

**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**

April 2016

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**MISSION MOMENT  
FOR APRIL**

**LIVING WATER MISSION TRIP  
El Salvador October 16 – 22, 2016**

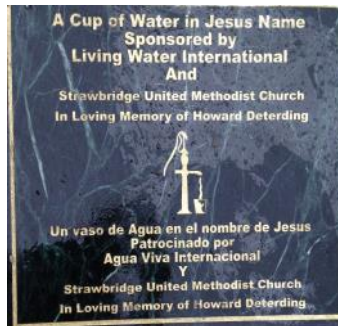


WATER  
FOR LIFE  
IN JESUS'  
NAME

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

Although the trip to El Salvador is still six months away, our team is already forming! We are limited to 12 for the team – 8 drillers and 4 hygiene teachers. No experience is necessary. You can find more information at the Missions table in the hallway next to room 151.

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](mailto:msticker@me.com)



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### Bordersville

Our next time to take lunch to Bordersville is Thursday, April 14th. We are in need of these types of Bingo Prizes: Personal care items such as soap, lotions, powder, toothpaste, etc. Soft Toilet paper, facial tissue, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, dish soap, scrubbers, Gift baskets of combinations of above suggestions. If you have any questions or would like to help with this ministry, please contact Katie Marvin at [katiesmarvin@gmail.com](mailto:katiesmarvin@gmail.com)



**50+TRAVELERS**  
Will be going to the **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Houston on April 22**. Meet at the church, leave by 8:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. We will have lunch at Kelley's. Sign-up in the Activity Corridor. This event is free but you will need to purchase your lunch.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**EVENTS FOR**  
**50+TRAVELERS**

**ASTROS vs.**  
**OAKLAND A's**  
**JUNE 5TH**

**GEORGE RANCH**  
**OCTOBER 12TH**

If you have any questions contact Jean Anderson at [andersonjean53@gmail.com](mailto:andersonjean53@gmail.com)

## M&M Trip 2016: FEARLESS

The 5th and 6th graders traveled to New Orleans, LA, for a Mission trip during Spring break. The trip is called "M&M" (Mission and a Mystery). During the week we worked with the youth group from Heritage UMC in Broken Arrow, OK, to work at I Love UMC. At the church we helped repaint the church van, paint the church, work on the yard and clean classrooms. We also served an afternoon at the Salvation Army, where men can go for Drug Rehabilitation. As a surprise on Wednesday we traveled to Gulf Shores for two nights! Below are the responses from the preteens on where they saw God work during the week!

I learned that God is with us through fear and through the happiest of times.

-Damian, 6th grader

I saw God work this week when everyone was inspired the first second we arrived!

-Elizabeth, 5th grader

I saw God in meeting a lot of new friends.

-Hannah, 6th grader

God helped me get along with friends.

-Chris, 6th grader

I saw God when we worshipped with the older kids. When we did Bible study with all the girls and learned more about each other.

-Charlotte, 5th grader

The best thing I learned that all of us fear things. I also learned how to interact with others and to never judge people by the cover. I saw God when everyone was laughing and bonding.

-Madi, 6th grader

God gave me the strength to work and make friends.

-Connor, 6th grader

I saw God work with us this week when we were working at the church. I saw God with us at the church because we all got along. I made new friends and learned that God is fearless and he will always be there in the hardest of times.

-Luke, 5th grader

I saw God when we were learning the hardships of the church's life.

-Emma, 6th grader

God showed me that I wasn't alone and I made new friends. I saw God bring us closer together.

I saw God when Rev. Beth Tu'uta, told us the history of her church and when I made new friends. I also thank God for Pastor Emily for trusting us enough to go to Gulf Shores.

-Amanda, 6th grader

I figured out that we all have emotions and we can share our feelings within our group and that we won't be made fun of.

-Annika, 5th grader





**Saturday, April 23rd**

**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Adults (18 and over)**

**Max Team Size = 8**

**Childcare & Activities for children up to 6th grade provided**

**Cost: Adult: \$15      Child: \$5**

**Family Cap: \$50**

**Includes dinner and desserts will be auctioned.**

**All proceeds go to All Youth Mission Trip**

**Sign-up by Sunday, April 17th.**

**Sign-up in the Activity Corridor or in your Sunday School Class**

**COFFEE WITH THE**



**PASTORS**

All visitors and new members are invited to get to know our Pastors better. On second Sundays, come to Pastor Todd's study during the Sunday school hour to chat and have coffee and pastries with the Pastors. Our next coffee will be April 10th.

