

MISSION

SHARE GOD'S LOVE
LIVE GOD'S WORD
GROW GOD'S KINGDOM

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WE ARE A COMMUNITY
COMPELLED BY THE LOVE
OF CHRIST TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN A WORLD IN
NEED.



Strawbridge
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

February 2016

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SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

FEBRUARY 7

The Baptism of Jesus
Mark 1:1-11

FEBRUARY 10

Ash Wednesday
40 Days in the Wilderness
Mark 1:12-13

FEBRUARY 14

Jesus Heals a Paralytic
Mark 2:1-12

FEBRUARY 21

Jesus Calms the Sea
Mark 4:35-41

FEBRUARY 28

Jesus Heals the Gerasene
Demoniac
Mark 5:1-20

MARCH 6

Jesus Blesses the Children
Mark 10:13-16

MARCH 13

The Request of John and James
Mark 10:35-45

MARCH 20

PALM SUNDAY

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Chancel Choir, and
Children's Choirs
Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem
Mark 11:1-11

10:40 a.m. Children's Egg Hunt

MARCH 27

EASTER SUNDAY

The Empty Tomb
Mark 16:1-8

HAPPENINGS AT SUMC

Mission Focus for February

The mission focus for February is the Family Promise of Lake Houston.

Family Promise of Lake Houston is a non-profit organization created to help homeless families bridge misfortune and regain self-sufficiency. As one of twelve host congregations, Strawbridge welcomes up to three families every 10-12 weeks for a one-week period. Host congregations provide overnight accommodations, prepare dinners, and provide food for breakfast and lunch. Guests and volunteers share evenings together-playing games, watching videos, helping children with homework, or just talking. As important as filling basic needs is the love, hope, and guidance that church volunteers provide to these families as they struggle to get back on their feet.

Each morning, employed adults head to work and children are dropped off at school, with church volunteers providing transportation where necessary. Adults looking for work and pre-school-age children spend their days at the Family Promise Day

Center in Humble. Counselors help guests identify and pursue job opportunities and offer other life skill classes. Most of all, the Day Center provides a home-like environment, with amenities such as lounges, showers, laundry facilities, computers and play areas for children.

In addition to the financial support we provide, Family Promise represents one of Strawbridge UMC's largest hands-on mission opportunities. Very simply-families helping families! Sign up to help with the next rotation here at SUMC on March 6-13 in the Activity Corridor. Contact Charlie Burnett with any questions or concerns at 713-252-2124 or caburnett1@comcast.net.

2nd Sunday Singout

Join us as we take the love of God out into the senior assisted living community on the 2nd Sunday of each month! And everyone loves the old hymns and fun camp songs that many of us grew up with "Jesus Loves Me", "If You're Happy and You Know It", "On Top of Spaghetti", and "Amazing Grace". Bring the whole family, children are welcome and for only 30 minutes once a month come sing together with the residents of several area

assisted living facilities. Come join the fun! Contact Laurie Purcell for locations and times at laurie.purcell@strawbridge-umc.org

S.K.I.P.

(Strawbridge Kids In Play)

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at Kids In Action from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Play dates will be \$5.00 per child. Kids In Action is located at 3838 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, Texas. This is a great opportunity for your children to play and for the moms to get connected. There will be free snacks for kids. Bring your friends! Everyone is invited! Questions contact Stefanie Jordan at jordanfamily@suddenlink.net

College/Military Care Packages

College/Military care packages will be made on February 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 209. Donations of individually wrapped crackers, cookies, granola bars, gum, chips, dried fruit, macaroni and cheese, lip balm, tissues, markers, flavored water packets, etc... Please drop off at the table in the Activity Corridor.

The Coffee Corner

Visitors and New Members are invited to visit The Coffee Corner by the church office on Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. Come Share, Live and Grow one cup at a time!

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join us for the Epic of Eden Bible study in Room 207 with Kelli Eldridge from 10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Several members of the Strawbridge Sewing Bee have started knitting/crocheting prayer shawls. Some of these shawls are available for use during worship services and are located in the back of the sanctuary. Some are located for use in the prayer room. While these shawls were created for physical warmth, they were also created in prayer. Many blessings were prayed into every stitch. We are hoping that as people wrap themselves in a prayer shawl they will feel the unconditional embrace of a sheltering God.

