

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.

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Strawbridge
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

February 2015

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Helping Hands

This ministry offers the opportunity to serve the poor and disadvantaged. This mission activity is designed to provide volunteers who can complete small one day projects for our neighbors in the Porter and New Caney area. The projects can be varied from cleaning yards of brush to raking leaves, making small repairs and painting. Typically work projects are scheduled on a weekend and are staffed by volunteers from Sunday school classes or small groups from the church. Given the importance of the project it is the contact volunteers have with the homeowner that build relationships and share God's love. This last month a group built a wheel chair ramp, cleaned up the yard and made small repairs. For more information or to participate contact Trish King at trish.king@strawbridge-umc.org or call the church office at 281-306-4500.





Chancel Choir

Come Try Us Out!

Do you like to sing? Has anyone ever told you, "Hey! You should be singing in the choir!"

This is the time to try us out! We are starting our Lenten and Easter music. We would love for you to join us at rehearsal on Wednesday nights 7:00 to 8:30pm in the choir room next to the Sanctuary.

Frequently Given Excuses (FGE's):

#1: I travel and can't commit to every week rehearsals

Answer: That's okay! We work music several weeks in advance so you will have plenty of time to learn the music.

#2: I have little ones and my spouse works nights.

Answer: That's okay! We provide free childcare at the church.

#3: I love to sing but can't read music.

Answer: That's okay! Come and try it. We will help you learn how to read music.

ALL ARE WELCOME!! If you have any questions, please email Rev. Laurie Purcell, Minister of Music, at laurie.purcell@strawbridge-umc.org.

Happening At Strawbridge

Communion Sunday Changes

February 22nd-Communion Sunday for March
March 1st—No Communion
April 2nd-Communion on Maundy Thursday
April 5th- No Communion



For many years, we have hosted three blood drives per year. These have typically been scheduled in April, August, and December. The Blood Center started their "Commit for Life" program some years ago and they encourage donors to "Commit for Life" by donating blood four times per year. 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.

This year, in order to make it easier for our members to "Commit for Life", the Blood Center is asking us to start hosting four blood drives per year. The dates selected for 2015 are March 15th, July 26th, October 4th, and December 6th. We'll be recruiting donors in the Activities Corridor on the two Sundays prior to each of these dates.

Please put these dates on your calendar and be ready to step up and help us make a life-saving difference in our local area. Please contact Skip Richardson ([281-360-1164](tel:281-360-1164)) if you have any questions or need further information.

Sunday Morning Men's Breakfast

Will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 a.m., here at SUMC in the Student Activity Center. It is open to all guys and invite a friend to join you!

Do You Know Someone Who is Hurting?

If someone you know (a friend, neighbor, or relative) is going through a

difficult time, there's a wonderful way you can help them to receive the care and support they need. Tell them about Stephen Ministry!

Our Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training to learn how to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males and females with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the care receiver is in need. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend. To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, please call Bev Puckett at 281.360.6687 or Beth Chenault at 281.360.4500.



New Members:

Joined 1/18/15:


Jeff & Sonia Krafels
Hannah, Addison and
Sadie


Joined 1/25/15:

Mary Jackson
Emerson and Eli



Born December 26,
2014
Madilyn Victoria Kline
Proud Parents:
Nathan & Amy Kline
Proud Grandparents:
John & Carol
Kollehner





All 7th-12th Graders, Adults and College Students. All forms are available at the church. Please fill out your forms and return to Jon Ashley in the Student Ministries office. If you have questions please contact Jon at jon.ashley@strawbridge-umc.org.


Attendance

Sunday, January 4
9:00 Worship 187
11:15 Worship 198
Sunday School 172

Sunday, January 11
9:00 Worship 158
11:15 Worship 186
Sunday School 207

Sunday, January 18
9:00 Worship 170
11:15 Worship 200
Sunday School 178

Sunday, January 25
9:00 Worship 199
11:15 Worship 201
Sunday School 205


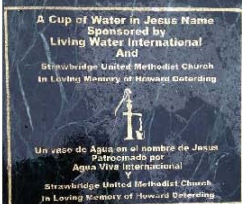



LIVING WATER MISSION TRIP
Honduras October 17 – 24, 2015

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

This fall, a team from Strawbridge will be going to Honduras and we are currently looking for 12 folks to join us. What's that? You say you've never drilled a water well or taught hygiene. No problem -- absolutely no experience is required! Living Water has a great group of people working in Honduras who will teach you everything you need to know.

