

Our Values

WORSHIP OF GOD THAT
INSPIRES HEARTS AND MINDS

SERVICE TO OUR MEMBERS, OUR
NEIGHBORS, AND THE WORLD

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BEING A CARING COMMUNITY
OF FAITH



Strawbridge

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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A New Year of Worship

Join us in the New Year! Convenient “new beginnings” in worship make it easy for everyone get involved!

In Traditional Worship Services, Pastor Chenault will be following the Lectionary (a three-year cycle of readings) with a focus, in the Season of Epiphany, on the gospel of Mark (and the two letters to the Corinthians) as they illuminate the early ministry of Jesus.

In the Crossroads [Contemporary] Services, Pastor Reiter will be addressing a variety of questions about the place and value of faith and Christianity in today’s world—including:

1/8	“Isn’t God Dead? What Difference Does Believing in God Make?”
1/15	“But Why is Jesus Important? Aren’t There Other ‘Trees’ in the Forest?”
1/22	“Can I Believe in the Holy Spirit... and Not Be Pentecostal?”
1/29	“Can’t I Believe In and Follow Jesus... Without the Church Stuff?”
2/5	“Is Forgiving Really Forgetting?” (and Other Questions About Forgiveness)
2/12	“Can We Know Anything with Certainty About Life After Death?”
2/19	“Can Faith Be Reasonable?”

Souper Bowl of Caring

Food pantries at our partner assistance ministries, HAAM and The Mission Northeast, were stretched this year to meet unprecedented holiday needs. The result—their shelves are bare as we enter the new year, but the demand for their basic services never goes away.

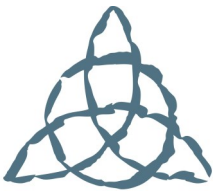
Our local food pantries especially need: **canned chili and stew; hearty soups, (with meat and/or vegetables); canned “brown” beans (pinto, black, red, and pork and beans [not green beans]).** Collection bins are located at the Porte-cochere (covered) entrance, the Sanctuary Narthex, and the “Missions Corner” near room 151. Monetary donations are welcome too. Our goal is to collect 2,500 items (last year we collected ~2,200). The donation period will run through game day, February 5. We’re including our Kingwood neighbors in this local outreach project too. Invite your football loving friends and family to contribute!

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat”



Security Policy

The new Strawbridge Security Policy is in effect. Everyone who enters after normal church hours needs to enter at the doors near the church office. After entering everyone will sign in and out on a log located inside this entrance.



BAPTIZED
in the Triune God

Jack Henry Van Dillewyn,
son of Galen and Karen Dillewyn was baptized December 4.

Aurelia Rose Strzepek,
daughter of Mark and Nichelle Strzepek was baptized December 18.



Habitat 2012

Construction begins soon! Sign up to volunteer on site or behind the scenes. Contact Howard Deterding at harv@kingwoodcable.net.

Thanks to You, Christmas was Brighter!

The congregation of Strawbridge responded generously to the needs of others during the Christmas season. The children of the Methodist Children's Home in Waco received 192 WalMart gift

cards along with many loving personalized Christmas cards. The Mission Northeast received 140 gifts for their Christmas store, and 500 greeting cards, made by a young missionary in Nepal,

were sold with all proceeds going directly to support his mission work and his family. The dollar value of all of these gifts exceeds \$8,000.

Resolutions for a New Year of Christian Growth

Books Every Christian Should Read

Pastor Jim will lead this course with monthly meetings beginning January 11. He's begun a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/worthyreads/) for the group so that members can dialogue between meetings... and so that those who can not attend, can engage in the discussions. To sign up, contact Pastor Jim at jim.reiter@strawbridge-umc.org, 281-360-4500, or via Facebook.

Make a very important resolution to get out of debt with the help of Financial Peace University. This 13-session opportunity begins Sunday, January 22 (3 - 5 p.m. in Room 151 with childcare available).



Cost for materials is \$100 (if purchased through the church). Sign up at the hallway table near our new coffee café, or e-mail

Mary Lallier at mary.lallier@strawbridge-umc.org.

Resolve to Simplify Your Life.

If you've ever tripped over a pair of shoes on your way to a closet stuffed with old clothes, you're not alone. We're here to help with a new, seven-week session of Marcia Ramsland's "Simplify Your Life." Get organized and stay that way in 2012! Join us beginning Wednesday, February 1, 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. in Room 151. Cost for materials is \$20. Childcare is available. E-mail Mary Lallier at mary.lallier@strawbridge-umc.org to sign up.

