

## 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

September 2010

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## From the Pastor's Desk *"What Would Jesus Be Doing?"*

I'll be "unpacking" insights from my continuing education retreat at St. Gregory's Abbey in Three Rivers, Michigan in a few weeks. (Mine will be one of several "Soul Feast" offerings on Wednesday evenings beginning September 22. See page 6.) Among the most meaningful insights—or, should I say reminders—from my time apart was that fundamental truth that, ever as important as what I do in any day, are what I am and how I am in that day.



WWJD: "What would Jesus do?" the popular slogan asks. It's a good question with obvious answers. Jesus would preach and teach, he'd serve, he'd heal, he'd feed... However, by accentuating what He would *do*, the question ignores an equally essential question of the life of Christ and our Christian walk, "what would Jesus *be* [amidst these doings]?" "What would Jesus do," you see, asks only half the question. A doctor with a terrible bedside manner can still be a channel of healing. I've seen souls working a soup line or a mission project with the worst of attitudes. Polished preachers and teachers can talk the talk but only limp the walk.

As essential as what Jesus would do, then, is "what would He be [while he was] doing?" That's one of life's fundamental questions: not just where have you gotten?, or where did you end up?, but how did you get there?



Look at the life of Jesus and the answer to what he would be is clear. It's summed up in that list we call the "fruits of the Spirit": love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. In fact, His way of being modified was: Jesus healed with compassion, He taught with loving conviction, He shared joyfully...

Working, or should I say "being" at St. Gregory's for a couple weeks this Summer was an important part of recalling and renewing this distinction. In a healthy rhythm and balance of work, prayer and devotion, and fellowship, I saw anew my calling, to not only do a lot of things Jesus did, but to have a joyful walk with Jesus that shines through all I do. (In that regard, I am convinced that as much as you need my preaching, you need me living my sermons! As much as you need another Bible teacher, you need someone earnestly striving to be a Bible "liver"!)

It's so true of our mission and purpose as a Church, as well, isn't it? That as much as folks (within and without) need and deserve a church that is busy doing a lot of "churchy" things, they need and deserve to encounter and experience the love and Grace of God in Jesus Christ! Again, ever as important as what I do is what I am. And, ever as important as what we do is what we are! Against this backdrop, then, I sincerely pray that what we offer and what we are about as a congregation this fall is nothing short of being Christ and being used by God to facilitate Christ encounters—inside our walls and beyond.

With You, in the Quest for a Full Imitation of Christ—in Outer Deed and Inner Disposition, I am,

*Pastor Jim*



## SEPTEMBER 2010

9/5	Daniel in Exile	Daniel	Daniel 1-3,6; Jeremiah 29-31
9/12	Rebuilding the Walls	Nehemiah	Ezra 7; Nehemiah 102, 4, 6-8; Malachi 1-4
9/19	The Birth of the King	Jesus	Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2; John 1
9/26	Jesus' Ministry Begins	Jesus	Matthew 3-4; 11; Mark 1-3; Luke 8; John 1-4

### Find Your Fit with a Small Group



*"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." —Matthew 18:20*



#### XYZ Bible Studies

Did you know there are two new XYZ (Extra Years of Zest 55+ Fellowship) Bible Studies? One study begins Monday, September 13, at 10 a.m. in the Bride's Room (Rm. 152). Another study will begin September 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Rose Burnett's home. Lunch will be served at this study, so please RSVP to Rose Burnett 281-358-8288, Lee Kidd 281-354-4340, or Trish King 281-360-4500.

In September you will have a chance to find your fit in a small group. Strawbridge has many groups already in existence just waiting for you. Stop by our display table, down the hall from the Sanctuary, to get information, ask questions, and sign up. Get connected and experience God in a different way with fellowship, accountability, service, support, encouragement, and companionship. Contact Debbie Cuda [dcudal23@yahoo.com](mailto:dcudal23@yahoo.com), or Katie Marvin [katiesmarvin@gmail.com](mailto:katiesmarvin@gmail.com), for more information or if interested in leading a small group.

