

THE MESSENGER

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

April 7, 5:45 p.m. - Executive

Committee

April 7, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle

April 8, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle

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

April 26, 11:15 a.m. - Unit Meeting

We are asking the church to help support the expenses for our youth's mission trip to Rocky Mount, NC, June 27-July 5. The goal is \$2,000. This year we will be doing various mission activities. Help us help others in Jesus' name this summer. Thank you for your support.

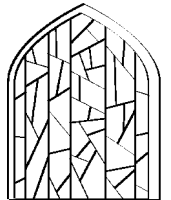


WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

On Easter Sunday, April 5 we will have two worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. during which the choir will perform an Easter Cantata. Beginning, April 12 we will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. and all Sunday School classes will begin at 8:30 a.m.



We have raised \$80,526 toward our \$100,000 goal to restore the Ascending Christ stained glass window. The Trustees plan to begin the work the first of June, so we have a few months to meet the goal. Thank you for your support!



The United Methodist Women invite the entire congregation to attend a gathering immediately after worship on Sunday, April 26 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will learn about The Guardian ad Litem Program, a network of professional staff and community advocates, partnering to provide a strong voice in court and positive systemic change on behalf of Florida's abused and neglected children.

If you would like to join us for lunch and fellowship time afterwards, please bring a covered dish to share. If you are bringing a child who will need nursery care, please notify Cynthia Yoder at 763-2103 by Sunday, April 19.

SUMMER CAMP PARTICIPANTS: There will be a brief meeting of both campers and parents after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 12.

CAPS OF LOVE: Many of our members are saving plastic bottle caps from (water bottles, soft drink bottles, etc.) for Caps of Love. Emily Streelman's class at Everglades Elementary School is spearheading this project in Okeechobee. Caps of Love recycles the bottle caps and uses the funds to purchase wheelchairs for handicapped children. To participate, save any plastic bottle caps, place in a zip lock bag, and give to Dowling Watford (or place on the counter in the Fellowship Hall).



Easter is the first Sunday in April. The choir will be singing an Easter Cantata at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Children should plan on attending one of the services. Additionally,

there will be a Treasure Hunt with prizes for the children at 10:00 a.m. This is not an egg hunt and NO candy will be given as the children will get lots of candy from other venues...but bring an Easter Basket anyway for the "treasure." Parents, help is needed for this.



There will be a movie on Good Friday that is for everyone, but especially families with children..."God's Not Dead." It will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. so come

a little early. Pajamas and blankets are appropriate. Popcorn will be served. The children will have earned some "tickets" by participating in Sunday School, Children's Church and Rainbows. These can be redeemed for candy that night. Your best behavior is required as we will also have adults watching the movie with us and we need to be respectful and quiet. "Thinking Time" areas will be used! We need for this to be a successful intergenerational time.

FROM PARISH NURSE, DIANA SAUM, RN: How does Aspirin (ASA) lower your risk of heart disease? Heart disease starts when vessels that bring blood to the heart are damaged by unhealthy conditions, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, high blood sugar, or smoking. As the damage continues, thick, fatty deposits made up of cholesterol and calcium build up inside the blood vessels, called plaque. This narrows the blood vessels and limits the amount of blood that can pass through them. Sometimes one of these plaques breaks open. At this time a clot may form in the blood vessel and stop blood from getting back to the heart muscle. Without blood the section of heart affected starts to die. This is a heart attack. Aspirin can help stop the blood clot from forming. The first thing that happens when a blood clot forms is that the cells in your blood called platelets, stick to the injured area. This happens if the injury is a cut on your finger or if it's inside your blood vessels. Aspirin works by making the platelets less sticky so they don't form a blood clot in your blood vessels.



The UMM thank everyone who attended the Smoked Chicken Dinner. It was one of our most successful with \$2,026 raised to support our projects. The UMM donated \$1,000 to the Stained Glass Fund and made donations to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in memory of Jim Davis and to No More Malaria in honor of Les Snider. The men will schedule a CPR class soon and will invite all to attend. Details will be announced soon.




Source: Diabetes & You

GIDEONS DONATION: Steve Weeks with the Gideons made a presentation at the March 8 services on the work the Gideons do to distribute Bibles all over the world. Thanks to your generous giving, our church donated \$941.50 to the local Gideon Camp.



- 1st - James Lakeman
- 2nd - Billy Mattox
- 3rd - Bobbie Ezell, Wendy Passwaters, Judy Mattern, Ronald Bodine, Stella Handley
- 4th - R.J. Herndon
- 5th - Lance Enfinger, William Gillette
- 7th - Charlene Peck
- 8th - Pauline Davis
- 9th - Amy Proudfoot, Priscilla Rhodes
- 10th - Ryan Crawford, Doc Thrift, Judy McCutchan
- 11th - Elsie Close, Ethan Kersey
- 12th - M/M Aubrey Burnham
- 13th - M/M Clifford Matson
- 14th - Lauren Raulerson
- 15th - Diana James, Caitlyn Gaucin, Kendall Harrison
- 18th - Jenna Tenniswood, Marty Kearney, Brady Boak, Evelena Cook
- 19th - Shaina Ragamat, Tom Yackamouih
- 20th - Janice Mohr
- 21st - Kevin Shumate
- 22nd - Ray Fuller, Rachel Herndon, Ruth Watford
- 23rd - Nicole Lynch
- 24th - Ed Sinz
- 25th - Shari McGrath, Carrie Jones, Clifford Matson
- 26th - Evelyn Cherry, Orba Massey
- 28th - Jackie Flood
- 29th - Ernestine Robertson, Carolyn Sweatt, Judy Simpson, Joey Barletto
- 30th - Parker Tyson, Chelsea Walker

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



OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

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Romans 8:34, NIV

RESURRECTION

ANSWERS: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV