

## MISSION

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

## VISION

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

April 2015

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## Habitat for Humanity

### HOWARD'S HOUSE

April's Mission Committee emphasis is Habitat for Humanity, I would like to thank the Seekers Sunday School class for spearheading a fund for Strawbridge United Methodist Church's next Habitat build in Howard's memory.

Habitat held a special place in Howard's heart. He always looked forward to SUMC's involvement in the building of a Habitat home...from the Wednesday that he would meet a few dedicated volunteers at the site, to the Saturdays he would meet a lot of volunteers at the site, and to the conclusion of dedicating the home to the new owners.

Also, thank you to our friends and family who donated money to SUMC in Howard's memory. That money will be used for the next build. Will you prayerfully consider donating to the next Habitat build during the month of April?

Hope to see you at the next ground breaking ceremony.

Sharon Deterding

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Bordersville Community Center

The Bordersville Community Center in Humble is partnering with HAAM to provide a monthly lunch for seniors in the area. Strawbridge wants to get involved! Volunteer opportunities include food preparation, food service, bingo calling, and just hanging out being friendly! The Bordersville Community Center is located at 19301 Hightower Lane, Humble,

77338. A volunteer sign-up sheet is currently in the Activity Corridor. Please contact Katie Marvin to volunteer and/or get more information at [katiesmarvin@gmail.com](mailto:katiesmarvin@gmail.com)

### Poverty: A Call to Action

What are the current facts surrounding poverty? How are we working to alleviate poverty both globally and here in Houston? Find out how you can get involved and how you can join in and support these efforts to make a difference! Town Hall meeting, Monday, April 20th 7p.m.-9p.m.,

St. Martha Activity Center, 3702 Woodland Hills Drive. Questions! Contact Trish or [trish.king@strawbridge-umc.org](mailto:trish.king@strawbridge-umc.org)

### Helping Hands- A Neighborhood Mission

This mission activity is designed to provide volunteers on a regular basis, to complete small one day projects for our neighbors in the Porter and New Caney area. Questions contact Bill Chenault at [bill.chenault@gmail.com](mailto:bill.chenault@gmail.com) or Steve Johnson at [stevejohnson-texas@gmail.com](mailto:stevejohnson-texas@gmail.com)

## OTHER HAPPENINGS AT SUMC

### OVER 50?

Then you can join us on a bus trip to the George Bush Presidential Library and museum in College Station. Wednesday, April 29th. Cost is \$9 + cost of lunch. Gather at SUMC at 8:00 a.m. for an 8:15 a.m. departure. Return to SUMC by 4:00 p.m. Sign up at the church office by calling 281-360-4500 or contact Jean at [andersonjean53@gmail.com](mailto:andersonjean53@gmail.com)

### XYZ GROUP

Join us at Cedar Landing on Saturday, April 18th, at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome, to sign up contact Sue Raymond at [sueboazraymond@comcast.net](mailto:sueboazraymond@comcast.net)

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you're going through tough times, (a job loss, family problems, a death) and would like to speak to a Stephen Minister, contact: Pastor Beth ([beth.chenault@strawbridge-umc.org](mailto:beth.chenault@strawbridge-umc.org) or 281-360-4500) or Bev Puckett ([bpuckett61950@yahoo.com](mailto:bpuckett61950@yahoo.com) or 281-360-6687).

### SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

We actually exceeded the goals set by the Blood Center for our March 15th Blood Drive. The goal for whole blood donors was 14 and we had 15. The goal for "automated" donors (red blood cells, plasma or platelets) was 3 and we had 5. Everyone who donated or attempted to donate gets a big

"ATTAPERSON"! Our next blood drive will be in June, watch for the announcement. Questions contact Skip Richardson 281-360-1164.

### AYM 2015

All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, Adults and College Students. All forms are available at the church. Please fill out your forms and return to Jon Ashley in the Student Ministries office. If you have questions please contact Jon at [jon.ashley@strawbridge-umc.org](mailto:jon.ashley@strawbridge-umc.org).

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

March 8, 2015

Henry Thomas Jones,  
 Son of Jacob & Tracy Jones

Eli George Harold Jackson,  
 Son of Jonathan &  
 Mary Jackson

Our Mission 56 Preteen group went on a mission trip to New Orleans over Spring Break. This is an awesome group of kids doing God's work! Please read the letter that Strawbridge received from the Salvation Army in New Orleans.



DOING  
 THE MOST  
 GOOD

William Booth, *Founder*  
 André Cox, *General*  
 Donald C. Bell, *Territorial Commander*  
 Lt. Colonel Mark Bell, *ARC Commander*  
 Lt. Colonel Alice Bell, *Special Services Director*  
 Major Charles Stewart, *Administrator*

March 13, 2015

Strawbridge UMC  
 5629 Kingwood Dr.  
 Kingwood, TX

Re: Grades 5 and 6 Ministry

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders,

We would like to thank you so much for visiting The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in New Orleans, Louisiana! Your visit was so refreshing to us and we really appreciate all of the hard work that you did in the short period of time that you were here.