We would like to invite the knitters and crocheters of Strawbridge to come together in a Prayer Shawl Ministry. The purpose of the Ministry is to create a supply of shawls and lap robes to be distributed throughout the church and community to those who may need a tangible reminder of

God's love; those undergoing medical procedures, comfort after a loss, during bereavement, during illness and recovery... We aspire to be an inclusive ministry; all ages, genders, secular and faith affiliations. Those who participate in this ministry could do so from the comfort of their own homes and schedules. We could meet periodically for fellowship, prayer, sharing and lunch, dinner, and or coffee.

We can provide patterns, inspiration and encouragement. So far we have been providing our own materials with some yarn having been donated to the ministry.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, have any questions or ideas, please contact Karen Chapman, at 713-805-3956 or karenchapman1207@gmail.com We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Alarm Problems?

If you have a problem or set off the alarm after hours please call the telephone numbers (in order) on the list near each of the alarm pads in the church. These are the gentlemen who will respond to your call; Dick Wagner 281-682-0970 Bill Drees 281-797-9209 and Joe Moseley 281-796-2741

Coffee with the Pastors

Will be during the Sunday school hour (10:05-11:00) in Pastor Todd's office on February 14, 2016.

SUMCYOUTH

SUMC Youth responded to the need for help at Kroger's for the Souper Bowl of Caring event last weekend. 15 Youth helped with the sale and purchase of 150 bags which are now in our Narthex. Thank you to all who participated.



Remember

If you need child care for your event, be sure to schedule it at least two weeks in advance by e-mailing Debbie Sundgren at debbie_sundgren1004@gmail.com





Our Quilting group recently went to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Galveston to present quilts. Thank you ladies for all that you do for those in need!

The following letter was also received and tells of the true gift that this ministry provides:

Sorry it has taken me so long to write to you all. Lynetta gave a quilt to me from the quilters for my mother-in-law, Sandra who has Stage 3 Lung Cancer. I was to bring it to her in Amarillo for Thanksgiving, but things got crazy and I forgot it. I didn't mail it to her until a week afterwards which ended up being the perfect timing.

She called me saying that she was home feeling sorry for herself because she was too sick and weak to get out and do Christmas shopping. Then the mail came and she opened the beautiful prayer quilt from all of you. She loved the beautiful bright colors and the warm wishes and prayers that covered her. The timing couldn't have been better.

Thank you all for the wonderful work you do in this ministry. Every time I talk to Sandra, she tears up when talking about the quilt that sweet people, who don't even know her, made. It truly was a blessing! Her treatments end at the end of February we will know then how she is progressing. Your prayers are greatly appreciated and know that I am keeping all of you in mine.

Renée Stevens



Habitat for Howard's House February 13th

The walls are up, now it is time to Raise The Roof! There are many ways to help, from construction (hammering, sawing, installing, something for everyone!), construction helpers, cleaning, food preparation and even quilting a new quilt for the homeowner to leave them with a further blessing from Strawbridge. Come on out and continue a great Strawbridge tradition of service! For more information and to sign-up, contact Neil Ryan at : sumchabitat@gmail.com or by phone at 281-361-2333.

Attendance

Sunday, January 3
 9:00 Worship 200
 11:15 Worship 163
 Sunday School 161

Sunday, January 10
 9:00 Worship 253
 11:15 Worship 197
 Sunday School 204

Sunday, January 17
 9:00 Worship 198
 11:15 Worship 172
 Sunday School 183

Sunday, January 24
 9:00 Worship 202
 11:15 Worship 166
 Sunday School 213

Sunday, January 31
 9:00 Worship 217
 11:15 Worship 178
 Sunday School 229

Welcome New Members

1/10/16 -Scott & Hope Morris, Son: Stone Morris

1/17/16 -Michael & Jason Russell-Nelson, Daughter: Jayden

Chris & Meredith Sharp, Children: Cally, Taylor and Paige

Kevin & Liz Stavens, Children: Sophia, Sam and Sarah

1/24/16 -Doug & Kara Stanford, Children: Wyatt and Quinn



Baptized
 IN THE NAME
 OF THE
 Son AND THE
 Holy Spirit

January 17, 2016

Chris Sharp

Baby Congratulations!

