

MISSION
 SHARE GOD'S LOVE
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VISION
 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

July 2015

MEN'S WEEKEND AT SUMC

Men's Breakfast with Rabbi Dan Gordon– June 20th



The men's breakfast was treated to a story telling experience lead by our guest speaker Rabbi Dan Gordon from Temple Beth Torah located in nearby Humble Texas.

He is a professional story teller, and in no time he had the attention and intense interest of everyone present. What is the Jewish Bible was the first question, and soon we were drawn into the excitement and traditions of the Jewish people. Stories, stories, stories, is the way in which he explained the 5 main books of the Bible (known as the Torah). He then went on to describe how the other parts of the Jewish Bible continue to explain and embellish them.

What are the 3 most important things a father must teach his children?

1. Worship God and Study His Word
2. A trade to support themselves
3. And?
4. What do you think would be very important?
5. That's right: Swimming!

And the stories go on; to explain life, how to live it and how to learn. This is all so much a part of the Jewish people; a part that is perhaps not always seen by the world's other peoples.

While listening to Rabbi Dan speak, I found myself enthralled by the way he voiced all the many questions that were going through my mind as he continued. The Jewish people are people who are always asking questions, and demanding answers. I guess that is what made me so excited and wanting to know more and more.

For all those who attended, we were deeply blessed and for sure came away with a reason and a sense of urgency to understand our own Christian beliefs in a deeper and more meaningful way. The Jewish people set aside Saturdays as a day of study, can we as Christians learn a lesson?

We give a big thank you to Rabbi Dan, Jerry Raymond and the leaders of the Men's Bible Class for sponsoring this men's gathering.

James Matuschak

Car Show –June 21

Father's Day weekend was capped off with a car show. Thanks go to Jerry Raymond for bringing this to SUMC.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES At SUMC

JULY MISSION FOCUS

Strawbridge donations provide financial support for Krist Samaritan Center, a Houston-based, not-for-profit, faith-based organization that provides affordable counseling services, psychological testing, psychiatric consultation and educational programs to people of all economic backgrounds in addition to training for clergy and mental health professionals.



July 10th-Family Promise Graduation Party-at Friendship UMC, 7:00 p.m., 22388 Ford Road, in Porter, Tx 77365. Please join us to give Carrie and her children a send off to their new home! If you would like to donate items for this family contact Corena at 281-734-4172.

Bordersville Community Center

The Bordersville Community Center in Humble is partnering with HAAM to provide a monthly lunch for seniors in the area.

Strawbridge is involved! So join us as we serve food, mingle with the guests, and play bingo. Volunteer opportunities include food preparation, food service, bingo calling, and just hanging out being friendly! This is a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with others. The Bordersville Community Center is located at 19301 Hightower Lane, Humble. Please contact Katie Marvin to volunteer and/or get more information at katiesmarvin@gmail.com

OTHER HAPPENINGS AT SUMC



50+Travelers off to see the Astros vs. Arizona Diamondbacks Sunday, August 2nd. The bus will leave SUMC at 11:20 am (after 1st service and classes) and will drop off at the stadium entrance. \$27 per person (includes lunch credit of \$15 and "Power Club seats"). Sign up in Activity Corridor or call the church office at 281-360-4500. Payment has to be made in office by July 17th.



Third Annual Clothing Drive for Area Schools in Need at SUMC

Help us help children have an awesome first day of school and a successful school year with gently used clothing or new clothing. The Missions Committee will

provide a box in the foyer located by the coffee and donuts for your clothing donations. We are looking for pants, shorts, dresses, skirts, shirts, socks, underwear, coats, and sweaters for ages pre-K-5th grade.

We will be collecting donations the entire month of July. The area schools appreciate your donations. Over the last two years, Strawbridge has provided clothing for over 100 families in the Humble area. For additional information please contact Cheryl Burnett at cheryldburnett@hotmail.com or Marilyn Mann at mommymarilynn@hotmail.com.



Save the date for our next Blood Drive which will be held on July 26th from 8:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. in the Strawbridge parking lot. You can sign up on Sunday, July 12th and Sunday, July 19th here at SUMC in the Activity Corridor. You may also donate on a "walk-in" basis. Besides making a life-saving difference in as many as three

lives for each donation, there are other rewards and incentives for "Commit for Life" donors. Please consider doing something self-less this summer - be a blood donor and save a life. Contact Skip Richardson at 281-360-1164



Strawbridge United Methodist Women present a new study facilitated by Rev. Laurie Purcell. Wednesday mornings 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Room 151. July 22nd through September 2nd. Journey through this 7 session study with themes of unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more. Modern-day believers in Jesus Christ can learn much from these treasured Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy with God.

