

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

December 2015

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Christmas Concert

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Brunch

Strawbridge Activity Center

10:05-11:05 a.m.

Children's Pageant

11:15 a.m.

"*Christmas in Kid City*", presented by the Cherub Choir and Joyful Sounds with Praise Band

December 24th

Christmas Eve Services

3 p.m.

Family Christmas Eve
A Casual Service

5 and 7 p.m.
Communion and
Candlelight Christmas
Eve Services

December 27th

One worship service at
10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School

HAPPENINGS AT SUMC

Mission Focus for December

This mission focus for December is the Advent Offering - "*For It Is In Giving That We Receive*"—St. Francis of Assisi

The Strawbridge Mission Ministry receives no funding from the church's operating budget—therefore it must rely primarily on two "second-mile" offerings (Advent and Lent) to satisfy the church's commitments with these partners in mission. Please prayerfully consider your contributions to the Missions Ministry of Strawbridge. Donations maybe made online at www.strawbridge-umc.org under the Giving tab.

Living Water Trip to Honduras

On October 17-24, 2015, a team from Strawbridge made our church's fourth annual trip to Central America for Living Water International. The previous trips to El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala have been special each in their own way and this year's trip to Honduras was no exception. Our stated mission was to drill a water well and to teach hygiene and bible stories in a

community greatly in need of a source of clean water. However, the trip was about so much more than drilling a well and teaching hygiene – it was more about sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Our work site this year was in an elementary school yard, which provided many opportunities for the drill team to interact and play games with the children during break times. Of course, the hygiene team members got to be with the children most of each day.

The trip was a success in so many ways! We were blessed to be able to provide the community with a prolific water well and the hygiene team had a great time with the kids. We would like to thank Strawbridge for the generous donations of supplies in the weeks before the trip that proved very helpful with the hygiene lessons and in working with the children. While our first impression might naturally be that the community lacks a lot in material wealth, you learn very quickly they are quite well off in happiness and joy. The Living Water in-country staff is a talented and dedicated (and patient) group with a passion for their work and for the Lord.

Next year's Living Water trip will be October 16-22 to El Salvador. If you are interested in participating, contact Maury Sticker (281-433-9592 or msticker@me.com).



2nd Sunday Singout

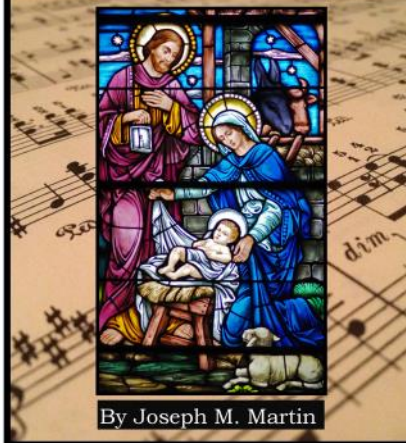
Will be the 3rd Sunday, December 20th. Come Caroling at Brookdale Kingwood, 2405 Kingwood Drive, from 3:30-4:00 p.m. Questions contact Pastor Laurie at laurie.purcell@strawbridge-umc.org

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!

DECEMBER 13TH

FESTIVAL of CAROLS



By Joseph M. Martin

December 13th- 9:00 a.m.

Featuring
Strawbridge Chancel Choir
and Orchestra

Strawbridge United Methodist Church 281-360-4500

A Children's Musical for Christmas

Christmas IN KIDCITY

Featuring
ZACH and the Minor Prophets

Presented by the
Cherub Choir and
Joyful Sounds
December 13th @11:15
with
Praise Band

Strawbridge United Methodist Church
5629 Kingwood Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339
281-360-4500

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Financial Peace University is
coming to Strawbridge in
the New Year

This isn't your typical "money class".
Financial Peace University is practical, entertaining and fun! More than 1.5 million families and individuals have taken FPU. The average family completing the course pays off \$5,300 of debt and saves \$2,700 in just 90 days. That's an \$8,000 change in position! Whether you're struggling to make ends meet or you're a millionaire, FPU has something for you.

A website has been set up for the Strawbridge class that provides a preview of this nine-week class and an opportunity to sign up. [HyperLink = http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1009063/atid/1_in] We will also be having an Information Night on January 10, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Great Hall.

For more information, contact [Bill McMahon](mailto:bill.mcmahon82@yahoo.com)
@bill.mcmahon82@yahoo.com.