**Luke Addison Brown on
 January 12, 2016.**

**The proud parents are
 Kevin & Kate Brown
 and the proud grandparents are
 Steve & Judy Brown.**



Richard Wayne Bryan, III (Trip) on January 15, 2016

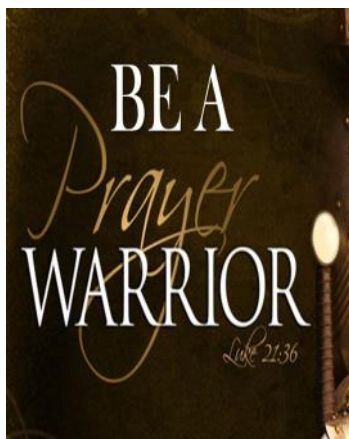
**The proud parents are Ricky and Elizabeth Bryan and
 the proud grandparents are Rick and Ann Bryan**

Andrew Cole Braud on January 15, 2016.

**The proud parents are Danny & Kimberly Braud
 and the proud grandparents are John & Carol Kolehner.**

Jasper Luke Cumby on January 18, 2016.

The proud parents are Jonathan & Felicia Cumby.



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Share the Good News!
Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline:	For Issue:
February 15th	March

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Bright Beginnings Learning Center

Bright Beginnings Learning Center (BBLC) is a ministry of Strawbridge UMC that offers toddler programs for children 18 months through two years, and preschool programs for children who are three, four, and five years old. Our program offers 2, 3 or 4 day options from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We have daily music and chapel time, with weekly activities which include science, a story teller and "Gym Bugs". Our mission is to provide creative learning experiences to stimulate children socially, emotionally, spiritually, intellectually, and physically in a loving, nurturing, Christian environment. Contact BBLC Director, Mary Jo Neidinger, at maryjo.neidinger@strawbridge-umc.org for more information.

February Birthdays

Judy Hampshire	2/1	Heather Dohse	2/11	Phyllis Graff	2/24
John Paradysz	2/1	Annie Gosney	2/12	Carlee Lisser	2/24
Isabella Rendon	2/1	Earl Wahrmund	2/13	Crosbee Lisser	2/24
Tim Thomas	2/1	Bryant Ware	2/13	Sandy Telljohann	2/24
Kelly Silewicz	2/1	Sarah Browning	2/14	Michael Reiter	2/25
Avery Netemeyer	2/1	Corbin Lisser	2/14	Bill Hampshire	2/25
Jonathan Cumby	2/1	Ron Averill	2/14	Brittany Glass	2/25
Jeffrey Vincent	2/2	Levi Sell	2/16	Caroline Bridges	2/26
Clark Bridges	2/2	Alyssa Spiller	2/16	Jennifer Bryan	2/26
Fissy Jejelowo	2/2	Isabella Vazquez	2/16	Joseph Vittitow	2/27
Michael Pubentz	2/2	Peter Bernshausen	2/17	Sara Phillips	2/27
Jim Phelan	2/2	Colleen Cotellesse	2/17	Jason Creech	2/27
David Reidy	2/3	Catherine Hill	2/17	Rachel Netemeyer	2/27
Belinda Fagin	2/3	Barry Hutzell	2/18	Piper Albertson	2/28
LaNell Anderson	2/3	Petria Ellis	2/19	Greg Abshire	2/28
Kaitlin Betts	2/3	Joe Ehrhardt	2/19	Brian Hogan	2/28
Katee Parks	2/4	Rodney Dove	2/19	Whitney Browning	2/28
Melvin Puckett	2/5	Kirk Johnson	2/20	Trish Wilson	2/28
Alex Worzel	2/5	Jeanine Mooring	2/20	Marie Perales	2/29
Kellie Bornstein	2/5	Lisa Deterding	2/20		
Churchill Couch	2/5	Karen Vick	2/20		
Genia Thorn	2/6	Sarah Musy	2/20		
Evan Rice	2/6	Kristi Gray	2/21		
Katie Zientek	2/6	Alexis Pubentz	2/21		
Leigha Spence	2/7	Don Benham	2/21		
Amy Murphy	2/7	Jean Anderson	2/21		
Josh Cash	2/8	Brian Llewellyn	2/21		
Dennis Pfeiffer	2/8	Pat Chandler	2/22		
Lynetta Campbell	2/9	Ellen Cosio	2/22		
Marilyn Mann	2/10	Katie Carter	2/22		
JD Plilar	2/10	Diane McCabe	2/22		
Emily Bauserman	2/11	Tim O'Leary	2/23		
Ashley McDonald	2/11	Kelly Rose	2/23		
Sara Michael	2/11	Ashley Newbold	2/23		
Jacob Dowd	2/11	Pierce Timko	2/23		

