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!

On Sunday, November 3, following the worship service there will be a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall for everyone. The meat will be provided. Bring your favorite vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert and plan to join us for great food and fellowship.

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 2!



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

News November 2, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. -Bazaar

November 13, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Ding A Ling Deli

November 13, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle November 21, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle

> Our Annual Church Conference will be held on Sunday, November 3 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

We appreciate the wonderful support we have received, but unfortunately our deficit has increased. We hope that as our winter visitors return, we can return to a positive balance.



Please continue to support the church with your gifts.



Okeechobee Feed for donating the hay for the Pumpkin Patch. It really adds to the decorations and the backgrounds for photos.

The Sheriff's Department trustees and weekend workers, the OHS football team and other volunteers for the hard work unloading 2,312 pumpkins!

Darrell Enfinger for painting the railing in front of the Fellowship Hall.



1st - Bryce Emley

2nd - Ed Bobbitt, JoAnn Butler

6th - Joe Juday

8th - Savannah Simpson

10th - Caitlin Spangler, Mark Thompson

13th - 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

The Pumpkin Patch was another big hit this year. The kids enjoyed running through the pumpkins and the parents love the photos. It is a



wonderful service to the community. We appreciate everyone who helped set up the pallets and signs, unload the pumpkins, and maintain the patch. A special thank you to Vance Shirley for the pallets and to Ed Fletcher and Dowling Watford for helping keep the patch in order.



The Methodist Men had a good meeting in October and continue to support children through the CarePortal project. We appreciate the very generous

donation made to help us fund it. Our most recent donation was to a young lady who had aged out of the system and had a 2-year old daughter. She was moving into an apartment and had absolutely nothing except a blow-up mattress. We assisted with kitchen items, a crib, a full-size bed and other community members donated a dining table and chairs and bath items. She is now established and doing well. We will meet again on January 20.

Puzzle!

Complete the maze to help people from all directions hear the good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read John 3:16, NIV.