You are an awesome group of kids that are doing the right things in life, helping others is so rewarding we pray that you continue to grow and love the Lord.

Many blessing to you, your teachers and your family.

Sincerely,

Major Charles Stewart  
 Administrator  
 The Salvation Army  
 Adult Rehabilitation Center  
 New Orleans

## Attendance

Sunday, March 1  
 9:00 Worship 199  
 11:15 Worship 168  
 Sunday School 184

Sunday, March 8  
 9:00 Worship 136  
 11:15 Worship 169  
 Sunday School 144

Sunday, March 15  
 9:00 Worship 133  
 11:15 Worship 201  
 Sunday School 160

Sunday, March 22  
 9:00 Worship 167  
 11:15 Worship 213  
 Sunday School 176

Sunday, March 29  
 9:00 Worship 219  
 11:15 Worship 192  
 Sunday School 188

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Share the Good News!  
Newsletter Submissions

<b>Submission Deadline:</b>	<b>For Issue:</b>
<b>April 15th</b>	<b>May</b>

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**Living Water Mission Trip**



**WATER  
FOR LIFE  
IN JESUS' NAME**

This fall, a team from Strawbridge UMC will be going to Honduras to help drill a water well and teach hygiene in a community that has little or no access to clean water. The team is limited to 12 people (ideally 8 drillers and 4 hygiene workers) and the openings are already starting to fill up. There are still a few openings and while October may seem far off, these openings fill up very quickly.

Absolutely no previous experience is necessary. If this sounds interesting and you'd like more information, please contact Maury Sticker. 281-433-9592 or [msticker@me.com](mailto:msticker@me.com)

**April Birthdays**

Jade Gard	4/1	Seth Dohse	4/13	Sue McMahon	4/22
Travis Maddox	4/1	Chris Burleson	4/13	Reagan Drees	4/22
Shirley White	4/2	Peter Vannauker	4/13	Pon Olonilua	4/22
Eric Pfeiffer	4/2	Annika Dillewyn	4/14	Tom Lowery	4/22
Laura Tatarzyn	4/3	Jorge Perales	4/15	Christian Rincones	4/23
William Van Dyke	4/3	TJ Olonilua	4/15	Sarah Hoose	4/23
Karson Champion	4/3	Sue Miller	4/15	Bryson Burger	4/23
Jonathan Randolph	4/3	Norma Wagner	4/15	Jane Moring	4/23
Alexandria		Brenda Smith	4/16	Linda Swank	4/24
Bernshausen	4/3	Kathy Reedy	4/16	Amy Price	4/24
Doug Gosney	4/4	Pauline Musy	4/16	Lacy Roxburgh	4/24
Parker Wills	4/4	Lori Rose	4/16	Nick Talamantes	4/25
Colin Goss	4/4	Justin Williams	4/17	Megan Betts	4/25
Elisha Smith	4/4	Clayton Strube	4/17	Kelsey Betts	4/25
Tye Roberts	4/5	Mark Kreisler	4/17	Jillian Paradysz	4/26
Addison Gray	4/6	Cheryl Pinson	4/18	Lauren Cash	4/26
Kari Schellinger	4/7	Jackson Creech	4/18	Joe Hyde	4/26
Kacey Thomson	4/8	Katie Marvin	4/19	Jaime Bromley	4/26
Carrington Lisser	4/9	Simone Belflower	4/19	Kyla Hollar	4/26
Sandra Plilar	4/9	Morgan Lipstreuer	4/19	Amy Cuda	4/27
John Reidy	4/9	Charlotte Gross	4/19	Diane Benham	4/28
David Jones	4/9	Brady Fogt	4/19	Carl Stroud	4/28
Nicole Meriano	4/10	Paul Meriano	4/19	Addison Krafels	4/28
Addison Lasnau	4/10	Karen Wuellner	4/20	Elise Murphy	4/30
Meredith Mann	4/10	Caden Kent	4/20	Uliana Claros	4/30
J.J. Williams	4/10	Mackenzie Mitchell	4/20	Richard Nielsen	4/30
Cobie Hollar	4/10	Sara Sonnier	4/20	Ellen Fagin	4/30
Julia Livesay	4/10	Kyra Vick	4/21		
David Matuschak	4/10	Liam Akins	4/21		
Melissa		Ellie Wilcox	4/21		
Christensen	4/11	Ethan Wilcox	4/21		
Kathleen Tansley	4/12	Evan Wilcox	4/21		
David Beacon	4/12	Lillian Hood	4/21		
Jill Reuter	4/12	Kristin Stalnaker	4/21		