

# THE MESSENGER

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**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** The next New Members Class will be held on Sundays, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<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 2 AT 5:00 P.M. WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN.**

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



- September 6, 5:45 p.m.  
Executive Committee
- September 6, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle
- September 14, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle
- September 15, 1:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle



We finished the summer with one of our best balances ever and thank the congregation for their wonderful support! We anticipate some large expenditures on the east wall of the Sanctuary as the Trustees work to repair the issue that caused the wood deterioration on the stained glass windows. This issue has delayed the repair on the stained glass windows until wall leaks are corrected. The wall investigation has begun, so you will see some construction work on the interior east wall of the Sanctuary.



**FROM PARISH NURSE DIANA SAUM, RN:** Nurse Diana would like to know what you would like to read about. Exercise? Diet? Heart? Stroke? Type of surgery? Eyes? Would you be interested in

a class on normal and abnormal aging or a series of 4 classes, 2 hrs. each throughout a calendar year? Ideas please!! Next month's (October) Messenger article will be "You are When You Eat."

The United Methodist Men assisted in the New Teacher Luncheon by cooking the grilled chicken and helping



serve. At the August meeting, the program was a presentation on the mission trip by several of the youth and adults that participated. The UMM thanked them for representing our church on the mission field. In preparation for the November 18, Chicken Dinner, Jake Streelman is repairing our grills. We will have a special speaker at our September meeting and encourage all men to attend.

**RAINBOWS for ALL Children - Mark your calendars!** We will begin on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Come dressed for water activities. We will have a BIG water slide followed by a program and pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m. Invite friends to also mark their calendars. Rainbows, including the meal is free if you wear the theme color. Rainbows will run through November 13. There will be a program and dinner and all elementary children are invited. Colors: 10/2 - Orange; 10/9 - Green; 10/16 - Blue; 10/23 - Red; 10/30 - Yellow; 11/6 - White; 11/13 - Pink or Purple. Contact Nancy Vaughan 763-4021 for more information.



- 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
- 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> - M/M Don Minor
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Simon VanBeek
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer James
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Kylie Shirley

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

The Okeechobee Ministerial Pray For Our Association's annual Prayer Walk for our schools will have a different format this year. The group will meet at the Freshman Campus on Tuesday, September 6, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and will be led through prayer for all the schools of Okeechobee County. Bring a lawn chair and share in this opportunity to pray for our schools.

