

## MISSION

SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
LIVE GOD'S WORD  
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## 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

March 2015

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## 2015 SUMC Women's Retreat

Forty-five women of all ages gathered at the beautiful Heartland Inn and Retreat Center in Brenham for the 2015 SUMC Women's Retreat the weekend of February 20-22. Friday night was reserved for check-in and social time, where all the ladies chatted together. Lisa Holley led the ice breaker activity which was centered around a woman's purse and what she can't leave home without. There was delicious food, provided by the wonderful Ellen Larson. Ellen also made sure there were goodies on the pillows as a welcome gift.

Saturday was reserved for the fantastic guest speaker, Marty Sholars, who shared the *Avenues for Intimacy with Christ and Worship 24/7/365*. Before beginning each session with Marty, Jennifer Lewis led the group in song with her beautiful voice.

After lunch, there were free time sessions where the ladies could choose from walking the Labyrinth with Michelle Ashley, coloring Mandalas with Judy Hampshire, learning Lectio Divina with Karen Chapman, going to the prayer/reflection stations set up by Kathy Reedy, or tying fleece blankets for the kids at Camp For All. They could also write blessings on paper leaves and attach them to the blessing vine. Some ladies did one or more or all of these options. Some ladies went to their rooms and read or took a nap. Whatever they did and wherever they went, they were blessed and knew they were in God's presence.

Following dinner, the ladies spent time playing games, eating snacks, and getting to know each other better. There was laughter, tears and talking way into the night. After breakfast, Marty presented her last session, called *Living Out Your Witness*. She told the ladies that everything that is done in service should always be centered in Jesus Christ. Then came one of the best parts of the weekend – being in worship led by Emily and Michelle. Everyone had the opportunity to share and give each other communion. This was a special activity and really touched my heart. I left the retreat with great memories and a desire to know Christ more intimately.

Rumor has it that a Bible Study authored by Marty will be offered at church soon. Stay tuned for more details...

Cheryl Burnett





# Palm Sunday

## March 29th

Worship 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Palm Processional at both services  
Children's Choir joining  
Chancel Choir

### HAPPENING AT STRAWBRIDGE

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

Parents join your children for Sunday school on March 29th. We will have an egg hunt and party during the Sunday school hour at 10:05. If you can't make it to Sunday school, meet us in the SAC at 10:40 for the hunt. The hunt will begin at 10:45. Bring your Easter baskets and there will be egg hunts for 2 years-4th grade!

**All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the hunt!**



#### THE STRAWBRIDGE UMC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The Directory is now available in the Activity Corridor, please take one directory per family.



#### STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you're going through tough times, (a job loss, family problems, a death) and would like to speak to a Stephen Minister, contact: Pastor Beth (beth.chenault@strawbridge-umc.org or 281-360-4500) or Bev Puckett (bpuckett61950@yahoo.com or 281-360-6687).

#### COMMUNION SUNDAY CHANGES

April 2nd-Communion on Maundy Thursday  
April 5th-No Communion

#### SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 15th from 8:30a.m.-1:00p.m. in the Donor Coach in the parking lot. We still will be recruiting donors in the Activity Corridor on Sunday, March 8th. This will be the first of four blood drives this year and will allow our donors to "Commit For Life" by giving at each drive. Questions contact Skip Richardson 281-360-1164.



## It's a Boy!



**Preston Dinhkiet Nguyen** born on **February 4, 2015**. The proud parents are **Henry & Julia Nguyen** and the proud grandparents are **Terry & Sue Miller**.

### New Members:

#### Joined 2/1/15:

Jim & Laurie Purcell  
John & Melissa Christensen  
Kitanna and Jack

#### Joined 2/8/15:

Tim & Shellie Thomas  
Blake, Noah, Emma and  
Daisye  
Ruth Blick

#### Joined 2/15/15:

Doris Vorholt  
Michael & Christina Timko



All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jon.ashley@strawbridge-umc.org).