Here are just a few of the small groups that you can get involved in at Strawbridge:

#### Lipstick and Lunch

This group starts Monday September 13, and continues every Monday during the school year. Lipstick and Lunch welcomes at-home and mostly-at-home moms with children of any age (babies to teens). We enjoy weekly lunchtime fellowship and guided conversation about a wide variety of topics related to the "ministry of our homes." Pack a lunch, pack your kids if needed, and

enjoy some mom-time-off! Lipstick and Lunch is led by Barbara Livesay and meets Mondays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 151. Childcare is available.

#### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This group gives participants the opportunity to study and pray with others who have a passion for learning and for supporting one another in their faith walks. On Tuesday, September 14, the class will resume its time together with Ray Vander Laan's *With All Your Heart*, led by Tom Stream. This great group meets Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 207.

#### Acts of Faith Drama Group

Acts of Faith's goal is to help anyone who loves the theatre increase their willingness to step outside their comfort zone and try new things through drama; all for the glory of our Lord. Contact Cathy Hutzell [clhutzell@uh.edu](mailto:clhutzell@uh.edu) for more information and the next meeting date and time.

#### Interfaith Quilting Group

Do you have a heart for warming the bodies and souls of others? If you do,

the Interfaith Quilting Group is for you. This group makes quilts during the year to be donated to the Interfaith Quilting Bee. Contact: Kathy Ryan at [ryan1619@gmail.com](mailto:ryan1619@gmail.com) or 281-361-2333 for more information and the next quilting day.

#### Moms of Youth

Moms of Youth meet to discuss topics and concerns relevant to our students in sixth grade through college. Encouragement, prayer and fun outings are an important part of our time together. Moms of Youth meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month (September through May), and go to lunch on the second Wednesday. For more information, contact Barbie Bugner at [bugner-branches@cebridge.net](mailto:bugner-branches@cebridge.net).

#### The Book Ends Book Group

This book group meets for laughter and fellowship all while being challenged in their faith walk! They read a new book to discuss every month. The group meets Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Library. Contact Kelly Roxburgh at [kellyroxburgh@hotmail.com](mailto:kellyroxburgh@hotmail.com).

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## Find Your Fit with a Small Group

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### The Page Turners Book Group

This group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. We read great books and meet each month in a member's home to discuss them. For more information, contact Trish King at 281-360-4500.

### Feed My Lambs (Mission Service Group)

Take time to help those in need! On the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a.m., a small group gathers at the White Oak Apartments in Porter to make and distribute sack lunches to the residents.

All materials are supplied. For more information contact Barbie Bugner [bugner-branches@cebridge.net](mailto:bugner-branches@cebridge.net).

### Just For Men

#### Men's Fellowship Group

This is a small group for men who want to be in authentic Christian community. This group meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Trey Van Dyke, [jvandyke96@embarqmail.com](mailto:jvandyke96@embarqmail.com).

#### SMART (Small Maintenance and Repair Team)

This is a fun group of men who meet on the first Friday

of each month from 9 a.m. to noon to help with minor church facility maintenance. Contact Craig Freemanscfduck@aol.com.

#### Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

This group of early risers meets over coffee each Tuesday morning at 5:30 a.m. in the church library. They study the Bible in depth in an effort to discover biblical truths and how to apply them to their lives. For more information contact Craig Freeman [scfduck@aol.com](mailto:scfduck@aol.com).

## Joel Committee Initial Meeting

The Joel Committee had an initial meeting Sunday, June 27. Much thanks is due to Kyle Marvin for his excellent notes. This article is a condensation of those notes.

Twenty participants represented clergy and staff, church council leadership, and the congregation at large. The Committee on Lay Leadership is to be commended on its role in selecting the at-large membership, as there was great diversity from recently joined to long-time members, from youth to seniors, and from many areas of ministry and styles of worship. Most importantly, all present came with a heart for seeking God's will for Strawbridge, for sharing their perspectives, and for listening openly to others. The level of participation from each person was truly amazing!

