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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

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Please enjoy the articles below as well as the pictures that really tell the story of sharing God's Love, Living God's Word, and Growing God's Kingdom here at Strawbridge!

SUMC 2014 Giving Tree

For all the planning the Mission Committee does, if you are patient enough you can watch how the Christmas Season "reality" unfolds at Strawbridge. As coordinator this year of the Giving Tree, I can offer that things happen for a reason. And no, I am not a patient person, so it is painful most days!

You will be able to read below from Rob Webb regarding the successful **Mission Milby in Houston** party on Sunday, Dec. 7th. All 130 residents of the **Methodist Children's Home in Waco** received a \$25 Wal-Mart Gift card. **Mission Northeast (MN) in Porter** received over 120 unwrapped gifts for their Christmas Store. In years past, MN used resources to purchase gifts for age 10-13 boys to meet the need, so we made it a "special focus" this year. MN also recieved \$25 Wal-Mart Gift cards (20) primarily used for the older children.

On behalf of the Mission Committee, thank you again for all of your prayers, time, talents and resources offered so freely for our community, near and far.

Corena Lipstreuer

Mission Milby Christmas Party

This year's Mission Milby Christmas party attracted more than double the kids, teens, moms and dads from the local neighborhood compared to last year. Everyone enjoyed making a Christmas ornament that will be sent to servicemen and women deployed overseas and then consumed vast numbers of baked potatoes and toppings followed by an endless supply of cookies. With everyone full and content, we played a White Elephant gift exchange which the kids loved even when boys got

lip gloss or nail polish. Finally we exchanged gifts and spent time hanging out before heading back to Kingwood.

Thanks to everyone at SUMC who gave gift cards, helped with the food or prayed for the success of this party. The kids had a great time and so did we !

Rob Webb

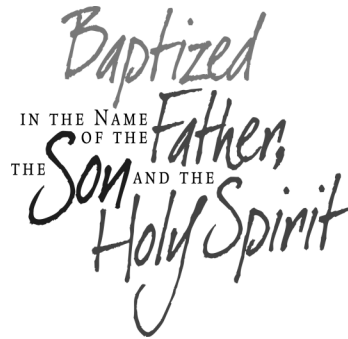


New Members:

Joined 12/11/14 :
Joe & Marta Meszaros

Joined 12/4/14 :
David & Audrey
McClellan

Joined 1/4/15 :
Paul & Marla Meriano
and daughters Meghan
& Nicole



12/21/14
Tilly Kathryn Kuhn,
Daughter of Shaun & Whitney Kuhn
Granddaughter of Kathy Reedy

1/11/15
Melody Ruth Bromley
Daughter of Scott & Jaime Bromley



Isla Rose Ketchey, born December 18, 2014, daughter of Bobbie & Robyn Ketchey and granddaughter of Rob & Rhian Webb.

Attendance

**Sunday,
December 7**
9:00 Worship 180
11:15 Worship 195
Sunday School 177



**Sunday,
December 14**
9:00 Worship 319
11:15 Worship 175

**Sunday,
December 21**
9:00 Worship 166
11:15 Worship 247
Sunday School 134

Christmas Eve Eve 101

Christmas Eve
3:00 Worship 166
5:00 Worship 359
7:00 Worship 355

**Sunday,
December 28**
10:00 Worship 160



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JUNE 7-13, FORT WORTH, TX

LAUNCH EVENT 01.18.15

6PM AT STRAWBRIDGE UMC | TEACHING & THEME REVEAL | FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

All 7th-12th Graders Welcome – Bring your friends. Parents strongly encouraged to attend. Opportunity to sign up at the Launch Event (bring your check book and a copy of your health insurance card if you anticipate doing this).



Strawbridge is launching our annual drive to collect non-perishable food items to help restock food pantries at two local assistance ministries, HAAM and The Mission Northeast. Stretched to meet holiday needs, their inventories are low, but demand for their services never goes away.

Specifically, we're challenging each Strawbridge family to take two food collection bags, one for themselves, and one to give to a neighbor.

We might even get some friendly competition going between small groups in the church! The collection period will run from Sunday, January 11 through Sunday, February 1.

