The MESSENGER

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Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022.
We are prepared to take off into the New Year.
Please make sure your Positive Attitude
and Gratitude are secured and locked in the
upright position.

All self-destruct devises: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith.

Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.

Destination-GREATNESS!

Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!

Stay Blessed! And welcome to 2022.

Submitted by Pastor Michelle

My siblings in Christ Jesus our Risen Lord,

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. His mercy endures forever! Praise God and thank you Jesus. Lent is a season we remind ourselves that God forgives us of our sin, and God's love endures forever because of what Christ did for us on the cross.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. As Christians, we start the season of Lent with worship. We confront our mortality during Ash Wednesday's worship and confess our sin before God within our community of faith. Also, we focus on God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

This year, in our Lenten Bible study, *Savior*, by Magrey deVega, we will be challenged by the cross of Christ. Put differently, the death of Jesus Christ is the ultimate expression of God's divine love. Pastor Magrey will walk us through what the Bible says about the cross.

I frequently comment that my call is to make sure you have sound theology to help you grow in your faith. This study will help us understand God's redeeming love in Jesus' death and how it saves us.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in the Lenten Bible study. We will begin meeting the first week of March. I will announce the day and time when we get closer to March.

I believe the goal of Lent for every believer is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than when they entered. I don't know about you, but for me, I need a renewed spirit of vitality, and the only way I am going to get it is in Christ, through the Holy Spirit. Church, we become the light of Christ in our world when the good news transforms our lives. Jesus depends on us to shine brightly for all the world to see. May we work hard to be his light and love to all those God places in our path as we make Lent a time for transformation.

I am so incredibly thankful I get the opportunity to journey with all of you during this 2022 Lenten Season. What is more, I give thanks for the blessing of living life with all of you.

Have a holy and blessed Lent,

Michelle Forsyth

DIRECT \$\$\$\$ now stands at \$55,000.00 Keep those Family Fare receipts coming! When we get to \$150,000.00 we will receive another \$1000.00.

UMW NEWS

With the possibility of a split in the United Methodist Church, the question has arisen what happens to United Methodist Women? From word received from the Women's Conference the group will probably continue with work as it is now but will open to any denomination. At that point the name will be changed to accommodate the changes made.

The February meeting will be the 2022 Pledge Service. With income possibilities down and fewer members, some of the work of the UMW may have to be cut. Please consider your 2022 pledge for the Mio United Methodist Women and their work locally, nationally, and internationally.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lynn Galbraith
- 5 Lynn Kann
- 7 Larry VanNorman
- 10 Roma Galbraith
- 13 Gloria Phillips
- 21 Nyomi Forsyth
- 24 Marilyn Schultz
- 28 Woody Woodford

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

13 - Mark & Joan Trim

*Several names on the Prayer Concerns have been removed as they were at the beginning of 2021. If there is a name that should be put back on the list, please see Marlene. This is not a problem but we would like to keep the Prayer Concerns current.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlie & Barb Abbott **Barb Butler** Mike Butler Paul Ciske Nancy Dercher Gerald & Joslin (missionaries) Glen & Dawn Hall Glen Hall, Jr. Rev. John Kasper D.S. Bill Kusev **Mary May Craig Meyers Dale Neff** Marna Olds Laurie Shea Kim Stitt Sativa Taylor & Jackson Andrea Walz Avery Walz Simone

SHUT-INS

At The Brook - Grayling Marge Bryant

MILITARY

All Armed Forces Corey Brown River Grishaber Whitney Kann

Missions: End of Year 2021 Financi	al Giving Report:
The Noah Project	\$360.
Henderson Settlement	\$177 .
Camp Michigamme	\$458.40
Midwest Mission Distr. Ctr.	\$100. And supply items on
	needs list.
Randy Hildebrandt	\$432.
UMCOR	\$295.
Rafiki Foundation Orphan Support	\$828. Soup & Pie Proceeds
His Love Family Resources	\$500.
Love INC	\$500.
Lydia's Gate	\$500.
Adopt a Family gift cards	\$750. Plus Christmas gifts
Together We Can	\$500.
St. Bartholomew Food Pantry	\$500.
TOTAL	\$5448.40

Praise and thanksgiving to God for allowing us such opportunity to share His Spirit of generosity and love. Thank you, Church for your obedience and Faithfulness to our Lord in your mission's giving.

February Mission Focus

Henderson Settlement is a ministry comprised of many working parts: Community Support, Greenhouse Support, Farm Support, Food Pantry, Infant Support, Home Build, Home Repair, Thrift Store, Craft Shop, Senior Support, Women's Support, and Youth Support. At this time of year, they are busy planting seeds, booking work camp reservations, moving cattle, conditioning the farm equipment and supporting all the areas of involvement. What caught my eye was work camp reservations......anyone interested in helping out in Appalachia specifically Frakas, Kentucky? Beautiful in May, and sure looks like something for everyone. Well...pray about it. In the meantime, they need funds to help keep their ministry working and helping those needing the services they provide. Please give generously to Henderson Settlement sometime during the month of February. I'm hoping together we'll top last years giving of \$177. Susan Hegel, Mission Chrm.

February 2022

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Mio United Methodist Church Mission Statement

As believers in God, thankful for the Father's faithful provision, The Son's loving sacrifice for our sins, and the Holy Spirit's Enabling presence in our lives we strive to:

- Worship, serve, and obey God
- Grow closer to God
- Teach the Bible
- Share God's love with others
- Be a community of fellowship and encouragement...

So that all may hear and receive the forgiveness and friendship of God.