

MISSION

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

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Strawbridge
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

This changes **EVERYTHING!**
Your money. Your story. Your life.

Learn God's ways of handling money with
Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*!
The average turnaround is \$8,000 in just
the first three months!

Strawbridge Class - Jan. 17 to Mar. 20, 2016

5:00 p.m. Sundays in the Great Hall

Contact Bill McMahon at 832-657-6230

Special Class Preview - Jan. 10, 5:00 pm

Childcare will be provided

HAPPENINGS AT SUMC

Mission Focus for January

The mission focus for January is the Souper Bowl of Caring. Strawbridge is launching our annual drive to collect non-perishable food items to help restock food pantries at two local assistance ministries, HAAM and The Mission Northeast. Both HAAM and The Mission Northeast were stretched to meet holiday needs, their inventories are low, but demand for their services never goes away.

Specifically, we're challenging each Strawbridge family to take two food collection bags, one for themselves, and one to give to a neighbor.

The collection period will run from Sunday, January 18th through Sunday, February 7th. Full bags can be returned to the Narthex or Porte-cochere (covered entrance near Willow Terrace).

Acts of Random Kindness

Please take a bag off of the table in the Narthex to give to someone who is in need.



If you would like to help there is a list by the table with items to donate. You may also make a monetary donation and drop it in the box on the same table. Our brochure also has ideas for other forms of Acts of Random Kindness that we can all do every day!

2nd Sunday Singout

Will be January 10th. We will be going to Rosemont from 2:30-3:00 p.m. Questions contact Pastor Laurie 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 beginning January 15th, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. January 15th will be free then after that all 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 and coffee for the moms! Bring your friends! Everyone is invited! Questions contact Stefanie Jordan at jordanfamily@suddenlink.net

Thank You Strawbridge

Once again you cleared all the names from the Giving Tree. We were able to provide over 200+ gift cards for the children at HAAM, Mission Northeast and Mission Milby.

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 one week before the event.

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!

Methodism Class

Four Week Methodism Class, Sunday Mornings from 10:05 a.m.-10:55 a.m. beginning January 10th in the Pastor's Study.

Thank you Strawbridge for making the Mission Milby Christmas party such a success. Over 50 kids and parents from Mission Milby and 12 volunteers from SUMC came to the party. We did a craft, had dinner and played games before the gift exchange. Everyone had fun! We have a picture of Will Reed and Phil Trew signing the covenant between Mission Milby and SUMC. Then there are additional pictures of SUMC volunteers, Mission Milby leaders and the wonderful children who were at the party.

Rob Webb



American Muslims – Who are they, and what do they stand for?

Join us for a conversation with our friends,
Riaz Siddiqi and Naila Qureshi about the American Muslim
experience. They will address current misperceptions about the role
of Muslims in American society, and how their faith enables them to
fully embrace and celebrate the American ethos.

January 27th - 7:00p.m.

Strawbridge Activity Center
Free - Child Care Provided

Strawbridge United Methodist Church
5629 Kingwood Drive (at Willow Terrace)
281.360.4500 www.strawbridge-umc.org

Riaz Siddiqi is a founder and Managing Partner of Denham Capital and brings more than 35 years of experience to the firm in the energy and asset management sectors. He is a volunteer pilot for Grace Flight of American Pilots for Patients and Veterans Airlift Command, and is a recipient of the Asia Society Houston Center's award for leadership in business and philanthropy. Riaz is involved in several public service causes and is the Chairman of the board of the American Pakistan Foundation, and is on the Board of Convergence. He is a member of Business Executives for National Security; an organization that works with the U.S. Government on national security matters. He has been a leading force in developing Friends of Iman's Annual Interfaith Iftar.

Naila Qureshi is an experienced and dynamic business professional with a strong track record of building collaborative relationships in customer-focused environments. Equally experienced in the corporate and nonprofit sectors, she has a solid track record in project planning and management. Naila has an exceptional background in diversity and cross-cultural understanding, including work on multi-national teams and with international clients. She is a student of nature and passionate about the preservation and sustainable initiatives for the Texas Coast wetlands; and educational and vocational training efforts for Pakistani youth. She serves as a mentor for Friends of Iman, a youth leadership initiative with a focus on interfaith understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact either

Riaz Siddiqi at rsiddiqi1@aol.com or

Naila Qureshi at nailaqureshi@sbcglobal.net

Attendance

Sunday, December 6
9:00 Worship 202
11:15 Worship 141
Sunday School 185

Sunday, December 13
9:00 Worship 316
11:15 Worship 297

Sunday, December 20
9:00 Worship 235
11:15 Worship 181
Sunday School 163

Christmas Eve,
December 24
3:00 Worship 157
5:00 Worship 473
7:00 Worship 354

Sunday, December 27
10:00 Worship 143

It's a Girl!



