



## From Dave's Desk...

The month of February has long been viewed by many as the month of romance and love. Many secular celebrations consist of sending valentines to one's loved one along with flowers and/or candy. Valentine cards shaped as hearts have been sent for many years. The secular holiday emphasizes romance. The church focuses more on Christian love-agape (from the Greek). The celebration actually began as a Church Holiday to remember the life of Saint Valentine. There are many stories about St. Valentine. Some may be more factual than others. We do know that he was a priest who was killed by Emperor Claudius for disobeying the Emperor's orders.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men—his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. (History.com)

Romance is seen from the viewpoint of self. What can I do to make someone like me more, or return my affection? An example is: I find someone attractive and I want them to take an interest in me—what can I do to make them interested in me?

Love-agape-is seen with others in view. What can I do to help someone else? It does not seek to have the

help or attention returned; it is done unselfishly to care and help another. Christian marriage is based upon the understanding of agape-love. It considers the need of the other over self. If each couple thought and lived in this way, what a wonderful world we would live in. All of our needs would be met because we are concerned with helping each other.

Let us celebrate agape during the entire month of February. What can we do to help another? A kind note or a little gift and it can be done anonymously. Remember, Jesus taught us to give without expecting a gift in return. Let's make February a wonderful month of giving and caring for others. That will warm that hearts of many in one of the coldest months of the year.

*Pastor Dave*

## THANK YOU...

Mary Alys and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, food and love shared with us during the Christmas Season. Your thoughtfulness and care means so much to us. May God bless you and your families through this coming year.

## February Sermons

1st: Communion  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 & Mark 1:21-28  
"Authoritatively Speaking"

8th:  
Isaiah 40:21-31 & Mark 1:29-39  
"The Strength of Weakness"

15th:  
II Kings 5:1-14 & Mark 1:40-45  
"A Tale of Two Sinners"

22nd:  
II Kings 2:1-12 & Mark 9:2-9  
"Double Vision"

25th: Ash Wednesday  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
"Return"

## Thank you...

I would like to extend my thanks to my church family and Pastor Dave for the prayers, cards, e-mails, phone calls and visits I received during my recovery after surgery. The cards gave me a lift while I was at home recovering and truly brightened my day to read your notes. Thank you all so much.

Mary Fultz

## UMW Thank you...

Many thanks to Wilma Howe, Lisa Scott, Wilma Fultz and Linda Bennett for working extra in the Church kitchen. These ladies have washed dishes, shined silverware and cleaned cabinets! We are “sparkling” and look forward to serving Church families and others

A big “thank you” to Jerry Fultz for all his work in cleaning and sealing the floor in the dining and kitchen areas of the basement. We have also noticed Abba’s Place’s kitchen floor has been striped and sealed as well. They look great ☺

### **District Training Event:**

Lay Speaker Classes will be March 8, 15, 22, 29 with one date to be added. Location is yet to be announced.

If you would like to help fill in when the Pastor is away, this is the class for you. Contact Wendy in the office.



## Wee Blessings

Br-r-r...winter has arrived but the children at Wee Blessings have been keeping warm with all the activities that have been going on in the classroom! The three year olds have been making their own ice cream, marshmallow snowmen and beautiful mittens. They have also started writing their own name (and they are doing a GREAT job)! They also continue to work on their colors, shapes and Bible stories.

The fours have been busy as well. They have been working on making snow globes, invisible snowmen and of course their letter of the week. The children have started making three part patterns, recognizing their first and last name, and tying their shoes. We continue to work on letters, numbers, writing their names and their Bible Verses.

We would like to thank all the parents who helped with our Happy Birthday, Jesus party. The children had a wonderful time and all the treats were amazing. Donna, Mary Kay and I feel so blessed to be able to work with not only the children but also with their wonderful parents.

Lastly, we would like to remind each of you that the children have some of their art work displayed at the Mulberry Library. We hope that if you have a moment you will check it out!

God Bless,  
*Donna, Mary Kay, and Patty*

## Children’s Church

This is a program that allows the kids to get a bible lesson they can understand. With movies, stories, and crafts the kids get to have fun while learning about the love God has for everyone.

