

MISSION

SHARE GOD'S LOVE
LIVE GOD'S WORD
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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

March 2016

Palm Sunday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Children's Palm Processional with Cherub
Choir and Joyful Sounds

11:15 a.m. Children's Palm Processional
with Praise Band and Joyful Sounds

Holy Wednesday, March 23

7:00 p.m. Taize` service of singing, praying,
and scripture readings

Holy Thursday, March 24

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service of darkness with spoken
word and music from the Chancel Choir and
Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 25

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service continues
with music from the Praise Band
and The Youth present
"Via Dolorosa"
Lori Rose, Soloist

Easter Sunday, March 27

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Celebrating the Resurrection!
Chancel Choir, Praise Band,
Orchestra, and
Sounds of Strawbridge

HAPPENINGS AT SUMC

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! 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 Rev. 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 (under 1-Free). 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 April 11th 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 church office.

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.

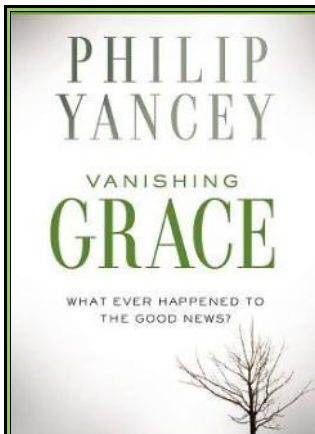
We can provide patterns, inspiration and encouragement. So far we have been providing our own materials with some yarn having been donated to the ministry.

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



Parents join your children for Sunday school on March 20th! We will have an egg hunt and party during the Sunday school hour at 10:05. If you can't make it to Sunday school, meet us in the SAC at 10:40 for the hunt. The hunt will begin at 10:45. Bring your Easter baskets and there will be egg hunts for 2 years-4th grade!

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the hunt!



Starting Sunday, April 3rd at 10:05am in the Choir Room (Room 154). Join the 8 week short term study taught by Beth Chenault and Jim Purcell

Vanishing Grace: Whatever Happened to the Good News?

As much as Christians may want others to know the good news and experience the hope of a redeemed life, the word "Christian" often arouses feelings of fear, distrust, and even hostility. As a matter of fact, surveys show that Christians are increasingly viewed as bearers of bad news, not good news. How do we begin to share God's gentle grace with a world that needs it so desperately? This study will look at ways that we might effectively communicate the good news to a culture that is running away from faith.

SAVE THE DATE

50+TRAVELERS will be going to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Houston on April 22. More information to come!

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



LIVING WATER MISSION TRIP

El Salvador October 16 – 22, 2016



WATER
FOR LIFE
IN JESUS' NAME

Over the last four years, more than three dozen different Strawbridge members have traveled to Central America with Living Water International to help drill water wells and teach hygiene in communities that have little or no access to clean water.

This fall, a team from Strawbridge will be going to El Salvador and we are currently looking for 12 folks to join us. So, you say you've never drilled a water well or taught hygiene. No problem! Absolutely no experience is required! Living Water has a great group of people working in El Salvador who will teach you everything you need to know.

Are you interested in joining or in learning more about this opportunity to serve? If so, contact Maury Sticker: 281-433-9592 or msticker@me.com



Habitat for Howard's House

The roof is up, and we are moving onto the siding. The crews are doing a fantastic job and Howard's house is really beginning to look like a home for Kristen and Kayley.

Our next build day is Saturday March 12 and we would love to have you join us.

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, February 7
9:00 Worship 240
11:15 Worship 145
Sunday School 202

Sunday, February 14
9:00 Worship 223
11:15 Worship 189
Sunday School 195

Sunday, February 21
9:00 Worship
11:15 Worship
Sunday School

Sunday, February 28
9:00 Worship
11:15 Worship
Sunday School

Welcome New Members

2/9/16 Rod & Karina Claros
Children: Thomas 1 yr.
and Uliana – 5th grade

2/25/16 Scotty & Sally Rundell



Baby Congratulations!

Avery Elizabeth Campbell
on January 18, 2016
Parents: Matt & Jessica Campbell
Grandparents: Ed & Lynetta
Campbell



William Llywelyn “Liam” Thorpe
on February 13, 2016
Parents: Ryan & Samantha Thorpe
Grandparents: Bill & Becky Thorpe.

HISTORY MAKERS

ALL YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2016

JUNE 5-11 2016 | FORT WORTH, TX

STUDENTS ARE NOW SELLING STOCK IN THE SUMC ACTIVITY
CORRIDOR. DROP BY AND PURCHASE YOUR STOCK TO
SUPPORT THE YOUTH!

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**Share the Good News!
Newsletter Submissions**

Submission Deadline:	For Issue:
March 15th	April

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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 or you can get the registration information on our website at www.strawbridge-umc.org

March Birthdays

Kelle Yoder	3/2	Melody Trambaugh	3/12	Michelle Stream	3/24
Cari Greenley	3/2	Kevin Larson	3/13	Adam Mitchell	3/24
Paul Hulse	3/2	Jeannine Jones	3/13	Matthew Rasch	3/25
Aiden Lewis	3/2	Dick Wagner	3/13	Madison Meszaros	3/25
Hope Morris	3/2	Sarah Llewellyn	3/13	Carol McKenzie	3/25
Stephanie Blado	3/2	Sarah Duncan	3/14	Andrew Livesay	3/25
Christopher		John Wilcox	3/14	Kathryn Dowd	3/26
Dickson	3/3	Raven Benton	3/14	Ed Campbell	3/26
Steven Paradysz	3/4	Sheridan McDonald	3/14	Mary Reidy	3/27
Jaxon Pappas	3/4	Steve Blado	3/14	Kent Johnston	3/27
Elena Stivers	3/5	Mary Jackson	3/15	Jeff Smith	3/27
Charles Burnett	3/5	Pat Flinn	3/15	Alexandra Mitchell	3/27
Wil Allen	3/6	Kathy Seitz	3/15	Keri Falk	3/27
Nora Armistead	3/6	Brett Sneed	3/15	Sheela Allen	3/28
Becky Tucker	3/7	Tommy Essick	3/15	Nick Eubanks	3/28
Ashlyn Smith	3/7	Susan Schramm	3/15	Kim Deterding	3/29
Jeff Trambaugh	3/7	Keith Danz	3/17	Peyton Lero	3/29
Christen Murphy	3/7	Gabby McIlroy	3/17	Susie Collins	3/30
Hillary Cuda	3/7	Ashlee Boothe	3/17	Ross Sterling	3/30
Bill McCabe	3/8	Brett Cotellesse	3/18	Claire Bugner	3/31
Brian McLeland	3/8	Alexa Garrison	3/18	Jose Rincones	3/31
Zachary Danz	3/8	Betty Johnson	3/18		
David Allen	3/9	Robert Fiske	3/18		
Pam Smith	3/9	Jessica Danz	3/18		
Trey Richardson	3/9	Ryan Hulse	3/19		
David Chenault	3/10	Cynthia Stewart	3/19		
Lauren Gray	3/10	Sonia Krafels	3/20		
Clark Merkle	3/10	Bentley Boothe	3/20		
Noah Thomas	3/10	Ian Shelton	3/20		
Gary Tucker	3/11	Michael Zalewski	3/20		
Sarah Bornstein	3/11	Andrea Ryan	3/22		
Abby Daley	3/11	Hannah Krafels	3/22		
Theresa Freeman	3/12	Chelsea Clarke	3/24		
Lou Perfetti	3/12	Kelsey Belflower	3/24		
Brian Lewis	3/12	Bill Morgan	3/24		

