



The Stidham Story

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Stidham United Methodist Church

Dave's Diary

Motivation-Missions-Milestones

During the last seven years we have seen **Motivation** turn into **Missions** of all kinds here at Stidham UMC. This church community has supported local, national, and international missions.

Locally we have –

- 1) Raised funds to support the Wesley Foundation at Purdue University
- 2) Cleaned the local women's shelter
- 3) Made repairs, painted, cleaned, and given supplies to Cary Home
- 4) Fed the homeless at LUM
- 5) Served meals at Trinity UMC
- 6) Re-roofed eight sleeping cabins at Pine Creek Elementary Camp
- 7) Rehabbed a Habitat for Humanity house in Lafayette, etc.

What Milestones!

Nationally we have traveled to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky several years where a group of people from SUMC has re-sided a home, puts new roofs on buildings, made safety ramps, built a tool shed, and worked along-side Henderson's office staff. We have made and delivered flood buckets and hygiene kits to Midwest Missions and have donated our garage sale items. **What a Milestone!**

Internationally SUMC has donated funds to Africa University, Heifer International, Malaria Nets, Guatemalan projects, etc. **What a Milestone!**

Our church is currently in the midst of a 'Window Restoration' which will, hopefully, ensure the maintenance of our beautiful stained glass windows for another 100 years. :) Some missions must begin at home and the community of SUMC cares about their church home. **Another Milestone!**

What are our Motivations for Missions for 2015 to become Milestones? With people from all walks of life here at Stidham. We need your ideas for 2015 Missions to continue to motivate us to walk the walk which our Lord taught us.

Please help us make the new year another Milestone year with our Missions!

Blessings to you,

Dave

I would appreciate having the February Newsletter articles by Friday January 23rd.

Thank You!

Judy Henderson

**Stidham UMC
Attendance and Weekly Giving Report**

DECEMBER WEEKLY ATTENDANCE 2014

Date	Adult SS Pastor Dave	Adult SS Betty Greene	Nursery	SS Totals	Worship	Totals
12/7/14	17	0	5	22	90	112
12/14/14	11	4	4	19	92	111
12/21 /14	11	4	5	20	103	123
12/28/14	8	5	3	16	65	81
Totals	47	13	17	77	350	427

DECEMBER WEEKLY OFFERING 2014

Date	Budget	Specials	Deposit
12/7/14	\$4,828.51	\$362.00	\$5,190.51
12/14/14	\$2,582.61	\$870.00	\$3,452.61
12/21/14	\$15,858.13	\$792.00	\$16,650.13
12/28/14	\$ 5,735.25	\$1,546.00	\$ 7,281.25
Totals	\$ 29,004.50	\$3,570.00	\$32,574.50

LET US GIVE GENEROUS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS OUR STRENGTH AND REDEEMER!

Thank you

Another year is coming to a close and will be replaced with a new one. A clean slate. A new challenge and an opportunity to be what I need to be.

Before I begin, I want to thank all of you for reading my story each month. This one will be much shorter. I am recovering from the shingles and do not have the stamina I need to write a complete article.

Thank you for your prayers. I am sure they saw me through some very dark nights. Shingles is painful; even with all of the medications the doctor prescribed. They linger even now, deep inside my body.

I must begin the new year with an open mind to great things that can be accomplished. Matthew 19:26 and Mark 9:23 and 10:37, are wonderful examples of what can happen if I let God have His way in my life. With God all things are possible if I believe in the power of our Heavenly Father.

Sorry this is short, but I am tired and ready to call it a day.

Love and Prayers,

Betty Greene

THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LOVE GIFT FOR THE STAFF. THEY WERE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

YOUR STIDHAM CHURCH STAFF

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO FURNISHED REFRESHMENTS AND HELPED CLEAN-UP LAST YEAR. I DO APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO DO SO. GOD BLESS ALL,

JUDY HENDERSON

THERE ARE 5 PACKAGES OF PECAN HALVES AND 5 PACKAGES OF PECAN PIECES LEFT IF ANYONE IS NEEDING SOME. THE COST IS \$9.00 FOR THE HALVES AND \$8.00 FOR THE PIECES. I WOULD LIKE TO GET THEM SOLD. IF YOU WISH TO BUY SOME THEY ARE IN THE FREEZER IN THE FRIDGE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLACE YOUR MONEY IN A PEW ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME, DATE, AMOUNT, CK. # OR CASH AND PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE. THANK YOU!

Cathy's Corner

New Years Thoughts

- 1) Living on earth is expensive but it includes a free trip around the sun every year.
- 2) The length of a minute depends on which side of the bathroom door you're on.
- 3) Birthdays are good for us; the more we have, the longer we live.
- 4) Happiness comes through doors we didn't even know we left open.
- 5) Ever notice that the people who are late are often happier than those who are waiting For them?
- 6) Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside us.
- 7) You may be only one person in the world but you may also be the world to one person.
- 8) Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once!
- 9) Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
- 10) We can learn so much from crayons: some are sharp; some are pretty; some are dull; some have weird names; all are different colors...but they all exist very nicely in the same box.
- 11) A truly happy person can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- 12) Someone who thinks you're great has thought about you today. :)
- 13) Working for God on earth doesn't pay much but His retirement plan is out of this world!

I can only take credit for re-typing these thoughts but think they deserve a place on our refrigerator door.

Here's to a safe, healthy, and Happy 2015! :)

THINGS GOING ON IN THE CHURCH IN JANUARY 2015

Bible Study Monday Nights - January 5,12,19,26 at 6:30pm The Book of John

Bible Study Tuesday Mornings – January 6,13,20,27 10:00am The Book of John

Trustee Meeting Tuesday Night—January 6 at 7:00pm

Kid's Night Out Wednesday Night – January 7 at 5:30-6:50pm

Choir Practice Wednesday Nights - January 7,14,21,28 at 7:00pm

Lighthouse Prayer Group Thursday Mornings - January 8,15,22,29 at 10:00am

Finance Committee Wednesday Afternoon—January 14 at 3:00pm

MISSION PROJECTS

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR GROCERY CART EACH MONTH

January– Donations of money-Make checks payable to Stidham UMC and mark your pew envelopes "Food Pantry"

February-Canned Meat or Tuna

March-Spaghetti sauce or Noodles (No Glass Jars)

April– Paper Products

May-Cash Donations

June-Canned Fruit

July-Macaroni & Cheese

August– Paper Products

September-Cash Donations

October– Peanut Butter

November– Soup & Crackers

December– Oatmeal or Cereal

Lighthouse House Prayer Group

The labels collected are sent to Henderson Settlement. Please see the display in Fellowship Hall showing how each label is to be turned in. There is a basket for you to put your labels in.

There are white sheets by the basket showing you what companies are participating. See display on table in Fellowship Hall.

Pop cans and Tabs are still being collected for the Riley Hospital mission. Please bring them to church and Kevin Fry will keep us updated on how much money he has collected. If questions please see him.

COOKBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. THE COST IS \$10.00 EACH .

