

## 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

July 2016

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## MISSION MOMENT FOR JULY

### Strawbridge has MORE Talent

We all know SUMC has a lot of talent in many areas, from musical to hands on areas including Habitat houses, local home repairs, AYM, Living Water and many more. But did you know we have a lot of talented members that can quilt, sew, knit and crochet? We have several sewing ministries including our sewing bee that has made all of the new paraments and vestments. Pillow cases and embroidered bags have been made for orphanages and senior homes. Knitters and members who crochet have made the prayer shawls found at the back of the sanctuary and in the chapel.

We also have our Interfaith Quilters. This group was formed in 2001. Initially it was to represent SUMC at the annual Interfaith Quilt Bee held at the Mormon church. But we have grown into so much more! We have members that do not sew or quilt, but can run an iron or scissors with great skill. All with a helping heart are welcome.

Our Quilts are used to wrap anyone who needs to be warmed physically, spiritually and emotionally. We pray over them as we are working and then have them blessed by SUMC. Some of our recipients have been: SUMC Habitat homeowners, Family Promise, Mission Northeast, Family Time, Shriners Burn Hospital, Dell Children's Hospital, Village Learning Center, Mothers Against Cancer, a breast cancer golf tournament, an orphanage in Angola, cancer patients, Alzheimer and memory care patients, and Elm Grove Elementary School. We have a lot of fun, fellowship and faith. If you feel called to join us, we would love to have you! Please contact: Kathy Ryan at [Ryan1619@gmail.com](mailto:Ryan1619@gmail.com) or Lynetta Campbell at [lkcampbell@aol.com](mailto:lkcampbell@aol.com)



## HAPPENINGS AT SUMC

### Office Closure July 4th

The church Business office will be closed July 4, 2016. In case of emergency, please call 281-360-4500. A Pastor will be on call. The office will reopen July 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

### Merry Widows

Join the Merry Widows at Sharkey's on Wednesday, July 6th at 11:30 a.m. Looking forward to seeing you there at the Harbor.

### XYZ Group (55+)

Will be going to Los Cucos Mexican Cafe on Saturday, July 16th at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome!

### 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

Join us as we go to Bordersville on June 9th from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We will serve lunch to the senior citizens who attend monthly, play bingo and visit. If you are interested contact

Katie Marvin at 281-948-1178 or  
katiesmarvin@gmail.com

### Acts of Random Kindness

The bags are available in the Narthex, please feel free to take one to someone you feel might be in need!

### Backyard VBS at Elm Grove

August 1-3 at Elm Grove Elementary. Volunteers are needed to help with this amazing ministry. Questions contact Pastor Emily at emily.bankston@strawbridge-umc.org

### Feed My Lambs

Meets third Thursdays during the year. We will meet July 21st at White Oak apartments community room at 10:15 a.m. We won't have Feed My Lambs in August but we will begin again on September 15th.

### Book Club

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Mary Lynne Weemering at mlw02@earthlink.net

### Men of Strawbridge

If you are not currently involved with a Sunday school class, you might want

to check us out. We meet in Room 212 every Sunday at 10:05 a.m.-11:05 a.m.

The Men's Breakfast was a great success with 25-30 men in attendance. Officer Price put on a great presentation on Run-Hide-Fight. He explained what to do in case of a home invasion or a shooting attack outside the home.

For more information on our class or future men's events contact Jerry Raymond at 281-318-2125 or jerryraymond@comcast.net.

### Interfaith Event

The 6th Annual Interfaith Event was held here at SUMC on June 14, 2016. We had an excellent turnout with a wonderful meal which was provided by the Friends of Iman. We all need a little Iman. Friends of Iman is on Facebook and Twitter! In addition here is a link to look at pictures of the event: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/142738022@N06/albums>

### Children's Ministries

Vacation Bible School here at SUMC was just over the top this year with 230 children in attendance. We want to thank all of the adult and youth volunteers that make VBS such a success for our community. Be on the lookout next year for another awesome adventure here at SUMC.

Our next children's event will be Camp JAMS (Jesus, Art, Music and Sports) which is for K-4th Grade, July 11th-14th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For information or questions contact Pastor Emily at [emily.bankston@strawbridge-umc.org](mailto:emily.bankston@strawbridge-umc.org)

### Youth Ministries

Youth Block Party's are still taking place during July. They are a gathering of 4 area churches for worship, missions & fun! Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. July 6th-Kingwood UMC, July 13th-First Pres. Kingwood, July 20th-Strawbridge UMC and July 27th-location TBD.

