

MISSION

SHARE GOD'S LOVE
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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

August 2015

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FAMILY PROMISE

August Mission Focus

Strawbridge hosted 3 families from Family Promise during the week of June 7, 2015. At least 74 individuals from our church helped in this effort and we want to extend our thanks to each one of these folks for sharing Christian care and love in a meaningful and personal way with our guests. We should mention that there were several new volunteers this past month and that future participation from all in our church is welcomed.

The volunteer corps was quite an eclectic mix that included individuals, entire families, some Sunday School classes (at least three new ones) and a Girl Scout Troop. Special thanks go to the group from the Men's Sunday School Class who prepared a great breakfast for our guests on Saturday, June 13th. As always, thanks are extended to those volunteers that are long term participants. Another thank-you goes to Barbara Goodwin of a new, non-profit mission "Have Shears Will Travel" who came to SUMC and provided haircuts for four of our guests.

A graduation party was held on July 10th for one of our guest families at Friendship UMC, in Porter. Two more families are expected to graduate soon so please look out for details as things progress.

The next time SUMC will host Family Promise is from September 6 to September 13, 2015. Sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities for the September host time will be available Sundays beginning in August. Look for reminders during our worship services on days when the sign-up sheets will be available. Please note that Labor Day falls during this rotation and volunteers for early in our host week will be especially welcome due to the large number of our church membership that will be away during this time. Our final hosting week of the year will be during the week of December 6, 2015 to December 13, 2015.

Charlie Burnett
Family Promise Coordinator



HAPPENINGS AT SUMC

MERRY WIDOWS

will be meeting on August 5th for an 11:30 a.m. lunch at Sharkey's. Join us for some wonderful fellowship and fun! Questions contact Trish King at trish.king@strawbridge-umc.org

XYZ GROUP

will go to Hoffbrau Steak House (FM 1314 in Porter) on Saturday, August 15th at 4:30 p.m. Questions contact Trish King at trish.king@strawbridge-umc.org

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

Come to Pastor Todd's office during the Sunday school hour (10:05-11:05) 2nd Sunday's each month to chat about the mission and ministry of Strawbridge UMC. Our next coffee will be August 9th.

ACOLYTES NEEDED!

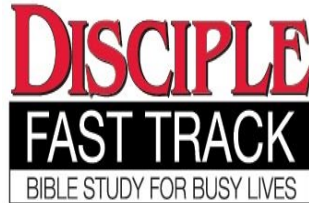
As we begin a new school year, acolytes and cross bearers are needed for each worship service. This service opportunity is open to students in 1st-6th grade. Younger students carry in the cross, while those in 3rd-6th grade light the candles. Students typically serve 1-2

times per month. If you are interested, please email Rebecca Pubentz at mpubentz@hotmail.com with your child's name, grade they are entering, and service you typically attend. We will hold a training in early September.

KIDS 1ST

SUMC 5-7 p.m.

Come join us for fellowship and fun! Friends are always welcome. Kids 1st is a ministry for all 3rd & 4th graders that meets the 1st Sunday each month.



DISCIPLE FAST TRACK

will be offered Wednesday nights in the fall here at SUMC. This 24 week class will begin September 16th in Room 151 from 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. This class requires 20-30 minutes of daily reading/study and then we will gather on Wednesday nights to watch a video review and to discuss the major themes for that week. You can find more information online at disciplefasttrack.com. If you are interested (or have

questions), contact Kyle Marvin at kyle@k4marvin.net or look for the sign-up sheet in the Activity Corridor.

PRAYER ROOM

Strawbridge is blessed to have a Prayer Room. This room is a place of quiet, serenity and peace. It is available any time the church is open, during office hours and in the evenings when other events or meetings take place. The prayer room is located on the second floor in Room 205, directly across from the elevator. Should the prayer room be occupied and you feel the need for private prayer you are invited to pray in the Sanctuary. God is waiting... He's wanting to visit with you!



Attendance

Sunday, June 7
 9:00 Worship 152
 1:15 Worship 219
 Sunday School 153

Sunday, June 14
 9:00 Worship 176
 11:15 Worship 266
 Sunday School 154

Sunday, June 21
 9:00 Worship 184
 11:15 Worship 191
 Sunday School 122

Sunday, June 28
 9:00 Worship 128
 11:15 Worship 240
 Sunday School 134

Strawbridge All Church BASH

Aug.
 23rd

10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Ministry Fair
 (Strawbridge Activity Center)
 12:00 p.m. Lunch

The whole church family is invited to JOIN US for a great way to end your summer! Attend WORSHIP, stop by the MINISTRY FAIR, grab some FOOD, and play some GAMES!