Children’s church is during the Blue Jean service and is in need of volunteers. If you can volunteer one Sunday a month then no one has to miss church all the time. Because of this if we cannot get volunteers, the program will have to stop. The sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Thank you for your help and care for the children of our church.

*The church office*



Youth Council had a meeting January 25th with Hattie Cullom, Whitney Simon, Frieda Weber, Joanne Weber, Cindi & Jim Cullom, Kevin Garrett, Matt & Wendy Simon, Pat Weber and Pastor Dave present.

Be on the look out for more information in February for a special Kick Off event that all youth are sure to enjoy. We are looking for **7th & 8th graders as well as High School kids**. Next month the newsletter will have a special page dedicated to the Youth Group News.

Keep watching for more information coming soon!!!



**Assume you are the last person to leave the church after an activity and LOCK the DOORS & TURN OFF LIGHTS.**

**Please leave the classroom doors OPEN when you are finished in the room. The temperature in all the rooms benefit.**

With the rise in energy costs we must be sure to be energy efficient here at the church. When we save money on operating costs we have more for ministries.



## Mulberry United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women served two dinners recently. For a dinner served at MHRC those providing salads and desserts were Sue Golden, Wilma Howe, Nancy Doyle, Betty Campbell, Rita Cornell, Vicki Hastings, Patty Wright, Elaine Simon, Shelly Surber, Jan Dyer, Marlene Boyd, Ronnette Peden, Sandy Seager, Linda Marshall and Roger Lewis. We'd like to thank Dick Howe who provided transportation for food to be delivered there. Helpers were Sue Golden, Wilma Howe, Barb Seager, Betty Campbell and Nancy Doyle. Thanks also to Nick Seager and Zach Livengood for helping with tables and chairs. For the dinner at the Church those providing salads and desserts were Lisa Scott, Barb Seager, Sarah Coffman, Wilma Fultz, Betty (Perry) Skiles, Claudia Timmons, Pat Weber, Nancy Doyle and Beth Newhart. The helpers were: Wilma Fultz, Lisa Scott and Barb Seager. Thanks to Jerry Fultz for setting up tables & chairs and Wilma Fultz for doing the calling. The Myers and Simmons families were most.

### Updating E-mail Lists

Contacting you is a priority when the weather is bad so drop us an e-mail with your e-mail address. That way we can send you announcements during the week. We have been sending out many messages concerning cancelations of activities here at the church.



Please note that we have 2 different email lists that the office uses. One list is for information on church activities the other is the email prayer chain. Everyone is put on the information list but you must request to be on the prayer chain list unless you are already on it. Remember that the things put on the prayer chain are for prayer and not to be public information.

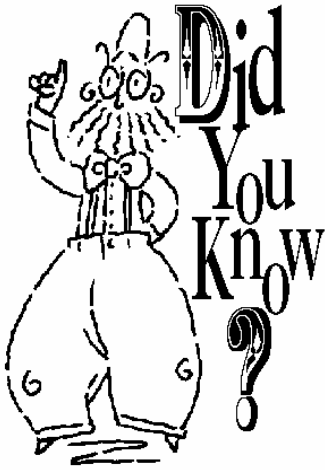
Keep your email address updated with the office so you can always be informed. Thank you.

*Wendy Simon mumc@intel.net*

## Accomplishments do a Church Body Good

7If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

*John 15 7-8*



When 2008 began the church set down some goals. Some were long term, say 5 years but others would be put into action yearly. With prayer in the hearts of those with hope for the future, individual groups came up with a vision for Mulberry United Methodist Church. Listed below are the accomplishments we either met or made great progress towards.

These things could not have happened without much prayer and the willingness on each persons part to do God's work here at MUMC. Continue to pray for the future of the church and the leaders that help guide us in the direction God intends for his church.

**We Met Some Goals in 2008!**

- Have a new members class-there were 2 in 2008
- Increase membership by 10 a year for 5 years-13 new members joins in 2008.
- Develop more smaller groups-2 Emmaus reunion groups started up.
- Increase attendance for Wee Blessings-4's class began the year with an increase.
- Sunday School Classes wanted many more in attendance-Several classes are full on a regular basis.
- Both services coming together in worship and fellowship more often-had combined services in each month with 5 Sundays and a shared meal following that service.
- Raise money for local missions provide information to the congregation about the local missions we support-had monthly missions moments causing more money to be given for the local missions.
- Increase United Methodist Men-attendance steadily increased over the year as well as making a time change to accommodate more men.
- Expand our facility-property has been purchased.
- Get and used e-mail addresses of all people attending-the lists we have were updated and used more often and more affectively.

