



STRAFFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2015

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Service Times
Sunday School: 9:15am
Morning Worship: 10:45am
Wednesday Service: 6:00pm

Dear Friends,

Surprisingly enough, I can still say I like snow. February was full of snow and ice, and the old adage of “In like a lion, out like a Lamb” is proving true. The weather is always questionable living in Missouri, but the days are getting longer leading to the glorious season of Spring. Spring Break for students and school staff (Heidi, Madeline, Alicia, Pria, Blake, Sherry, Emily Abby and I) is just around the corner. Hard to think that with all of these Snow Days we’ve been out of school, we still have a week break to look forward too. I think I might actually get a jump on my spring cleaning at home. With that said, there’s a little spring cleaning that needs to be done around the church. The Trustees will be coming up with a list of things that need to be done around the church, and we’ll be setting a date and time for the congregation to help with these tasks.

Last month our OutReach Team hosted a Free Valentine’s Day Dinner on February 14th. Ott’s Pasta was catered in and our congregation provided desserts. There was a very nice turn out, and new faces showed. Thank you to all that helped or just came to eat, because it’s always nice when we gather together for fellowship.

With the coming of Spring, we also have Easter to look forward to. And with Easter, you can bet the children will be having an Easter Egg Hunt. The church is planning to have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th. Times have not yet been decided, but we will keep you posted. Donations of candy are always welcome, as are volunteers and children.

Hope to see you on Sunday,

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

Rex Easterly	Jim Myers	Pat McBeath	Doug Favor
Ray Claspill	Charolotte Gallagher	Frank Costello	
Galen Bumgarner	Jauleta Todd	Gail Boever	Mike Paxson
Clarrissa Lyden	Penny Baker	Angie Wood	Roger Todd

Message From Our Pastor

I watch and/or read the news on a daily basis, some days bring a real sadness to my heart at the things going on. From the killing of Christians in the Middle East to what is happening in our own back yard to children, senseless shootings and such. I know you have heard me repeat a quote that goes something like this: “We sit back and say “Lord when are you going to do something about this world?”” which is followed by: “He already did, he made us!” I recently read this quote in an article, I don’t even remember what the article was about, but that quote struck home with me. I too have sit back and made the first statement. If you think about 1 Corinthians 12: 26-27 “If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ’s body—that’s who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your “part” mean anything”. Each time a Christian or a child or one of the least of these is hurt, we should hurt. I challenge each and every one of you (including myself), to on a daily basis to pray for those hurting, we don’t have to know the names or the circumstances, just pray for those in need and in pain. Look for things that we as individuals and as a church can be doing to better our world. The body of Christ is a very powerful unit, we as Christians need to use that power.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor John

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 UMW
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Church Methodist Foundation Presentation Potluck Dinner Following Church	9	10	11 6:00 Praise Service 6:00 Kidz 7:00 Youth 7:00 Choir Practice	12	13	14
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EASY DEVEILED CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/8 cup butter
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 8 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (16 ounce) package herb-seasoned
- dry bread stuffing mix

DIRECTIONS:

- 1.** Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- 2.** Melt butter/margarine and mix in a small bowl with mayonnaise and mustard. Pour mixture into a shallow bowl or plate.
- 3.** Season chicken with salt and pepper to taste. Roll seasoned chicken breasts in mayonnaise mixture, then dip in mixed herbs and place in a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking dish. Bake in the preheated oven for 1 1/2 hours.