Childcare will be provided. Sign up in the Activities Corridor.

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

June 14, 2015

Ethan Kyle Simmons &
 Dylan Hunter Simmons,
 sons of Elisa Simmons

New Members:

Joined 6/28/15:

Michael & Amber McIlroy and Gabby

New Birth

Benjamin Anthony Lasnau on June 11, 2015
 The proud parents are Chad & Kari Lasnau

Children's Ministry



Strawbridge was so blessed to have such an awesome VBS in June. There were over 150 children involved this year! We want to send out a huge thank you to all of those who volunteered to make this such a special event for 2015.

Attendance

Sunday, June 7
 9:00 Worship 176
 11:15 Worship 266
 Sunday School 154

Sunday, June 14
 9:00 Worship 152
 11:15 Worship 219
 Sunday School 153

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



Attention K-4th graders (grade completed) join us for a special Sunday school series July 5-August 16! There will be cooking, crafts, science and more! We will meet each Sunday in the SAC! 10:05-11:05 am. 3 and 4 year olds go to Room 101

If you have any questions contact Pastor Emily at emily.bankston@strawbridge-umc.org

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Newsletter Submissions

Submission	For
July 15th	August

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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.

July Birthdays

Karen Pfeiffer	7/1	Matt Gabaldon	7/10	Joy Tuan	7/22
Grant Walton	7/1	Susan		Todd Mosel	7/23
Scott Berner	7/1	Blakemore	7/11	Gloria Harvey	7/23
Nick Gosney	7/1	Gary Burleson	7/11	Lauren Drees	7/23
Larry Gross	7/2	Daniel Dowd	7/11	Nick Deerhake	7/23
Kelly Roxburgh	7/2	Rebecca		Keith Pinson	7/24
Reid Fagin	7/3	Pubentz	7/12	Karen Matherly	7/24
Missy Johnson	7/3	Angela		Julie Wright	7/24
Ann Reubin	7/3	Lightfoot	7/12	Paul Mowery	7/24
Sean Linton	7/3	Ruth Blick	7/12	Jeremy	
Kris Mosel	7/3	Briget Shull	7/12	Welborn	7/25
CiCi Strube	7/3	Fisayo Jejelowo	7/13	Barry	
Carl Mayfield	7/3	John Bridger	7/13	Vannauker	7/25
Liza Tuan 7/4		Marsha Wycoff	7/13	Kelly Snyder	7/25
Lucy Webb	7/4	Gerald		Kyle Sneed	7/25
Steve Wilson	7/5	Mathews	7/13	Brendan	
Austin Robbins	7/5	Erin Robbins	7/14	Reynolds	7/26
Hudson Yoder	7/6	Jack		Emily Munger	7/26
Jessica Sherrill	7/6	Schwabenlander	7/14	Nathan Hoener	7/26
Zoey Lewis	7/6	David Hogan	7/17	Shirley Thomas	7/26
Alex Gorham	7/6	Hanna Felton	7/18	Doris Vorholt	7/27
Lauren		David McClellan	7/18	Elizabeth	
Llewellyn	7/7	Charlotte		Stierwald	7/27
Jennifer Lewis	7/8	Pubentz	7/18	Owen Hamilton	7/27
Lauren Ullrich	7/8	Dan Wills	7/18	Mike Sonnier	7/27
Erland		Larry Thomson	7/19	Riley Dohse	7/28
Weemering	7/8	Kristi Kreischer	7/19	Elizabeth	
Bill Harvey	7/8	Lindsey Murphy	7/19	Sterling	7/29
Meredith Boyd	7/8	Sarah Yoder	7/21	Laurie Jones	7/29
Julie Lairson	7/9	Brian Berner	7/21	Laurie Zalewski	7/29
Kayla Marvin	7/9	Catie Pieri	7/21	Michael Lerman	7/29
Verna		Daniel Snyder	7/21	Catherine	
St. Andrie	7/9	Kristen Phillips	7/21	Christian	7/29
Meredith		Richard Bryan	7/22	Casey Hill	7/29
Reynolds	7/9	Judson Johnson	7/22	Laney Collins	7/30
Jim Telljohann	7/9	Riley Grizzle	7/22	Victoria	
Brandi Couch	7/10	Toni Capaletti	7/22	Lightfoot	7/31