The Youth are also having the Drop-In again this year. These will be held Monday-Thursday at 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. during the weeks of July 11th, 18th and 25th. If you have any questions contact

Jon Ashley at [jon.ashley@strawbridge-umc.org](mailto:jon.ashley@strawbridge-umc.org).

### Library Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the Library here at SUMC. Required skills for position are: a love of books, and a willingness to jump in with both feet. Benefits are flexible hours, air conditioned work space and being able to use all of your organizational skills. If you are interested please contact the church office at 281-360-4500.

### Shoe Box Ministry

Help make Christmas special for a child in a third world country. We have the boxes but we need your help to fill them and you can do that by: making a monetary donation: It costs about \$40 dollars to fill a box and it costs \$5 a box for shipping. We have 105 boxes to fill and ship. You can make your check payable to SUMC and put shoebox ministry in the memo and drop in the offering plate or at the office. Please go by the display in the Activity Corridor for a list of items that you can purchase and donate. All donations need to be by September 18th. If you have any questions please contact Mary Bright at [mkbright63@aol.com](mailto:mkbright63@aol.com)

## 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\\_sundgren1004@gmail.com](mailto:debbie_sundgren1004@gmail.com)



## Accommodating Growth In Ministry

In March of this year, the Program Council initiated a short-term committee of clergy, program staff, and laity to evaluate options for accommodating future growth in the ministries of Strawbridge UMC. This committee identified that there are areas where we are feeling significant growing pains, the most evident being in nursery and classroom space on Sunday mornings. We are at or nearing capacity across several different age groups, from our children's program all the way up to our senior adults. We are becoming space limited in our ability to grow existing classes further as well as to start new small groups.

The committee brainstormed on various options and while some offer short-term benefits none was deemed sufficient to provide a solution for long-term growth based upon current needs and anticipated trends. As a result of this work, the Program Council brought a recommendation before the Church Council on June 19th that we initiate a process to plan for how we can accommodate future growth in ministry. There are two parts to this recommendation: 1) that we begin work on a plan to expand our facilities to accommodate growth in the ministries that are done here on-site at Strawbridge UMC and 2) that we begin work on plans for how we will also expand and support additional ministries to serve those outside the walls of our church. Both elements are considered to be essential: we are seeking to grow in our ability to make disciples here so that we are better able to grow in our ability to share Christ to meet the needs of the community and world around us.

The Church Council approved this recommendation by unanimous consent and in the months ahead our ministry teams will be working along side of our Trustees and Finance teams to determine the best ways to expand how Strawbridge UMC is Sharing God's Love, Living God's Word, and Growing God's Kingdom both inside and outside of our walls. Stay tuned for more details as this exciting work progresses. We are blessed to be a blessing!

## Helping Hands



The SUMC Helping Hands group is at it again...reaching out to neighbors in our community to make a difference. SUMC members have been working in New Caney at the request of Mission Northeast. Kevin, our client, had his home burn down so he moved into his garage with a sagging roof. Members have rallied to jack the old roof up & install intermediate supports so the client may continue to make the garage livable. Given the client has no air conditioning, SUMC Helping Hands has more work to install radiant barrier, attic insulation and ceiling drywall so that window ACs will eventually be able to make his home bearable in this oppressive summer heat.



If you are interested in assisting in other Helping Hands projects in our community, please contact Jim Telljohann at [jimandsandyt@aol.com](mailto:jimandsandyt@aol.com), Bill Chenault at [bill.chenault@gmail.com](mailto:bill.chenault@gmail.com) or Jeff Deerhake at [buckeye5@kingwoodcable.net](mailto:buckeye5@kingwoodcable.net)



## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 5  
9:00 Worship  
11:15 Worship  
Sunday School

Sunday, June 12  
9:00 Worship 189  
11:15 Worship 161  
Sunday School 275

Sunday, June 19  
9:00 Worship 156  
11:15 Worship 196  
Sunday School 159

Sunday, June 26  
9:00 Worship 170  
11:15 Worship 204  
Sunday School 148

Joined 6/12/16

Ashley Medina

Charles and Pam Beck



## 2nd Annual STRAWBRIDGE UMC Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

In the Sanctuary

1st Sunday in August  
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

WITH COKE AND  
ROOTBEER FLOATS  
In the Strawbridge  
Activity Center



## Samuel Thomas Wright

Born on **June 23,**  
**2016.**

The proud parents  
are **Alphie & Dr.  
Kathryn Schmidt  
Wright**, proud  
grandparents are  
**Gary & LuAnn  
Schmidt**, and  
the proud  
great-grandmother  
is  
**Lillian Hood.**