# 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

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**Welcome New Members**

**2/28/16**  
Jim and Jane Wise

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 6  
9:00 Worship 232  
11:15 Worship 204  
Sunday School 175

Sunday, March 20  
9:00 Worship 228  
11:15 Worship 197  
Sunday School 144

Sunday, March 13  
9:00 Worship 138  
11:15 Worship 194  
Sunday School 146

Sunday, March 27  
9:00 Worship 451  
11:15 Worship 458  
Sunday School 69

**Benjamin Anthony Lasnau**  
**on March 13, 2016**  
**Son of Chad & Kari Lasnau**

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

# HISTORY MAKERS

## ALL YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2016

JUNE 5-11 2016 | FORT WORTH, TX

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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>

**Strawbridge United  
Methodist Church Staff**

**SENIOR PASTOR**

THE REV. DR. TODD JORDAN

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

THE REV. BETH CHENAULT

**CHILDREN'S MINISTER**

THE REV. EMILY BANKSTON

**MINISTER OF MUSIC**

THE REV. LAURIE PURCELL

**Director of Bright Beginning**

**Learning Center**

Mary Jo Neidinger

**Director of Children's Choirs**

Jennifer Lewis

**Director of Communications**

Anna Raines

**Director of Contemporary Music**

Matt Gabaldon

**Director of Discipleship & Spiritual**

**Formation**

Trish King

**Director of Hospitality and  
Young Adults Ministries**

Michelle Ashley

**Director of Student Ministries**

Jon Ashley

**Director of Visual Arts**

Jeff Rose

**Organist**

Zane Barra

**Sound Engineer**

David Vavra

**Nursery Coordinator**

Debbie Sundgren

**Office/Financial Manager**

Ann Bryan

**Church Administrative Assistant**

Sandra Plilar

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**April Birthdays**

Jade Gard	4/1	Jorge Perales	4/15	Jane Moring	4/23
Shirley White	4/2	TJ Olonilua	4/15	Barb Averill	4/23
Eric Pfeiffer	4/2	Sue Miller	4/15	Sarah Hoose	4/23
Laura Tatarzyn	4/3	Norma Wagner	4/15	Bryson Burger	4/23
William Van Dyke	4/3	Brenda Smith	4/16	Linda Swank	4/24
Karson Champion	4/3	Kathy Reedy	4/16	Amy Price	4/24
Jonathan Randolph	4/3	Lori Rose	4/16	Lacy Abshire	4/24
Alexandria		Pauline Worth	4/16	Ed Davis	4/25
Bernshausen	4/3	Justin Williams	4/17	Megan Betts	4/25
Doug Gosney	4/4	Mark Kreischer	4/17	Kelsey Betts	4/25
Liz Stavens	4/4	Clayton Strube	4/17	Nick Talamantes	4/25
Parker Wills	4/4	Cheryl Pinson	4/18	Jillian Paradysz	4/26
Colin Goss	4/4	Jackson Creech	4/18	Lauren Cash	4/26
Elisha Smith	4/4	Katie Marvin	4/19	Joe Hyde	4/26
Tye Roberts	4/5	Simone Belflower	4/19	Jaime Bromley	4/26
Addison Gray	4/6	Morgan Lipstreuer	4/19	Kyla Hollar	4/26
Kari Schellinger	4/7	Charlotte Gross	4/19	Amy Cuda	4/27
Kacey Thomson	4/8	Brady Fogt	4/19	Madilynn Boothe	4/27
John Reidy	4/9	Paul Meriano	4/19	Addison Krafels	4/28
Sandra Plilar	4/9	Karen Wuellner	4/20	Diane Benham	4/28
Carrington Lisser	4/9	Caden Kent	4/20	Carl Stroud	4/28
David Jones	4/9	Sara Sonnier	4/20	Mikel	
Nicole Meriano	4/10	Mackenzie Mitchell	4/20	Russell-Nelson	4/29
Addison Lasnau	4/10	Ellie Wilcox	4/21	Elise Murphy	4/30
Meredith Mann	4/10	Ethan Wilcox	4/21	Uliana Claros	4/30
Cobie Hollar	4/10	Evan Wilcox	4/21	Richard Nielsen	4/30
David Matuschak	4/10	Liam Akins	4/21	Ellen Fagin	4/30
Melissa		Kyra Vick	4/21		
Christensen	4/11	Lillian Hood	4/21		
Kathleen Tansley	4/12	Kristin Stalnaker	4/21		
Jill Reuter	4/12	Sue McMahon	4/22		
Seth Dohse	4/13	Reagan Drees	4/22		
Chris Burleson	4/13	Pon Olonilua	4/22		
Peter Vannauker	4/13	Tom Lowery	4/22		
Annika Dillewyn	4/14	Christian Rincones	4/23		

