th Jim Dawson
- 25th Gail Minor, Rick Barnes
- 26th Robert Woody
- 27th Steve Padgett
- 29th Dolly Kressley





Although we are only meeting on a quarterly basis, the Methodist Men continue to serve the community through our CarePortal project. We have provided a car seat, toddler bed, bunk beds, and

clothing to children in need.

Some of these items were provided to help a little girl who was recently placed with her father who did not have a toddler bed. Two little girls ages 3 and 5 who were displaced from their home and moved into a home with a family member which created an increased financial burden, but the family member was willing to do what they could to keep the children together and living with family members. Clothing items were provided for these two little girls. A mother who was just reunified with her two teenage daughters who were sharing a bed. New beds were provided so that each girl could have her own bed.

These a just a few of the examples of the requests we have received. Please help us to continue to meet these needs by donating to the Methodist Men to help fund this ministry.

The next quarterly meeting of the Methodist Men will be October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a White Elephant sale at the women's Bazaar this year. Items can be donated to any of the Okeechobee non-profit organizations that accept these types of donations.



PRE-ORDERS FOR NUTS: During the month of September the UWF is taking pre-orders for nuts: pecan halves and pieces, praline pecans, milk chocolate pecans, giant

cashews, light walnuts halves and pieces, milk chocolate almonds, milk chocolate peanuts and sweet & salty trail mix for delivery at the Annual Bazaar on November 2. Please contact any UWF member to order yours. Please pre-order to be sure to get what you need. Deadline for orders is September 30.

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