- Jan. 27-29, Refuge DNOW
- Feb. 17-19, Ignite (Mid Winter at Forest Glen)
- Feb. 18, Boy Scouts 10 Commandments Hike
- April 20-22, Mid-High Break Thru Camp
- First Week of June, All Youth Mission Trip



ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 4	Sunday, December 11	Sunday, December 18	Christmas Eve
8:30 79	8:30 102	8:30 115	5:00 148
11:00 100	11:00 112	11:00 112	7:00 384
11:00 Crossroads 173	11:00 Crossroads 158	11:00 Crossroads 208	9:00 249
Sunday School 210	Sunday School 197	Sunday School 187	Christmas Day
			11:00 147

Prayer Requests

Sympathy for:

Diane Franke and family on the death of her husband, Steve.
Lois and Ted Campbell and family on the death of their grandson.
Family and friends of Shawn Blanding, a student at K-Park High School who died January 3.

For our family and friends who are experiencing illness or injury:

Todd Cruthird (childhood friend of Kim Kennedy); Clyde Ware; Stephanie Myles; Jack Johnson; Ryan Brown (son of Steve and Judy Brown); Michael Leon (junior at Kingwood Park High School); Caleb Elston (grandson of Bill and Darlene Elston); Patricia Miller (mother of Martha Paradysz); Helen Meley; Mike Harris; Thomas Joseph Stanton.

For our family and friends recovering from surgery:

Bill Armosky; Patsy Permenter (Lance Permenter's mother).

For our military family and friends who are deployed overseas:

Timothy Bonnoitt (Kaytee Fuller's fiancé); Matt Lennon (son of co-worker of Marsha Johnson); Spencer Brady (friend of the Capaletti family); Heather Lane; Lance Stephens.

For our family and friends who are living with cancer:

Chad Gartzke (nephew of Mary Jo Neidinger)
Gary (brother-in-law of Linda and Jerry Bell)
Debbie (cousin of Linda Bell)
Dave (friend of Bill Chenault)
Leo (friend of Linda Bell)
Kevin (neighbor of Bill and Beth Chenault)
David (friend of Bill Chenault)
Beth (Bill Chenault's sister)
Gayle (friend of Amelia Keel)
Fred (friend of Amelia Keel and Esther Jones)
Hildy (friend of Andrea Lee)
Carolyn (wife of Pastor at 1st Presbyterian)
Mary Ellen (Kathy Reiter's grandmother)
Don (Nola Ostrowski's father)
Doug (friend of Ann Bryan)
Cade (13 year old friend of Ann Bryan's daughter's family)
Mark (friend of Corena Lipstreuer)
Donald (uncle of David Vannauker)
Linda (grandmother of Elisha James)
Pete (grandfather of Elisha James)
Ines (co-worker of Elisha James)
Rosalyn (Elisha James' boss)
Dale (friend of Elisha James)
Donna (friend of Crystale Strange)
Lori and Maria (friends of Laurie Zalewski)
Tommy (step-father of Laura Ross)
Alysha (Pauline and Gary Musy's niece)

Debra (co-worker of Halina Duncan)
Arda (Pam Smith's mother)
Matt (teammate of Cody Smith)
Andrea (friend of Frank and Marsha Johnson)
Joel
Debbie (friend of Pat Chandler)
Sam (father of Sindi Sonnier)
Joyce (friend of Kelsey Belflower)
Charlie (3 year old cousin of the Drees Family)
Ward (Sky Cheney's father)
Vivian (friend of Theresa Snyder)
Carol (friend of Paul and Brenda Hulse)
Heather (friend of the Ahmanns)
Frank (Erin Robbins' grandfather)
Jim (Gary Williams' stepfather)
Marge (friend of John Barnett)
Debbie (cousin of Linda Barnett)
Lucy and Mr. Miller (friends of John Barnett)
Hazel (mother of a friend of John Barnett)
Martha (mother of George and Carolyn Reed)
Keith (friend of Layne Smith)
Matt (Layne Smith's nephew)
Sean (friend of Lauren Llewellyn)
Richard (Barbara Stream's cousin)
Wanda (friend of Pat Flinn)
Tom (Doug Henry's father)
Mary (friend of Marsha and Frank Johnson)
Ron (friend of Carolyn Ruth)



To honor the need for privacy regarding medical information, it is necessary to list first names only for some of our friends and family.