## Attendance

### Sunday, February 1

9:00 Worship 232  
11:15 Worship 162  
Sunday School 216

### Sunday, February 8

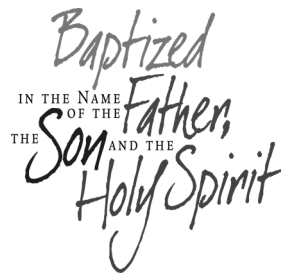
9:00 Worship 196  
11:15 Worship 252  
Sunday School 199

### Sunday, February 15

9:00 Worship 187  
11:15 Worship 234  
Sunday School 192

### Sunday, February 22

9:00 Worship 204  
11:15 Worship 219  
Sunday School 177



February 15, 2015

Grace Lana Abshire

Daughter of Greg Abshire & Lacy Roxburgh  
Proud grandparents are Sam and Kelly Roxburgh



WATER FOR LIFE IN JESUS' NAME

### 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](mailto:msticker@me.com)



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Share the Good News!  
Newsletter Submissions

<b>Submission Deadline:</b>	<b>For Issue:</b>
<b>March 15th</b>	<b>April</b>

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**SENIOR PASTOR**

THE REV. DR. TODD JORDAN

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**CHILDREN'S MINISTER**

THE REV. EMILY BANKSTON

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**Learning Center**

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Matt Gabaldon

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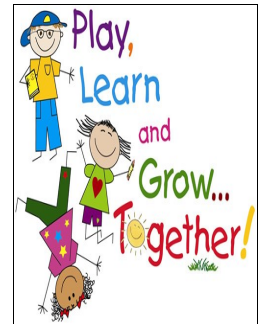
Sandra Plilar

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**BBLC REGISTRATION:**

We are currently registering for the  
2014-2015 year!

Questions please contact Mary Jo at  
maryjo.neidinger@strawbridge-umc.org.



**March Birthdays**

Kelle Yoder	3/2	Sarah Llewellyn	3/13	Ed Campbell	3/26
Cari Greenley	3/2	Sarah Duncan	3/14	Mary Reidy	3/27
Paul Hulse	3/2	John Wilcox	3/14	Jeff Smith	3/27
Aiden Lewis	3/2	Raven Benton	3/14	Alexandra Mitchell	3/27
Stephanie Blado	3/2	Sheridan McDonald	3/14	Sheela Allen	3/28
Steven Paradysz	3/4	Steve Blado	3/14	Nick Eubanks	3/28
Jaxon Pappas	3/4	Mary Jackson	3/15	Kim Deterding	3/29
Elena Stivers	3/5	Pat Flinn	3/15	Peyton Lero	3/29
Charles Burnett	3/5	Brett Sneed	3/15	Susie Collins	3/30
Wil Allen	3/6	Tommy Essick	3/15	Ross Sterling	3/30
Nora Armistead	3/6	Susan Schramm	3/15	Jose Rincones	3/31
Ashlyn Smith	3/7	Keith Danz	3/17	Claire Bugner	3/31
Jeff Trambaugh	3/7	Alexa Garrison	3/18		
Christen Murphy	3/7	Betty Johnson	3/18		
Hillary Cuda	3/7	Robert Fiske	3/18		
Brian McLeland	3/8	Jessica Danz	3/18		
Bill McCabe	3/8	Brett Cotellesse	3/18		
Zachary Danz	3/8	Ryan Hulse	3/19		
David Allen	3/9	Ian Shelton	3/20		
Pam Smith	3/9	Michael Zalewski	3/20		
Trey Richardson	3/9	Sonia Krafels	3/20		
David Chenault	3/10	Meg Gandy	3/21		
Lauren Gray	3/10	Andrea Ryan	3/22		
Clark Merkle	3/10	Hannah Krafels	3/22		
Noah Thomas	3/10	Chelsea Clarke	3/24		
Sarah Bornstein	3/11	Kelsey Belflower	3/24		
Abby Daley	3/11	Bill Morgan	3/24		
Theresa Freeman	3/12	Adam Mitchell	3/24		
Lou Perfetti	3/12	Michelle Stream	3/24		
Brian Lewis	3/12	Matthew Rasch	3/25		
Melody Trambaugh	3/12	Madison Meszaros	3/25		
Kevin Larson	3/13	Carol McKenzie	3/25		
Jeannine Jones	3/13	Andrew Livesay	3/25		
Dick Wagner	3/13	Kathryn Dowd	3/26		