Recently each committee set goals for 2009. Next month you will see that list here so you can start praying for God's hand to cover all that we do in His Name. Let's have a fruitful year for our Father's glory.

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### Lost...but I found it

Two kids zip up sweatshirts have been found hanging on the coat rack near the foyer. One black with a brown graphic on the front. The other a medium blue color with dark blue trim.

Please contact Wendy in the office if either of these are yours. 296-3399

Thank you.

### Date? Do You Have a Date?

Is your group having an activity, meeting, or planning to be at the church to work? Feel free to PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR. This is very important so that we can ALL work affectively for our Father in heaven.

With so many events taking place lets try to prevent overlapping each other and causing problems for our work or fellowship. This is a good problem to have. ☺



## Worship Assistants

Communion Steward: Vicki Hastings  
Traditional Service 8:45 a.m.

\*If you are unavailable on your date,  
please call the office at 296-3399.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Prayer w/ Pastor</u>
2/1	Larry & Marlene Boyd	Dania Remaly	Eric & Michelle	Linda Bennett
2/8	Dan & Dania Remaly		Neidigh	Wayne Walker
2/15	Jerry & Nancy Doyle			Corlee Judge
2/22	Frank & Marie Myers			Shelly Surber

### Blue Jean Service 11:00 a.m.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
2/1	April & Becki Farley	Becki Farley	
2/8	Tom & Elaine Simon		Elaine Simon
2/15	Mark & Beth Newhart		Becki Farley
2/22	Pat Simon & Kids		TBA

### Attendance & Offering

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Gen. Fund Offering</u>
12/7	130	47	\$3,646
12/14	120		\$3,168
12/21	108	43	\$3,647
12/28	44	44	\$2,382

\*General Fund Offering does not include money designated to specific funds, groups or activities.

### February Birthdays

2/1	Camron Cavender	2/13	Betty Huffer
2/1	Amy Thayer	2/15	Janet Neidigh
2/4	Brady Kas	2/15	Olivia Waugh
2/5	Kellie Simon	2/17	Austin Albitz
2/6	Betty (P) Skiles	2/23	Andy Remaly
2/7	Kayla Simon	2/24	April Farley
2/10	Bob Waugh	2/25	Andy Schilling
2/13	Zoe Gascho	2/29	Jay Gascho

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

Deadline to submit  
articles is the **15th**  
each month.



### MUMC Staff, Services & Contact Information

Pastor: David Hummel  
 Choir Director: Mary Lou Clendenning  
 Pianist: Esther Creamer  
 Organist: Angie Schilling  
 Nursery: Sherry Gouvan  
 Custodian: Jerry Fultz  
 Admin. Asst: Wendy Simon

Bible Study: Tues. 7 pm & Wed. 10 am  
 Women's Bible Study:  
 Tue at 6 am at the Church  
 Men's Bible Study 8 am 2nd & 4th Sat.

Wee Blessings Preschool:  
 Director & Teacher: Patty Wright  
 Teacher: Donna Kirkpatrick  
 Assistant Teacher: Mary Kay Finnerty

**Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-1:30**  
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 Web-site: [www.mumc-in.org](http://www.mumc-in.org)  
 Food Pantry: By Appointment  
 Call Church Office

Traditional Worship: 8:45 am Sun  
 Sunday School: 10:00 am Sun  
 Blue Jean Service: 11:00 am Sun

## Mulberry United Methodist Church Administrative Council—November 3, 2008

In attendance: Pastor Dave, Rita Cornell, Wendy Simon, John Harden, Amy Thayer, Vickie Hastings, Becki Farley, Mary Lou Clendenning, Steve Percy, Jerry Fultz, Tom Simon, Nancy Doyle, Rachel Moore, Carol Nagy, and Deb Schutz.

