

THE MESSENGER

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The United Methodist Women invite all to attend their Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will find a variety of crafts, quilted items, nuts, knives, baked goods and white elephant items. There will also be a Simply Christmas room offering a large selection of Christmas items and gifts. New this year will be some local craftspeople selling their wares on the lawn. Plan on staying for lunch. Soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to mission projects local, national and abroad. Come and bring a friend!

Donations of "quality" white elephant items are needed (no clothes). Especially popular are knick-knacks, glassware, small appliances, costume jewelry, children's toys, and all kinds of Christmas items. They may be left in the Conference Room Sunday, October 28 through Thursday, November 1 or brought to the Fellowship Hall by 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 2. Donations of baked goods are also requested. Good sellers are fudge, cookies, small breads (such as banana) and brownies. Bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Friday morning or early Saturday morning. Craft donations are also most welcome.

**BEGINNING SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 4 OUR WORSHIP
SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT
8:30 A.M. (TRADITIONAL)
AND 11:00 A.M. (BLENDED).
SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL
BEGIN AT 9:45 A.M.**



With some repair costs, additional expenses, and timing of expenses vs. receipts, we have gone in and out of a negative balance over the past month. Overall we are maintaining a positive balance, but very close. With our winter season beginning, we should be able to end the year with a positive balance. We are very appreciative to the Clemons family for naming the Church Building Fund as a memorial to Pete. These funds will greatly assist in making needed improvements and repairs to the church Pete dearly loved.



The UMM will have a Smoked Chicken Dinner on November 9. The speaker for the October meeting was Andrew Webb with 4Kids, a foster parent organization. Andrew spoke on the great need for foster parents in our area with over 65 children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. He also mentioned other ways churches can assist. The November UMM meeting will be a joint meeting with the spouses featuring the wonderful singing of Mr. Jim Clark. The UMM will once again sponsor the Valentine's Dinner of February 14. Watch for details soon. The UMM are considering forming a Hurricane Relief Work Team to partner with the Conference to try to assist those recovering from storm damage. Depending on what work we might be able to do, the plan would be to schedule a long weekend to help out with recovery. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall if you would consider joining the team.

SECURITY TEAM: The Security Team continues to work on the safety of our facility and our congregation. We have put in place a radio communication system with the Nursery since it is isolated during services. We also have radios available for any children's programs that are in the Sunday School wing during services. We are also placing a Security Team member to monitor the front doors during services. Additional training will be ongoing. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to participate in the Security Team.

One of the lesser known aspects of Thanksgiving Day is that it is also National Family History Day. Many of us who are older, regret not asking questions of family who have died. Guess what, we have stories that our children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews will someday wish to hear. Don't wait! This year as you anticipate Thanksgiving, write down your family as far back as you can remember or if you already have done a family tree, think of stories from the past and write them down. Encourage other family to do the same and share your stories either in person, over the phone or send them around.



SMOKED CHICKEN DINNER
Sponsored by United Methodist Men

Friday, November 9
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
(Take-out Only)
4:00-6:30 p.m.
(Dine-in or Take-out)

Donation: \$10.00

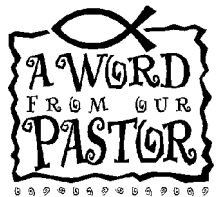
ATTENTION WOMEN: Please mark your calendars for the following dates:



November 3, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Bazaar

- November 5, 5:45 p.m. - Exec. Committee
- November 5, 7:00 p.m. - Esther Circle
- November 14, 1:30 p.m. - Ruth Circle
- November 15, 1:30 p.m. - Lydia Circle

On Thanksgiving 2002, my mother brought some papers into the Florida Room and asked, "Have I ever shown this to you?" She had several things and then went back for more things that I had never seen. That was the beginning of family genealogy for me. Thankfully my Grandpa Batchlet had left a number of items which my Mom presented that day. The first paper was on old slick fax style paper and was a copy of a hand-written family tree of the Fitz-Randolph family, a name that I had never heard of and could not imagine being related to. Another was a booklet in German, The Batschelet Cronik. The final was a 12 page tree, all in German that took me a long time to understand. Each of these took my tree back hundreds of years and I am so very grateful.



Happy Thanksgiving!

By the end of the 22nd, many of us will have had our fill of turkey or football or family.

Some of us will be alone and wishing we could be together again. I miss dinner at home with my parents and the collection of relatives that would be together every Thanksgiving. It is nice being able to host family, but Thanksgiving also reminds us of our past and sometimes brings sadness.

Just recently, Kent Emley, mentioned that his family were Lee's and I said so was my wife's family. At UMM in September, Ken brought me a book on the Lee's of Johnston County and I was able to learn that he and my wife, Joy, are 5th cousins. All of us are related somewhere and I hope you share some of your love of family and stories this Thanksgiving. Tell me about them after the 22nd, they will be a "leftover" that won't go bad!

Blessings,

Pastor Don

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON
SATURDAY NIGHT,
NOVEMBER 3!

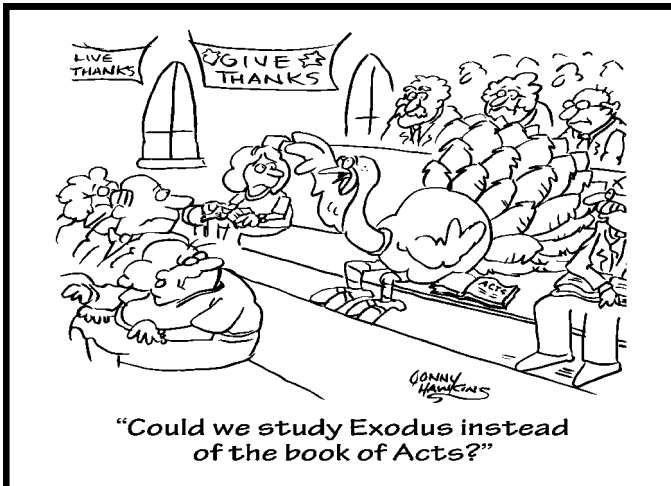


- 1st - Robert Stefanov, Bryce Emley
2nd - Ed Bobbitt, M/M Richard Mattern, June Waite, JoAnn Butler
5th - Cynthia Yoder
6th - Joe Juday

- 8th - Savannah Simpson
9th - Roseann Stanford
10th - Caitlin Spangler
11th - Mary Jane Blankenbaker
14th - Connie Phillips
19th - M/M Jim Dawson, Robbin Dawson
20th - Rosemary Hill, Wesley Hill
28th - Kristin Higgins
29th - Katherine Ragamat, Christy Spangler, Opal Wolff

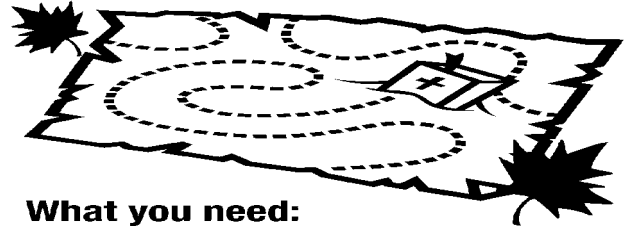
If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or has been omitted, please call the Church Office.

Our annual Church Conference with the District Superintendent will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.