The purpose of the meeting

was to engage the information in the two reports on Strawbridge UMC, one a visioning and strategic plan from 2005 and the more recent 2010. The format of the meeting was to brainstorm on key observations, obstacles, and opportunities identified by the report and also by the Joel Committee participants' personal participation in ministry at Strawbridge. The focus was on information gathering, not on evaluation or prioritization of individual ideas, with the intent to inform future planning and vision for Strawbridge (and not to dissect the past except as it helped to inform a future vision).

The group spent a fair amount of time discussing three specific challenges:

The tension between small community and membership growth based upon Straw-

bridge's roots as a small community church (where everyone knows everyone) and its expansion to our current membership level.

A need to shift from "I/me" to "we". This originated from report observations that many surveyed responded in the personal ("I") when discussing Strawbridge as compared to the collective ("we"). An inoculation to vision/planning as a result of past failures.

In discussing opportunities, there were many great ideas discussed but probably three over-arching themes:

A need to continue to grow and equip our staff and laity to enable them to be effective in ministry and to avoid burn-out.

An observation that there are

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*"The Baptismal Covenant is God's word to us, proclaiming our adoption by grace, and our word to God, promising our response of faith and love. Those within the covenant constitute the community we call the Church...Baptism is an act that looks back with gratitude on what God's grace has already accomplished, it is here and now an act of God's grace, and it looks forward to what God's grace will accomplish in the future."*

—The United Methodist Book of Worship, page 81

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ:

June 13, 2010  
Amanda Jane Hogan,  
daughter of Ellen Hogan

July 11, 2010  
Tye Michael Roberts,  
son of Autumn and  
Tad Roberts

August 8, 2010  
Jill Elise Jagmin

August 15, 2010  
Luke Martin Bornstein,  
son of Kellie and  
David Bornstein

## Welcome Precious Little Ones!



**Addison Reese Lundin**  
born January 27, 2010 to  
Lee and Kim Lundin.  
Grandparents are Howard and  
Sharon Deterding.

**Raven Kathryn Vivia Benton**  
born on March 14, 2010 to  
Kara and Javier Benton. Her  
Grandmother is Kathy Reedy.

**Sheridan Leigh McDonald**  
born March 14, 2010 to  
Ashley and Matthew McDonald.  
Grandparents are Dianne and  
Mike Gibson.

**Jillian Renee Paradysz**  
born April 26, 2010 to  
Steven and Crystal Paradysz.  
Grandparents are John and  
Martha Paradysz

**Bailey Kay Freeman**  
born on May 27, 2010 to Darci  
and Steven Freeman.  
Grandparents are Margie and  
Craig Freeman.

**Riley Ann Dohse**  
born July 28, 2010 to  
Seth and Heather Dohse.

**William Isaac Dickson**  
born August 17, 2010 to  
Chris and Marian Dickson.

## ATTENDANCE

### Sunday, August 1

8:30 129  
11:00 237  
11:00 Chapel 41  
Sunday School 170

### Sunday, August 8

8:30 108  
11:00 282  
11:00 Chapel 23  
Sunday School 217

### Sunday, August 15

8:30 105  
11:00 196  
11:00 Chapel 16  
Sunday School 174

### Sunday, August 22

8:30 147  
11:00 279  
11:00 Chapel 27  
Sunday School 281

### Sunday, August 29

8:30 113  
11:00 272  
11:00 Chapel 29  
Sunday School 261

## Baby Daze

Baby Daze is a children's consignment sale, and an outreach ministry of Strawbridge done in partnership with Kingwood UMC. Strawbridge participates by holding a sale in September, and Kingwood UMC holds a spring sale. Consigners receive 60 percent of sale proceeds, and 40 percent is donated to the church for non-budgeted, ministries with priority given to children's ministries. When the sale is over, items marked for donation are divided among several community organizations.

Strawbridge children have benefitted greatly from Baby Daze with new playground equipment, toys, and pro-

grams. Youth have benefited with new band equipment. Baby Daze funds have helped Moms of Youth send college care packages, and helped staff purchase computer equipment. Funds have been used for kitchen equipment and college scholarships.