Charge conference:

Pastor Dave went over the nomination form. Wilma Fultz needs to come off of the missions committee heading. Pastor Dave asked for a motion to accept the report. Mary Lou made motion Carol seconded. The nominations were accepted.

Steve Percy said the PPRC met and they all agreed that the Pastor should stay with MUMC J. Pastor Dave would like to stay on as well. PPRC voted to give him a 5% cost of living raise and a 2% merit raise. Steve made a motion that we accept the pay raise of 7% for Pastor Dave's salary for the year 2009. Mary Lou seconded the motion. We all accepted the clergy package.

Rita opened the meeting with the lighting of a candle and prayer.

Rita asked for corrections to the minutes. Rachel said that she is not working with two other youth groups. Minutes will be corrected and stand as read.

Treasurer's report – Wendy. Pastor Dave asked if we are \$10,000 ahead of the budget. Wendy said that is correct. Stand as reported.

Finance report – John. The Consecration Sunday letter was sent out last Sunday. We passed out the giving cards to folks at church last Sunday. Folks that were missed at church had their cards mailed to them. There will be a carry-in dinner after second service on Sunday, November 16. Any chair person who needs items budgeted please let John know about it to be included in next years budget.

Memorials report – Amy. The balance is \$3,766.38.

PPRC report – Steve. We discussed Wendy's salary at the same time when we discussed Pastor Dave's salary. Steve said that Wendy is doing a lot of work at home. PPRC would like to allow Wendy to work the additional 1 hour a day. To do that her pay needs to be increased to \$10.50 an hour. The increase will be voted when we vote on the budget. PPRC has also been discussing the need to increase Jerry Fultz's pay as well. We will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year including which will include the new members on this committee.

Bridge Builders report – (for Barb given by Rita). We mailed the Upper Room to 12 college kids. Sent 55 cards. No budget spent. Donations by the committee totaled \$10.68.

Wee blessings report – Nancy. Wee Blessings are selling rolls. Things are going well.

Fellowship report - Mary Lou. We haven't had a meeting in a long time. We will be having a meeting after 2<sup>nd</sup> service on the 9<sup>th</sup> to plan for November and December. This is a busy time of the year for the committee.

Missions report – Deb. We will be selling pies through Saturday. Sales are going very well. For November our missions will be focusing on the Lebanon Children's Home? We will meet next Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to plan for next year. We are planning a disaster relief mission trip in Indiana next year.

Stone Soup Pantry report – Tom. The girl scouts collected and gave us food supplies for the pantry. We have used a lot and we have a big budget though. Contributions are still welcome as we are facing the winter months which look to be tough for many.

Worship report – Vickie. The large green altar cloth is still missing.

UMM report – Tom. We have been averaging 12-14 guys. We will meet the following Saturday since the boutique is this Saturday. The group has been active.

UMW report – Carol. The November meeting is this Thursday and we will be decorating for the boutique.

Youth Representative report – Rachel. Rachel said that her phone has been quiet lately and does not have anything new to report. Pastor Dave said letters have been mailed to the youth and we have received three of them back. Some of the older youth do not want to participate any longer due to other commitments. We are going to have to build our youth group from the younger youth coming up.

Lay Leader report - Tom. We have 4 new members joining this Sunday. Membership is doing really well.

Wendy – The computer has been ordered.

Mary Lou - Noticed the area microphones need to be replaced. What can we do about that? Mary Lou thinks we are going to need them for the cantata.

Jerry – There will be a trustee meeting Thursday night to talk about Abba's roof. If you are the last one leaving the church, please be sure all the lights are off.

Carol - We need to have the Samaritan's purse boxes blessed this Sunday or the next.

Rita - Read a thank you from Barb to the Witz family who donated the TV.

Pastor Dave closed us in prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becki Farley.

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<b>Sunday Worship Services</b>	
8:45 AM	Traditional
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Blue Jean/ Contemporary
"Hope to see you soon!"	

<b>Annual UMC</b>
<b>Chicken Noodle Dinner</b>
<b>February 7, 2009</b>
<b>4 p.m.-7 p.m.</b>
<b>\$7 at the door</b>
<b>\$4 for Children</b>



February 2009