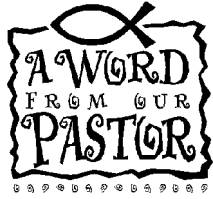


# THE MESSENGER

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As Methodist ministers count, on Sunday, July 1 I started my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as your pastor! In everyone else's terms, I had my 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary at FUMCO.

Thank you for a wonderful first year! I still feel like we are in the honeymoon and from personal experience, I am convinced that honeymoons don't have to come to an end, except for getting back to work.

Speaking of work, we have a great deal of work to do. Once upon a time, we never had to lift a finger to draw people to church. We just opened the doors and people came. We are still fortunate that so many people come, but it is easy to get lazy and forget that all of us are called to be disciples and witnesses to the love of God.

It is my hope that we can not only grow our church, but be a transforming force in Okeechobee. I am excited about what God is doing among us and what God will do through us. Thanks for being a part of God's work here in Okeechobee!

Pleased to be your pastor!

Don Hanna

The United Methodist Women cordially invite everyone (men as well as women) to their Fall Kick-Off Gathering and Luncheon on Sunday, August 26 from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We will learn about the Days for Girls Project and how you can support it. Bring a covered dish to share at lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and learning. If you are bringing a child who will need nursery care, please notify Cynthia Yoder at 532-0557 by August 19<sup>th</sup>.



The Missions Committee is collecting donations of school supplies to support our teachers as they go back to school. If you are able to help, we are in need of: Notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, Expo markers, tissues, glue, colored pencils, markers, rulers, protractors, two-prong pocket folders, composition notebooks, binders and copy paper. We try to assemble a bag for every teacher who attends the luncheon and your donation is much appreciated! All items need to be in no later than Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.



The UMM have continued meeting throughout the summer for fellowship, dinner and a devotion.

The men provided the Great American Picnic in July and will prepare the chicken for the New Teacher's Luncheon in August. The Men's Retreat in Leesburg will be held October 19-20 this year and will end on Saturday afternoon to allow everyone to be home to attend church. See Dowling Watford for details.

Our annual New Teacher's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We will serve 80-90 people. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate so we can plan accordingly. We ask all foods to be in 9"x13" disposable serving pans which can be purchased at Dollar Stores, etc.; uniformity helps speed service. We are looking for tuna, potato and tossed salads, casseroles, veggies of all kinds and applesauce – NO slaw or beans. Please have them at the church by 10:00 a.m. If you would like to help serve at the luncheon, please notify Sharon Suits or Leah Suarez. Contact Jeanne Enfinger with any questions at 763-5383.

I will bring a 9"x13" pan of \_\_\_\_\_  
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 for the Teacher's Luncheon on Tuesday,  
 August 7<sup>th</sup> BEFORE 10:00 a.m. (We can keep  
 it warm or cold)  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The Children's Ministry is in need of some volunteers for Kid's Club and Sunday School. We are in need of chefs, helpers, hosts and hostesses for Kid's Club and teachers for Sunday School. More information in detail including the sign-up sheets are located on the Children's Ministry bulletin board located across from the Choir Room in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to work with our children. Thank you! Elaine Keller & Leah Suarez



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

- August 6, 6:00 p.m. - Executive Committee  
 - 2019 Planning Session
- August 8, 11:30 a.m. - UMW Lunch at the  
 Landing Strip (Airport)
- August 26, 11:15 a.m. - Kick-off Luncheon

Thanks to your generous giving, we have maintained a positive balance during the summer and have managed to pay 49% of our Conference Apportionments. We still have about a \$55,000 balance on the parsonage, but plan to make more principal payments as funds are available.



**SECURITY TEAM** - The AED has been received and is located in the room directly behind the piano for access from the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Training for the security volunteers had to be cancelled for July, but will be rescheduled soon.



Thank you for your faithful giving of  
100% of your apportionments for 2017.  
Together we can do more.



Tony Prestipino – Treasurer, Florida Conference

The next Membership Class will be held on Sunday, August 12 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is for anyone wishing to know more about United Methodism and our church in particular. 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.



Part I - 10 Ways Seniors Can Boost Their Mental Health and Well-being:

1. Just Keep Moving - Exercise is essential for both the body and the mind. Go for a daily walk, join an exercise group or do chair exercises, try a dance class. Just move!
2. Socialize - Join a senior center where you will find a variety of classes from craft and hobbies to computer classes. Volunteer, feed the homeless, help at church, read to children, interact with people.
3. Stay Involved in Family Gatherings - Stay in contact with our relatives, grandchildren, distant cousin. If you don't drive, call them, email, text - communicate with others.
4. Call on Friends - Stay connected with our peers - go to a movie, get your hair done together, go out to lunch, go shopping. We all need social stimulation.
5. Turn to Technology to Stay in Touch - Schedule regular phone calls to keep up with loved ones. Send snail mail, emails or try

Skype or FaceTime. Learn how!



- 1<sup>st</sup> - Emma Spangler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Patricia White
- 4<sup>th</sup> - M/M Jim Tenniswood, Teresa Bishop, Jody Raulerson, Heaven Peacock
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Walter Brown, John Waite
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Priscilla Rhodes, Tara Threewits, Gene Gorham
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Totty Davis
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Joyce Elmore
- 12<sup>th</sup> - M/M Gene Lenfest
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Sheryl Yackamouh
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Hamric
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Corey Krum
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Theresa Moodesbaugh
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Kathleen Taylor
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Gene Lenfest
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - M/M Gene Gorham
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Patricia Jenkins, Catherine Lodge
- 27<sup>th</sup> - M/M Dowling Watford, Jr., Laverne Holbrook
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Al Young
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Brown, M/M Jim Barnhart
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Richard Mattern

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or has been omitted, please



contact the Church Office

