

# THE MESSENGER

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**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** The next New Members Class will be held on Sundays, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. This is for anyone wishing to know more

about United Methodism and our church in particular. Lunch will be served. Please let us know if you are interested so that we have adequate materials by contacting Opal Wolff at 763-4393 or the Church Office at 763-4021.

In September the Global Life Committee is collecting items for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR is one of the first responders to hurricanes and disasters in the U.S. as well as overseas. The items must be new. Items needed are:



- Terry cloth hand towels
- Metal nail files, fingernail clippers (no emery boards, no toenail clippers)
- Children's blunt scissors
- Small individual pencil sharpeners (no emblems)
- School bags (14"x16" tote bags)
- New baby sweaters (open in the front)
- New cloth baby diapers (cloth only - no disposables)
- New baby gowns or sleepers

**SMALL GROUPS FOR YOUTH/ADULTS AND RAINBOWS FOR CHILDREN WILL RESUME ON OCTOBER 4 AT 5:00 P.M. WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN.**

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



September 1, 5:45 p.m.

Executive Committee

September 1, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle

September 9, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle

September 17, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle

September 19, 9:30 a.m. - Mission Sampler District Meeting



Prayer for our schools, teachers, administrators, support staff and students happens every Tuesday in September. This year there are five Tuesdays in that month. We have a schedule, which will be posted in the newspaper, the bulletin and the bulletin board in the hallway. Every member of this church is encouraged to pick at least one Tuesday to meet at 6:00 p.m. (only lasts about an hour) with the faithful few who do this. We walk the campus, if able, or stand/sit on the campus of those particular schools. Transportation may be available. For more information, contact Nancy Vaughan, 763-4021 or 532-1618.

The Global Life Committee has agreed to work with Sharon Suits to get the word out that she would like to send children's books to Nakorokula Methodist Church in Raki Raki, Fiji to help the children learn English. Sharon has already sent them one box of books. You can participate in this project by giving her any good used children's books you no longer need and are willing to share by giving them away. We are going to help Sharon with the expense of mailing these books. Thank you for helping us with this project.



“Last Splash” for children and youth will be a morning splash on Saturday, September 12 - 10:00 a.m. at the home of Willard and Sharon Suits, 2176 SW 22<sup>nd</sup> Circle W. Bring a snack to share. (No lunch this year)

**RAINBOWS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN** will kick off October 4 with “Celebrate Me” Day from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (dinner is at 6:00 p.m.) Activities will include a bounce house, face painting, spin art, sno cones and popcorn.

All women are cordially *WOMEN'S CIRCLE* invited to join one of our United Methodist Women Circles which meet in the Fellowship Hall as follows:



- Esther Circle - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Contact - Debbie Krum 634-0802
- Ruth Circle - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.  
Contact - Cynthia Yoder 357-2103
- Lydia Circle - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1:00 p.m.  
Contact - Opal Wolff 763-4393



- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jeanne Enfinger, James Hall, Vicki Green
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Betty Kelly, Betty Jones, M/M John Waite
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Stephen Lenfest, Cindy Jones
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Roxy Wyatt
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Griffen, Gary Kirsch
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Karen VanBeek, Beau Emley, Joyce Gorham
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Ida Berlew, Erin Hale
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Phyllis McGee, Elsie Landers
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Beth Rucks, Dan Simmons
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Josh Chapman
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Matthew Gammill, Joe Spangler
- 16<sup>th</sup> - David Wibbels
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Karla Lamarie, Taylor Boatwright
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Cheri Watford
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Minta Hayford, Ed Mucherino, Nancy Vaughan, India Coons
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Merle Hendry, David Wemmer, Kimberlee Marquis
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Brooke Snyder
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mary Kathryn Price, Mark Broughton
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Jim Dawson, Patsy Philpot
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Gail Minor, Rick Barnes
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Monroe Hampton, M/M Don Minor
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Simon VanBeek
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer James
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Neil Gunsalus, Kylie Shirley





**Excessive Heat**  
 (Continued from August, Messenger): Most everyone has experienced at some time being overheated - red face, sweating, beginning headache prompting a great desire for air conditioning and a drink of something cool and refreshing.

Heat exhaustion is the next level with heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, dizziness, headache, and possible fainting.

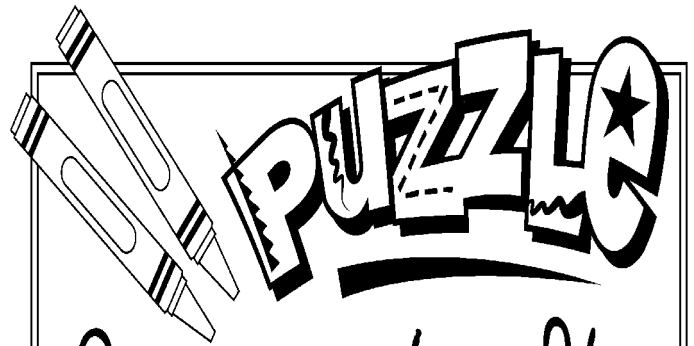
Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness and can lead to death or permanent disability. Treatment is needed immediately. Symptoms include: body temperature above 103 degrees, red-hot dry skin with no sweating, rapid pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea.

To protect yourself, drink cool, non-alcoholic beverages, rest, take a cool shower or bath, seek out air conditioning, wear lightweight clothing, limit strenuous activity. Be smart.

This preventable and treatable disease, transmitted through the bite of a mosquito, claims 655,000 lives each year. Imagine No Malaria is an initiative of the United




Methodist Church to raise \$75,000,000 to end preventable deaths from Malaria in Africa by 2015. We are a people unified in the fight against a needless killer and our church has pledged \$1,000 to help in this effort. Help us save lives in the name of Jesus and thank you!



# Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



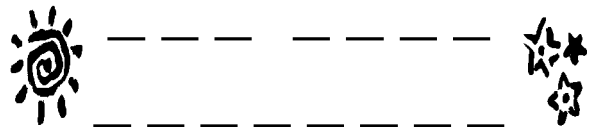
Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a  around words describing God's actions. Draw an  around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,  
 who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,  
 who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

i T W H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d  
 e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L  
 a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y



Answer: The LORD Almighty