Baby Daze has clothing, shoes, books, sporting goods, toys, games, bedding, strollers, high chairs, furniture, etc. for children of all ages. Clothing ranges from newborn to size 14. Baby Daze is an eagerly anticipated community event!

We meet people where they have a need by providing one large recycling center.

Items come in from families who are finished with them, and out to others who need them. We do this for hundreds of families at one time and in one week! It is our prayer that the families we touch leave wanting to know more about church and—more importantly, about the God we serve.

The sale would not be possible without church member support. Please consider volunteering. Also, we welcome new vendors. Learn more about volunteering or consigning at [www.sumcbabydaze.org](http://www.sumcbabydaze.org).

## Joel Committee

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many significant needs in the community around us that we could potentially serve, from economic, demographic, or spiritual perspectives. There are many unique opportunities for expansion, whether it is in types of min-

istry (ex. prayer), styles of worship, or focusing on constituencies or groups we are not currently serving.

As we concluded the meeting, Pastor Jim shared an anecdotal warning from his past experience that it is

possible for a church to try to do everything and please everyone and in the process be less effective than it might otherwise be with a more focused vision and agenda.

## September Mission Focus—Medical Bridges

SUMC's mission focus for the month of September is Houston-based Medical Bridges, a non-profit organization that recovers medical surplus (medicines and equipment) that would otherwise be discarded, yet is safe for use, and redistributes it to hospitals, clinics and healthcare providers serving indigent populations in third-world nations.

A rigorous application process ensures that supplies

reach those truly in need. Each person who receives medical care because of a Medical Bridges donation is a testament to the power of giving—of giving health and giving hope.

In addition to collecting financial donations, Strawbridge will send a team of volunteers to the Medical Bridges distribution center on **Saturday morning, October 2**, to help sort and pack donated

supplies. If you'd like to be part of this team, contact Howard Deterding at 832-233-5476, or [harv@kingwoodcable.net](mailto:harv@kingwoodcable.net). The size of the group will be limited to 15, with a minimum age of 12. Meanwhile, you can learn more about Medical Bridges at [www.medicalbridges.org](http://www.medicalbridges.org).

## Fall Soul Feast Begins Wednesday, September 22

Fall is the perfect time to feed your soul with one of the many six-week long Soul Feast classes that will kick-off on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. Here are just a few of the classes:

### Have a New Kid by Friday

A six-session class authored and designed by Dr. Kevin Leman to help change your Child's Attitude Behavior and Character in five days.

- Sept. 22 - Wake Up to Reality: It's time to break free from the parent trap
- Sept. 29 - Caution: Kids Growing Up Here: What kids need that parents must deliver
- Oct. 6 - Staying Connected to be Respected: It's not an impossible dream
- Oct. 13 - Check Your Attitude at the Door: Dudes and dudettes with 'tudes' not permitted inside!
- Oct. 20 - The Amazing Race for Self Esteem: Raising the bar of confidence without lowering the boom of discouragement.
- Oct. 27 - "Leman Secrets"

for Enjoying the Journey: Little things mean a lot!

This class will be led by Kimberly Kurtz, Director of Children's Ministries, in Room 113. Class materials are \$5.

### Photography

Grab your camera and learn beginning and intermediate photography, handling digital photos, and displaying photos. Those with point-and-shoot, DSLR, and even camera phones can benefit.

- Sept. 22 - Composition: Learn basic compositional techniques
- Sept. 29 - Exposure: Learn the basics of shutter speed, aperture (f-stop), and ISO setting
- Oct. 6 - Using shutter speed, aperture (f-stop), and ISO settings to their full potential
- Oct. 13 - The digital world: Learn how computers store photos and how to use free software to improve exposure, composition, and white balance, etc

- Oct. 20 - Displays: Printing, and displaying your photos.
- Oct. 27 - Storage: Miscellaneous topics based on student questions and input. This class is led by Jason Welborn and meets in Room 151. There is no cost for this class.

### China Painting

Aspiring artists will learn to paint freehand grapes, and engage in prayer and Scripture reading.

