

# THE MESSENGER

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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 (limited amount), and baked goods will also be for sale. Craft donations are always welcome. 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. Nut pre-orders will be available for pickup at the Bazaar. A limited number of nuts will be available for sale on the day of the Bazaar. 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!

There will be a special speaker at the October meeting and we would like to have a good attendance. The meeting will be Monday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. All men are invited.



On Sunday, October 5, 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 7, 1:00 p.m. -

Executive Committee

October 8, 11:30 a.m. - UWF Lunch at

Applebee's

October 8, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle

October 16, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle



After coming through the summer without ever having a negative balance, we had a negative balance in September. We will be making some adjustments to the budget for 2026 to help keep us in stable financial condition. More information will be coming in next month's newsletter. Thank you for your continued support!



1<sup>st</sup> - Cecil Funkhouser  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Elizabeth Stanley  
 5<sup>th</sup> - James Bush  
 6<sup>th</sup> - Haylie-Marie Hill  
 8<sup>th</sup> - Genia Arbogast  
 9<sup>th</sup> - Arthur Sienes

10<sup>th</sup> - Cathy Barber  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Gary Sperry  
 14<sup>th</sup> - Jane Frey  
 15<sup>th</sup> - Thomas Plant  
 19<sup>th</sup> - Roxanne Barnes, Wesley Bishop  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - Leah Suarez, Charlene Keefer  
 25<sup>th</sup> - M/M Gil Culbreth, Jr., Vance Shirley  
 26<sup>th</sup> - Mark Tenniswood  
 29<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Suits

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

The Pumpkin Patch has once again returned. This is a great project for the community and brings lots of families to visit our church. We are grateful to everyone who helped setup and unload the pumpkins and especially the OHS football team for unloading over 2,500 pumpkins!



# Puzzle!

Who made the following statements in the Bible?

- "Am I my brother's keeper?"  
Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew
- "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you."  
Peter, James, John, Paul
- "What is truth?"  
Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius
- "Choose you this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!"  
Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua
- "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."  
Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul
- "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"  
Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas
- "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go."  
Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab
- "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."  
Paul, Peter, James, Barnabas

Answers: 1. Cain (Genesis 4:9); 2. Peter (Matthew 16:16); 3. Pilate (John 18:38); 4. Joshua (Joshua 24:15); 5. Peter (Matthew 16:16); 6. Herod Agrippa (Acts 26:28); 7. Ruth (Ruth 1:16); 8. Paul (2 Timothy 4:7)