



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH

Pastor: Linda Dolby  
Associate Pastor: Craig Overman  
Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning  
Pianist: Esther Creamer  
Organist: Angie Schilling  
Custodian: Sarah Wilson  
Nursery: Sherry Gouvan  
Admin. Asst: Wendy Simon

Traditional Worship: 8:45 am Sun

Sunday School: 10:00 Sun

Blue Jean Service: 11:00 Sun

Bible Study: Tue at 7:00 pm &  
Wed at 10:00 am

Women's Bible Study: Tue at 5:30am at the  
Church

P.S. Jesus Women's  
Study Group 7:15 pm Thursday  
at Vickie Brose's house

Men's Bible Study 7 am 2nd & 4th Sat.

Wee Blessings Preschool:

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Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty

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## From the Pastor's Heart

Dear friends,

What Is God's Will for The UMC in Indiana?

As you may know, a proposal will be brought to both North and South Indiana Annual Conference Sessions this Spring to form one new Indiana Annual Conference. Bishop Coyner is calling the planning process "Imagine Indiana."

What is God calling us to do and to be as United Methodists in this state?

Proposed changes create anxiety. Our organizational structures will likely be amended. New relationships will be formed. We will operate in new ways. All to be done, hopefully, to more effectively reach more people in service to our Savior.

The Imagine Indiana Prayer Discernment Team invites us to join with others across the state of Indiana for **corporate fasting and prayer** for the purpose of discerning God's desires for the UMC in Indiana. Since the abbreviation for Imagine Indiana is **II**, it is suggested that we **pause for prayer** at any "11" reminder, say **11 am** or **11 pm** or **11 past** or **11 till** the hour. We are also invited to **fast from solid food** on the **11th** of each month from February until May, 2007.

Our prayer focus is the question: What is God calling us to do? As you humbly participate, listen for God's voice through the Scriptures and prayer. Then please share what you discern with your pastor and/or on the Imagine Indiana forums found at [http://inareaumc.org/Imagine-Indiana/imagine\\_indiana.htm](http://inareaumc.org/Imagine-Indiana/imagine_indiana.htm).

**If you are new to fasting:** Jesus himself taught fasting and assumes that his followers will fast. (*See Matt 6:2, 6, 16-18*) The early church fasted when they needed direction and God answered those prayers. Usually fasting is the abstinence of food or food and drink (except water) for spiritual purposes. Normal eating times are used to focus on God.

This comes with love from your pastor,

Rev. Linda K. Dolby

### New Bible Studies Start Feb. 6 and 7!

We will be working with An Invitation to the Old Testament for the next 8-10 weeks. Listen afresh to the stories of the Torah, the Law, the Prophets and the Wisdom writing. A 2-part video will guide each session with presentations by biblical scholars. Read, reflect, grow with your favorite passages of the Hebrew Scriptures. Geared to Bible Study beginners! Join us Tuesday evenings at 7 or Wednesday mornings at 10!

## Stone Soup Food Pantry

Stone Soup is accepting professionally prepared meats and frozen foods that are dated & wrapped. Vouchers, redeemable at Frankfort IGA, are still available through Wendy. On average, Stone Soup continues to serve 2-3 families per month on an as-needed and confidential basis. We do ask that all donations have legible expiration dates. Below are items that are still needed.

Personal hygiene, paper products, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, baking products, canned meats, coffee, juice, aspirin, frozen foods.

Remember to bring a donation on February 4th to "vote" for your favorite Football team for "Souperbowl" Sunday! If you or someone you know is hungry, please call Chris Gipson at 296-6632.

"If everyone gives just a little, there will be plenty for all"

## New Support Group Forming for Those with Chronic Illness

Do you or does someone you know live with a chronic illness - such as Parkinson's Disease, Crohn's Disease, Depression, Rheumatoid Arthritis, etc? This can be a lonely existence. Help is available! Starting Thursday, Feb. 15 at 2:00 p.m., our church is offering a support group, which will be a place for sharing one's story and leaning on each other and our God. We will meet each weeks for 50 minutes and our group is open to any in our community. Remember, our church is wheelchair accessible. Please help us spread the word! The group will be co-led by Judy Gascho and Pastor Linda.

## February Birthdays

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2/1 ... Amy Thayer           | 2/15 ..Olivia Waugh   |
| 2/3 ... Darlene Yuill        | 2/16 ..Haley Cornell  |
| 2/3 ... Christopher Gipson   | 2/17 ..Austin Albitz  |
| 2/5 ... Kellie Simon         | 2/19 ..Jim Cullom Sr. |
| 2/5 ... Alyssa Maish         | 2/23 ..Andrew Remaly  |
| 2/6 ... Betty (Perry) Skiles | 2/24 ..April Farley   |
| 2/9 ... Wayne Leak           | 2/25 ..Andy Schilling |
| 2/10 . Bob Waugh             | 2/26 ..Glenn Wilson   |
| 2/13 . Betty Huffer          | 2/26 ..Steve Hann     |
| 2/13 . Zoe Gascho            | 2/29 ..Jay Gascho     |

If your birthday is not listed,  
please call the church office at 296-3399

## Wee Blessings Pre School

We're back and ready for second semester. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!