- Sept. 22 - Opening and explanations, distribution of paints, palettes, and plates
- Sept. 29 - Painting background and begin to paint grapes
- Oct. 6 - Painting grapes and following a light path to create depth
- Oct. 13 - Painting leaves and stems and adding detail
- Oct. 20 - Finishing detail, making necessary changes and fixing problems
- Oct. 27 - Questions, answers, and wrap-up

To facilitate small group fellowship, this class will be limited to 10 people. Because

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October 2



Work Day  
at Church

It's time to spruce up for fall, so save the date: October 2, is our Fall Clean Up Day! Look around your classes, outside, in the hallways, and other areas of our church buildings, and let us know what needs to be painted, organized, cleaned, trimmed, repaired, etc.

Please send your list to Lesa Carter, [lesalcarter@gmail.com](mailto:lesalcarter@gmail.com), or stop by and see Ann in the Church Office, and add it to her list, by September 12. Teams will be formed to tackle these jobs and have some fun.

## Women's Retreat 2011



January 7—9, 2011  
Heartland Country Inn and  
Christian Retreat Center  
Brenham, Texas

Cost is \$175 with payment options available. Contact Barbie Bugner at [bugner-branches@cebridge.net](mailto:bugner-branches@cebridge.net) or 281-360-5278, or Cheryl Burnett at [cheryldburnett@hotmail.com](mailto:cheryldburnett@hotmail.com) or 281-360-5127.



**Wednesday Evening Dinner Resumes September 22**

Dinner is served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child 12 and under. Advanced reservations are needed. Contact church office by Monday at noon. 281-360-4500

**Fall Soul Feast**

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china painting requires special art supplies, the cost for materials is \$85. To reserve your space, a deposit of \$42.50 for materials would be greatly appreciated, with the balance due on the first night of class. This class is led by LaNell and Bob Anderson in Room 209.

**St. Benedict and Me: Lessons from a 1500 Year-Old Monk**

Join Pastor Reiter as he reflects upon Benedictine Spirituality and his summer ex-

perience as a monk at St. Gregory's Abbey in Three Rivers, Michigan. This will be focused through the filter of what a 1,500 year-old movement and Rule has to tell us about being Christians in the Church today.

- Sept. 22 - Course Overview and Introduction to St. Benedict
- Sept. 29 - Snapshots of Monastic Life, Part I
- Oct. 6 - Snapshots of Monastic Life, Part 2
- Oct. 13 - Experiencing the Divine Office!

- Oct. 20 - Bringing It Home: St. Benedict in the local church.
- Oct. 27 - Bringing It Home: Developing your own rule for faithful living This class is led by Pastor Jim Reiter in Room 114. Suggested donation for materials is \$9.



Charlotte Christian, Camille Christian, and Ashley Thorpe



Jan Black, Fred Black, Nora Armistead, Marguerite Armistead, Cindy Raush, Mary Sue Lewis, Charlotte Christian, Camille Christian, Ashley Thorpe

**Art Class Memories**

Our summertime class which was part of SUMC's Dessert and Art Series has concluded and we experienced great participation with 17 finished plates! There were three twelve-year-olds in the class and their painting skills and ability to follow directions were outstanding. We had one gentleman artist who turned out to be one of our best painters.

We are grateful to the Lord for being able to share our God given creativity.

*LaNell Anderson*

**SUMC Monthly Financial Summary, July 2010 Preliminary**

	<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Funding Gap</b>
<b>Monthly Summary</b>	\$ 86,394	-	\$ 106,797	=	\$ (20,403)
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$ 674,679	-	\$ 709,425	=	\$ (34,747)
<b>Annual Projection</b>	\$ 1,200,553	-	\$ 1,218,596	=	\$ (18,043)

**Comment from Finance:**

Through the first six months of the year SUMC had a slightly positive surplus to the budget. As you can see from the July figures above, this trend turned around with a fairly negative July. A quick analysis of our pledges shows that 1/3 of our pledges are behind one month or more. If these pledges were all brought forward by a minimum of one month then we would be back on track to meet our budget. If you are current, thank you. If you are behind, thank you for what you have done and prayerfully consider any opportunity to bring your pledges current. God Bless the SUMC Family.