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
LED BY JERRY RAYMOND
ROOM 212
BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S TRUTHS

WE WELCOME ALL AGES AT OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY EACH SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:05

We pray for one another, and Jesus intercedes for us. These were the two chapter headings for our most recent class discussions. A key verse in our lessons was James 5:16, and especially beautiful when read from the King James Version: "Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Prayer eliminates the fog of life. It clears things up. As a men's group we can share among ourselves from what we study, making scripture come to life for each of us individually and as a group. When you pray, pray for what God wants from you, not always what you want from God. Ideas such as these help members of our class to make level an otherwise bumpy and uneven road of life. Feel free to visit us on Sunday mornings. So for the week ahead, seek God in all your ways.

Blessings,
James Matuschak

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Share the Good News!
Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline:	For Issue:
February 15th	March

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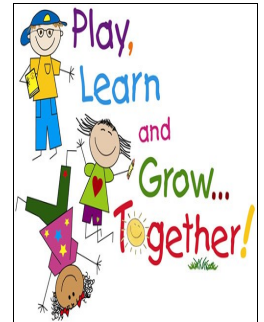
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BBLC REGISTRATION:

Registration begins for current students and church members on Tuesday, February 24, beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the SAC. Open to community Tuesday, March 3, beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the SAC. Questions please contact Mary Jo at maryjo.neidinger@strawbridge-umc.org.



Thank You, Strawbridge—Souper Bowl Was a Blow-out!

You donated an incredible 2,500 food items during Souper Bowl of Caring! Also thank you for the generous monetary donations that were received on behalf of HAAM and The Mission Northeast.

February Birthdays

Judy Hampshire	2/1	Heather Dohse	2/11	Crosbee Lisser	2/24
John Paradysz	2/1	Annie Gosney	2/12	Bill Hampshire	2/25
Isabella Rendon	2/1	Roland Mann	2/12	Michael Reiter	2/25
Kelly Silewicz	2/1	Earl Wahrmund	2/13	Caroline Bridges	2/26
Avery Netemeyer	2/1	Bryant Ware	2/13	Jennifer Bryan	2/26
Jeffrey Vincent	2/2	Sarah Browning	2/14	Mike Sherrill	2/26
Clark Bridges	2/2	Corbin Lisser	2/14	Rachel Netemeyer	2/27
Michael Pubentz	2/2	Alyssa Spiller	2/16	Joseph Vittitow	2/27
Fissy Jejelowo	2/2	Levi Sell	2/16	Sara Phillips	2/27
Jim Phelan	2/2	Isabella Vazquez	2/16	Jason Creech	2/27
David Reidy	2/3	Catherine Hill	2/17	Whitney Browning	2/28
Belinda Fagin	2/3	Peter Bernshausen	2/17	Trish Wilson	2/28
Kaitlin Betts	2/3	Colleen Cotellesse	2/17	Brian Hogan	2/28
LaNell Anderson	2/3	Joe Ehrhardt	2/19		
Katee Parks	2/4	Rodney Dove	2/19		
Melvin Puckett	2/5	Karen Vick	2/20		
Alex Worzel	2/5	Jeanine Mooring	2/20		
Churchill Couch	2/5	Lisa Deterding	2/20		
Kellie Bornstein	2/5	Kirk Johnson	2/20		
Katie Zientek	2/6	Brian Llewellyn	2/21		
Genia Thorn	2/6	Alexis Pubentz	2/21		
Evan Rice	2/6	Kristi Tyrrell	2/21		
Leigha Spence	2/7	Don Benham	2/21		
Amy Murphy	2/7	Jean Anderson	2/21		
Dennis Pfeiffer	2/8	Ellen Cosio	2/22		
Josh Cash	2/8	Diane McCabe	2/22		
Lynetta Campbell	2/9	Pat Chandler	2/22		
Marilyn Mann	2/10	Katie Carter	2/22		
JD Plilar	2/10	Tim O'Leary	2/23		
Debbie Beacon	2/11	Kelly Rose	2/23		
Ashley McDonald	2/11	Ashley Newbold	2/23		
Sara Michael	2/11	Phyllis Graff	2/24		
Jacob Dowd	2/11	Sandy Telljohann	2/24		
Emily Bauserman	2/11	Carlee Lisser	2/24		