



STRAFFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2015

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

Dear Friends,

Brrrrrr, the weather is really starting to keep a chill in the air all of the time now. That's okay though, because the OutReach Committee has planned a Chili Supper to help keep us warm. Saturday, November 14th from 5:30-7:30 the church will host a FREE Chili Supper for the community and congregation. We will have the awesome, musical talents of Desiree Donaldson. If you had the opportunity to hear her at our Ice Cream Social, I know you won't want to miss this. Those who weren't able to attend the Ice Cream Social, you are in for a wonderful treat. Please plan to attend and help in any way you can. The OutReach Committee is only a group of a few members, which help spearhead the ideas that the Team carries out. The Team would be all of us, the congregation as a whole. So please do your part and help in any way you can. Whether it be food donations, helping at the event or even clean-up...everyone's contributions, big or small does not go unnoticed.

On October 17th, Emily Hensley, myself and a couple of children from the Wednesday Night Kidz Group traveled to Sedalia, MO to hand deliver a check in the amount of \$328.18 to the Festival of Sharing: Quarter for Beans Program. While we were there, we also got to help bag beans for the hungry. What a wonderful experience to see and be a hands-on part of this great project! This fund raising event was the pet project of the Wednesday Night Kidz Group, and with the help of VBS and those that dropped their change in the Quarter Container we were able to help in the purchase of over 20,000 pounds of pinto beans! Thanks to all of you that were part of helping us achieve this, and what a wonderful project to be able to help those directly in our own state. We have a tendency to forget that there are hungry people right in our own back door, and not just overseas.

Trunk or Treat was again, a huge success. There were so many positive comments from parents about having a safe and friendly environment to bring their children to. We provided free hot chocolate with marshmallows and cookies for the adults and candy galore for the children.

Many Thanks,

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 Frank Costello Sam Easterly Doug Favor
Mary Malard Mike Paxson Billie Jo and Anthony
Robertson Roger Todd Hal Williams Mary Williams

Message From Our Pastor

As last month was Pastor Appreciation I wanted to take time to thank you all for the cards and words of encouragement that I received. I want you all to know that it has been my privilege and honor to serve the church here at Strafford over the last few years.

I feel our church has grown and become a much healthier church during this time. It is not what I have done, it is because of the hard work and focus that you as the body of Christ have put forth.

I feel our church has turned from an inward looking church and has been looking outward over this time. Change is a difficult thing, but there have been many changes in the last 3 years and the search for the least of these has increased and I think will continue to do so.

We need to continue to work on our mission of “making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

There is no greater service that we can do for God and the kingdom.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor John



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Pastor John's Birthday  UMW 10:30-12:30
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:45 Church	9 Widow and Widowers Dinner 11:00-1:00	10	11 Veteran's Day  2:00 Quilting 6:00 Praise Service 6:00 Kidz 7:00 Choir	12	13	14
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Dinner Rolls

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups milk
1 stick unsalted butter, cut into pieces, plus more for brushing
1/2 cup sugar
1 package active dry yeast
1/2 cup warm water
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
6 cups all-purpose flour

Directions

Place milk in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer. Remove from the heat, stir in the butter and sugar and let cool. Dissolve yeast in warm water and let sit until foamy. Combine milk mixture, eggs, yeast, salt, and 1/2 of the flour in a mixer with the dough attachment and mix until smooth. Add the remaining flour, 1/2 cup at a time, and stir until a smooth ball forms.

Remove from the bowl and knead by hand on a floured surface for about 5 minutes. Place in greased bowl, cover, and let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, about 60 to 70 minutes. On a floured surface, punch down the dough and shape into desired shapes. Place on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Cover again and let rise until doubled, about 30 to 40 minutes.

Preheat the oven 350 degrees F.

Bake for about 20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and brush with melted butter before serving.