# Prayer Requests

## Sympathy to:

Katie and Kyle Marvin and family on the death of Katie's mother, Nancy Stables  
Dennis and Marsha Wycoff and family on the death of Dennis' mother, Flo Wycoff  
Trish and Bill King and family on the death of Rose Dutko, sister-in-law of Trish  
Neil and Kathy Ryan and family in the death of Neil's mother, Joan Ryan

## Prayers for:

Jon Hartline (uncle of Judy Brown's daughter-in-law) who is working in Afghanistan.

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

Joy Sievertson's brother; Lee Kidd; Marguerite Armistead's father; Dr. Steve Rosenbaum (doctor of Jerry and Bill Morgan); Jim Phelan; Patsy Shaw (Kathy Reiter's mother); Kevin Larson; Inman Vaughn (Rev. Beth Chenault's father); Thomas Joseph Stanton; Shirley White; Alicia (Pauline and Garry Musy's niece); David Wells (brother of Carolyn Reed); Mike Harris

## For our family and friends who are recovering from surgery:

Sarah Musy; Hildy (friend of Andrea Lee); Kris Bryan (brother of Rick Bryan); Mary Kelley (friend of Judy Brown); Rose Brown; Chris Burnett

## For our military family and friends who are deployed overseas:

Michael Cox (son of Karla Goolsby); John Sarno (nephew of Judy Brown); Chris Wycoff (son of Dennis and Marsha Wycoff); Heather Lane; Lance Stephens

## For our family and friends who are living with cancer:

Rosalyn (boss of Elisha James)  
Jean (friend of Sandra Plilar)  
Debra (friend of Sandra Plilar)  
Bill (brother-in-law of Ron Flinn)  
Rose (mother-in-law of Karla Goolsby)  
Joyce (friend of Kelsey Belflower)  
Stacey (niece of Cindy Rasch)  
Cade (13-year-old friend of Ann Bryan's daughter's family)  
Kris (brother of Rick Bryan)  
Amy (niece of Rick and Ann Bryan)  
Catherine (niece of Rick and Ann Bryan)  
Lucy (3-year-old daughter of a friend of David Bornstein)  
Linda (sister of Sherry Burger)  
Greg (brother-in-law of Alan Stivers)  
Debbie (cousin of Linda Barnett)  
Linda Barnett's housekeeper's 10-year-old nephew  
Jack (friend of John and Linda Barnett)  
Mr. Miller, Marge, and Lucy (friends of John Barnett)  
Morgan (friend of the Drees family)  
Charlie (3-year-old cousin of the Drees Family)  
Anne (friend of Jennifer Cargill)  
Meagan (Jennifer Cargill's sister-in-law's mother)  
Peggy (sister of Sam Ellington)  
Howard (brother of Carolyn Treynor)  
Greg Williams' father (friend of Cliff and Carol Hensley)

Jeane (grandmother of Laurel Erickson)  
Ward (father of Sky Cheney)  
Vivian (friend of Theresa Snyder)  
Rob (son-in-law of Sue and Donald Howlett)  
Carol (friend of Paul and Brenda Hulse)  
Maria (friend of Laurie Zalewski)  
Heather (friend of the Ahmanns)  
Frank (grandfather of Erin Robbins)  
Jennifer (cousin of LaNell Anderson)  
David (friend of Bill Chenault)  
Jim (stepfather of Gary Williams)  
Mike Boyd (friend of Richard and Doris Anne Moomaw)  
Martha (mother of George and Carolyn Reed)  
Debbie (cousin of Linda Bell)  
Tom (brother of Cheryl Burnett)  
Keith (friend of Layne Smith)  
Matt (nephew of Layne Smith)  
Sean (friend of Lauren Llewellyn)  
Richard (cousin of Barbara Stream)  
Grant (BBLC student)  
Wanda (friend of Pat Flinn)  
Tom (father of Doug Henry)  
Mary Anne (friend of Marsha and Frank Johnson)  
Ron (friend of Carolyn Ruth)  
Mary and Richard (Members of SUMC)



