



STRAFFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday Service Times

Sunday School: 9:15am

Morning Worship: 10:45am

Wednesday Service: 6:00pm

Dear Friends,

It's sad to say, but summer has almost come to an end. Kids will be going back to school, the days will start getting shorter, and lawns will hopefully slow in their growing. I can in good conscience say that even though I like to mow the yard, that twice a week is a little much. Yards are looking gorgeous though, and flowers and gardens have been plentiful. Enjoy the beauty the Lord has bestowed upon us, because in no time we will be shoveling snow again ☺

Starting tomorrow our annual Vacation Bible School will begin. August 3rd thru August 7th, 5:30-8:00 we'll be hosting the themed week titled G-Force, for children aged Kindergarten thru 5th grade. We will provide Supper from 5:30-6:00, and from 6:00-8:00 have different classes that include Arts and Crafts, Music, Science and Story time. We have had gracious donations that have enabled the church to be able to give every child that attends VBS, a brand new Adventure Bible to keep! Thank you so much to those who made this possible! Also in addition to the Bible, we will be giving away prizes. And one lucky child who attends every day of VBS, will have their name put in a drawing to win a bicycle! How very fortunate are we to be able to make this happen!?! And to think, one of my fondest memories of VBS was getting cookies and Kool-Aid ☺ We still need food donations and volunteers, so please check out the

sign-up sheet and do what you can. If you have any questions regarding VBS, please get ahold of Sherry Hensley. Thanks in advance for all you do in wanting to make this a successful VBS.

Another big day on the calendar will be August 22nd. The OutReach Team is heading up an Old Fashion Ice Cream Social. There will be home-made ice-creams and desserts. It will be held in the grassy tree area due west of the church. It's on Saturday, August 22nd from 6-8pm. Invite everyone you know to this FREE event, and bring your lawn chair! Until then, I plan on seeing you Sunday!

Sincerely,

April Potter

MISSION STATEMENT: We open our Hearts, our Minds, and our Doors and we answer the call of making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



Our Country, Our Church, Our Military, The sick and infirmed, Caregivers

Gail Boever

Galen Bumgarner

Frank Costello

Sam Easterly

Doug Favor

Mary Malard

Mike Paxson

Billie Jo and Anthony Robertson

Roger Todd

Hal Williams

Message From Our Pastor

Well August is upon us already. I am not sure what has happened to the year so far. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating Easter.

We are coming up on a busy time of year. We have VBS the first week of this month, we start meetings for our annual charge conference, the ice cream social is coming up, route 66 days; hold on to your hats.

As we get busy with all the above, please remember we still need to take time for the MOST important part of our lives; our relationship with God. Yes folks that is supposed to be number one.

Slow down take a deep breath and spend time with God. You will be glad you did, I know when I do I feel refreshed and ready for things to come.

Remember our mission; to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We can't do that unless we get them to church. Invite someone to come with you, sit with the visitors that come, get to really know them, let them know you. Experience life, a God filled life by being involved in it.

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

In God's Love,

Pastor John

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Fruit Salad With Pudding

Ingredients:

- 1 (29 ounce) can peach slices, undrained
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple chunks, undrained
- 1 (3 1/8 ounce) box dry vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1 lb strawberry, stemmed and quartered
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1/2 pint blueberries
- 1 bunch grapes
- 1 -2 tablespoon sugar (optional)

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine peaches, pineapples, and vanilla pudding mix.

This includes the juices from the cans.

Mix well until pudding is dissolved.

Stir in strawberries, banana, blueberries, grapes, and sugar if desired.

Chill

Baked Zucchini

Ingredients:

2 medium zucchini

2 tablespoons butter, melted (or olive oil)

1 tablespoon fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried oregano

1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated

salt & pepper

Directions:

Slice zucchini in 1/8 to 1/4 inch slices.

Toss with melted butter and oregano.

Arrange in a single layer on a greased baking sheet.

Sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees F for 35-40 minutes.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.