



STRAFFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

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Sunday Service Times

Sunday School: 9:15am

Morning Worship: 10:45am

Wednesday Service: 6:00pm

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful turnout we had Vacation Bible School this year! We ended up giving away 51 bibles, and what a blessing it was to be able to do that! Every night we provided a hot meal to the children, and every night we had plenty of help to make it a successful VBS. I can't thank all of those enough who contributed in one way or another; whether be it food, teachers, clean-up...it was a pure joy to be able to serve the community. Being able to open the eyes of a child to God possibly for the first time was a blessing in itself. Thank you all who made this such a fantastic VBS, and thank you Sherry for all your hard work putting it together and making it happen.

For those that missed the Ice Cream Social on August 22nd, I can't begin to express my sorrow for your loss at such a moving experience. I'm referring to the Special Music that was provided by Desiree Donaldson. Such a talented young woman, who sang and played guitar in such a way that it had many of those in attendance in tears. She not only sang, but witnessed to those listening. She spoke of God with such an understanding and faith, that it left those who were much older than her wanting to hear more. Sometime in the near future we hope to have her back, so all can enjoy this gift from God.

Please be sure to check the calendar and recipes, there's a couple special recipes listed that were given to me by Jan Hokanson; and some dates to be sure and remember. The Annual Route 66 Days is September 12th and the church is participating in it by giving away cotton candy. The United Methodist Women are also going to have a Baked Goods Booth with crafts and home-made goodies. Have a wonderful month, and see you 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

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

Here it is September, the leaves will be turning soon and the temperatures dropping. Change is upon us.

As we walk with God in our daily lives, my hope is that we are always watchful for the light of our Savior to lead us. Jesus said in:

John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If we remember these words in our daily lives, walk in Jesus’ Light by setting the example of how to live as Christians, then we will be instrumental in making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

My prayer this month and always is that our church will learn to live in the Holy Spirit and continually ask for guidance, even though sometimes we may not think we know the way.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor John

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 Praise Service 6:00 Kidz 7:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	3	5	6 UMW
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Pineapple Carrot Raisin Muffins

Submitted by: Jan Hokanson

Ingredients

2 Cups all-purpose Flour	½ Cup chopped walnuts
1 Cup sugar	1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple
2 teaspoons baking powder	2 eggs
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon	½ Cup butter or margarine, melted
½ teaspoon ground ginger	1 teaspoon vanilla
½ Cup shredded carrots	
½ Cup raisins	

In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and ginger. Stir in carrots, raisins and nuts. In small bowl, combine undrained pineapple, eggs, butter and vanilla. Stir into dry ingredients until just blended. Spoon into greased 2 ½-inch muffin cups. Bake in 375° oven 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from pan; cool on rack.

Makes 12 muffins

Christian Living

Blend 1 Cup of Love with 1 Cup of Kindness.

Alternately add small portions of 1 Cup of Appreciation with 3 Cups of Pleasant Companionship, into which has been sifted 2 teaspoons of Deserving Praise.

Flavor with 1 teaspoon of Carefully Chosen Advice.

Lightly fold in 1 Cup of Cheerfulness, to which has been added a pinch of Sorrow.

Pour with Tender Care into Clean Hearts, and let ingredients bake until Well-matured.

Turn out on the surface of Society, humbly invoke God's Blessing, and this recipe will serve all Mankind.

Recipe for a Happy Day

1 Cup Friendly Words

2 heaping cups Understanding

4 heaping teaspoons Time and Patience

Pinch Warm Personality

Dash Humor

Mix words carefully. Add heaping cups of understanding; use generous amounts of time and patience. Keep on front burner, cooking at low temperature. Do not boil. Add a dash of humor and pinch of warm personality. Season to taste with the spice of life. Serve in individual molds.