



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,

Autumn is in the air, the leaves are falling and the pumpkins are ripe. With that said, I want to invite the Kidz and Youth of the church to an evening at Hampton's Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze. We have a reservation for Thursday, October 22nd from 5:00 until roughly 9:00. Children of the church can invite one guest to attend with them. We will roast hot dogs and marshmallows and get lost in a corn maze (don't worry, we will return with everyone's child). Please let me know if you plan on attending, and/or need a ride to the pumpkin patch. There's a chance that we may need volunteers to help drive children, so if you're able it would be appreciated.

What a fantastic Route 66 Days for the UMW and OutReach Team! The UMW raised over \$700 to go towards the many foundations and groups they support, and the OutReach Team gave away over 300 bags of cotton candy! Thank you to the many that helped that day, and a special thanks to Emily and Alysia for making all of the cotton candy.

Trunk-or-Treat will be on Halloween night from 5 until the last goblin comes through. We are accepting candy donations for the Annual Trunk-or-Treat Event, and it will be held in our parking lot. Those that would like to help pass out candy; we encourage you to dress up for the fun-filled evening. We will be serving Hot Cocoa with marshmallows for those bringing their children through too.

The UMW has the annual Widow and Widowers Dinner coming up next month and before we know it Christmas will be here. Continue to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves or who might be in need. The OutReach Team is looking for individuals or families who may be in need of yard work, window washing, a meal, coat, shoes, or anything of necessity. If you know of anyone in particular, please talk to the Pastor or Sherry Hensley. We would love to see if we could be able to help in some way. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our friendly little church.

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

Isaiah 58:9-11

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here." If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked speech; if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noon. The Lord will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places. He will rescue your bones. You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that won't run dry.

As I do many days, I opened a website and read a daily devotional. This was the scripture that was there today.

As I read "...if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted..." I was moved by what it said.

How many times do we as Christians prefer to sit and discuss the shortcomings of our brothers and sisters instead of reaching out to them? We are called to be the hands and feet (body) of Jesus and yet we are content to look out on the world from the four walls of our sanctuary and discuss what is wrong with the world.

As the hands and feet of Christ we should be moving out and reaching out to our brothers and sisters, letting them see Jesus in us, in all that we do, in all that we say, in every aspect of our lives. We should always remember that we may be the only example that they see of a Christian.

Are we ready to set that example?

United Methodist = Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

In Christ's Love,

Pastor John



October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 UMW 10:30- 12:30
4 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:45 Church	5	6	7 2:00 Quilting *5:00 <u>Finance</u> <u>Meeting</u> 6:00 Praise Service 6:00 Kidz 7:00 Choir	8	9	10
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Pumpkin Fudge



Ingredients

1. 3 cups sugar
2. 3/4 cup melted butter
3. 2/3 cup evaporated milk
4. 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
5. 2 tablespoons corn syrup
6. 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
7. 1 (12-ounce) package white chocolate morsels
8. 1 (7-ounce) jar marshmallow crème
9. 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
10. 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preparation

Stir together first 6 ingredients in a 3 1/2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Cook, stirring constantly, until a candy thermometer registers 234° (soft-ball stage) or for about 12 minutes.

Remove pan from heat; stir in remaining ingredients until well blended. Pour into a greased aluminum foil-lined 9-inch square pan. Let stand 2 hours or until completely cool; cut fudge into squares.

Notes: Line pan with aluminum foil before you begin to cook the fudge. Once the candy thermometer reaches 234° and the remaining ingredients are added, quickly spoon the fudge into the pan.