The Strawbridge class will run from
January 17 to March 20, 2016

Sundays in the Great Hall
5:00 pm to 6:45 pm



Attendance

Sunday, November 1
 9:00 Worship 210
 11:15 Worship 191
 Sunday School 210

Sunday, November 8
 9:00 Worship 223
 11:15 Worship 200
 Sunday School 187

Sunday, November 15
 9:00 Worship 183
 11:15 Worship 206
 Sunday School 189

Sunday, November 22
 9:00 Worship 187
 11:15 Worship 189
 Sunday School 179

Sunday, November 29
 9:00 Worship 176
 11:15 Worship 160
 Sunday School 171

It's a Boy!



Levi Weston Deerhake
 born on
November 28, 2015.
 The proud mom is
Kristen Deerhake
 and the proud
 grandparents are
**Jeff & Debbie
 Deerhake.**

Welcome New Members

November 8, 2015

**Brian & Emily Gibson
 and their children
 Lauren & Rachel**

**Ashley Reneau
 and her children Emmy,
 Kennedy & Piper Albertson**

Daphne Harris

Stephanie Cox



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

Chloe Marie Schuck on 11/8/15,
 Daughter of Brad & Jennifer Schuck

Thank you so much to all the Volunteers who helped make Kids and 56 Ministry a grand success! It was a fantastic year and looking forward to a wonderful 2016! If you are not involved in Children or Preteen do so this year. You will be blessed!



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Share the Good News!
Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline:	For Issue:
December 15th	January

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Thank Fest 2015

Strawbridge United Methodist Church and Stop Hunger Now worked together on November 8, 2015 to prepare over 25,000 rice and bean meals for distribution to individuals worldwide. This will be a yearly event at Strawbridge for sharing and caring for those in need. Join us in 2016 to prepare more than ever!

December Birthdays

Rod Claros	12/1	Kelly Sitton	12/16	Harold McLallen	12/30
Catherine Rice	12/1	Lauren Deerhake	12/16	Becky Dietrich	12/30
Kim Rabalais	12/2	Cory Rabalais	12/18	Amanda Hogan	12/30
Daniel Johnson	12/3	Dennis Wycoff	12/18	Emerson Jackson	12/30
James Perales	12/4	Isla Ketchey	12/18	Stephanie Merkle	12/31
Jake Spence	12/6	Nancy Garcia	12/18	Patrick Mccullough	12/31
Sarah Vannauker	12/6	Kate Mosel	12/19	Scott Murray	12/31
Meredith Ehrhardt	12/6	Adam Mowery	12/19	Sarah Murray	12/31
Ashley Browning	12/6	Terri Sticker	12/19	Steve Johnson	12/31
Theresa Bruns	12/7	William Thorpe	12/19		
Chuck Essick	12/7	Donna Sitton	12/19		
Bailey Blakemore	12/7	Bill Chenault	12/20		
Carter Green	12/7	Olivia Cash	12/20		
Theresa Cayton	12/8	Heather Shull	12/21		
Steve McKenzie	12/8	Lauren Herink	12/22		
Gene Stephan	12/8	Phoebe Dillewyn	12/22		
Monica Brown	12/9	Emily Netemeyer	12/22		
Darlene Elston	12/9	Ellen Larson	12/23		
Mallory Michael	12/9	Blake Thomas	12/24		
LeeAnne Kortus	12/9	Matthew McDonald			
Henry Jones	12/9		12/24		
Dick White	12/10	Sandy Trew	12/24		
Chris Boothe	12/10	Meredith Gosselin	12/25		
Kent Lyons	12/11	Melanie Johnston	12/25		
John Christensen	12/11	Ben Browning	12/25		
John Vittitow	12/11	Shirley Nelson	12/27		
Colton Meszaros	12/13	Shelby Westover	12/28		
Tate Harris	12/13	Ashley Kreischer	12/28		
Laurie Bridges	12/14	Spencer Jordan	12/28		
Karen Wagner	12/14	Kierston Val	12/28		
Kathie Perfetti	12/14	Leslie Wahrmond	12/28		
Rick Felts	12/14	Kaden Champion	12/29		
Kelsey Bright	12/15	Charlotte Christian	12/29		
Amy Slaughter	12/15	Alberto Meszaros	12/29		
Tom Hopkins	12/16	Barbara Hall	12/30		