## THE MESSENGER

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SEPTEMBER, 2025



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

offering a selection of Christmas items and gifts. Crafts, nuts, and baked goods will be for sale. Craft donations are always welcome.

Pre-orders for nuts will take place in September. If you ordered nuts last year, and would like to, or know someone who would like to place an order, see Donna Kersey. It is important to pre-order. A limited number of nuts will be available for sale on the day of the Bazaar. Sunday, September 28 will be the last day to place an order.

Donations of baked goods are appreciated. Good sellers include fudge, cookies, small breads (such as banana) and brownies. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Friday morning or early Saturday morning.

Local arts and crafts vendors will have items for sale. If interested in being a vendor, or know someone who would like to be one, see Lonnie Kirsch.

Plan on staying for lunch. Soup, sandwiches and dessert will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds to benefit mission projects local, national and international. Come and bring a friend, or two!

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



September 2 - 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee

September 10 - 11:30 a.m. UWF lunch at Tin Fish September 10 - 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle

September 18 - 1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle



1<sup>st</sup> - Jeanne Enfinger

3<sup>rd</sup> - Mary Thompson

5<sup>th</sup> - M/M George Cox

9th - Gary Kirsch

10<sup>th</sup> - Donald Comfort, Ramiro Cortez

11th - Ida Berlew

12<sup>th</sup> - Peggy Smith

13th - Patti Padgett

14th - Steve McKinley

15th - Joe Spangler

17<sup>th</sup> - Dawn Trover

18th - Cheri Watford

19th - Minta Hayford, Nancy Fletcher

21<sup>st</sup> - George Cox

24th - Jim Dawson

25th - Gail Minor, Rick Barnes

26<sup>th</sup> - Robert Woody

27<sup>th</sup> - Steve Padgett

29<sup>th</sup> - Dolly Kressley

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



The latest family that was assisted with our CarePortal Project was a single mother with 6 children (2 were on the spectrum). Their home was damaged during the last

hurricane and they have been unable to replace all the damaged items. We furnished 2 twin beds and a bunk bed plus some bedding and pillows. Another church, Calvary Chapel provided 2 dressers for the children. It was very touching when we delivered the beds that one of the boys was so excited to have his own bunk bed! Thank you to those who have donated beds and donations to help us provide this mission to children.

Simply Christmas - As a part of this year's Bazaar, there will be a Simply Christmas area. If you have any Christmas decorations, ornaments, Christmas crafts, or any kind of Christmas item you no longer use, please donate them. Call Lonnie Kirsch at 467-0158 and she will pick them up.

We "survived" the summer months with a positive balance and are grateful for your continued financial support. We have begun work on the 2026 budget and will have a Finance



Committee meeting on September 28 following the morning worship service.



On Sunday, September 7, 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.

## Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