MINISTRY FAIR
 FUN FOOD GAMES

BASH ACTIVITIES

Children's Ministry

Balloons,
 Water Games
 (bring your suit)

Youth Ministry

75ft Obstacle Course

Ministry Fair

All are invited to come to the Ministry Fair in the Strawbridge Activity Center. Even if you volunteer all the time, we still need you to fill out the yellow card and drop it in a basket (which are located around the church).

Find your place to volunteer at SUMC!

Lunch

(Strawbridge Activity Center)

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Share the Good News!
Newsletter Submissions

| Submission | For |
|-------------|-----------|
| August 15th | September |

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Remember to sign in and out at the desk by the office every time that you come in or out of the church after hours. Also, enter and exit out of the door by the office. We need to insure that everyone is able to be located in the building at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

August Birthdays

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|--------------------|------|-----------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Stephanie Nielsen | 8/1 | Patsy Hyde | 8/11 | Shannon George | 8/22 |
| Louann Stroud | 8/1 | Tyler McLeod | 8/12 | Rustin Keel | 8/22 |
| Jeffrey Rose | 8/2 | Spencer Walton | 8/12 | Matthias Bowman | 8/23 |
| Lauren Ostrowski | 8/2 | John Reuter | 8/13 | Lisa Caviness | 8/24 |
| Joel Zalewski | 8/2 | Jeffrey Reuter | 8/13 | Chandler Boyd | 8/24 |
| Andrew Keel | 8/2 | Claire Mitchell | 8/14 | Harrison Boyd | 8/24 |
| Christian Hill | 8/2 | Ethan Simmons | 8/14 | Lucas Hoener | 8/25 |
| Tony Shull | 8/2 | Jerry Raymond | 8/14 | Carsen Creech | 8/25 |
| Matthew Opfer | 8/3 | Rachel Schramm | 8/14 | Steve Greenley | 8/25 |
| Maria Vaughan | 8/3 | Cindy Welborn | 8/14 | Chuck Rollo | 8/26 |
| Michael Dowd | 8/3 | Sherry Burger | 8/14 | Laurie Purcell | 8/26 |
| Marita Mathews | 8/3 | Zachary Bridger | 8/14 | Mollie Ross | 8/27 |
| William King | 8/5 | Krista Nielsen | 8/14 | Beau Price | 8/27 |
| Sydney Hulse | 8/5 | Megan Keel | 8/14 | Kimberly Parks | 8/27 |
| George Newbold | 8/6 | Mike Genter | 8/15 | Terry Walker | 8/27 |
| Bode Olonilua | 8/6 | Ashley Suarez | 8/15 | Cindy Yung | 8/27 |
| Lion Benton | 8/7 | Galen Dillewyn | 8/15 | Cathy Mann | 8/28 |
| Karyn Romeis | 8/7 | Mahayla Kissman | 8/15 | Benjamin Reynolds | 8/28 |
| Elizabeth Randolph | 8/7 | Aaron Clark | 8/16 | Tracey Gibbs | 8/28 |
| Graham Ioerger | 8/8 | Landon Simmons | 8/16 | Jessica Harrison | 8/28 |
| Carolyn Ruth | 8/8 | Blake Sterling | 8/16 | Elizabeth Genter | 8/29 |
| Scott Ostrowski | 8/8 | Matthew Johnson | 8/16 | Austin Bridger | 8/29 |
| Ann Lee | 8/8 | Hayley Sargent | 8/16 | Bruce Kreischer | 8/29 |
| Martin Schramm | 8/8 | Pierce Ware | 8/16 | Terry Brown | 8/29 |
| Pam Val | 8/8 | Julia Ioerger | 8/16 | Barbara Murray | 8/30 |
| Patrick Gardner | 8/9 | Millie Garrison | 8/16 | Ed Brown | 8/30 |
| Jill Hoose | 8/9 | Carol Matuschak | 8/17 | Sydney Ware | 8/30 |
| Aurelia Strzeppek | 8/9 | Melissa Flores | 8/17 | Elizabeth Campbell | 8/30 |
| Steven Lightfoot | 8/9 | Kyle Pinson | 8/18 | Erica Rendon | 8/30 |
| Elijah Strzeppek | 8/9 | Abbie Pinson | 8/18 | Brian Welborn | 8/31 |
| Brock Hopkins | 8/10 | Michael Yoder | 8/18 | Chris Fogt | 8/31 |
| Lucy Silewicz | 8/10 | Anna Raines | 8/19 | Donna Ullrich | 8/31 |
| Katherine Wilson | 8/10 | Lisa Ritch | 8/20 | Maury Sticker | 8/31 |
| Jacob Mayfield | 8/11 | Sam Roxburgh | 8/20 | Ian Thorn | 8/31 |
| Guy Gray | 8/11 | Debbie Deerhake | 8/21 | Lesla Carter | 8/31 |
| Adelynn Bennett | 8/11 | Cooper Vick | 8/21 | | |
| Vera Flores | 8/11 | Lisa Paul | 8/22 | | |