Mariana Lucia Partida
December 8, 2015
The proud parents are
Patrick & Stephanie
Partida
and the proud
grandparents are
Richard & Cynthia
Nielsen

Welcome New Members

Jason and Cynthia Stewart
Children:
Caroline and Suzanna



Baptized
IN THE NAME
OF THE
Father,
Son, AND THE
Holy Spirit

December 20, 2015:

Kaden Steven Champion &
Karson Matthew Champion,
Sons of Steve & Stephanie

PEACE STUDY



"And the peace of God,
which surpasses all
understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus,"

Philippians 4:7

Join Pastor Todd in the Great Hall
(Room 114) January 13th and
20th for a study on Peace.
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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Share the Good News!
Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline:	For Issue:
January 15th	February

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Thank You Strawbridge

The SUMC Staff would like to send out a huge thank you to the congregation for the generous Christmas bonus that we received! We are thankful to be part of such a loving family here at Strawbridge. Thank you again!

January Birthdays

Amanda Bleier	1/1	BJ Olonilua	1/10	Zane Barra	1/22
Gaylan Lero	1/1	Erin Eldridge	1/10	John Swank	1/23
Hunter Ott	1/1	Kimberly Boyd	1/11	Jan Sherrill	1/23
Bobbie Watts	1/1	Linsey Ellender	1/11	Emmy Albertson	1/23
Gail McNeese	1/1	Shelly Fry	1/13	Michael Oates	1/24
Donna Felts	1/1	Andrew Boyd	1/13	Chip Price	1/24
Harper Bauserman	1/2	Scott Nielsen	1/13	Neely Fansher	1/24
Amber Pieri	1/2	Bailey Raines	1/14	William Drees	1/24
Beth Chenault	1/3	Will Bauserman	1/14	Ryan Lerman	1/24
Glenda Johnson	1/3	Kacee Reuter	1/15	Meghan Musy	1/24
Julia Oefner	1/3	Pat Graham	1/15	Patrick Belflower	1/25
Hunter Robbins	1/4	LuAnn Schmidt	1/15	Justin Berner	1/26
Aidan Lyons	1/4	Joe Cayton	1/15	Bill Wesson	1/26
Abigail Lyons	1/4	Elizabeth Lewis	1/16	Susan Essick	1/26
Brett Bookout	1/4	Colleen Kuchta	1/16	Noah Johnson	1/26
William Schramm	1/4	Phil Hoener	1/16	Christina Timko	1/26
Stephanie		Michael Cosio	1/16	Elise Plilar	1/27
Champion	1/4	Adrianna Suarez	1/17	Rachel Ehrhardt	1/27
Theresa Graham	1/5	Sue Raymond	1/18	Trey Van Dyke	1/27
Thomas Bruns	1/5	Dave Wuellner	1/19	Charles Berner	1/28
Weston Mitchell	1/5	Becky Gale	1/19	Jarrett Smith	1/28
Charlotte Mowery	1/5	Nancy Ahmann	1/19	Kyle Marvin	1/28
T. Shull	1/5	Lisa Retrum	1/19	Shannon Brown	1/28
RJ Goss	1/6	Kris Tuan	1/19	Chad Lasnau	1/29
Rick Mitchell	1/7	Karen Dillewyn	1/19	Paul Fagin	1/29
Wineva Hankamer	1/7	Asher Thorn	1/19	Shane Clarke	1/30
Josie Opfer	1/7	Alan Stivers	1/20	John Gandy	1/30
David Fry	1/8	Lori Wills	1/20	Talon Benton	1/30
Brayden Hassel	1/8	Sandy Harris	1/20	Heather Lowery	1/30
Jack Paradysz	1/8	Sharon Deterding	1/21	Kelly Olsakovsky	1/31
Madison Pfeiffer	1/8	Kristi Telljohann	1/21	Garrett Wills	1/31
Bonnie Deterding	1/9	Lauren Thomson	1/21	Jonathan Grigsby	1/31
Angela Tombari	1/10	Martha Morris	1/21		
Ellen Carter	1/10	Brian Gibson	1/21		
Jane Steele	1/10	Todd Jordan	1/22		