THE MESSENGER

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The United Women in Faith invite everyone to attend their Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 7 beginning at 8:00 a.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 or Rosemary Hill. Nuts which were pre-ordered during the September nut sale 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 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Proceeds to benefit mission projects local, national and international. Come and bring a friend, or two!

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 2:00 P.M.

Thanks to your generous support, we "survived" the slower summer months with a positive balance. The 2027 budget was submitted to the Church Council and was approved.





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

November 2, 1:00 p.m. - Exec. Committee
November 7, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Bazaar
November 11, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Pueblo Viejo
November 11, 1:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle
November 12, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle



The Methodist Men's October meeting devotion was presented by Randy Burnham and included some interesting conversation among the men. Thanks Randy! The November meeting will be held on November 16 at 6:30 p.m. and will be a joint meeting with the women and will feature a special speaker from 4Kids.



2nd - Ed Bobbitt, JoAnn Butler
6th - Joe Juday
10th - Mark Thompson
13th - Larry White
19th - M/M Jim Dawson, Robbin Dawson
20th - Rosemary Hill, Wesley Hill
25th - Judy Sienes
26th - M/M Ed Fletcher
28th - M/M Steve McKinley
29th - Christy Spangler, Opal Wolff

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



On Sunday, November 1, 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.



Our Pumpkin Patch has been very busy with lots of pictures being taken and pretty good sales so far. We would like to thank everyone who has helped unload and made visits to the Patch. A special thank you to Vance Shirley and Pastor Don for supervising unloading, the football team for labor, Dowling Watford for hauling pallets and maintaining the pumpkins, and Robbin Dawson for keeping track of the sales and answering lots of questions!

Volunteers are needed on Monday, November 2 at 8:30 a.m. to rake the lawn and cleanup the Pumpkin Patch.

Puzzle!

Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.

Answers go: → ↓ ↘

Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome