



STRAFFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Service Times

Sunday School: 9:15am

Morning Worship: 10:45am

Wednesday Service: 6:00pm

Dear Friends,

We asked for it, and now we have it.....the long, hot days of summer. I've said it before and I'll say it again, "I'll take winter over summer any day!" I'm not a big fan of the heat if you couldn't tell, but I love the fact that the kids can get out and swim and I can work in my garden (after the sun has started to go down of course). I'm thrilled my tomatoes have produced this year, so that means salsa is my future.

On July 4th, our church participated in the annual 4th of July Parade. Leslie Cowan made some wonderful bookmarks that had our church information on it to hand out to patrons during the parade. We also had a ton of candy and flyers that told about our upcoming VBS. Speaking of VBS, ours will be held on August 3-7 from 5:30-8:00pm. This year we be giving all of the children who attend a brand new hard back Adventure Bible, thanks to the generous monetary donations by several members of our congregation. I can't say enough how appreciative we are to those who made this possible! These kids are going to be bowled over by the caring people in our church.

Thank you friends, each and every one of you for making our church such a wonderful place to worship and share fellowship with others. I'm blessed to know you all.

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

Frank Costello	Galen Bumgarner	Gail Boever	Sam Easterly
Doug Favor	Mike Paxson	Mary Malard	Andria Varghese
Roger Todd	Billie Jo and Anthony Robertson	Hal Williams	
Roberta O'Neal	John Williams		

Message From Our Pastor

As most of you already know, I have the privilege of being appointed to serve as the pastor of Strafford UMC for another year. It seems like only yesterday that I was originally appointed here.

During a recent meeting I made the statement that while we haven't doubled our attendance, we are growing healthier and here is what I mean by that statement.

I see our church looking outside the walls more. In past times churches could wait for new attenders to show up because that is what people did on Sunday, they attended church. Well in our current world it is not like that. People are looking action, they look for a church that does things for the community, and they look for a church that actively helps those in need. That is what we as a church need to be about, doing, actively serving the community and those in need.

As we move forward as a church I look forward to serving this congregation and also serving this community as your pastor.

In God's Love,

Pastor John

JULY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 4th of July Parade
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Church	6	7	8 CHURCH CLEAN- UP DAY	9	10	11 UMW
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Most Easy Sugar Cookie

By: Carolyn Stagner

2 3/4 Cups all purpose flour

1 tsp. Baking soda

1/2 tsp. Baking powder

1 cup butter softened

1 1/2 cup white sugar

1 egg

1 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat oven 375

In small bowl stir flour, baking soda and baking powder. Set aside.

In large bowl blend sugar and butter. Add egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in dry ingredients.

Roll in rounded teaspoons of dough into small balls. Place on untreated cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Let stand on cookie sheet 2 minutes. Cool cookies on wire racks.

Cucumber Salad

By: Clarrissa Lyndon

1 small package lemon jello

1/2 cup hot water

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1 Tablespoon vinegar

1 1/2 cup cottage cheese

1 large cucumber, chopped

1 medium onion, grated

Mix jello, water, mayonnaise and vinegar until smooth.

Add rest of ingredients, and let set.

Blueberry Snack Cake

By: Clarrissa Lydon

2 cups all purpose flour

1 1/2 cups sugar

1/2 cup cold butter or margarine

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 cup milk

2 eggs separated

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

1. Combine flour and sugar
2. Cut in butter until crumbly
3. Set aside 3/4 cup for topping
4. Add baking powder, egg yolks and milk and mix well.
5. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form, and fold into batter.
6. Pour into a 13x9x2 inch baking dish.
7. Sprinkle blueberries over top.
8. Sprinkle reserved crumb mixture over top.
9. Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until golden brown, and toothpick comes out clean when inserted into center.

Cut into squares and serve with a scoop of ice cream.