

THE MESSENGER

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VALENTINE DINNER
February 14 - 6:00 p.m.
Menu: Frenched Pork Chop
w/glaze, Potatoes, Vegetable,
Rolls, Dessert
Cost: \$15.00 Per Person
Hosts: United Methodist Men
Nursery Available
Proceeds to benefit Youth Mission Trip

Tickets are available from Cheri Watford or Robbin at the Church Office. Deadline for tickets is February 10

THERE IS STILL TIME...to donate to the annual Yard Sale to benefit summer camp scholarships. This is the most important fund raiser wherein we underwrite the \$400 per week, per camper cost for our kids. Lives change at summer camp! Warren Willis UMC Camp does an exceptional job of reaching especially "at risk" kids. Contact Nancy for more information.



**FINANCE COMMITTEE**
A very generous donation was made to allow us to pay 100% of our Apportionments for 2014. We are grateful to the donor. We were also able to carry over a sufficient amount to begin the new year. We thank you for your continued support.



SOUPER Bowl Sunday is February 1st. While this is a day when most of the country is eating to excess, **OUR** kids will be making a difference in our community helping those who are hungry. At each worship service and during Sunday School time, they will be collecting non-perishable goods and cash that goes directly to ministries in our community. This is a nationwide effort and the results from each group are reported on-line with the national amount totaling into the 7 figures. Canned goods benefit the Presbyterian Food Bank and the cash goes to Big Lake Missions. Thank you for supporting our kids!

The Global Life Committee wishes to thank our congregation for the wonderful response in January for the items collected for CROS Ministries. This will go to their place in Belle Glade for them to distribute to those in need. Thanks again!



VALENTINE COOKIES/GIFTS FOR SHUT-INS will be delivered beginning February 11. Please bring homemade cookies to the Fellowship Hall by 1:30 p.m. that day. Give your suggestions of any shut-ins who should be included to Cynthia Yoder or Opal Wolff. Volunteers to help make deliveries are needed.



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

February 3, 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee

February 3, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle

February 11, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle

February 19, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle

February 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Mission Study

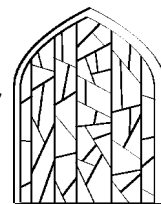
RAINBOWS for all God's children will begin on Sunday, February 8th at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Each week we will have a "theme" for dress-up and those who do, will eat free! Our first theme is Super Hero. This is for all children Preschool-5th Grade. For more information about Rainbows, contact Nancy Vaughan or Rosemary Hill. - Theme schedule: 2/8 Super Heroes; 2/15 Agape' Love; 2/22 Sport's Fan Night

Vacation Bible School will be one week later than we usually have it and will be June 22-26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Our theme is sports based learning that "extreme faith" can be fun. There are sports that are for every ability. There will be a planning meeting on Sunday, February 22 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. This is for both those who want to find out about volunteer positions and parents/kids/youth.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION is now open. Our week is July 13-18. Registration and deposits are due by February 13th. Contact Nancy Vaughan.

We are nearly three-quarters to our \$100,000 with \$74,111 raised to date. Thank you for your continued gifts as we preserve this beautiful window for future generations to enjoy. We hope to have all money raised by June to begin the work.



Valentine's Day is Saturday, February 14. Our children will give you the opportunity to share "God's Agape' Love" on Sunday, February 15. They will be "paying it forward" and give you the opportunity to do so as well. The results may be surprising. Stay tuned!



The United Methodist Women will sponsor a Mission Study, "The Church and People with Disabilities" on Saturday, February 21

from 9:30 a.m-Noon. We will learn more about various disabilities and explore ways for our church to be more inclusive. All are invited - men, women and teens. If you are bringing a child who will need nursery care, please notify Cynthia Yoder at 357-2103 by Sunday, February 15.

The officers for 2015 were elected at the January meeting of the United Methodist Men. Serving for the year are: President,



Dowling Watford; Vice-President, Aubrey Burnham; Secretary, Ed Thornton and Treasurer, Bennett Yeilding. The program for January was Teresa Chandler with Waste Management on recycling in Okeechobee. The UMM will once again sponsor the Valentine Dinner of February 14.



FROM PARISH NURSE, DIANA SAUM, RN: **STROKE** - If you suspect a stroke use the acronym "F.A.S.T"

- F** - Face; has their face fallen on one side? Can they smile?
- A** - Arms; can they raise both arms and hold them up?
- S** - Speech; is their speech slurred? Can they speak?
- T** - Time; speedy treatment saves brain cells.

Call 911, get to the hospital.

If you suddenly develop two or more of these symptoms, get medical help for evaluation: Vision changes, dizziness, nausea, headache, disorientation, vomiting, sudden hiccups. Say to 911 or hospital: "I think I am having a stroke, I have never had these symptoms before." Time is of the essence.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin on Sunday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Confirmation is for youth who are between the ages of 12-18. Confirmation teaches a person about their church, their faith and leads to church membership. For more information, please contact Pastor Jim.



- 1st - Sue Christopher
- 2nd - Melanie Rathbun
- 4th - Joseph Hall, Brooke Ragamat
- 6th - Ruth Marsh, Tammy Bishop
- 7th - Georgeanna Sweatt, M/M Steve Rathbun
- 9th - Connie Burkes, Mackenzie O'Bannon, Allissa Childs
- 12th - Wayne Bishop, Jr., Carmen Schaefer, M/M Monroe Hampton
- 13th - Bertha Snively, Rebecca Wyatt
- 14th - James Marquis, M/M George Carpenter, Pat Wemmer, M/M Charles Snively, Sue Rogers, M/M Vance Shirley
- 15th - Elaine Keller
- 16th - Frances James
- 17th - Cheryl Worlow, Kerry Simmons
- 18th - Angela Mintz, Susan Rucks, Tommy Raulerson, Barbara Regan
- 19th - Benji Walker, Ruth Yeilding, Betty Clement, Josiah Harris
- 20th - Pat Tenniswood, M/M Barney O'Steen
- 21st - Lydia Bishop, Jessica Suit
- 22nd - Darrell Ferneau, Charlotte Mann
- 23rd - Tammy Rhodes, Marsha Chapman
- 24th - Justin Murphy, M/M Walter Taylor, Aalia Murphy, John Gammill, Elizabeth Coombs
- 25th - Sylvia Ingersoll, M/M George Cooper
- 26th - Louise Head
- 27th - Dorothy Richardson, Sherrie Terrell
- 28th - Alice Steiner, M/M Perry Green, Karyne Brass

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