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



*Welcome!*  
**To The SUMC  
Church  
Family**

## We Welcome These New Members Who Joined in August!

**Anne Medina  
Greg Ott  
John and Laura Ross and their children,  
Maddie and Mollie Grace  
Cris and Anna Raines and their child, Bailey  
Jill Jagmin**

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Chris Dickson

*A Spiritual Sanctuary in a Hectic World*

**September Birthdays**

9/2	Resa Alexander	9/13	Billy McMahon	9/23	Harper Lallier
9/2	Thomas Dowd	9/13	Sharon Pregler	9/23	Karrie Stalnaker
9/2	Alex Daley	9/15	Shelly Ware	9/23	Rochelle Hobbs
9/2	Freddie Black	9/15	Lauren Burger	9/24	Logan Caldwell
9/2	Zach Price	9/15	Adam Browning	9/24	Ross Presley
9/4	Adam Hudgens	9/15	Jason Browning	9/24	Rachel Presley
9/4	Alexandra Rice	9/15	Kara Benton	9/24	Amy Thomson
9/5	Grant Bugner	9/15	Jennie Larson	9/24	Alison Myers
9/5	Nola Ostrowski	9/16	Heather Land	9/24	Richard Presley
9/5	Coy Campbell	9/16	Claudia Vincent	9/25	Bob Ahmann
9/6	Piper Lallier	9/16	Scott Browning	9/25	Amy Shelden
9/6	Whitney Reedy	9/16	Donna Griffith	9/25	Hunter Trambaugh
9/6	Doug Ware	9/16	Matthew Hall	9/26	Kensey Lipstreuer
9/7	Rusty Belflower	9/16	Kerry Cooper	9/26	Collin Myers
9/7	Skip Richardson	9/17	Thomas King	9/26	Brian Desmarais
9/7	Casey Blakemore	9/17	Carol Kollehner	9/26	Rachel Desmarais
9/7	Ian Tremblay	9/17	Sandra Campbell	9/26	Ellen Desmarais
9/7	Tim Fliinn	9/18	Janie Lerman	9/27	Colleen Averill
9/7	Wade Robbins	9/18	Cindy Rollo	9/27	Jensen Greenley
9/8	Doug Henry	9/18	Neal Desmarais	9/27	John Slaughter
9/8	Ann Llewellyn	9/18	Marta Marshall	9/28	Neil Ryan
9/8	Stephanie Myles	9/19	Gary Liebst	9/28	Kathy Ryan
9/9	Katie McLeland	9/19	Alan McLean	9/28	Ashleigh Daley
9/9	Debbie Cuda	9/19	Bradley Janowski	9/28	Colton Smith
9/9	Sammy Lerman	9/19	Todd Hall	9/28	Chad Essick
9/10	Adam Wolf	9/20	Shayne Wright	9/29	Samantha Tierney
9/10	Caleb May	9/20	Abigail Permenter	9/29	John Christian
9/10	Larry Flood	9/20	Lisa McEntyre	9/29	Sharon Eden
9/10	Morgan Tierney	9/21	Norma Kime	9/29	Richard Lisser
9/10	Cameron Ullrich	9/21	Ann Hoener	9/29	Wes Stivers
9/10	Kyle Spence	9/21	Amanda Armistead	9/29	Adley Zalewski
9/11	Julie Swank	9/21	Kara Campbell	9/30	Toug Piliar
9/11	Emma Villegas	9/22	Paul Griffith	9/30	Rebekah Lynch
9/12	Jack Johnson	9/22	Ian Johnson	9/30	Lindsey Traina
9/12	Seth Permenter	9/22	Sky Cheney	9/30	Chris Bruns
9/12	Jeremy Pedigo	9/22	Zac Sonnier	9/30	Brad Michael
9/13	Bob Machann	9/23	Bill Marshall		