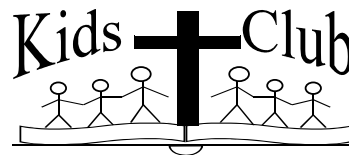
The four year old class is working on their letters. We listen to a CD of letter people and letter sounds, draw the letters on the dry erase board, read a book on each letter and find the letter on the alphabet train. The kids seem to enjoy each letter and the fun things we are doing with the craft and letter activities. Some of the centers we have had are matching different things with letter (stamps, tik-tac-toe for x, puzzles, letter bingo, etc.) Mrs. Seager is still coming in on Fridays to help the children with language arts. They so look forward to her brain teasers.

The three year old class is working on shapes and coordinating these with Nursery Rhymes. We worked on oval and rectangle with Humpty Dumpty and star for Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. They are doing a good job with all of these.

Both classes have been continuing the Bible lessons from Christmas and they are watching Jesus grow from birth to a man. They can't wait to see how much older he gets as we use felt people to demonstrate the stories. They have a Bible verse to learn with each story and we put those on the wall to recite each school day.

We have had some sickness before Christmas break but have had good attendance since then and the weather has been cooperating so we are back in full swing.

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Sarah Wilson*




We are back in the swing with Kid's Club. K-3 has 17 kids on an average night. We are learning about Extreme Love in this unit. What a great thing for children to hear about in this crazy world! Also for a fun evening we had Mimi the clown come to entertain the kids. What better way for kids to absorb some of God's love then through the laughter of a Clown. Thanks to Lu Whitaker for including Kid's Club in her many "clown" ministries.

Abba's Kid's Club, 4th, 5th, & 6th graders are having 13 kids on average. With a focus on issues that are in front of the kids every day. Even the "big" kids enjoyed Mimi the clown.

Again, thank you to all the people that help with the weekly planning of Kid's Club. One person in particular saves the day often with her planning and hard work. You know who you are, and we say "thank you for all that you do."

Kids Club Directors and Staff

**Thank you** to Jerry Fultz and Matt Simon for installing the new window in the church office. This window helps with safety and improves the feel of the office. I am very grateful for your hard work.

Wendy Simon 

## Who's on what?

The full 2007 Nominating Committee Report is posted in the hall outside the church office. Thank you to these folks who are new to church leadership offices this year:

Finance Committee Chair: Bill Brose

Financial Secretary: Betty Campbell

Fellowship Committee Chair:

Mary Lou Clendenning

Education Ministries Co-Chairs: Sandy Reddix & Liz Stewart

A new committee to coordinate all our education activities, made up of Sunday School Team Coordinator – Dania Remaly; Kids Club Team – Wendy Simon, Carol Nagy, Cathy Harden; Vacation Bible School Team – Ronette Peden; Children's Church – Elaine Simon.

Building Needs Assessment Chair: John Harden

A new committee to assess our needs and options for space needed for our ministries.

## We are praying for:

Steve Pearcy, who will have knee replacement surgery on Feb. 5.

Mark Newhart's daughter Alexis, cyst  
Coralee Judge's sister-in-law Rudy

Stephenson: fell, shattered her shoulder

Ronnette Peden's sister-in-law Laura

Jim Cullom Sr.

Nancy Spray back from hospital to MHRC

Jackie Weaver recuperating at MHRC after surgery

Stacey Gascho, health problems

Wayne Leak upon the death of his niece  
Christine

## Congratulations to new grandparents...

Randy and Rita Cornell, Sydnie Marie  
born Jan. 21

Jim and Cindy Cullom, McKenzie Jo Rose was  
born on Jan. 19

## ●Sunday School News●

### SUPER SUNDAY CLASS

**Sunday school for children 4 years old to 3rd grade.**

The past few lessons have been about how important it is to obey God's word and to do right. Daniel even in the face of danger gave thanks for all that was given to him; Hezekiah of Judah destroyed false gods and idols to restore peace to his country; Esther helped save her people because it was the right thing to do; Nehemiah helped his people work together to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and Josiah the young boy King understood the power of God's words. Our class discussed the importance of the birth of the Baby Jesus and how that changed the world! We celebrated His birth and shared how we show His love by giving to others. We want to welcome Shelly Surber who is now helping in our class!

### F.R.O.G.S. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our Class has grown! From one student to 3 regulars. We have completed a study centered on the movie the Chronicles of Narnia. Now we are studying Communion. As our kids become 4th and 5th graders they are curious about the things we do or say at church on Sundays. So after this study we will move onto the Lords Prayer. If your 4th or 5th grader is looking for a hoppin good time at Sunday school send them on down to the basement at 10:00 am on Sunday.

## United Methodist Women

UMW will have a business meeting Feb. 1st at 7pm in the church basement. Hope to see you there.

### UMW "Thank You"

A big "thank you" to those who helped provide the Christmas dinner for the residents of Luther Villa and their families. The party was festive and our part was most appreciated! Those who donated salads and desserts were: Cindi Cullom, Ronnette Peden, Reanna Fultz, Nancy Girtman, Barb Seager, Janet Fisher, Vicki Hastings, Deb Schutz, Chris Waugh and Cathy Harden. Those who helped with the cooking of the meal were: Betty Campbell, Nancy Doyle, Wilma Howe and Barb Seager. Dick Howe and Jerry Seager helped with the transporting of the food.