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Family Promise of Lake Houston news!

Todd Jordan, Beth Chenault & Emily Bankston, along with members of the Companions in Christ small group represented Strawbridge well as we were host to the graduation party Monday, Dec. 8th for Kelli Williams and daughter Korri. There were as many varieties of cookies as the stories told. Some were funny but frequently through emotional tears that recounted Kelli's journey while a guest of the 13 churches that make up the **Network of Family Promise**.

Although many in attendance were seasoned volunteers, most had never attended a graduation celebration. Many in the church membership(s) have a windows view seen during our quarterly rotation. At the grad party, all windows and doors are opened as their new home is now filled with hope and promise and sealed with the love offered freely during our week's worth of lovin' and care by strangers who become friends.

Erica and her sons Syior and Josiah are not far behind in setting their graduation date. I hope you will plan to attend our celebrations as often as you can. Don't want you missing out on all the fun and hearing the many heartwarming stories of how each and everyone that volunteers, either in person or provides staple items for a successful rotation makes a huge impact and is not a stretch when I say ~ **life changing for these families**.

Cheers. Corena Lipstreuwer, FP Coordinator for Strawbridge

December Birthdays

Amanda Bleier	1/1	Shelly Fry	1/13	William Drees	1/24
Gaylan Lero	1/1	Audrey McClellan	1/14	Neely Fansher	1/24
Hunter Ott	1/1	Bailey Raines	1/14	Ryan Lerman	1/24
Bobbee Watts	1/1	Will Bauserman	1/14	Patrick Belflower	1/25
Gail McNeese	1/1	Kacee Reuter	1/15	Justin Berner	1/26
Harper Bauserman	1/2	Pat Graham	1/15	Bill Wesson	1/26
Amber Pieri	1/2	LuAnn Schmidt	1/15	Susan Essick	1/26
Beth Chenault	1/3	Joe Cayton	1/15	Noah Johnson	1/26
Glenda Johnson	1/3	Elizabeth Lewis	1/16	Elise Plilar	1/27
Brett Bookout	1/4	Michael Cosio	1/16	Rachel Ehrhardt	1/27
William Schramm	1/4	Phil Hoener	1/16	Trey Van Dyke	1/27
Stephanie		Adrianna Suarez	1/17	Charles Berner	1/28
Champion	1/4	Sue Raymond	1/18	Kyle Marvin	1/28
Hunter Robbins	1/4	Dave Wuellner	1/19	Jarrett Smith	1/28
Weston Mitchell	1/5	Becky Gale	1/19	Shannon Brown	1/28
Charlotte Mowery	1/5	Lisa Retrum	1/19	Chad Lasnau	1/29
T. Shull	1/5	Nancy Ahmann	1/19	Paul Fagin	1/29
Theresa Graham	1/5	Karen Dillewyn	1/19	Shane Clarke	1/30
Thomas Bruns	1/5	Kris Tuan	1/19	John Gandy	1/30
Anne Branton	1/6	Asher Thorn	1/19	Talon Benton	1/30
RJ Goss	1/6	Alan Stivers	1/20	Heather Wise	1/30
Rick Mitchell	1/7	Lori Wills	1/20	Kelly Olsakovsky	1/31
Wineva Hankamer	1/7	Sandy Harris	1/20	Garrett Wills	1/31
Josie Opfer	1/7	Lauren Thomson	1/21	Jonathan Grigsby	1/31
David Fry	1/8	Sharon Deterding	1/21	Erin Okeson	1/31
Madison Pfeiffer	1/8	Kristi Telljohann	1/21		
Jack Paradysz	1/8	Martha Morris	1/21		
Bonnie Deterding	1/9	Zane Barra	1/22		
Angela Tombari	1/10	Todd Jordan	1/22		
Ellen Carter	1/10	Kyle Beacon	1/22		
Jane Steele	1/10	John Swank	1/23		
Sybil Wolfe	1/10	Jan Sherrill	1/23		
BJ Olonilua	1/10	Michael Oates	1/24		
Scott Nielsen	1/13	Chip Price	1/24		