SUMC Youth Christmas Hayride 2011



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A Spiritual Sanctuary in a Hectic World

Stephen Ministers—The “After People”

Our Stephen Ministry trainees continue to study in order to become your Christian care givers. Stephen ministers are being equipped to listen and care when you need a Christian caring person to walk with you through crises in your life.

Stephen ministers are the “After People.” Stephen ministers are there for you *after* the pink slip arrives in your final paycheck, *after* the doctors have

said there’s nothing more they can do, *after* the relationship ends but the wounds are still bleeding, *after* family and friends have heard your story one too many times but you still need to talk it out, *after* the last casserole has been delivered and you’re now alone in the house. These are the times when the Stephen minister shows up. Your Stephen minister will walk along side you and hold your hand the whole way. Your Ste-

phen minister will listen, cry with you, and pray with you.

If you are interested in Stephen Ministry, please call Ellen Cosio or Bev Puckett. You may also contact one of the pastors.



January Birthdays

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1/1 Amanda Bleier | 1/13 Scott Nielsen | 1/24 Ryan Lerman |
| 1/1 Gaylan Lero | 1/13 Gayle Hanz | 1/24 Meghan Musy |
| 1/1 Hunter Ott | 1/14 Will Bauserman | 1/25 Patrick Belflower |
| 1/2 Harper Bauserman | 1/14 Bailey Raines | 1/25 Kevin Brown |
| 1/2 Amber Pieri | 1/14 David Wolf | 1/26 Bill Wesson |
| 1/3 Debbie Marty | 1/15 Pat Graham | 1/26 Susan Essick |
| 1/3 Beth Chenault | 1/15 LuAnn Schmidt | 1/26 Justin Berner |
| 1/3 Glenda Johnson | 1/15 Kacee Reuter | 1/27 Joy Johnston |
| 1/4 Brett Bookout | 1/15 Alicia Hudgens | 1/27 Rachel Ehrhardt |
| 1/4 Steve Erickson | 1/16 Michael Cosio | 1/27 Trey Van Dyke |
| 1/4 William Schramm | 1/16 Phil Hoener | 1/28 Madison Baumer |
| 1/4 Stephanie Champion | 1/17 Adrianna Suarez | 1/28 Kyle Marvin |
| 1/5 Theresa Graham | 1/19 Lee Chenault | 1/28 Charles Berner |
| 1/5 Laurie Starkey | 1/19 Lisa Retrum | 1/28 Jarrett Smith |
| 1/5 Thomas Bruns | 1/19 Nancy Ahmann | 1/29 Barbara Stream |
| 1/5 Renee May | 1/19 Asher Thorn | 1/29 Paul Fagin |
| 1/6 Anne Branton | 1/19 Karen Dillewyn | 1/30 John Gandy |
| 1/6 RJ Goss | 1/19 Kris Tuan | 1/30 Jonathan Visted |
| 1/7 Hunter Henrick | 1/20 Alan Stivers | 1/30 Shane Clarke |
| 1/7 Rick Mitchell | 1/20 Lori Wills | 1/30 Chelsea Grayson |
| 1/8 Madison Pfeiffer | 1/20 Sandy Harris | 1/30 Nila Ware |
| 1/8 Victor Villegas | 1/20 Autumn Roberts | 1/30 David Lynch |
| 1/8 Jack Paradysz | 1/21 Kelli Reynolds | 1/30 Talon Benton |
| 1/9 Bonnie Deterding | 1/21 Sharon Deterding | 1/31 Kelly Olsakovsky |
| 1/10 Angela Tombari | 1/21 Kristi Telljohann | 1/31 Jonathan Grigsby |
| 1/10 Ellen Carter | 1/21 Lauren Thomson | 1/31 Erin Okeson |
| 1/10 BJ Olonilua | 1/23 Irene Seib | 1/31 Garrett Wills |
| 1/10 Jane Steele | 1/23 John Swank | |
| 1/10 Sybil Wolfe | 1/24 Chip Price | |
| 1/11 Kimberly Liebst | 1/24 Michael Oates | |
| 1/12 Chris Lallier | 1/24 William Drees | |
| 1/13 Rob Barjenbruch | 1/24 Neely Fansher | |