### Evening Out

Join us as the United Methodist Women invite you AND your guest for a fun evening! We will dine out and then attend the Civic Theater Production "Lend me a Tenor". The play will be at the Frankfort Community Library. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 22!** See Barb Seager or call her: 296-3883.

## **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

February 4, 2007 At MUMC

Object: Food Drive for  
STONE SOUP FOOD PANTRY

How to Play: Bring a can of soup  
or other non-perishable food item  
to deposit in designated team  
Containers.

(Other needs: canned meats and  
personal hygiene items)

Let's use TEAMWORK to fight  
hunger in our community!

### **Lent starts this month...Ash Wednesday is Feb. 21!**

Join us for a special worship service at 7pm  
in the sanctuary. This holy quiet time with  
communion will help us prepare ourselves for  
the 6 weeks of Lent, a time of preparation  
leading up to Easter.

**Help Needed...**You can sign-up in the  
narthex to  
...work one of the men's basketball games at  
Purdue  
...help during 2nd service with Children's  
Church

### **Service Assistance**

The list for Greeters, Communion  
Stewards, Acolytes, Worship Leaders,  
Scripture Readers and Children's Church will be  
issued soon.

If you feel called to serve in any of these ways  
please let the office know.

#### **February Greeters**

**First Service:** 4th Janie Garriott, 11th Helen  
Hann, 18th Coralee Judge, 25th Dan & Dania  
Remaly

**Second Service:** 4th Jim & Jan Dyer, 11th Bill  
& Traci Patton, 18th Ed, Janet, & Valerie Fisher  
25th Tom & Elaine Simon

### **PS Jesus**

We now have a name for our Thursday night women's  
group: PS Jesus ( prayer and share in Jesus). We will be selling  
noodles during the Hope's Chicken Noodle Dinner. They will be  
\$2.00 a bag. We will also selling some rolls and other baked  
goods. We are hoping to start our own mission for next Christmas.

We are taking a break for the month of January, but will start  
back up February 1 at 7:15 pm at Vickie Brose's house at 18  
S. Willard Street, in Mulberry. We would like to invite the  
women of our church to join us.

### **Missions Committee Meeting Report**

From Missions Meeting 1-11-2007

Present: Ryan Turner, Linda Dolby, Barb Paddack, Wilma Fultz,  
Deb Schutz, Chris Gipson.

Welcomed new member, Wilma. Reviewed information from  
last meeting. Heifer International was mistakenly added to the list  
of those to support for 2007 and will be removed.

Trip to Mississippi for Hurricane Relief was discussed. Set for  
Spring Break, March 24-March 31. Trip will focus on the Youth  
Group, so planning and fund-raising will be turned over to Pastor  
Craig.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is Feb. 4 and all donations will go  
to Stone Soup Food Pantry. Chris informed us that canned soup is  
not a popular item at the pantry and the pantry has plenty. He  
asked to expand donations to any non-perishable food item and  
personal hygiene items.

Christmas Eve offering totaled just under \$650, with 50% be-  
ing sent to the Bishop's Offering and 50% to our own Kids Club.  
Ryan reported approximately \$600 in the account and books have  
been turned in for the year-end audit. Discussion of fundraising,  
future trips and other items followed.

Next meeting: March 8, 2007 at 7:00pm at church.

Submitted by Deb Schutz



### **Youth Mission Trip!**

March 24-31 Youth will be going to D'Iberville, Mississippi to  
rehab, rebuild homes destroyed by Katrina. Talk to Pastor Craig or  
Cheryl for more details!

### **MUMC Vital Signs**

|         | <u>Offering</u> | <u>Missions</u> | <u>Attend.</u> | <u>S.S. Attend.</u> |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Dec. 24 | \$3,501         | \$80.35         | 161            | 54                  |
| Dec. 31 | \$3,364         | \$18            | 152            | 53                  |
| Jan. 7  | \$3,564         | \$185.75        | 150            | 51                  |
| Jan. 14 | \$3,399         | \$47.45         | 148            | 59                  |

\*Candlelight service attendance was 208.

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**Sunday Worship Services**

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| <b>Traditional</b>                     | <b>8:45 AM</b>   |
| <b>Sunday School</b>                   | <b>10:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>Blue Jean/<br/>Contemporary</b>     | <b>11:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>Youth Group<br/>at Abba's Place</b> | <b>4-5:30 PM</b> |

**"We would love to see you there!"**

**Chicken Noodle Dinner**

Saturday February 3 From 4:30-7pm  
Tickets are Adult \$7 and 10 & under \$4  
Local Delivery Available 296-3399

**Java Jam at Abba's Place**

Saturday, February 3 at 7pm  
"Trinity's Promise"  
And  
"Principally Blue" featuring  
Myron Chezem, Tom Borges & Nick Smith

Admission is FREE  
Soft drinks and smacks for sale