

THE MESSENGER

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MARCH, 2017

SMOKED CHICKEN DINNER

Sponsored by
United Methodist Men
Friday, March 24
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
(Take-out Only)
4:00-6:30 p.m.
(Dine-in or Take-out)



Donation: \$8.00

There will be a special workshop for children and their parents (and anyone else who wants to attend) on the United Methodist understanding of the sacraments: Baptism and Communion on Sunday, March 5th during the 11:00 a.m. Children's Church hour. Please plan on attending the service at 8:30 a.m. to hear the sermon, Sunday School and then our workshop. For more information, contact Nancy Fletcher, 763-4021.



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

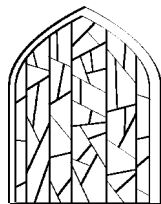
March 7, 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee
March 7, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle
March 8, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle
March 16, 1:30 p.m. - Lydia Circle
April 1, 9:30 a.m. - Spiritual Day Apart,
FUMC, Port St. Lucie



New Parsonage

All the contracts have been signed, the loan approved and construction has begun on the new parsonage. The home will be located in Eagle Point at the end of Durrance Road. Aaron Kinty is the contractor and hopes to have the house completed by June so our new pastor can move in upon arrival. Please watch for updates on the bulletin board in the hall. We will begin a capital campaign soon to fund the project.

Thanks to a generous donor, we have reached our goal for the repair of the east wall stained glass windows. The glass and frames have been removed and the process of building new frames has begun. Completion is scheduled for May or June.



Our annual Yard Sale for Summer Camp Scholarships netted over \$2,000. We are now able to send our kids off on a life-changing experience. Thank you, friends, from the bottom of our hearts.



THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM...Our children need you! Vacation Bible School is, for some children, the only time they are able to learn about Jesus. We need

leaders! You will be given everything you need. Training, curriculum, supplies...all you need to add is time and love. You do NOT have to be a Bible scholar and we will feed you every night. Lessons are based upon different types of learning styles and all are hands-on activities. There are stations that children rotate around every evening: games, crafts, music, science, recreation, snack, story and assembly/gathering at the beginning and end. In addition there are "shepherds" that are needed. These folks navigate the children to the different stations. People are needed to build the sets, decorate the rooms and to handle registration and publicity. Volunteers are the heartbeat of VBS. The week is June 12-16. The time needed is from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Won't you please prayerfully consider becoming a part of the "TEAM?" Planning and preparations begin now. Contact Nancy Fletcher, 763-4021. Thank for your consideration.

**FROM PARISH NURSE
DIANA SAUM, RN:**

Diphenhydramine (DPH) is a sedating antihistamine found in almost all over-the-counter "pm" pain relievers. It is also found in some over-the-counter sleeping pills and allergy drugs like Benadryl. Studies indicate diphenhydramine should be avoided in the elderly. DPH, like many other drugs, affects brain function through the neurochemical acetylcholine. DPH can cause grogginess, drowsiness, confusion and memory loss. Recovery from the memory loss after stopping drug can take months.



- 3rd - Merle Bass, Don Minor**
- 4th - Debbie Krum**
- 5th - Donna Tenniswood, D.J. Stevens**
- 7th - M/M Simon VanBeek, Anna Lou Wilson**
- 8th - Lillian Doane, Nora Ragamat, Nicholas Flood**
- 9th - Doris Entry, Chris Straight**
- 10th - Thomas Bobbitt**
- 11th - Angela Raulerson**
- 12th - Justin Rhodes**
- 15th - Kenneth Tyson, Vance Akins**
- 16th - Debby Runyon, M/M Bill Chaffee**
- 19th - M/M George Clement**
- 20th - M/M Tom Yackamouih, Howard Harrison**
- 21st - Pat Byrd, Karen Smith, Jane Juday**
- 24th - Cathie Carpenter, Kathy Boswell, Carroll Head, Naomi Harris**
- 25th - Kent Emley, M/M Kenneth Tyson, Olivia Coombs, Connie Hall**
- 26th - Joy Burnham**
- 27th - Ken Keller, Cristian Suarez**
- 28th - Betty Stinnett, Kathryn Murphy, M/M Richard Kersey**
- 29th - Cody Walker**
- 30th - Karter Keller, Evan Keller**
- 31st - Rick Gammill, M/M Edwin Rucks, Ray Baggett**

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

**REMEMBER TO TURN
YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY
NIGHT, MARCH 11.**