**JOIN US THIS FALL** **STRAWBRIDGE CHILDREN'S MUSIC**  
Starts August 27th

**CHOIRS:**  
Cherub Choir-3 years to Kindergarten  
Joyful Sounds Choir-1st -6th Grades  
**Chimers/Beginning Handbells**  
Grace Notes-3rd-6th Grades

For more information contact Pastor Laurie at  
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Newsletter Submissions**

<b>Submission Deadline:</b>	<b>For Issue:</b>
<b>July 15th</b>	<b>August</b>

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Sandra Pilar

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**July Birthdays**

Karen Pfeiffer	7/1	Michael Villella	7/10	Joy Tuan	7/22
Grant Walton	7/1	Matt Gabaldon	7/10	Lauren Drees	7/23
Scott Berner	7/1	Ethan Chase	7/11	Nick Deerhake	7/23
Nick Gosney	7/1	Susan Blakemore	7/11	Gloria Harvey	7/23
Todd Anders	7/1	Gary Burleson	7/11	Todd Mosel	7/23
Larry Gross	7/2	Daniel Dowd	7/11	Paul Mowery	7/24
Kelly Roxburgh	7/2	Rebecca Pubentz	7/12	Keith Pinson	7/24
Reid Fagin	7/3	Angela Lightfoot	7/12	Kyle Sneed	7/25
Missy Johnson	7/3	Ruth Blick	7/12	Kelly Snyder	7/25
Ann Reubin	7/3	Briget Shull	7/12	Jeremy Welborn	7/25
Sean Linton	7/3	John Bridger	7/13	Barry Vannauker	7/25
Kris Mosel	7/3	Marsha Wycoff	7/13	Doug Stanford	7/25
CiCi Strube	7/3	Fisayo Jejelowo	7/13	Shirley Thomas	7/26
Carl Mayfield	7/3	Gerald Mathews	7/13	Brendan Reynolds	7/26
Liza Tuan	7/4	Erin Robbins	7/14	Meredith Sharp	7/26
Lucy Webb	7/4	Jack		Emily Munger	7/26
Steve Wilson	7/5	Schwabenlander	7/14	Nathan Hoener	7/26
Heath Brown	7/5	Cade Purcell	7/15	Anthony Rabalais	7/27
Austin Robbins	7/5	Scotty Rundell	7/16	Mike Sonnier	7/27
Hudson Yoder	7/6	David Hogan	7/17	Owen Hamilton	7/27
Jessica Sherrill	7/6	Hanna Felton	7/18	Doris Vorholt	7/27
Zoey Lewis	7/6	Dan Wills	7/18	Elizabeth Stierwald	7/27
Alex Gorham	7/6	Charlotte Pubentz	7/18	Riley Dohse	7/28
Amy Boatman	7/7	Kristi Kreischer	7/19	Elizabeth Sterling	7/29
Lauren Llewellyn	7/7	Larry Thomson	7/19	Laurie Jones	7/29
Bill Harvey	7/8	Lindsey Murphy	7/19	Catherin Christian	7/29
Jennifer Lewis	7/8	Felicia Cumby	7/21	Michael Lerman	7/29
Erland Weemering	7/8	Sarah Yoder	7/21	Laurie Zalewski	7/29
Lauren Ullrich	7/8	Briah Berner	7/21	Casey Hill	7/29
Meredith Boyd	7/8	Catie Pieri	7/21	Laney Collins	7/30
Julie Lairson	7/9	Daniel Snyder	7/21	Victoria Lightfoot	7/31
Jim Telljohann	7/9	Kristen Phillips	7/21		
Meredith Reynolds	7/9	Steven Spiller	7/21		
Kayla Marvin	7/9	Judson Johnson	7/22		
Verna St. Andrie	7/9	Richard Bryan	7/22		
Brandi Couch	7/10	Toni Capaletti	7/22		
Adelai Villella	7/10	Riley Grizzle	7/22		

